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1st - 5th November 2023

Great Barrier Island

It's crazy, but it's true...A scenic 30 minute flight is all it takes to transport yourself back in time to a very special and unique part of New Zealand.

Situated on the outer edge of the Hauraki Gulf in New Zealand's only National Marine Park, Great Barrier Island is a mere 90 kilometres from Auckland City - but a world away from your typical holiday destination. Over 70% of the land is protected Conservation Park and with night skies rated 'second to none'... the whole island is a Dark Sky Sanctuary.

To visit Great Barrier Island is to experience life off the grid, under the radar and on the edge... it really is a world of its own!

Join us as we explore this tranquil island paradise from top to bottom and everything in between by land, sea and air!

DAY 1

Wed 1st Nov

Home - Great Barrier Island



If departing from Whanganui, meet at the Whanganui Racecourse for an early 6:00am departure and travel to Whanganui Airport to catch our flight to Auckland.

Departing from another destination

For those departing from another destination you will fly into or meet us in Auckland. All tickets and details will be provided in your personal information pack, sent prior to travel.

On arrival at Claris airport we will be met by our host, Leigh. Have a meet and greet then visit the **Milk, Honey, and Grain, museum**. We then go on and have a stroll along **Medlands Beach**, a beautiful scenic surf Beach, where we will enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, with home-made cake or biscuits. Following this we head South and over Medlands hill to the West Coast of the Island to Tryphena, where our accommodation awaits. We will have time to unpack our bags and get familiar with our surroundings before heading out for our first group dinner at one of the local restaurants before a real treat.

Great Barrier Island is a world renowned designated Night Sky Sanctuary. This evening you will also be treated to **Good Heavens stargazing experience**, where you will be given a guided tour of the night sky. A truly memorable experience before we head back to our lodge and rest our heads for the night.

Accommodation: SUNSET WATERFRONT LODGE



DAY 2

Thursday 2nd Nov

Great Barrier Island



After a peaceful night we rise for breakfast before we are transferred to Whangaparapara wharf where we meet Chris, the Captain and owner of **Sundancer**.

Aboard Sundancer explore the West Coast of Great Barrier on a **4 -5 hour cruise** from Whangaparapara to Port Fitzroy. See the remains of the whaling station and timber mill locations, cruise through the Broken Islands while enjoying morning tea. See the spectacular coastline, and the Man O' War entrance to beautiful **Port Fitzroy Harbour**. Occasionally dolphin encounters are experienced during the cruise. A picnic lunch is provided on board. You will disembark at Glenfern Sanctuary opposite Port Fitzroy wharf.

On the way back to our accommodation we will visit the spectacular **Windy Canyon** for an easy 15-20 minute walk each way to the lookout and get some great photos of the beautiful beaches. We'll stop for afternoon tea before some down time or a chance for a leisurely walk before heading out for dinner together.

After a great meal it's time to turn in for the night or maybe have a sneaky nightcap before bed.

Accommodation: SUNSET WATERFRONT LODGE



DAY 3

Fri 3rd Nov

Great Barrier Island



Enjoy another superb continental breakfast before another day enjoying what the Barrier has to offer.

First up we visit Visit **Jaques Haven**, meet Jaque and have a personal tour of the Haven he has created just behind the Claris Police Station, a micro climate with a variety of fruit tree's, bird life & bees. Morning tea is on a tranquil deck in the middle of his little haven.

Take a lunch break at a local cafe then go to **Blind Bay** and the hidden wharf at **Okupu**, driving through a stand of **ancient Pohutukawa** that enclose the road edge around the bay.

On the drive back to Tryphena we will call into the **Art Gallery & Museum** in Claris.

Enjoy some more time on the island as a group before another great meal and an enjoyable evening together.

Accommodation: SUNSET WATERFRONT LODGE



DAY 4

Sat 4th Nov

Great Barrier Island



We have another hearty breakfast and then get set for a fantastic walk. (Please note this walk is not compulsory)

We walk into the **Kaitoke Hot Springs**, (45 minute relatively flat forest walk each way – bring your togs if you wish) or dunk your feet into the thermal water.

After we stop for lunch at **Awana Beach DOC camp** and for those keen, enjoy a short walk along Awana Beach.

Time now to visit **Okiwi Passion** where we have a **guided tour** by the owners. Okiwi Passion grows a small range of delicious, seasonal, naturally produced vegetables, fruit and seedlings in the sundrenched, fertile Okiwi Basin of Great Barrier Island.

We head back to our lodge and have some time to soak up this part of the island for a final time before heading out for our last group dinner which is sure to come with laughs a plenty and some good banter as we share stories of the fun we've had together on Great Barrier Island.

Accommodation: SUNSET WATERFRONT LODGE



DAY 5

Sun 5th Nov

Great Barrier Island - Home



This morning after breakfast we collect our bags and get ready to farewell the Island but we still have a few things to do first.

There is a chance to **feed the eels** who live close to our lodge before we visit **Shoal Bay pottery** and a lookout point over the Colville channel to the Coromandel Peninsula and south to Matarangi and the Mercury Islands.

We will explore Tryphena a little more and if time permits call into the **Elephant** and **Black Cow galleries** in Puriri Bay.

We will either dine in at Pa Beach café, or get a takeaway lunch and eat at one of the local beaches before being taken back to Claris airport for our return flight to Auckland.

Once we land in Auckland we will have time to relax and grab yourself a bite to eat before checking in for our flight back home landing at 7:20pm.

Note: For those travelling anywhere else arrangements can be made to get you home safely.



Total cost

Departing from Whanganui:
\$2,995

\$500 deposit due by 30th August 2023.

Final payment due by 30th September 2023.

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
- Flights
- Scenic Boat Cruise



Accommodation

- Great twin share accommodation
(single supplement available)



Food and drink

- Includes 2 course dinner every night except night 5.
- All lunches and morning/afternoon teas stated in itinerary



Activities

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



How to book

Be in quick to secure your seats!



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- For cancellations after 30th August 2023 – loss of deposit.
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- For cancellations within 2 weeks prior to travel – 100% of total fare will apply.

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