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Includes three days in chauffeur driven luxury in either a Chrysler 300C sedan or Mercedes Viano, two nights accommodation in a luxury lodge with dinners and breakfasts included. Tours can be customised to suit your needs, or upgrade to exclusive boutique accommodation on request. For tours designed for you, or to make a booking, email [paul@goldlinenz.com](mailto:paul@goldlinenz.com)

#### Day One: Auckland/Matakohe/Waipoua Forest/Bay of Islands

Travel from Auckland to the Kauri Museum at Matakohe in the North of New Zealand is one of the countries most amazing theme museums. Approximately 95,000 people visit this internationally acclaimed museum every year. Continue on to the Waipoua Forest and Tane Mahuta, the Lord of the Forest. Tane Mahuta is New Zealand's largest known living kauri tree. Travel on through the Waipoua forest along State Highway 12 to Opuha, where you will cross by car ferry to the birth place of New Zealand to Russell. Here you can soak in the atmosphere of Russell before heading to your luxury lodge to relax for the evening.

#### Day Two: Bay of Islands/Cape Reinga/Bay of Islands

After a leisurely breakfast leave the Hotel and drive up the east coast through spectacular scenery and passing through towns and beaches like, Coopers Beach - a great expanse of unspoiled fine sand backed by rows of beautiful Pohutukawa trees and Cable Bay - a beautiful pink-coral beach with rock pools and small lagoon. Then you will continue on to the Cape Reinga lighthouse. Here you can view magnificent Te Werahi Beach down to Cape Maria Van Dieman, the meeting of the Tasman Sea and the mighty Pacific Ocean as well as our famous lighthouse. Return through the heartland of Northland taking in internationally renowned artist and architect Frederick Hundertwasser's world famous public toilets. The finished product is a work of art, from the grass roof, to gold balls, ceramic tiles, bottle glass windows, mosaic tiling, copper handwork, cobblestone flooring, individual sculptures and a living tree integrated into the design structure.

OR

Take a Cape Reinga coach tour. You will be over-awed by the grandeur of the mighty Kauri trees, the expanse of Ninety Mile Beach and the mystique of Cape Reinga. There are numerous stops for you to take in the scenic highlights and activities. They start with the easy twenty minute boardwalk through the Puketū Kauri Forest. Included is a scenic lunch experience at the world famous Houhora Game Fishing Club. You will be served a delicious Kiwi BBQ or seasonal lunch. The buffet includes a selection of meats, salads, fresh bread, fruit and juice, tea or coffee. Sit back in comfort as the coach drives along Ninety Mile Beach to the top of New Zealand and wander out to the lighthouse. Ride the sand sledges on the giant sand dunes if you dare! Take a swim and dig for shellfish. See the picturesque village of Mangonui.

### Day Three: Bay of Islands/Waitangi/Auckland

Enjoy your relaxing breakfast before a visit to the Treaty House - built for the first British Resident, James Busby and his family. It is one of New Zealand's oldest and most visited historic homes. While you are there, look through Te Whare Runanga a fully carved Maori Meeting House, which is representative of all Iwi (regional tribes) in New Zealand. See Ngatokimatawhaorua - one of the world's largest Maori ceremonial war canoes, and the flagstaff which marks the place where the Treaty of Waitangi was first signed. After which you can take your choice of cruises in the beautiful bay of islands, choose from:

#### The Hole in the Rock:

Cruise to the famous "Hole in the Rock" make sure you have your camera ready as you make a passage through the Hole and on to the majestic Grand Cathedral Cave. On the return journey meander through the inner islands. View sandy beaches, beautiful bays and marine wildlife as your skipper gives an informative commentary. The cruise includes an island stopover on beautiful Urupukapuka Island where there are numerous activities. Enjoy one of the scenic walks, a swim or ride the Nautilus Submarine Adventure, or relax in the cafe.

#### Dolphin encounter:

Get to the dolphins fast in a water-jet powered catamaran. It's the best vessel in the Bay for dolphin viewing with large deck areas and plenty of room to move around. It's not just dolphins you will see - at times you'll see orcas, whales, seals, penguins and other wildlife. Conditions permitting you will be able to go swimming with these amazing mammals.

#### High speed 'cruise':

This is the most exciting trip in the Bay - 1 ½ hour high speed powerboat adventure through the islands out to Cape Brett. Navigate the 'Hole in the Rock' (conditions permitting) and Grand Cathedral Cave at Motukokako Island. Feel the adrenalin rush as 1600hp blasts you across the Bay - don't worry if the weathers a bit rough, the bigger the waves, the better the buzz! Take your camera; there are plenty of photo opportunities as you will often see Dolphins, Whales, Seals, Penguins and other sea and birdlife.

When you return from your cruise you will depart the Bay of Islands for Auckland.

\$2799.00 per person (minimum of two, maximum of eight)\*

Create a two day tour by deleting day two or three from \$1649.00 per person.

For larger groups or customised tours please email [paul@goldlinenz.com](mailto:paul@goldlinenz.com) to discuss your requirements.

\*based on twin share rooms