

The Splendour of Northland with Bill Peach Journeys

Sojourn Bay of Islands Explorer

7 Days | 8 - 14 Dec 2025 | AUD\$9,495pp twin share | Single Supplement \$1,195*

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend 6 nights at stylish accommodation throughout the journey
- Touring of the quaint township of Russell in the Bay of Islands, the beautiful western Northland region including stunning Hokianga
- Marvel at the breathtaking Bay of Islands from the air during a scenic flight which takes in many of its 144 islands plus Cape Reinga and its lighthouse
- Take a premium cruise of the spectacular Bay of Islands spotting native birds and animals and viewing the acclaimed "Hole in the Rock"
- Visit Waitangi Treaty House to discover the fascinating history of Northland's Māori and early settlers and enjoy cultural songs and dances
- W Visit the Sculptureum to view unique artwork
- Walk in the footprints of the great explorer Kupe
- W All meals breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Your own room with reduced single supplement charge
- Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

"You provided a great itinerary, a great trip, a great Journey Director. Another 5 star Bill Peach Journey!"

Elizabeth Wheeler, Paradise Waters, QLD

Sublime scenery featuring rolling lush green hills, pristine coastal expanses and sparkling turquoise waters are just a few of the highlights to be found in the pristine Northland region of New Zealand. Join Bill Peach Journeys as we indulge all of our senses exploring the breathtaking northernmost reaches of New Zealand's North Island. Take a premium cruise of the beautiful Bay of Islands viewing the famous "Hole in the Rock". Marvel at the scenic panorama that unfolds during our flight over many of the 144 islands of this region and take in the striking Cape Reinga and its lighthouse where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. Discover Northland's picturesque coast incuding the stunning natural beauty of the Hokianga region.

Explore the fascinating history of Northland from swashbuckling tales of Russell's whalers to the loggers and gum diggers of the kauri industry. Learn about the exploits of the great Māori explorer, Kupe and the unique Waitangi Treaty signing. Enjoy magnificent scenery, fascinating history and incredible local cuisine and wine throughout. The remarkable Bay of Islands has so much to offer, do join us!

FULLY INCLUSIVE

When you travel on a Sojourn with Bill Peach Journeys everything is included and arranged before you even leave home. That includes all sundries like tips, taxes and transfers. In fact you won't even need to carry your bags.

Enjoy the finest level of accommodation, dining and service all in the one fare. From the very moment your journey

begins, your seamless travel experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.

ABOUT SOJOURNS

Our Sojourn programmes are short break journeys put together in conjunction with themes, events or experiences.

These programmes range from exploring Australia's Top End to world class events and unique experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand.









Day 1 | Arrive Auckland

Transfer from Auckland Airport to your stylish hotel. Relax this afternoon or explore New Zealand's largest and most diverse city overlooking the picturesque Hauraki Gulf. Your welcome dinner will be hosted by your Journey Director tonight, a perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Overnight: Hilton Auckland or similar

Day 2 | Auckland - Paihia

Head north this morning stopping first at Sculptureum, a fascinating gallery where we will explore the unique collection of galleries and sculpture gardens before continuing on to enjoy lunch by the serene riverside in Matakana. Wind through lush hills, picturesque countryside and native bush on a scenic drive north from Matakana to the Kawiti Glowworm Caves for a private tour. Experience the magic of thousands of twinkling lights while learning about their fascinating ecosystem. Continue on to spectacular Paihia, known as the gateway to the Bay of Islands.

Overnight: Paihia Beach Resort & Spa or similar

Day 3 | Bay of Islands & Russell

This morning, take a premium cruise of the breathtaking Bay of Islands including the famous "Hole in the Rock" while keeping our eyes peeled for dolphins, whales, penguins and other sea birds. The cruise concludes at historic Russell where we will take a tour and enjoy free time to wander. Once a settlement of swashbuckling

whalers and sealers, today, Russell is a quaint township featuring exquisitely restored heritage buildings. Take a ferry back to Paihia after our charming visit.

Overnight: Paihia Beach Resort & Spa or similar

DAY 4 | CAPE REINGA FLIGHT

View the breathtaking Bay of Islands from the air during our scenic flight which takes in many of its 144 islands plus Cape Reinga and its lighthouse. Majestically sitting at the northwesternmost tip of the Aupouri Peninsula where the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean collide in a stunning swirl of currents, Cape Reinga is called 'the place of *leaping'*, where Māori spirits begin their final journey. This afternoon we explore Waitangi Treaty House and Grounds where in 1840 the Treaty of Waitangi was signed between the Māori and the British Crown. Following, we will enjoy an immersive cultural experience that includes an inspiring powhiri (welcome), and traditional songs, poi dance and haka (war dance). After touring, return to Pahia. Overnight: Paihia Beach Resort & Spa or similar

Day 5 | Paihia - Hokianga

Today we drive to Hokianga, a harbour town featuring a fascinating Māori and European past. First, view picturesque Rainbow Falls before enjoying lunch and wine-tasting at the charming Marsden Estate. Next, we follow in the Footprints of Kupe, the great explorer in an acclaimed and unique multi-sensory journey into Māori history and traditions. Overnight: The Sands Hotel or similar

DAY 6 HOKIANGA - AUCKLAND

On our return south visit Waipoua Forest renowned for its towering kauri trees and rare birds and stand before Tāne Mahuta — the largest living Kauri tree. Continuing south, next visit the award-winning Kauri Museum to learn about the Kauri industry and learn stories of courage and determination, tragedy and triumph, boundless hope and unfathomable loss. We drive along Kaipara, the largest natural harbour in the Southern Hemisphere before arriving back in Auckland where we enjoy panoramic city and harbour views at Sky Tower before enjoying our Farewell Dinner this evening.

Overnight: Hilton Auckland or similar

DAY 7 DEPART AUCKLAND

After breakfast, we transfer to Auckland Airport taking with us memories of a delightful Bay of Islands Sojourn.





Please contact Bill Peach Journeys or your local travel agent for assistance with airfares.

*Conditions Apply: Early Bird & Single Supplement Free offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, and is valid if paid by 26 Sep, 2025.



