

Aotea Great Barrier Island Escape

MoaTours

small group escapes
for mature travellers

Auckland - Claris - Mulberry Grove - Shoal Bay, Tryphena Harbour - Okupu - Whangaparapara - Port FitzRoy - Okiwi - Medlands Beach - Claris - Auckland

What's Included:

- Fully inclusive of all meals, accommodation, activities and return flights to Aotea Great Barrier Island ex Auckland
- Small group (maximum of 18 travellers), it's like travelling with a group of friends
- Designed especially for mature travellers
- Experienced and knowledgeable Kiwi Guide

Day 1:

Fly to Aotea Great Barrier Island – Claris – Tryphena

Enjoy a scenic flight over the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park to Claris. Lunch with Christina at the Boars Nest and visit artist galleries. Stay in relaxed, island style accommodation at Sunset Waterfront Lodge and Shoal Bay Estate for four nights and dine at Shoal Bay each evening.

Day 2:

Tryphena – Okupu, Blind Bay – Whangaparapara Harbour – Kaitoke

Hear the island's colourful history from a local's perspective when our local guide joins the coach. Stroll at Okupu, Blind Bay and Whangaparapara Harbour, once home to gold and silver mining, timber milling and whaling. Take an optional walk (40 mins each way) to Kaitoke Hot Springs.

Day 3:

Tryphena – Port FitzRoy – Glenfern – Okiwi – Tryphena

Over the ranges in Port FitzRoy we cruise on Chris' launch around the bays. At Glenfern jetty the custodians tell us about their conservation efforts in this predator-fenced regional park sanctuary. Later at Okiwi Gerald and Caity show us around Okiwi Passion organic gardens.

Day 4:

Tryphena – Claris sightseeing – Tryphena

Relax and enjoy the local knowledge of our local guide - fishing off the wharf, beachcombing, admiring the views from a lookout, and chatting about island life with Fenella at Mulberry Grove Cafe. Meet more locals when visiting the Honey Shop and Anamata Resource Recovery.

Day 5:

Tryphena – Medlands Beach – Claris – Fly to Auckland

Stroll or swim at Medlands Beach, a favourite spot for beach lovers. In Claris catch up with Dave Watson at the Milk, Honey and Grain Museum, a treasure trove of memorabilia, and visit the Community Heritage and Arts Village. In the afternoon we fly back to Auckland.

MoaTours traveller reviews:

"Everything about the tour was well organised, and we were extremely lucky to have amazing weather. We enjoyed meeting lots of the islanders and seeing and hearing about their innovative home-based business ventures. The scenery was awesome, and we were extremely well fed."

Julie Woods, May 2024

"An enjoyable tour to an island with many beautiful beaches, bays and bush. In some ways like stepping back in time, off the grid with locals endeavoring to protect the environment and culture of a more relaxed, friendly way of life. Small, friendly tour group connecting to locals and custom experiences."

Deidre Cameron, May 2023

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