

FROLICKING IN THE FAR NORTH



Mystic, music, scenery and
history in the Bay of Islands
Plus Shakespeare in the
Pop-up Globe

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**Music, Shakespeare, Highwic House
High Tea, Bay of Islands, History,
Scenery**

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Experience the Exceptional...

- Discover the magic and mystique of the Far North as we explore this magnificent region and see some cultural highlights of Auckland. Steeped in history, Northland is one of the most beautiful and interesting parts of New Zealand.
- We present musical events in some iconic places, taking each special setting and matching it with special concerts: a haunting sacred concert *Mystical Melodies* in Russell's Christ Church, *Memories Are Made of This* in the old Duke of Marlborough Hotel and *Showstoppers* in a vineyard setting in Kerikeri.
- In Auckland we stay at the multi award winning Grand Windsor Hotel, Art Deco in style, which won the 2019 *Best New Hotel in the World* coveted title!
- The eight-day tour includes many breathtaking experiences, including Cape Reinga, and a cruise in the beautiful Bay of Islands where we might find some Dolphins!
- We step back to the time of Shakespeare with the Pop-up Globe performance in Ellerslie.
- All this with our own special flavour with fabulous themed concerts from our hosts Alex, Paul and Stuart.



YOUR HOSTS ON THIS TRIP:



Alex Milligan



**Paul
Carnegie-Jones**



Stuart Coats

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2020 (L, D)

- Grand Windsor Hotel (2 nights)

The Grand Windsor Hotel is situated in a chic historic building on Queen St within walking distance of the viaduct and harbour, as well as lots of shopping!

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- A coach drive of Auckland, including Tamaki Drive, Bastion Point, Auckland Domain and the beautiful Wintergardens, before arriving at the Viaduct with some time to explore the area; visit the Maritime Museum and then check into the Grand Windsor Hotel.
- A lovely lunch at one of Auckland's premier restaurants Harbourside Ocean Bar & Grill.
- A welcome gourmet dinner at one of Auckland's top restaurants where you will be entertained by our artists in a welcome concert.

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2020 (B, High Tea, D)

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- A Victorian garden party, plus tour at historic Highwic House with music from our string trio.
- Shakespeare play at the incredible replica Pop-up Globe set in the beautiful Ellerslie Racecourse. (Subject to availability).

MONDAY 23 MARCH 2020 (B, MT, D)

-Scenic Circle Hotel - Paihia (5 nights)

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Today drive to the Bay of Islands with historic Puhoi for morning tea, and lunch at the Whangarei Basin.
- Dinner at Hotel.

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2020 (B, L, D)

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Sail to Russell, the original capital of NZ, with historic buildings.
- Enjoy a beautiful sacred concert *Mystical Melodies* at Christ Church.
- A visit to Pompallier House built in the 19th century.
- A half day cruise onboard the historic sailing ship with a chance to see dolphins and enjoy a BBQ lunch.
- Dinner and our concert entitled *An Evening with Stu*.

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020 (B, L, D)

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Day tour to Cape Reinga.
- Visit the fascinating Ancient Kauri Kingdom.



- Lunch and a drive down or up Ninety Mile Beach (depending on tides).
- A casual dinner and a sing-along movie night with *My Fair Lady*.

THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2020 (B, L, D)

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Foodies tour of Kerikeri including a visit to Makana Chocolates and Ake Ake Vineyard for some tastings!
- Visit to Kemp House (otherwise known as Kerikeri Mission House) and adjacent to this is the oldest stone building in NZ, the Stone Store built in 1832.
- Lunch at the lovely Peartree Restaurant.
- Visit Marsden Estate for an elegant dinner, with music theatre concert *Showstoppers*.

FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2020 (B, D)

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- A Bay of Islands cruise to Cape Brett Peninsula and the famous Hole in the Rock on Motukokako Island.
- Final night dinner in the Duke of Marlborough ballroom with a concert entitled *Memories Are Made of This*.

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2020 (B)

HIGHLIGHTS include:

- Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds for a chance to look around and enjoy a cultural concert at New Zealand's most important historical site.
- Journey back to Auckland stopping at central points to drop people off on our way home.



\$4,775 *per person
twin share*

Single Room supplement add \$1,660

Initial Deposit on booking **\$900**

Second Deposit due 25 October 2019 **\$1,500**

Final Balance due 11 December 2019

Deposits refundable (less costs incurred) prior to FINAL BALANCE DUE DATE. Itinerary details are subject to change, however any changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.

PLEASE NOTE: As our travellers are coming from all over NZ, airfares are not included.

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- An eight-day tour of Auckland and Northland with accommodation at Grand Windsor Hotel, Auckland (2 nights) and Scenic Circle Hotel, Paihia (5 nights).
- Musical events in iconic places, taking each special setting and matching it with special concerts including a haunting sacred concert *Mystical Melodies* in Russell's Christ Church, *Memories Are Made of This* in the old Duke of Marlborough Hotel and *Showstoppers* in a vineyard setting in Kerikeri.
- Shakespeare at the Pop-up Globe (dependent on availability) and half day cruise on board R. Tucker Thompson including lunch, lunch at Harbourside Ocean Bar and Grill, Auckland Viaduct and the Maritime Museum, and a Victorian garden party at the historic Highwic House.
- All tours, including tours of Auckland and Bay of Islands, coach tour to Cape Reinga, Kerikeri foodies tour, historic tour of Russell, and cruises around the beautiful Bay of Islands.
- All breakfasts, 1 morning tea, 1 high tea, 4 lunches and 7 dinners.
- Hosted by Alex Milligan, Paul Carnegie-Jones and Stuart Coats.

EASY TOUR

This tour will suit people with a stick, but not a walker. You will be required to walk to get from place to place and stand in museums, but it is designed to be an easy tour with lots of times to rest, travel on a coach and walk easy leisurely distances.

"Walking is fine. I can get on and off a coach. I am happy to stand for an hour or two in museums and galleries and gently stroll through places of interest. I am happy to climb the odd set of stairs."

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$300.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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