Bay of Islands

7 days, departs Apr 26, Oct 28

Hole in the Rock

90 Mile Beach

6 **Bay of Islands**

Paihia

Whangarei

Waipoua Forest

Auckland

Day 1 (L,D) HOME, AUCKLAND, BAY OF ISLANDS

Our North Island adventure begins with direct flights to Auckland, connecting with a short onward flight to the stunning Bay of Islands. We transfer to our home for the next six nights, Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands in the seaside township of Paihia.

Day 2 (B,L,D) PAIHIA, KERIKERI, RUSSELL

Today we explore the nearby historic towns of Kerkeri and Russell. We begin our day at Parrot Place, meeting some friendly feathered locals. At Kerikeri Mission we view the two oldest surviving buildings in New Zealand, pay a visit to Makana Chocolate Factory and view the spectacular Rainbow Falls (short, easy walk required). This afternoon we travel by vehicle ferry to Russell and spend some time browsing the waterfront, shops and craft galleries of this historically important village.

Day 3 (B,L,D) CAPE REINGA, 90 MILE BEACH, PUKETI KAURI FOREST

A highlight today as we travel to New Zealand's northerly western most tip, Cape Reinga, where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. A significant spiritual location in Maori culture. Other highlights of our day include a visit to Puketi Kauri Forest and an off road adventure along the sand dunes at Ninety Mile beach. A day to remember (please note that we join a public tour for today's touring).

Known for it's stunning natural beauty, the Bay of Islands encompasses 144 islands and several historically significant townships and villages. It is also a perfect base to explore the magnificent Northland region. Enjoy six nights at the Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, located in the beautiful seaside township of Paihia. An ideal base for our relaxed week long getaway.

Parrot Place

Ninety Mile Beach

Bay of Islands

Cape Reinga

Kiwi Bird

Day 4 (B,L,D) KERIKERI, WAIPOUA FOREST, TANE MAHUTA

A later start today. We return to Kerikeri and take some time to browse the shops and galleries. After lunch we travel to Hokianga an area steeped in history and offering many natural highlights. At Waipoua Kauri Forest a local indigenous guide takes us to meet the mighty Tane Mahuta (the Lord of the Forest), the largest known kauri tree in the world.

Day 5 (B,L,D) WHANGAREI

This morning we take a leisurely journey south to Whangarei, the capital of the Northland. We visit Kiwi North a unique attraction combining Kiwi House & Whangarei Museum. View the elusive kiwi bird in it's natural environment. Following lunch some time to browse the shops at Town Basin Marina Village before we stroll the lush ferneries of Botanica Whangarei. Some time at leisure on return to Pahia this afternoon.

Day 6 (B,L,D) WAITANGI TREATY GROUNDS, HOLE IN THE ROCK CRUISE

Spend the morning at New Zealand's most important historic site, Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where Maori Chiefs first signed their accord with the British Crown. This afternoon we cruise the Bay of Islands, passing through the majestic Hole in the Rock. A farewell dinner at a local restaurant completes a wonderful day.
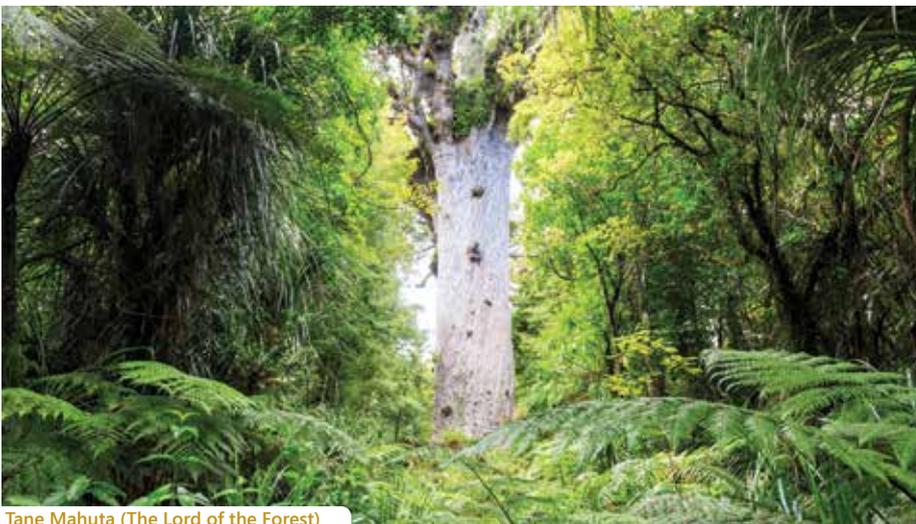
Day 7 (B,L) PAIHIA, AUCKLAND, HOME

Following breakfast we return to Bay of Islands Airport for the short journey to Auckland. We enjoy a leisurely lunch prior to boarding our flights back to Australia. Our memories of a wonderful New Zealand holiday will be long remembered.

Kerikeri

Tane Mahuta (The Lord of the Forest)

All prices are per person twin share	
Tour Price*	$4,255
Adelaide**	$5,430
Brisbane	$5,155
Canberra	$5,455
Hobart/Launceston	$5,455
Melbourne	$5,155
Perth**	$5,830
Sydney	$5,155
Single supplement	$ 510

*Tour commences and ends in Paihia.

**Pre-tour overnight Melbourne, includes airport transfers, dinner & breakfast.

Deposit of $500 due within 7 days of booking, plus any additional deposit needed for non-refundable airfares.

Balance due 90 days prior to departure.

Prices from other cities available on application.