

Reisebine

3 Day Bay of Island

Winter departures: May – September 2019

Start: Auckland

Finish: Auckland

Duration: 3 days/2 nights

Departs: Saturdays & Mondays

DAY 1: Auckland to Paihia

Haere mai (welcome)! Your Stray adventure kicks off in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland. We depart northbound for the relaxed seaside town of Paihia, gateway to the beautiful Bay of Islands. On the way you'll learn about the rich early European and Maori history of the region. After stopping to see giant kauri trees en-route, we continue on to Paihia, where you have the afternoon free to explore this charming seaside town.

Accommodation included: Base Pipi Patch - Hostel along from the beach

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

Optional activities: Skydiving

DAY 2: Paihia to Cape Reinga to Paihia

Today you travel to the northernmost point of the country, the spiritually significant Cape Reinga. Highlights of this day trip include a visit to 90 Mile Beach, dune surfing and seeing the clashing of two oceans! You have the option to sample some of the best fish and chips available on your way back to Paihia (own expense). Make sure you pack a lunch, snacks and enough water to fuel you through the day.

Accommodation included: Base Pipi Patch - Hostel along from the beach

Activities included: Cape Reinga day trip

Optional activities: Sample fresh fish and chips

DAY 3: Paihia to Auckland

This morning you will do the famous 'Hole in the Rock' cruise and make an island stop in the bay. Keep a watchful eye out for playful dolphins and other marine life. We depart in the afternoon to head back to Auckland, where your trip comes to an end. We hope you had a blast on your Stray Journey!

Included Activities: Hole in the Rock marine cruise

Tour Inclusions

All transport: You'll travel in our comfortable mini-buses.

Experienced tour guide: Expect entertaining commentary, insight into local secrets and extra support from your tour guide.

Accommodation: 2 nights' dorm-share accommodation in a quality backpacker hostel close to the beach. Upgrades to twin and single rooms are available -

Top rated activities:

- Paihia: Day trip to see the meeting of two oceans at NZ's northernmost point, Cape Reinga
- Cape Reinga: Sandboarding on massive sand dunes.
- Paihia: Hole in the Rock marine cruise

What's not included?

- Additional activities not specified as included on the itinerary. These can be booked via your guide, often at an exclusive Stray special price!
- No meals are included with Winter Itineraries.

What to Bring

Walking shoes, swimming gear, hat and sunscreen, motion sickness tablets, water bottle, towel and toiletries, warm clothing and waterproof jacket, insect repellent, camera.

Please note:

- During Winter our Stray Journeys are operated on our hop-on hop-off bus network. This means some passengers on your trip who are travelling on flexible passes will be hopping on and off the bus. Stray Journeys passengers will follow a fixed itinerary with specified inclusions. You can expect to travel on a modern comfortable bus (mid-coach) and to be led by a knowledgeable Driver Guide.
- No meals are included.