



THE SPLENDOUR OF NORTHLAND WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourn Bay of Islands Explorer

7 Days | 11 - 17 Sep 2021 | AUD\$6,495pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE*

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Spend 6 nights at stylish accommodation throughout the journey
- ✦ Touring of the quaint township of Russell, historic Rawane, the beautiful Tutukaka Coast and the stunning Hokianga region
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Cruise the spectacular Bay of Islands spotting native birds and animals and viewing the acclaimed 'Hole in the Rock'
- ✦ Visit Waitangi Treaty House and discover the fascinating history of Northland's Māori and early settlers
- ✦ Visit the unique Sculptureum to view local artwork
- ✦ All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ✦ Your own room with no single supplement charge
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a 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 stunning 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. We will cruise the breathtaking azures of the Bay of Islands and view the famous 'Hole in the Rock'. We will 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. We will discover the beautiful Tutukaka Coast and the stunning Hokianga region. We will explore the fascinating history of Northland from swashbuckling tales of whalers and sealers from Russell, to the loggers and 'gum diggers' of the kauri industry. We will also learn about the historical Waitangi Treaty signing between the Māori and the British Crown and the lives of early settlers at Marsden Cross, Clendon House and Rawane. Northland has so much to offer, join us!

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.

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.



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: Cordis Auckland or similar

DAY 2 | AUCKLAND - WHANGAREI - PAIHIA

After breakfast this morning we head north stopping first at Sculptureum, a fascinating gallery with a difference featuring the world of art, food and wine. We will explore the sculpture-filled gardens, art galleries, and vineyard before lunching at Rothko restaurant where the menu is inspired by the sea and fertile land of the region. This afternoon we head further north along the beautiful Tutukaka Coast known for the striking turquoise waters of its quiet beaches and bays. We will view the gentle waters of Ngunguru and Tutukaka Harbours before arriving at the white sand expanse of Matapouri. We continue on to spectacular Paihia, known as the gateway to the Bay of Islands.

Overnight: Pahia Bay Resort or similar

DAY 3 | RUSSELL

This morning we take a ferry across to historic Russell. Today, a quaint township featuring exquisitely restored heritage buildings, at the turn of the 19th century,

Russell was New Zealand's first permanent European settlement and served as a swashbuckling shore station for whalers and sealers. This afternoon we cruise 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.

Overnight: Pahia Bay Resort or similar

DAY 4 | CAPE REINGA

This morning we see 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 Pacific Ocean collide in a stunning swirl of currents, Cape Reinga is called '*the place of leaping*', where Maori 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 Maori and the British Crown followed by a visit to Te Tii including Tapuaetahi Beach and Marsden Cross, the location of New Zealand's first Christian service.

Overnight: Pahia Bay Resort or similar

DAY 5 | PAIHIA - HOKIANGA

Today we drive to Hokianga, a harbour town featuring a fascinating Maori and European past. We tour the historic town of Rawene noted for its heritage buildings and buzzing arts scene. Clendon House will provide us an insight into early settler history.

Overnight: Copthorne Hotel or similar

DAY 6 | HOKIANGA - AUCKLAND

On our return south we stop first at the award winning Kauri Museum to learn about the kauri industry before visiting Waipoua Forest renowned for its towering kauri trees and rare birds. Next we visit Dargaville Museum noted for its Maori, maritime, pioneer and 'gumdigger' history. We drive along Kaipara, the largest natural harbour in the Southern Hemisphere before arriving back in Auckland for our farewell dinner this evening.

Overnight: Cordis Auckland or similar

DAY 7 | DEPART AUCKLAND

After breakfast, we transfer to Auckland airport taking with us memories of a delightful Northland Sojourn.



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

*Conditions Apply: Single Supplement Free offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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