



# Air Safari — Winterless North via Waiheke Island

**4 days / 3 nights Tour    From \$2990pp**

**Tour departs from Auckland, taking you along a breath-taking private Air Safari north to Cape Reinga via Paihia. Returning back via Waiheke with lunch and wine tasting to Auckland.**

## **Day 1            Arrive in Auckland**

On arrival in Auckland, you will be taken to your hotel by shared transfer. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the city. Why not take a walk around the Auckland Viaduct Harbour and Wynard Quarter bustling with restaurants and bars, a great place to sit back and enjoy the beauty of this city, based around 2 large harbours. In the centre of the city is the iconic Sky Tower which has views of the city, harbours and out to the Hauraki Gulf. Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park, is based around an extinct volcano and home to the formal Wintergardens. Near Downtown, Mission Bay Beach has a seaside promenade where you can take a walk or you could take a short ferry trip across the harbour to visit historic Devonport.

Hotel: Airedale Boutique Suites

## **Day 2            Auckland — Air Safari via West Coast to Bay of Islands            B,D**

This morning we have breakfast at our hotel before boarding our transfer to Ardmore Airport, where we meet our pilot/guide for the coming days. We depart Ardmore in either a 4-seater Cessna 172 or a De Havilland Beaver aircraft, depending on the number of passengers aboard. Enjoy some beautiful views, flying over the Auckland Harbour Bridge as we head north following the dramatic West Coast of Northland to Kerikeri. On arrival at Kerikeri Airport we are transferred by land to Paihia where we overnight. The rest of the afternoon is free in Paihia for you to explore this town which is known as a gateway to the dive sites and sandy beaches of the Bay of Islands. Paihia is home to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, a carved meeting house, a museum and a giant Maori canoe mark the site of the founding of modern New Zealand. A stroll along the shore is a very pleasant and scenic one. Dinner is at the hotel this evening.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

## **Day 3            Cape Reinga            B**

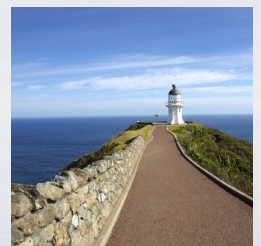
After breakfast this morning, we are transferred to Kerikeri Airport and board our aircraft for a spectacular overfly of 90-Mile Beach which is the fabled strip of sand that stretches from Ahipara to Scott Point, five kilometres south of Cape Maria van Diemen. Truth be told, it is actually 88 kilometres long. This beach is officially a highway, but is really only suitable for 4WD vehicles and is safe to drive only at specific times of the tides. From the air it is quite spectacular and the immense length of it very apparent. From here we continue onto the magnificent Cape Reinga which is the northwesternmost tip of the Aupouri Peninsula, near the tip of the North Island. Cape Reinga is generally considered the separation marker between the Tasman Sea to the west and the Pacific Ocean to the east. From the air you can see the tidal race, as the two seas clash to create unsettled waters just off the coast. The Māori refer to this as the meeting of *Te Moana-a-Rehua*, 'the sea of Rehua' with *Te Tai-o-Whitirea*, 'the sea of Whitirea', Rehua and Whitirea being a male and a female respectively. From here we return to Kerikeri airport and transfer back to Paihia – the rest of the day at leisure for you to enjoy one of the many activities on offer - a fishing trip, take the short ferry trip to visit historic Russell, or a cruise into the Bay of Islands to Cape Brett 'Hole in the Rock'. This evening is free for you to dine at any of the great establishments in Paihia or get fish and chips and enjoy on the beach.

Hotel: Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

## **Day 4            Bay of Islands — Waiheke Island — Auckland            B,L**

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the hotel this morning before we transfer to Kerikeri Airport and board our plane for a scenic flight over the East Coast of Northland, heading south-east to Waiheke Island where we land. Waiheke Island is the most populated and the second-largest island in the Hauraki Gulf and is a haven of beautiful vineyards, olive groves and beaches. Here we will visit a local vineyard where we will have a wine tasting experience and lunch. There will be time to soak up and enjoy the landscape, lifestyle and relaxed vibe of Waiheke before leaving for Auckland's Ardmore Airport. From here transfers to Auckland Airport or hotel can be arranged.

**Option: Extend your stay or stopover to Great Barrier Island or Coromandel Peninsula, please ask for a quote.**





**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

Air Safari in a Cessna 172 (2 people) or De Havilland Beaver (for 4-6 people).  
Three nights in centrally located hotels including Breakfast Daily (B).  
Meals as stipulated in Itinerary include 1x Dinner, 1x Lunch with wine tasting.  
Luggage allowance of 15 KG per person.

**TOUR EXCLUSIONS:**

Domestic Air Fares, Additional /Optional Tour Costs, Hotel Mini Bar, other Sightseeing/Meals not stated in Itinerary.

**PAYMENTS:**

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of booking. The balance of the tour price is required 45 days prior to your travel date. If you book inside 45 days, full payment will be required at the time of booking. Payment can be made by bank transfer. If you cancel between 21 and 45 days prior to your travel date 30% of your tour cost will be charged. Cancellations within 20 days of departures will incur a 100% cancellation charge. Inspired New Zealand Tours recommends purchasing travel insurance, even when travelling within New Zealand.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

Full Terms and conditions are listed on the Inspired New Zealand Tours website. When a booking is made it is accepted that these are agreed to. They include the following: Itineraries are correct when initially published, however are subject to change due to circumstances outside our control. Flights are the responsibility of the passenger and Inspired New Zealand Tours takes no responsibility for costs involved for any changes to flights that might be required due to necessary amendments in itineraries.

**TOUR PRICE:**

**\$2,990.00 Per Person on a Share Twin Basis  
For 2 or 4 people**

Valid for departures from 01 April until 31 December 2021

\* minimum 2 passengers

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