

TE TAI TOKERAU NORTHLAND

TOP TEN THINGS TO DO



Bay of Islands
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The subtropical region of Taitokerau Northland is the perfect year-round holiday destination, and an easy road trip from Auckland. Known as the birthplace of Aotearoa New Zealand, this region is rich in cultural and historical experiences and astounding natural beauty with ancient kauri forests, aquatic playgrounds and secluded islands to explore.

MĀORI HISTORY, CULTURE AND STORYTELLING

Be immersed in the Māori creation story and learn all about the landing of the first Polynesian explorer, Kupe, to Aotearoa New Zealand's shores at **Manea Footprints of Kupe**. Enjoy the manaakitanga (the respect, generosity and care shown for guests) of Māori hosts and guides throughout the region.

DUAL HERITAGE

Discover Aotearoa New Zealand's most important historic site. Learn about the coming together of more than 500 Māori chiefs and the British Crown, and the stories of our nation through the contemporary museums, tours and cultural performances at the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**.

ANCIENT KAURI FORESTS

Explore Aotearoa New Zealand's ancient, giant kauri forest and learn the story of Tāne Mahuta – The Lord of the Forest and the largest standing kauri in the world with **Footprints Waipoua**. Or visit the **Kauri Museum** and discover the history and industries of this precious natural resource.

TE RERENGA WAIRUA CAPE REINGA

Visit the spiritual top of Aotearoa New Zealand, where it's believed Māori spirits depart for their final journey, and the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean intertwine. Join an off-road tour of Te Oneroa a Tōhē Ninety Mile Beach with **Fullers GreatSights**. Or view all the beauty from above with **Salt Air**.



Manea Footprints of Kupe



Footprints Waipoua



Waitangi Treaty Grounds



Hundertwasser Art Centre and Wairau Māori Art Gallery

AQUATIC PLAYGROUNDS

Marine adventures are abundant in this region. Base yourself in the Bay of Islands with its myriad of islands and pristine beaches. Explore the islands with **Barefoot Sailing Adventures** and spot the local wild dolphins and sea birds on **Carino Wildlife Cruises**. Or visit the Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve where you can experience one of the top 10 dive sites in the world with **Dive! Tutukaka**.

ART AND NATURE IN HARMONY

The new **Hundertwasser Art Centre and Wairau Māori Art Gallery** is a must-visit. This community-led project, years in the making, has transformed Whangārei into an iconic art destination. The gallery celebrates the art and architecture of Friedensreich Hundertwasser and contemporary Māori artists.

NORTHLAND JOURNEYS

Taitokerau Northland is the perfect self-drive region. **Northland Journeys** is a collection of ten half-to-full day suggested driving routes that break up the **Twin Coast Discovery Highway**, an 800km circular touring route. Discover this iconic destination and its spectacular coastlines, marine reserves, kauri forests and two oceans that collide.

CYCLING ADVENTURES

Discover adventure on the **Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail**, spanning from the Bay of Islands in the east to the Hokianga Harbour in the west. Alternatively, the Waitangi Mountain Bike Park has over 50kms of trails for all abilities that can be explored on tour with **Paihia Mountain Bikes**.

IDYLIC NATURAL SPACES

Taitokerau Northland is an ideal place for **walking and hiking**. Discover stunning coastal tracks and trails with views out over the uncrowded beaches of the Bay of Islands, maybe even spot dolphins and whales from cliff tops. Or journey through the lush native bush, groves of ancient kauri trees, and past picturesque waterfalls with **Adventure Puketi**.

SAVOUR LOCAL PRODUCE

Sample the best of Taitokerau Northland's hospitality and subtropical produce, enjoying fresh seafood, local wines and gourmet cuisine of the many wineries, produce stalls, and farmers markets on one of these **food and beverage itineraries**. Be sure to enjoy a beer or wine at the famous **Duke of Marlborough bar & restaurant** New Zealand's oldest licenced hotel, in the charming seaside town of Russell, just a short ferry over from Paihia.



Poor Knights Islands



Whangārei Falls



Bay of Islands



Twin Coast Cycle Trail



Cape Reinga



Paihia Sailing