



6 DAY BAY OF ISLANDS WINTER ESCAPE

July 6th – 11th 2010

Day 1 Tuesday 6th July 2010 HAMILTON – BAY OF ISLANDS (D)

Departing Hamilton & Auckland we travel north over the **Auckland Harbour Bridge** to first of all **visit the Parry Kauri Park**. Here we view some fine examples of Giant Kauri Trees. Continuing we then **visit the Matakoho Kauri Museum, at Otamatea**. Here we have an insight to the early New Zealand Pioneer History, which helped form the New Zealand that we see today. Continuing we reach Paihia in the beautiful Bay of Islands, where we arrive at our accommodation for the next 5 nights.

Day 2 Wednesday 7th July 2010 BAY OF ISLANDS (BD)

After breakfast this morning **enjoy a cruise through the scenic waters of the Bay of Islands to the Cape Brett Lighthouse, Piercy Island and through the famous "Hole in the Rock"**, on board a luxury catamaran (weather permitting). Later today you will **explore the famous Waitangi Treaty Grounds**, where in 1840 the founding document of New Zealand as a nation was signed. Your guided tour by one of the descendants takes in the Treaty House and one of New Zealand's largest Maori wakas (war canoe).

Day 3 Thursday 8th July 2010 CAPE REINGA – DAY TOUR (BD)

Discover the Far North of New Zealand – a region rich in Maori culture and tradition. **Journey along the magnificent 90 Mile beach** in one of our purpose built coaches and stand on the wind swept tip of New Zealand and see where the Tasman Sea collides with the Pacific Ocean. Your day tour includes a visit to the ancient Puketi Kauri forest, with a 20 minute boardwalk past 1,000 year old Kauri trees and native bush. Stop at Taipa Beach Resort for morning tea (additional cost) then later, enjoy a BBQ lunch at Houhora (additional cost). Learn some quick sand surfing techniques before grabbing a boogie board to surf down the massive sand dunes at the Te Paki Stream. A fun experience that is available to all passengers. Our journey down the vast and empty 90 Mile Beach will provide striking contrasts to the busy and populated

east coast. Feel the sand between your toes as your guide digs for shellfish (conditions permitting).

Day 4 Friday 9th July 2010 TOUR RUSSELL (BD)

Today we take the coach on the vehicle ferry across **to explore the sights of historical Russell – the first capital of New Zealand**. You'll see remarkable views of the Bay of Islands from Flagstaff Hill and learn about the **major historical sights of Russell, including Pompallier Mission House and Christ's Church**. Share a personal insight into New Zealand's earliest European history on this historical tour.

Day 5 Saturday 10th July 2010 RELAX IN PAIHIA (BD)

Today is at your leisure. Paihia has lots of activities to offer visitors or just relax at our accommodation. Your tour manager will be happy to offer you some suggestions on how to spend your day.

Day 6 Sunday 11th July 2010 BAY OF ISLANDS – HAMILTON (B)

Today we travel south via Whangarei to **visit a Kauri Clock factory** learning the manufacturing process of these beautiful clocks. Further south we follow the Hibiscus Coast back into Auckland, and then onto Hamilton.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 5 nights twin share/double accommodation – single rooms available with surcharge
- Tour admissions as per the itinerary
- Breakfasts (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) where indicated on the daily itinerary
- Touring in modern air conditioned Coach
- Roadside Morning Teas – where possible

TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON:

- Share Twin Accommodation \$995.00
- Single Supplement Extra \$475.00
- Deposit due at time of booking \$100.00
- Balance of tour payment due 6 weeks prior to tour commencement