



Bay of Islands

A Slower Way to Explore

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The Luxury Of Time

Some places are best discovered by trying to see everything.

The Bay of Islands isn't one of them.

This is a place where the best memories are often the simplest. A quiet morning overlooking the water. A leisurely lunch at a vineyard. Wandering through a historic village. Finding a beach with hardly another person in sight.

It's a region that rewards curiosity rather than schedules. Taking the scenic road instead of the quickest one. Stopping at a gallery you hadn't planned to visit. Linger over coffee because there's nowhere else you need to be.

Many of our guests tell us their favourite days are the ones with just one destination. They leave after breakfast, explore at their own pace, enjoy a long lunch, then return to their private guesthouse in the afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

Over the following pages, we've shared a few of our favourite places to help you experience the Bay of Islands in the same way. They're not a checklist or an itinerary, simply ideas gathered from years of living here and helping guests discover this remarkable part of New Zealand.

Wherever your journey takes you, we hope it encourages you to slow down, stay a little longer, and enjoy the Bay of Islands at its own gentle pace.



Why So Many Visitors Choose Kerikeri

One of the first decisions when planning a Bay of Islands holiday is deciding where to stay.

Kerikeri is a vibrant destination in its own right, with wonderful cafés and restaurants, boutique shopping, art, local markets, vineyards and some of New Zealand's most important historic places. It is a town with real life and character, not simply somewhere to return to at the end of the day.

Its location also makes it an ideal base for exploring the wider region. Bay of Islands cruises are only around twenty minutes away, while Russell, beautiful Northland beaches, golf courses, Mangōnui, Doubtless Bay and the Hokianga are all within easy reach.

Rather than packing and unpacking every couple of days, visitors can settle in, unpack once and explore from one central base. One day might be spent on the water, another discovering historic places, another enjoying galleries, vineyards or a long lunch, and another exploring one of Northland's beautiful coastal areas.

It is a more relaxed way to experience the region, with less time changing accommodation and more time enjoying each day.



Four Favourite Slow Days

One of the pleasures of staying in Kerikeri is that there's no need to spend your holiday constantly moving from place to place.

Some of the Bay of Islands and Northland's most memorable destinations are all within an easy drive, making it simple to enjoy one relaxed outing each day before returning to your accommodation.

Russell



Cross the short ferry from Opua and spend the day exploring one of New Zealand's oldest settlements. Wander the waterfront, browse galleries and boutique shops, visit historic sites and enjoy a leisurely lunch overlooking the bay.

Mangonui



Discover the charm of historic Mangōnui with its waterfront cafés, galleries and boutique shops before continuing to the beautiful beaches of Doubtless Bay. It's a wonderful combination of local character, coastal scenery and a relaxed lunch by the water.

Kerikeri



Spend a relaxed day discovering Kerikeri's history, local food and beautiful surroundings. Visit Rainbow Falls, explore the Stone Store and Kerikeri Basin, enjoy lunch at a vineyard and, on Saturdays, browse the Old Packhouse Market before returning at your own pace.

Hokianga



Follow the scenic drive west to the magnificent Hokianga Harbour. Historic settlements, rolling countryside, vast sand dunes and one of New Zealand's most significant cultural landscapes make this a memorable day for those wanting to experience a different side of Northland.

Why Stay a Little Longer?

The Bay of Islands is easy to underestimate.

At first glance, it can seem like somewhere to visit for a night or two before moving on. But much of its appeal lies in having enough time to enjoy it without rushing.

A longer stay means you can unpack once and explore at a gentler pace. One day might be spent cruising among the islands, another wandering historic Russell, another discovering Mangōnui or the Hokianga, with time still left to enjoy Kerikeri itself. You might even choose a scenic helicopter flight, a vineyard lunch, a round of golf or simply an afternoon with nowhere you need to be.

It also allows space for the quieter moments that often become the most memorable. A slow breakfast. A leisurely lunch. Time to wander through galleries, browse local markets, relax in the garden or read a book on your private deck.

Instead of trying to fit everything into a tight itinerary, you can choose one memorable outing each day and still have time to simply enjoy where you are.

For many visitors, that's when the Bay of Islands becomes more than a destination. It becomes somewhere they wish they had stayed a little longer.



Staying at Tregghan Lodge

Where you stay shapes your whole holiday. It's about finding somewhere that becomes part of the holiday itself.

Tregghan Lodge is a boutique lodge offering the privacy of your own fully self-contained luxury guesthouse, set within two acres of peaceful gardens just minutes from the heart of Kerikeri. With no shared spaces or interruptions, you're free to relax completely and explore the Bay of Islands at your own pace.

Whether you're spending your days cruising among the islands, discovering historic towns, enjoying vineyard lunches or simply unwinding in the garden, Tregghan provides a peaceful place to return to at the end of each day.

If you're looking for a slower, more relaxed Bay of Islands experience, we'd love to welcome you.



Tregghan Lodge

Luxury lodge accommodation in Kerikeri, Bay of Islands

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