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*

S 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!

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

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.

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

Elizabeth Wheeler, Paradise Waters, QLD
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: Paihia 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 Watiangi Treaty House and Grounds where in 1840 the Treaty of Waitangi was signed between the Māori 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: Paihia 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.

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

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