



EXAMPLE ITINERARIES

DAY 1

Leave Auckland, lunch en route.

1pm - Visit **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**

LEOTC Programme at Waitangi Treaty Grounds including Cultural Performance

6pm - Arrive Russell – Orongo Bay Holiday Park

DAY 2

Visit the original **site of the first NZ Capital**.

RUSSELL TOWNSHIP TOUR:

Russell Museum

In the heart of Russell, learn about the early years of Maori-European contact. See a replica of Cook's Endeavour. Maori artefacts and artefacts from the whaling days.

Pompellier Mission 1842

New Zealand's only surviving pioneer printer and tannery. With eye opening hands-on demonstrations and tours bringing this fascinating early mission story to life through the steps of leather and book making as it was done by courageous pioneers.

Christ Church

New Zealand's oldest existing church and possible the oldest building still used for its original purpose. On close inspection you can still see the musket holes from the Battle of Kororareka.

The Gables

New Zealand's oldest operating restaurant. Joseph England, an immigrant shoemaker built the Gables in 1847. He purchased the land for 30pounds from Moko, a Maori chief several years earlier. He used whalebone for the foundation piles, and pit-sawn Kauri throughout the building. There is a secret room on the 1st floor which was apparently used for hiding sailors who had jumped ship.

Russell Police Station

Originally the Old Customs House 1870 built from a Gothic design by W H Clayton, the first colonial Architect to New Zealand. With the eventual drop-off in shipping the customs house was no longer required and the Police Dept agreed to take it over.

Flagstaff Hill

Walking distance from the town on Maiki Hill stands the famous flagstaff, cut down 4 times by Hone Heke between 1844 and 1845. It flies New Zealand's original flag twelve days a year. The views from the top are spectacular.

DAY 3

R Tucker Thompson – 19th Century Working Ship

Sail on a working tall ship. Help set the sails, or take the helm. Ride the bowsprit or climb the rigging. A not for profit operation.



DAY 4

Fullers Great Sights Tours

Follow the original Cream Trip route and see the best of the Bay of Islands – a must-do since 1927. Visit the Hole in the Rock and stop over at Urupukapuka Island for lunch at Otehei Bay.

DAY 5

KERIKERI

Morning

Kerikeri Mission Station

Established in 1819, the Kerikeri Mission Station is one of the first places in New Zealand where Māori invited visitors to live among them. Built under the protection of local chiefs who were keen to harness the trade and technology of Europe, Kerikeri Mission Station grew amidst a backdrop of tribal warfare and ever-increasing visits from foreign ships.

Kerikeri Stone Store

The Stone Store is New Zealand's oldest surviving stone building. Part of the second Church Missionary Society station in New Zealand, the store was designed by John Hobbs to replace an earlier wooden storehouse.

Kerikeri Kemp House

Set behind the Stone Store is New Zealand's oldest building, Kemp House. Completed in 1821-22 by missionary carpenters and Māori sawyers, Kemp House is a family home of simple Georgian Design. It has changed little over time, despite bearing witness to many historically significant events, as shared by the guides on fascinating tours of the building.

Afternoon

Waitangi Mountain Bike Track

Waitangi Mountain Bike Park provides the perfect introduction to mountain biking with lots of easy, scenic trails that you can take at your own pace. It offers 30 trails of varying difficulty with great flow and features, from introductory downhill riding, jump trails, cross country and beginner trails.

Haruru Falls

There is an excellent walking track between the Falls and the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, partly boardwalk through mangroves. These unusual horseshoe-shaped falls are worth seeing, and Māori legend says that a Taniwha lives in the lagoon below.

DAY 6

Twin Coast Cycle Trail – Pou Herenga Tai

Russell – Orongo Bay Holiday Park is conveniently located near to the start of the cycle trail in Opuā. A 7km trail takes you across the longest curved wooden bridge in the Southern Hemisphere to a small historic railway station at Taumarere. From here you can hop onto the Steam train to Kawakawa or continue further down the cycle trail.

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To and From Whangarei

Waipu Museum

Waipu Museum tells the story of Rev. Norman McLeod and his followers who built their own ships and sailed to the ends of the earth in search of a better life.

Waipu Caves

Go underground. Explore the hundreds of metres of underground passageways at the Waipu Caves. The main cave (about 175 metres long) has one of the longest stalagmites in NZ and you might spot a glow worm or few!

The Refinery Visitor Centre & Model – Marsden Point

The Centre features a 130 m³ scale model of the Marsden Point Oil Refinery which details the operations and processes together with a realistic sound and light show. There is also a model of the giant Gottwald Crane lifting the 760 tonne hydrocracker reactor and also a model of the Refinery Auckland pipeline.

Claphams National Clock Museum – Central Whangarei

Whangarei's world famous clock museum is home to over 2100 clocks and timepieces, making it one of the largest collections of clocks in the Southern Hemisphere.

Kiwi North – Museum – Kiwi House – Heritage Park – Whangarei

You will find Northland's only Kiwi House here at Kiwi North. This Whangarei attraction is set on 25 hectares of rolling farmland, forest & bush, with views that overlook the city & the Whangarei Heads the site features a museum, a nocturnal kiwi house and gift store, and unique Victorian heritage buildings.

Whangarei Falls

A picturesque waterfall, falling vertically for 26.3 metres over basalt cliffs. Viewing platforms allow easy access to the dramatic views as well as a circular walk.

Adventure Forest – Glenbervie

A journey through the tree-tops along high wire circuits packed with thrill and action. There are circuits for all ages and abilities.

Ruapekapeka Pah

A masterpiece of military engineering. Ruapekapeka represented a transition from traditional Māori pa, to defences especially designed to counter the long distance projectile and explosive weaponry of the British. The site is remarkable with its highly visible and well preserved defences carved into the landscape.

Kawiti Family Glow Worm Caves

Home to thousands of luminous glow worms, breath taking rock formations and lush green rainforest.

Kawakawa – Bay of Islands Vintage Railway

The Bay of Islands Vintage Railway is the most Northerly railway in New Zealand. It is of significant historical and cultural importance. The railway at Kawakawa was the North Island's first railway to be opened and the first to run a rail passenger service in the North Island. It is now celebrating over 150 years of rail. The station in Kawakawa was built in 1911 to replace the first that had been destroyed by fire, and is recognized by the Rail Heritage Trust and Far North District Council as being of heritage significance.

The Hundertwasser Memorial Park – Te Hononga Toilets & Museum

The famous Hundertwasser toilets - an international work of art and a tourist attraction in its own right. Designed by the reclusive expatriate Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser.



THEMED ADVENTURES TO AND FROM RUSSELL – ORONGO BAY HOLIDAY PARK

Adventure theme	Stops on way to Russell - Orongo Bay Holiday Park, Russell	Journey times, visit times and costs
NZ Northern Wars	Kiwi North – Trading Game activity, Ruapekapeka artefacts, Ruapekapeka & Museum visit Mount Parihaka Lookout Ruapekapeka - Walking and reading interpretations	Warkworth to Kiwi North 1hr 45mins Kiwi North: Trading Game & Museum visit \$5.00 per student 2hrs Kiwi North to Mount Parihaka Lookout and Memorial 17mins Mount Parihaka Lookout \$0.00 15mins Mount Parihaka to Ruapekapeka 48mins Ruapekapeka: Walking and reading interpretations \$0.00 1hr Ruapekapeka to Orongo Bay Holiday Park 1hr 10mins includes Opuia car ferry
Explorers & Traders	Waipu Museum – Scottish Migration Museum Bream Head – McLeod Bay Church, Smugglers Bay pirates Kiwi North – Trading Game activity, Navigate Your Way activity Te Waimate Mission House tour	Warkworth to Waipu Museum 54mins Waipu Museum: Scottish Migration story \$5/8.00 1hr Waipu Museum to Bream Head 1hr 9mins Bream Head: McLeod Bay church & Smugglers Track loop walk \$0.00 1hr 15mins Bream Head to Kiwi North 59 ins Kiwi North: Trading Game & Museum visit \$5.00 per student 2hrs Kiwi North to Te Waimate Mission 1hr 10mins Te Waimate Mission House tour \$5.00 per student 1hr Te Waimate to Orongo Bay Holiday Park 1hr 5mins includes Opuia car ferry
Kauri	The Kauri Museum – gum polishing, dendrochronology & Museum visit Dargaville Museum – activities & Museum visit Waipoua Kauri Forest – visit Tane Mahuta	Warkworth to The Kauri Museum 1hr 3mins The Kauri Museum: activities and Museum visit \$8.00 per student 2hrs The Kauri Museum to Dargaville Museum 38mins Dargaville Museum: activities & Museum visit \$5.00 per student 2hrs Dargaville Museum to Waipoua Forest 50mins Waipoua Kauri Forest: walk \$0.00 40mins Waipoua Forest to Orongo Bay Holiday Park 2hr 32mins includes Opuia car ferry
Kiwi Adventures	Kiwi North – Nocturnal Kiwi House, adaptations & conservation practices Optional: Aroha Island – kiwi habitat, an example of conservation in action	Warkworth to Kiwi North 1hr 4mins Kiwi North – Nocturnal Kiwi House & activities \$5.00 per student 2hrs Kiwi North to Aroha Island Eco-Centre 1hr 31mins Aroha Island Eco-Centre – an optional visit to see a kiwi habitat Aroha Island to Orongo Bay Holiday Park 1hr 26mins includes Opuia car ferry

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