

# Explorer Dream Shore Excursions – Bay of Islands

## Itinerary:

Auckland – Bay of Islands – Milford Sound – Doubtful Sound – Dunedin – Wellington – Napier – Auckland

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**Applicable sailing dates:** 15, 22 and 29 December, 2019; 5, 12 and 19 January, 2020

Discover the best that New Zealand has to offer, select from a vast variety of shore excursions that Dream Cruises arrange for you. Book with us and have an unforgettable experience.

- **Great Convenience:** Well thought and arranged transport for point-to-point service.
- **Peace of Mind:** Booking your trip with us is worry-free! Ship will be there when you return even if there are unexpected delays on an excursion.
- **Professionally Managed:** All tours are conducted by professional guides.
- **Catered Needs:** Notify our team at the time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal or have specific food allergies.
- **Variety of Choices:** Pick your dream excursion to enjoy with your family and friends by referring to the tour’s activity level, features and remarks.

Excursion Features		Remarks
 Meal (Lunch)	 Refreshment (Tea/coffee/snacks)	 Age restrictions apply
 Wine Tasting	 Culture & History & Heritage	 Disclaimer is required for joining this activity
 Shopping & Relaxation	 Adventure	 Not recommended for guests in wheelchairs or with limited mobility
 Family fun (guests of all ages are welcome)	 Scenic	 Ship to shore transfers on tender boats

Activity Level		
<p>●○○ Moderate</p> <p>Requires some level of physical input such as lengthy walking over uneven roads, going up staircases or terrains.</p>	<p>●●○ Active</p> <p>Requires physical input for lengthy periods. Such as crossing steep terrains, and activities with ample movement.</p> <p>Recommended for venturesome and able-bodied guests.</p>	<p>●●● Challenging</p> <p>Requires high level of physical input for lengthy periods. Activity may also require certain skills, such as scuba diving or windsurfing.</p> <p>Recommended for venturesome and able-bodied guests and may require some previous experience.</p>

# Bay of Islands

The Bay of Islands is a subtropical micro-region known for its stunning beauty & history. You can embark on a voyage of discovery and enjoy the beauty of this area when you join a Hole in the Rock cruise and you will enter a maritime adventure playground with an abundance of wildlife including penguins, dolphins, marlin, whales, gannets and more. Enjoy an inspiring and interactive experience through Waitangi's contemporary museum and let the story of Waitangi begins the journey of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Hole In the Rock Cruise (EDKKE01NME)				English Driver Guide	AUD 189/ adult AUD 179/ child
Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●○○○		3 hours	Min. 100	 
 <p>Hole in the Rock Cruise</p>		<p>Your tour begins as you board your catamaran for scenic cruising of the Bay of Islands. Sit back and relax, as your "power-cat" features comfortable indoor and open-deck seating and a well-stocked cash bar. The catamaran is designed for comfort, with an abundance of indoor and outdoor seating.</p> <p>You'll sail past the historic Cape Brett Lighthouse, the only historic lighthouse managed by the Department Of Conservation with its internal workings still in place, and pass the famous Cathedral Cave formation nearby.</p>			
 <p>Bay of Islands Scenery</p>		<p>You'll circle Piercy Island, also known as Motukokako Island, at the outermost limits of the Bay of Islands, if weather permitting, sail through the Hole in the Rock. Perhaps one of the most naturally beautiful sights in all of New Zealand, this 210-foot hole at sea level was created over centuries by wind and waves. Be sure to have your camera on hand as you'll be awestruck at this natural wonder.</p>			
 <p>Marine life</p>		<p>Bottlenose dolphins is the most frequently encountered marine mammals in the bay and there is always a chance that we come across a pod during our travels.</p> <p>You may also see birdlife from gannets and gulls to little blue penguins and pied shags. On the islands, you are likely to see further birdlife and large schools of fish such as Blue mao mao, kahawai may be encountered.</p> <p>With the Bay of Islands behind you, you'll return to your ship savouring the memory of these natural wonders.</p> <p>Tour Highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Island Cruise:</b> Cruise around the Bay of Islands, See the Hole in the Rock, Keep an eye out for bottlenose dolphins, whales and other marine life during your cruise, and have your camera ready as we get you up close to the action.</li> </ul>			
<p><u>Important Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife sightseeing cannot be guaranteed.</li> <li>- If the sea conditions are not favourable or it is deemed to be too rough and the boat is unable to go out to the hole in the rock an alternative inner island experience will be enjoyed.</li> </ul>					

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## Glow Worm Express (EDKKE02NME)

English  
Driver GuideAUD 139/ adult  
AUD 129/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●○○		2 hours	Min. 35	 
 <p>Kawiti Glow worm Caves</p>		<p>Northland's Ultimate Glow worm Experience at Kawiti Caves to discover stalactites, glow worms and Māori history.</p> <p>Tour begins as you board your motor coach for a scenic 30-minute drive to the Kawiti Glow worm Caves. This cave system attracts many visitors with its bizarre karst features, stalactite formations and spectacular glow worm displays. The caves are owned and operated by the Kawiti family, who have guided thousands of travellers over the past 50 years, including American billionaire Bill Gates who visited in 2007.</p>			
 <p>Galaxies of glow worms</p>		<p>Your 30 minute guided tour will follow a wooden boardwalk through a 200 metre limestone cave system. As you enjoy the galaxies of glow worms above, your friendly guide will explain the life cycle of the New Zealand Glow worm (<i>Arachnocampa Luminosa</i>) and the intricate webs used to catch their prey (mosquitoes and midges). It is a 30 minute drive back to the wharf where you have the option to go for a stroll in town.</p>			
 <p>Glow-worm Caves Cliff</p>		<p>Tour Highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ultimate Glow worm Experience:</b> You can view the glow-worm lights, impressive limestone walls and magnificent delicate stalactites and stalagmites that took thousands of years to form. A small stream flows through the cave in which a pet eel resides. Admire breathtaking rock formations as thousands of glow worms illuminate the area.</li> </ul>			
<p><u>Important Note:</u> No photography or filming is permitted inside the Glow Worm cave.</p>					

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## Island &amp; Cave Adventure (EDKKE03NME)

English  
Driver GuideAUD 259/ adult  
AUD 249/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●○○		5 hours	Min. 35	
 <p>Hole in the Rock Cruise</p> <p>Visit the World famous in Bay of Islands, New Zealand: The hole in the rock in Motukokako, Piery Island. It's an island dominated by its sheer cliffs that rise 148 metres out of the sea. It's likely Motukokako would've been considered just another big rock in the ocean had that same ocean not carved out a spectacular 16m-high hole at its south-western end.</p> <p>Bottlenose dolphins is the most frequently encountered marine mammals in the Bay and there is always a chance that we come across a pod during our travels.</p>					
 <p>Marine life</p> <p>You may also see birdlife from gannets and gulls to little blue penguins and pied shags. On the islands you are likely to see further birdlife and large schools of fish such as Blue mao mao, kahawai may be encountered.</p> <p>Followed with another unmissable Northland's Ultimate Glow worm Experience at Kawiti Caves to discover stalactites, glow worms and Māori history.</p>					
 <p>Kawiti Glow worm Caves</p> <p>This cave system attracts many visitors with its bizarre karst features, stalactite formations and spectacular glow worm displays. Your 30 minute guided tour will follow a wooden boardwalk through a 200 metre limestone cave system. As you enjoy the galaxies of glow worms above, your friendly guide will explain the life cycle of the New Zealand Glow worm (<i>Arachnocampa Luminosa</i>) and the intricate webs used to catch their prey (mosquitoes and midges). It is a 30 minute drive back to the wharf.</p> <p>Tour Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Island Cruise:</b> Cruise around the Bay of Islands, See the Hole in the Rock, Keep an eye out for common and bottlenose dolphins, whales and other marine life during your cruise, and have your camera ready as we get you up close to the action.</li> <li>• <b>Ultimate Glow worm Experience:</b> You can view the glow-worm lights, impressive limestone walls and magnificent delicate stalactites and stalagmites that took thousands of years to form. A small stream flows through the cave in which a pet eel resides. Admire breathtaking rock formations as thousands of glow worms illuminate the area.</li> </ul>					
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## Kerikeri, Māori Meeting House & Kauri Forest (EDKKE04WME)

English  
Driver GuideAUD 209/ adult  
AUD 199/ child

Meal 	Activity Level 	Features 	Duration* 6 hours	Participants Min. 35	Remarks 
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Stone Store



Kemp House



Puketi Forest



Māori Meeting House

This tour offers a revealing look at New Zealand history, from a Māori perspective. See the first mission settlement, and a traditional Māori meeting house, where Māori elders explain their cultural traditions.

Upon arriving in Kerikeri, you'll make a photo stop at the oldest wooden building, Kemp House, and the oldest stone building, the Stone Store, both part of the Church Mission Settlement established in 1819. The Kemps continued to live in the house after the mission station folded in 1848, operating a kauri gum business from the Stone Store. The dwelling and gardens passed down through the family until it was gifted to the New Zealand Historic Places Trust in 1974. Next, you will drive to the Puketi Forest once covered most of the Bay of Islands with massive kauri trees. Now protected in reserves, these magnificent trees rival California's redwoods in height and girth. A 20-minute walk through the forest on a boardwalk affords you the opportunity to marvel at these imposing trees. Nearly 50,000 visitors annually use the elevated wooden walkway which protects the kauris' sensitive feeding roots, yet allows visitors to get up close to the ancient trees of the forest.

You'll continue to a Māori Marae, and visit the Māori Meeting House. Upon arriving, you'll be greeted with a traditional Powhiri or welcome ceremony. You're certain to be awestruck as Māori elders explain the carvings adorning the meetinghouse and relate their traditions, which extend to the first Māori migration from Polynesia over 1,000 years ago.

Your tour concludes with an authentic Māori feast at the Meetinghouse before driving back to the wharf. With the Bay of Islands behind you, you'll take home a myriad of unforgettable memories of a lifetime.

Tour Highlights:

- **Māori Culture Experience:** Learn about New Zealand's beautiful Māori culture directly from knowledgeable and passionate descendants of the land.
- **Historical Sights:** Visit premier historic sites preserve the stories of tumultuous times when Māori met missionaries and life was changed forever.
- **Authentic Hāngī Experience:** Indulge in a hangi feast which is a great way to experience Māori culture, as it is not only a means of cooking food, but also a social occasion.

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## Waitangi Treaty Grounds and Kerikeri (EDKKE05NME)

English  
Driver GuideAUD 139/ adult  
AUD 129/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●○○	 	3.5 hours	Min. 35	 
<p>Discover New Zealand's historic Māori and European influences during this scenic journey to Kerikeri and Waitangi.</p>					
		<p>Depart the pier for the drive to Paihia, the site where one of the earliest missionary stations was established in 1823. You will then continue to Kerikeri, where New Zealand missionaries built New Zealand's oldest building, Kemp House, and adjacent Stone Store. Upon returning to Waitangi, you will visit the Waitangi Treaty House. It was here that the Māori chiefs signed a treaty with the English Crown in 1840. Most of the timber used to build this house, first lived in by British resident and acting Governor James Busby, was brought over from Sydney and later assembled on site.</p>			
Stone Store		<p>Your tour will conclude with a stroll through the beautiful grounds of the Treaty House. Along the way, you will see the impressive Māori meeting place, or marae, and canoe, or waka. Upon reaching the lower end of the Treaty Grounds, you will return to the pier.</p>			
		<p>Tour Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Historical sights:</b> Visit premier historic sites preserve the stories of tumultuous times when Māori met missionaries and life was changed forever.</li> <li>• <b>Insights of Waitangi National Trust Treaty Grounds:</b> Enjoy an inspiring and interactive experience through the Waitangi Treaty Grounds to see an authentic carved meeting house, engaging visitor centre, lush native forest and gardens, traditional Māori waka (canoe) and all with stunning views over the Bay of Islands.</li> </ul>			
Kemp House					
Traditional canoe at Waitangi Trust Treaty Grounds					

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## Important Notes

1. Shore excursion fares are denominated in AUD.
2. Child fare is applicable to those aged 11 or below. Infants aged below 2 come free.
3. Shore excursion tickets are neither refundable nor transferrable after they have been sold.
4. Shore excursions require a minimum number of participating persons and may be cancelled if there are insufficient participants.
5. All shore excursions are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and have a maximum limit of participating persons. To avoid disappointment, guests are recommended to reserve shore excursions early.
6. Some shore excursions may require long-distance walking. It is recommended that guests should consider their physical conditions before joining such shore excursions.
7. Please be careful of personal belongings at all times in order to avoid thefts and robberies.
8. Please take extra care and caution when walking inside and outside the ports or during shore excursion in order to avoid accidents.
9. Please pay attention to hygiene conditions when going outside. Please do not drink nor dine in dirty environments.
10. Shore excursion is operated by the independent local tour operator and ticket is sold by Dream Cruises as an agent for and on behalf of such tour operators. Dream Cruises (including its officers, employees and affiliates) will not be responsible for the act, negligence, default or omission of such tour operators and/or any losses or damages suffered by the passenger in relation to their shore excursion.
11. Tour operator shall have the right to change the itineraries (including, without limitation, place of visit, transportation, accommodation and meal arrangements) due to operational need, weather conditions and/or safety, comfort or enjoyment of the guests. Neither Dream Cruises nor the tour operator shall be liable for loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment or expenses whatsoever incurred or suffered by the passenger in such circumstances.
12. Dream Cruises (including its officers, employees and affiliates) and tour operator shall not be liable for any loss, damages, claims, costs and expenses incurred and/or suffered by the passenger in relation to any force majeure events including, without limitation, war or threat of war, riot, disaster, acts of Gods (which includes but not limited to adverse weather condition, storm, tsunami, earthquake and/or typhoon), terrorist activity, fire, technical problem with transport, closure of port, strikes or other industrial action, act or decision of any government authority and any other events beyond the control of Dream Cruises and the tour operator.
13. Tour operators reserve the right to refuse the passenger to join shore excursions or cancel shore excursions for the following several reasons: late guests; safety reasons; immigration and custom clearance; and conditions beyond the control of the tour operator.
14. Information on this promotional leaflet is correct at the time of print. Dream Cruises reserves the final right to amend and change any applicable terms and conditions on this promotional leaflet without prior notice. In case of any disputes, the decision of Dream Cruises shall be final.
15. Dream Cruises will not be held responsible for any activity/transportation in ports of call other than that which is arranged through the tour desk onboard the vessels of Dream Cruises. Any activity/transportation inside or outside the port area is not within the control of Dream Cruises.
16. Itineraries and tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Kindly refer to the final tour information onboard.
17. For guests in wheelchairs, there will be crew members to guide and steady them as they embark for shore excursions, but the crew members cannot support, carry or lift guests on board the tender for safety reasons. Guests in wheelchairs please wear appropriate, flat, and securely attached footwear, when embarking and disembarking the tender. If passenger uses a wheelchair or mobility scooter, please note that passenger or passenger's travelling companion is responsible for assembling and disassembling the wheelchair/mobility scooter.

### Notes:

#### Travel Accident Insurance

Age	Medical expenses claimable due to accident happened during the course of the journey	Charges claimable for medical evacuation conducted during the course of the journey
6 months or above	Up to US\$5,000 (Deductible US\$50 /claim)	Up to US\$5,000 (Deductible US\$50 /claim)
1) This Travel Accident Insurance is provided by AIG. The provisions and exclusions as staged under the AIG policy shall be conclusive. The company has the absolute right to terminate the policy without any notice. 2) Travel Accident Insurance is not meant to replace your own travel insurance. For sake of completeness, we strongly advise you to obtain your own insurance arrangement before departure. 3) Please note that any claim for illness or injury must be formally lodged with full particulars to our Customer Service <u>strictly within thirty (30) days from the date of the incident</u> . Claims lodged after the said timeframe shall be considered as time-barred.		

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