

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND ESCAPE

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13 October 2023

4 Day Fully Hosted Tour

Pickups from Manawatu, Horowhenua, Kapiti and Wellington



GREAT BARRIER ISLAND TOUR – 13th to 16th October 2023

FRI 13 Great Barrier Island

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This morning we fly to Auckland and on arrival in Auckland we check-in for our flight to Claris on Great Barrier Island where we are met by our local driver and head off to begin exploring Great Barrier Island. We take a stroll along **Medlands Beach** and explore the Tryphena area before checking in to our accommodation. Sunset Waterfront Lodge is located near the water's edge in Tryphena and is a fantastic base from which to explore the beauty of Great Barrier Island and also the perfect spot to relax and watch the famous Tryphena sunsets. Tonight, we enjoy a group dinner at a local restaurant.

SAT 14 Great Barrier Island

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Today we travel to Whangaparapara Wharf to board the 'Sundancer' for a private spectacular **coastal cruise**. Our driver will introduce us to our skipper who will look after us on the cruise. We take a look at the old Kauri Sawmill and Whaling Station sites before heading up the west coast & through the spectacular Broken Isles. Once through the Man O'War Passage enjoy a scrumptious on-board lunch in the sheltered waters of the beautiful Port FitzRoy Harbour.

After lunch, we disembark Sundancer at the **Glenfern Sanctuary** - FitzRoy House, where staff give us an informative presentation explaining what they are doing at the sanctuary regarding pest control and native plant and bird reintroduction. Fitzroy House sits on the waters edge and is home for kaka parrots, wood pigeons and banded rail etc. After the presentation talk, we transfer to **Sunset Rock** for an amazing panoramic view of Port Fitzroy Harbour and beyond. The driver will meet us here and we travel back down the east coast enjoying great views of Rakitu Island, The Windy Canyon and Pacific Ocean Panoramas, stopping at Awana where you may take an optional walk along this spectacular east coast surf beach.

Tonight, we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant on the island. Following dinner, we then enjoy a tour highlight – **Stargazing on Great Barrier Island!** Our friendly local guide will look after us and entertain with interesting facts and fascinating stories about the stars. Here we can lean back in a comfy moon chair, hear the waves lap against the shore, look up and see the thousands of stars visible in the Dark Sky Sanctuary. Take a closer look at the Milky Way, maybe a planet or the crescent moon will be in view, spot a satellite, a meteor or a distant galaxy. *Excursion subject to suitable weather.*

SUN 15 Great Barrier Island

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This morning we enjoy a leisurely morning at the lodge after a late-night last night, perhaps sit back and relax enjoy the sea views or take a stroll along the beach. In the late morning, we depart for an easy 10-minute bush-walk to explore a stunning '**Great Barrier Island Nikau Palm**' grove, stopping in at Claris on the way through to purchase some lunch for later today (own cost).

We then stop at Okupu Beach to check out the ancient Pohutukawa trees and then tour around to the 'forgotten wharf' at Blind Bay... a very scenic route with lovely old stone bridges and deep gullied streams before travelling on to **Jacques Haven**; full of birds, bees, flowers & trees and yummy honey tasting. Following our garden tour, we retrace our steps back to the accommodation, with stops at Awana Bay and Kaitoke Beach on our way.

Tonight, we enjoy a farewell dinner at a **local restaurant** on the island.

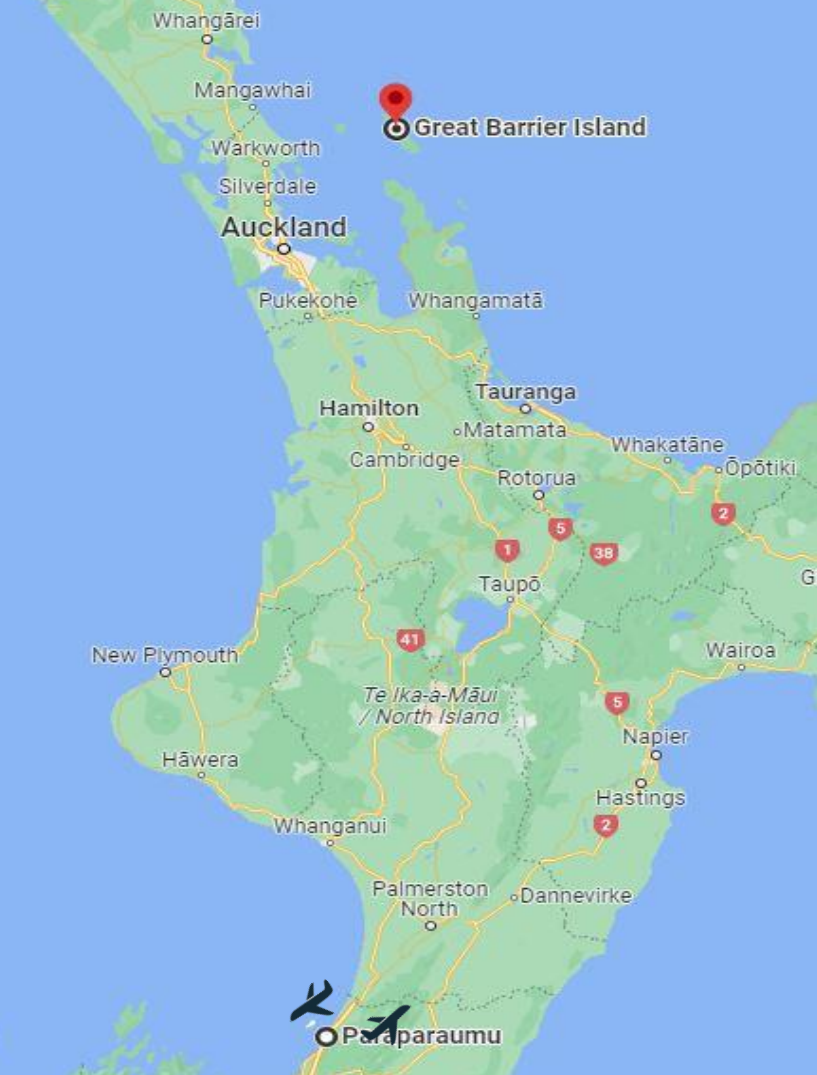
MON 16 Great Barrier Island

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Today visit the famous '**Milk, Honey & Grain Museum & the Community Arts Village**' in Claris. Here a Great Barrier Island local will share their passion for Great Barrier Island's incredible history which is generously displayed at his quaint and quirky museum, situated on the main road into Claris.

Time is also allowed to visit the Pigeon Post for gifts/souvenirs before and early lunch at My Fat Puku Café before our flight back from Great Barrier Island arriving back in Auckland at 1.30 pm and onwards home.





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4 Day Tour Includes:

Fully Hosted by a YOURTours Host

Quality Accommodation & Coach

Sightseeing and Entrance Fees as indicated on itinerary.

Meals as per itinerary

Domestic Flights* & home Pick-up**

Departs 13th October 2023

Price \$2,995 pp twin share

Price \$3,495 pp single

**Flights Wellington to Auckland- other airports available on request*

*** Home pick up T & C;s apply*

You are invited to join us on one of our fully hosted small group tours, with a maximum of 18 guests.

We are based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

You can be reassured that your Tour Host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours team members, ensuring you can relax and enjoyed your holiday, whilst we ensure everything is looked after for you from start to finish.

Trip Highlights

- ◇ MEDLANDS BEACH
- ◇ PRIVATE COASTAL CRUISE
- ◇ GLENFORD SANCTUARY
- ◇ SUNSET ROCK
- ◇ DARK SKY SANCTUARY - STARGAZING EXPERIENCE
- ◇ GREAT BARRIER ISLAND NIKAU PALM
- ◇ JACQUES HAVEN
- ◇ MILK, HONEY & GRAIN MUSEUM
- ◇ COMMUNITY ARTS VILLAGE'
- ◇ VISIT THE PIGEON POST

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