

3 Day Bay of Islands (TB3)

North Island Stray Journeys Itinerary

Start location / day:	Auckland / Sundays
Finish location / day:	Auckland / Tuesdays
Duration:	3 days / 2 nights
Departure dates:	07/10/18 - 28/04/19

Day 1: Auckland to Paihia

Nau mai, haere mai (welcome)! Your journey kicks off in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland. Pick-ups start at your accommodation bright and early before we head north to the seaside town of Paihia. We stop en-route to hug some of the world's mightiest trees, the native kauri, enjoy a hike to a beautiful waterfall and stop for lunch and a swim at scenic Waipu Cove. This is followed by a trip to the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds (own expense), before settling into our accommodation where you'll have a group meal and the evening free to relax in Paihia. (D)

Accommodation included: Beachfront hostel

Activities included: Tree hugging huge kauri trees at Parry Kauri Forest, Waipu Cove

Optional activities: Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Day 2: Paihia to Hokianga

This morning we take a scenic cruise around the beautiful Bay of Islands, a collection of 144 islands bursting with marine life, and there's no better way to see it than by boat. Keep a watchful eye out and you may see wild dolphins!

In the afternoon it's off to the Hokianga Harbour, where we will see the huge sand dunes. Tonight you have the option to take part in a Maori-guided twilight encounter, where you'll visit the Waipoua Forest, learn about Maori legends and the spiritual inhabitants of the forest, and visit the largest kauri tree in the world, the "God of the Forest" Tane Mahuta (own expense). Finish the day with a Kiwi classic for dinner, traditional fish and chips. (B,D)

Accommodation included: Waterside lodge

Activities included: Hole in the Rock cruise

Optional activities: Footprints Waipoua twilight encounter, bone carving

Day 3: Hokianga to Auckland

We start the morning with a ferry ride across the Hokianga Harbour to experience the thrill of sand boarding down massive dunes (weather dependant) before we start to make our way south through the mighty Waipoua Forest. Here we will have the opportunity to visit NZ's largest kauri trees. We visit the idyllic Kai Iwi Lakes for a swim in the beautiful crystal clear waters surrounded by a pure white sandy beach, before returning to the 'big smoke' for a late afternoon arrival. We hope you had a blast on your Stray Journey! (B)

Activities included: Hokianga Ferry ride, sand boarding, visit Waipoua Forest (NZ's largest kauri trees), swim in the Kai Iwi Lakes

What's Included

- + Experienced tour guide
- + 2 nights' accommodation
- + Meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- + Multi-share accommodation (or upgrade to twin/double/single)

Activities Included

- + Tree hugging at Parry Kauri Forest, Northland
- + Swim at Waipu Cove, Northland
- + Hole in the Rock cruise, Paihia
- + Hokianga ferry ride and sand boarding, Hokianga
- + Visit Waipoua Forest and Tane Mahuta (NZ's largest kauri tree), Hokianga
- + Swim at Kai Iwi Lakes, Northland

What to Bring

- + Camera
- + Sturdy walking shoes/boots
- + Warm layered clothing
- + Waterproof jacket
- + Hat & sunscreen
- + Bathers/towel
- + Water bottle
- + Toiletries
- + Motion sickness tablets
- + Insect repellent

Note:

- Tours should be reconfirmed at least 48 hours in advance by calling +64 9 526 2140.
- Luggage should be restricted to 15kg in a single bag, plus a small day pack.