

4th - 8th Nov 2021

Waiheke Island

This great long weekend escape combines exploring the beautiful Waiheke Island with their amazing garden festival.

This time of year is a perfect time to visit this special island with pristine beaches, world class wines, and fantastic cuisine. It's easy to see why Waiheke Island is considered the jewel in the Hauraki Gulf's crown.

You will see so much of the island as you get well off the beaten track visiting the homes of the very talented locals who enter the ever popular Garden Safari. We also visit all the highlights as well as giving you some time to yourself to take in the peaceful way of life. Back on the mainland we spend a great day in Matakana with the Sculpturum sure to be a highlight for most.

DAY 1

Thur 4th Nov

Home - Waiheke Island

If departing from Wanganui meet at the Wanganui Racecourse for a 7.30am departure and travel north to National Park for some lovely morning tea. We carry on enjoying the scenery with a great lunch stop in Te Kuiti.

Our next destination is Halfmoon Bay to catch our ferry over to Waiheke Island. Then it is straight to our great beach front accommodation for the next three nights before enjoying our first scrumptious group dinner.

Departing from another destination

For those departing from another destination you have your own personal itinerary to get you to join the group. All details will be provided in your personal information pack, sent prior to travel.

Accommodation: Onetangi Beach Apartments (09 372 0003)



DAY 2

Fri 5th Nov

Waiheke Island



After a relaxed start to the day we board the coach for our first day of exploring the island. We head west with the first stop just down the road where we experience a slice of Old Waiheke at the **Waiheke Museum and Historic Village**.

From here it's just a short drive into the main township, **Oneroa**. You will be given free time to enjoy this delightful seaside village with magnificent views over the Hauraki Gulf which has an abundance of interesting and eclectic shops, cafes and restaurants to entertain you.

Back on board we head out for a scenic drive before arriving at one of the most highly rated wineries on Waiheke, **Mudbrick Restaurant and Vineyard**. We will enjoy a delicious lunch and a **wine tasting** if you choose.

This afternoon we head to **Whittaker's Music Museum** for a guided tour where we will be introduced to some of the quirkier characteristics of the more unusual instruments. There are over 100 antique instruments carefully restored including concertinas, bandonions, harpsichord, dulcitone, pianolas, theatre organ and Paderewski's 1897 9ft Bechstein concert grand piano.

We then head back to our accommodation for some time to yourself to maybe enjoy Onetangi beach before getting ready for another great dinner at one of the highly rated restaurants on the island.



DAY 3

Sat 6th Nov

Waiheke Island - Garden Festival

Another relaxed start to the day before we venture out to explore the highlights of the **Waiheke Garden Safari** which has been delighting since 2001, and the 21st Anniversary year is said to be the best yet! This is a must-see garden tour event with many workshops and talks to attend where you get exclusive access to some of Waiheke Island's most interesting gardens while also supporting the Jassy Dean Trust. The Trust has been supporting Waiheke families with sick children for the last 25 years. We have another great lunch lined up and you will get well off the beaten track today.

We will also stop and give you some time to explore the vibrant and diverse **Waiheke Ostend markets** held every Saturday.

If you would rather have the day to yourself and explore the island at your leisure then you are more than welcome to do so. Your tour guide can assist you with any bookings if needed.

We arrive back at our accommodation with some time for some R & R before gathering for our last dinner on Waiheke at another highly rated restaurant.



DAY 4

Sun 7th Nov

Waiheke - Auckland



Today we leave this beautiful island and head back to the mainland. We then travel north to Matakana to experience the world class attraction of **Sculpeturum**. With three sculpture-filled gardens, six art galleries, a vineyard, an events space and Rothko restaurant and bar, there is something for everyone. After a great lunch you will have free time to roam at your own pace.

We then call in to the **Morris & James pottery** and showroom to browse the entire range of pots and ceramicware, including their special one-off pottery creations only available in store.

From here we make our way back to our excellent central Auckland viaduct accommodation for the final group dinner a toast to this wonderful long weekend away.

Accommodation: Hotel The Sebel Auckland Viaduct Harbour (09-978 4000)



DAY 5

Mon 8th Nov

Auckland - Home



After a scrumptious breakfast we head south to Te Rapa where we'll stop at **The Base** shopping center to hunt out some bargains or to grab yourself some morning tea.

We then continue south towards Taupo with another great lunch stop at the award winning **Lava Glass** complex which offers a unique window into the art of glassblowing and original New Zealand inspired glass art. You will be given time to view the glassblowing studio and to wander the sculpture garden.

We then follow the great lake south and make our way back home with a final rest stop in Raetihi.

***If you are travelling to another destination, your travel arrangements will be made for you in your customised itinerary.**



Total cost

Departing from Whanganui:

\$2,195

\$1,000 deposit due by 30th July 2021.

Final payment due by September 30th 2021.

*Custom departure points available on all tours

Payment methods

✓ Credit Card

✓ Cash

✓ Eftpos

✓ Online

Send online bank deposits to:
BNZ 02-0792-0090015-00

Please use your name and trip name as code and reference.

What's included?



Transport

- All coach travel as stated in the itinerary.
- Sealink Ferry.



Accommodation

Great twin share accommodation.
(single supplement available)



Food and drink

- 2 course dinner every night.
- All fantastic lunches.
- Mixture of cooked and continental breakfasts.
- All morning and afternoon teas stated in the itinerary.



Activities

All activities as stated in **bold** in the itinerary.



How to book

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- For cancellations after 30th September 2021 – 75% of total fare will apply.
- For cancellations within 7 days prior to travel – 100% of total fare will apply.

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