

# NORTHLAND EXPERIENCES

— Unique biking and hiking tours —

SMALL  
EXCLUSIVE  
TOUR  
GROUPS

## Cycling and walking

Cycling and walking all year round in our sub-tropical climate, fresh air and scenery is the ultimate high for your Northland visit. You will venture deep into the heart of Northland's rich culture and history.

You will find scenery rich and diverse. You can walk the islands which are incredibly pristine and full of birds and cycle one of NZ's Great Rides - The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Trail which takes you through amazing scenery and towns from the East Coast to the West Coast. Explore art, culture and history at every turn. Discover our local wines at the vineyards, enjoy top class cuisine at award winning restaurants and venture to unique, character filled pubs.

## Cycling Tours

Cook to Kupe Cycle Tour - 5 days cycling taking you on an amazing journey from the Bay of Islands on the East Coast across the country to the Hokianga on the West Coast.

A luxury e-bike tour rich in history, culture, scenery, quirky towns, fascinating locals, boutique accommodation, gastronomical delights, and enchanting Northland experiences through a mixture of cycling and walking. Let us introduce you to some amazing, untouched hidden gems of the Far North.

## Bespoke Tours

Creating a bespoke tour for your group is one of our specialities! Itineraries from 3 to 7 days in length. All inclusive - accommodation - food - biking - hiking - art and culture - wine and food - golf - sailing - tell us what you love to do.

## Nothing else to book!

All inclusive;

- Accommodation in a range of local lodges, taverns and hotels.
- Fully supported tour with Tour leader escorting you with a luxury minibus.
- All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Tours / entry - Waitangi Treaty Grounds, Footprints Waipoua Forest, Wairere Boulders
- All transfers during the tour as well as ferry fares.
- Top quality E-bikes
- Small exclusive tour groups - maximum 10 pax



Just a 3 hour drive from  
Auckland or a 45 minute flight.

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# COOK TO KUPE TOUR

In 1769 James Cook came to New Zealand and gave the Bay of Islands its name. This tour takes you from the Bay of Islands on the East Coast to the mythical Hokianga Harbour on the West Coast.

Where the legendary Polynesian explorer Kupe landed his waka. Many Maori tribes trace their ancestry back to Kupe. On this adventure you will visit many significant sites that formed the history of NZ and experience the magical beauty of Northland. Our tours start on a Monday and finish the following Saturday. We also cater for all abilities.

## Day 1

Beginning the tour with a visit to the Birthplace of the Nation - Waitangi Treaty Grounds, before embarking on approximately 40km of scenic off-road cycling across to the Hokianga Harbour. Staying in an historic tavern right on the water's edge...the first pub in NZ. This has been a family run business for 20 years and the proprietor is full of history along with delicious home cooked fare...you will often find a freshly caught snapper on your plate! Step back in time and enjoy the sunset.

## Day 2

Around 30km cycling today, starting with a cycle to the wonderland of Wairere Boulders, for a hike and then onto Mangungu Mission House at the end of the Twin Coast Cycle Trail. This is where the greatest number of chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi. Over 70 chiefs added their assent before a crowd of up to 3,000 people. The beautiful launch, "Ranui" takes you and your bike across the Harbour to the quirky villages of Kohukohu and Rawene, where there are - art galleries, a heritage trail and cafes. A ride with breath-taking views, takes you off the beaten track on a road not many travel. Our destination for the afternoon ride is the dramatic South Heads at the Hokianga Harbour mouth, where you will experience a magical sunset and feel the cultural significance of this area. For 2 nights you will stay and dine on the waterfront, in a quality hotel with breath-taking views of the sand dunes straight across the harbour.

## Day 3

A chance to soak up the Hokianga. Choose to bike, hike, create your own bone carving, jetski, paddleboard, a spa day or just relax by the pool or in front of the fire depending on the season. In the evening visit Tane Mahuta on the Footprints Waipoua Forest Twilight Tour. Your guide will share thought-provoking stories and legends accompanied with some humorous banter, before respectfully greeting the oldest and largest known kauri trees in the world with spine-tingling chants and song.

## Day 4

Heading back to the East coast along the Twin Coast Cycle Trail cycling around 45km, you pass through stunning scenery with suspension bridges and beautiful estuaries. Your destination is the charming village of Russell which was a Māori settlement until it became a base for European traders, whalers, and missionaries in the early 1800s. Accommodation is at the iconic Duke of Marlborough Hotel in beautiful rooms recently renovated. Dine in the Duke's award-winning restaurant. Enjoy another glorious sunset. Although it is now called The Duke, originally it started life as Jonny Johnsons Grog Shop.

## Day 5

Travelling from Russell to Kerikeri - you have plenty of time and options to explore the area - on foot or by bike. Immerse yourself in Russell and Paihia known for their history, pretty beaches and lookouts. The stunning Omata Estate vineyard for wine tasting and platters, Pompallier House - with the coffee and croissant tour, riding the trails in the Waitangi Mountain Bike Park or walking the Haruru Falls river track. Explore Kerikeri, visit the Stone Store Basin, walking to Rainbow Falls or enjoying the art and craft galleries. Your hotel is set in quiet park like grounds at the hub of Kerikeri's Saturday morning rituals - "The Old Packhouse Market", a feast of food, local produce, incredible coffee, arts and crafts, and live music. The tour comes to an end with a celebratory meal at the award winning Ake Ake Vineyard in Kerikeri that evening.

## Day 6

For those not in a rush, take in The Old Packhouse Market or the famous Makana Chocolate Factory and its very decadent Galleria - also right on your doorstep. For those wanting to stay longer and explore the area we can help with your accommodation and designing a fun itinerary to suit your requirements.







## BESPOKE TOURS

We create personalised walking and bicycle tours with our expert local knowledge and experienced tour leaders. Cycle the Twin Coast Cycle Trail with a hike out to one of the beautiful islands in the Bay of Islands or venture further North to explore the diverse coastline. Go from wild, raw beauty to softer spots with its secrets in small bushy nooks or sandy crescent beaches. Examples of our recent bespoke tours...

### Coast to Coast - the ultimate hiking and biking adventure

Hike to iconic Cape Brett, walk the islands, cycle the Twin Coast Cycle Trail, with a superb extension to the stunning Hokianga Harbour. A fun tour with a variety of accommodation including a night on the tip of the Cape Brett Peninsula, always accompanied by great food.



### Cape to Cove - hike the best of the North

Northland is full of hidden gems, with walks that not everyone has yet discovered and that are often hard to access. You are more than likely to meet only a couple of people as you hike these trails. The walks are special not only for their beauty but for the cultural and historic elements that are unique to this part of the world. Hike to glorious Cape Brett, walk on the islands, Whangaroa Harbour Walk, and loads more steps in between. We travel by e-bikes, boat and luxury mini-bus. Accommodation can be a little bit rustic or downright luxurious!



### Wine, art and the great outdoors!

Take in our boutique vineyards, art and craft galleries and enjoy a sense of achievement along the way. Decide if you want to include cycling or walking on your tour. We travel by e-bikes, boat and luxury mini-bus. Accommodation has beautiful sense of style and quirkiness.

### Corporate Tours

Our guided cycling tours and guided hikes create the atmosphere for pure kick-back time, team-building opportunities, or simple business socialising. We know Northland with its secret beauty spots, the out-there wild dashing west coast, the majestic forests, and castle-high sand dunes. We specialise in putting together tailored tours to fit your precise needs. We cater for small corporate groups of up to 12 people, of every fitness level, as we have e-bikes making easy cycling, and a luxury mini-bus if you need a break.

