

Tiritiri Matangi & Kawau Islands Adventures - itinerary

Moderate Fitness Required

DAY ONE MT, L, D

Today we are venturing to the North Shore of super city Auckland. We'll start our day off by being picked up we'll enjoying a leisurely morning tea along the way. Our next stop is the Sky Tower in Auckland, where we'll take in the stunning views of the city from the viewing deck. While we are here, we'll enjoy buffet lunch at the Fortuna Restaurant at the Sky City Hotel. After our sky-high adventure, we'll depart from the Sky City and head to our accommodation for our stay. In the evening, we'll enjoy a delightful dinner before retiring for the evening.

DAY TWO B, L, D

Rise and shine, it's time to embark on a new adventure! After breakfast, we'll hop aboard our transport and head to Sandspit. Once there we'll grab a coffee at a local cafe, before continuing our journey. Our next destination is Kawau Island, where we'll spend the day cruising around the island delivering mail and passengers along the way. Our expert guide will provide a full commentary, detailing the island's rich history and natural wonders. Once we arrive on Kawau Island, we'll enjoy lunch at the stunning Mansion House, a magnificent heritage building surrounded by picturesque gardens. We'll also can tour the property and learn more about its fascinating past. After a day of exploring, we'll head back to Sandspit. From here we'll make our way back to our accommodation to have a wee rest prior to dinner.

DAY THREE B, L, D

Please note there is no transportation on the island and the walk is up a hill.

Please be aware that this is not a destination for people with mobility issues.

You will need good walking shoes, snacks & a light rain jacket. Please also remember to take all rubbish with you and any food must be sealed in a Plastic Rodent Free Container. After picking up our picnic lunches, we will travel onto Gulf Harbour to meet our big Catamaran for our cruise to Tiritiri Matangi Island with "360 Discovery". Here we join a 1 ½ hour guided morning experience and learn about one of the world's most fabulous conservation projects. View the exquisite birdlife, natural surrounds, re-vegetation and history of Tiritiri Matangi. Your guide will highlight the best spots to see various wildlife on the island and help you identify birdcalls (try and beat our tally from our last trip of 19 species identified), echoing through the trees. Our guide will escort us to the visitor centre with its Informative exhibits. You are free to wander, look and listen as you make your way back to the vessel. A day on Tiritiri Matangi gets better every time we visit.

DAY FOUR

B, MT, L, D

Today we'll embark on a day of sensory delights. Our journey unfolds with a visit to Swiss Bliss Chocolates, where we'll delve into the fascinating process of bean-to-bar chocolate making, accompanied by delectable tastings and a cup of rich hot chocolate in the tranquil garden setting. Next, immerse yourself in the serene beauty of Kaipara Coast Plant Centre and Sculpture Gardens, where morning tea awaits amidst lush greenery, followed by an enlightening garden tour. Then, we journey to Soljans Estate Winery for a wine tasting paired with a sumptuous lunch featuring a glass of their finest vintage. As the day gently winds down, we take a leisurely stroll through the picturesque Mincher Gardens, offering easy walking trails and scenic vistas. After our busy and delicious day, we return to our hotel to freshen up before enjoying our dinner at the onsite restaurant.

DAY FIVE

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Before we make our way home, we will travel to Devonport, enjoying some sights along the way. Our first stop is Torpedo Bay here; we'll take our time to look around this tremendous Navy Museum. After our interesting and informative

morning, we'll enjoy a little time perusing the shops and seeking out a lunch spot in one of the many Cafes in Devonport Village. We'll then hit the road for our journey back home.