

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES IN AMAZING PLACES



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Explore Group delivers once in a lifetime experiences for our customers every day in four amazing destinations - Auckland, Bay of Islands, Hamilton Island and Airlie Beach.

Starting out with one America's Cup yacht based in Auckland, New Zealand in 2000, we've since expanded to become a successful multi-region and multi-product operation - and we're still growing.

We are a New Zealand family-owned company and now operate in Auckland and the Bay of Islands in New Zealand, and Hamilton Island and Airlie Beach in Australia. We are extremely proud of our portfolio of experiences on offer ranging from sailing to diving to dining, with each product thoughtfully designed to showcase its destination.

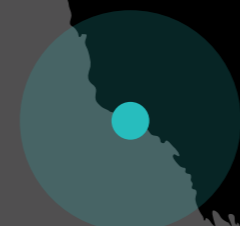
We are a multi award-winning company recognised for our commitment to responsible and sustainable tourism, and our experiences have become must do's for people visiting these destinations.

What sets us apart is the exceptional customer experience we deliver. This comes down to the passion and enthusiasm of our team who are incredibly proud of the places they live and enjoy sharing these amazing locations through our unique experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you on board soon.

Where we operate:

-  **Auckland, New Zealand:** Hauraki Gulf, Waitematā Harbour, Tiritiri Matangi Island, Man O' War & Rotoroa Island
-  **Bay of Islands, New Zealand:** Paihia, Russell, Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka Island, Motukōkako [Hole in the Rock], Cape Brett, Cape Reinga, Ninety Mile Beach
-  **Whitsundays, Australia:** Hamilton Island, Airlie Beach/Shute Harbour, Great Barrier Reef, Whitsunday Island, Hook Island



EXPLORE AUCKLAND



Get out on Tikapa Moana - the Hauraki Gulf, and discover Auckland on the water. We have a range of unique sailing, cruising and dining experiences that will give you a whole new perspective on Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland) from our vibrant cityscape to island sanctuaries...

Our team are incredibly proud of our beautiful city and its harbour and they are ready to show you around. It is their passion, knowledge and experience that sets us apart, with their input and enthusiasm we deliver unique experiences that truly showcase this amazing destination. Our sailing and cruising experiences have become an Auckland 'must do' and our sails on the harbour have become part of the backdrop of this beautiful city's landscape.

We are a locally owned and managed company recognised for delivering excellent customer experience and our commitment to responsible and sustainable tourism.



AMERICA'S CUP SAILING EXPERIENCE

Feel the thrill of the wind in your face as you sail across the Waitematā Harbour. Join our professional crew to help sail an authentic America's Cup race yacht.

Highlights:

- 2 hours sailing experience
- A unique opportunity to participate as crew on an actual America's Cup yacht.
- Take the helm, exert energy on the grinders with guidance from our professional crew
- Informative commentary about the harbour, the America's Cup and its history
- Time to sit back and relax while you take in the city sights
- A wet weather jacket will be provided if required
- No sailing experience necessary



Duration: **2 hours**

Departs **Auckland Viaduct**

11:00am & 2:00pm Daily: November - March

1:00pm Daily: April - October

Note: Please wear a light jacket and flat soled shoes. Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 10-15 years. Children must be a minimum of 10 years old. Please bring your own water and wear flat soled shoes. No toilets on board. Timetable subject to change.



TIKAPA MOANA WHALE & DOLPHIN WILDLIFE CRUISE

Explore Tikapa Moana - the Hauraki Gulf with us. Spot the diverse marine life that calls it home and listen to the stories of the original inhabitants and Iwi of Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki.

Highlights:

- Scenic cruising around the Hauraki Gulf islands with informative commentary on our purpose built cruise vessel
- Opportunity to spot marine wildlife including whales, dolphins, seals, penguins, birdlife and more
- Marine mammal viewing guarantee - come again for free if we don't spot any marine mammals during your cruise[^]
- Learn about the history of this iconic landscape including the volcanic peaks, many islands and extended coastline and hear fascinating stories on the origins and histories of land, sea and Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki.
- This cruise includes travel via some of the beautiful Hauraki Gulf islands to pick-up and drop-off passengers

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NGĀI TAI-TE HAERENGA
DISCOVER OUR SACRED ISLANDS



Monday - Friday **6hrs 45mins**

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays **5hrs 30mins**

Departs **Auckland Viaduct**

9:15am Monday - Friday | **11:30am** Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. [^]Complimentary vouchers are subject to availability and valid for 12 months. Please note, lunch is not included. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks are available for purchase on board. Timetable subject to change






HARBOUR SAILING CRUISE

Relax onboard this inner harbour sailing experience and take in the city highlights. Sail under the Harbour Bridge, spot volcanic peaks and admire the iconic city skyline from the best view in town.

Highlights:

- Your choice of fresh coffee, tea or a hot chocolate served with a cookie.
- Informative commentary from our knowledgeable crew about the harbour and its history
- Opportunity to help sail this 50ft monohull sailing yacht
- View Auckland city landmarks from the water including sailing under the Harbour Bridge when conditions permit



 Duration: **1.5 hours**

Departs **Auckland Viaduct**
3:15pm Daily

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. Please wear flat soled shoes. Timetable subject to change.




HARBOUR DINNER CRUISE

Enjoy a three-course meal on this intimate sailing experience. Watch as the city lights up from the sheltered waters of the Waitematā Harbour.

Highlights:

- 2.5 hour sailing experience on Auckland's Waitematā Harbour
- Welcome drink of your choice served on arrival
- Enjoy a three-course meal on board served by our crew
- Informative commentary from our knowledgeable crew about the harbour and its history
- Fully licensed bar is available on board for additional drinks



 Duration: **2.5 hours**

Departs **Auckland Viaduct**
6:00pm Daily: October - April
5:00pm Daily: May - September

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Children must be a minimum of 5 years old. Please wear flat soled shoes. Timetable subject to change




EXPLORE ROTOROA ISLAND

Step ashore on this special island sanctuary and discover its unique history and conservation stories. Discover beautiful beaches, endless views and native wildlife just an hour from Auckland.

Highlights:

- 75 minute scenic cruise each way through Tikapa Moana, the Hauraki Gulf
- Pre-book a 90 minute guided nature walk with one of the island's rangers^ or download a map from our website and explore the island via the established walking tracks
- Discover the unique history of the island through the museum exhibition and heritage buildings around the island
- Spot iconic native species free ranging across the island including kiwi, takahe, pāteke and more
- Take a swim or snorkel at one of the sheltered sandy beaches



 Wed, Thur & Fri **6hrs 45mins**
Sat, Sun & Public Holidays **8hrs 15mins** or **5hrs 30mins**

Departs **Auckland Viaduct:**

9:15am Wed, Thur & Fri

8:45am & 11:30am Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks are available for purchase on board. Due to biosecurity rules all food must be packed in a sealed container for your stop at Rotoroa Island. ^Guided walks are at an additional cost. Timetable subject to change.



EXPLORE TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND


Discover the native species flourishing on this island sanctuary via established walking tracks and find out about the successful community-led conservation project keeping this island pest free.

Highlights:

- 80 Minute scenic cruise each way through Tikapa Moana, the Hauraki Gulf
- Pre-book a guided walk with an experienced guide^ or download a map from our website and explore the island via the extensive walking tracks
- Discover regenerating native forest and glimpse endangered species including kōkako, takahē, tieke and more
- See the oldest working lighthouse in New Zealand and learn about the island's rich maritime history
- Take a swim or snorkel at the quiet sandy bay

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 Wed, Thur & Fri **7hrs**
Sat, Sun & Public Holidays **8hrs 50mins**

Departs **Auckland Viaduct**

9:00am Wed, Thur & Fri

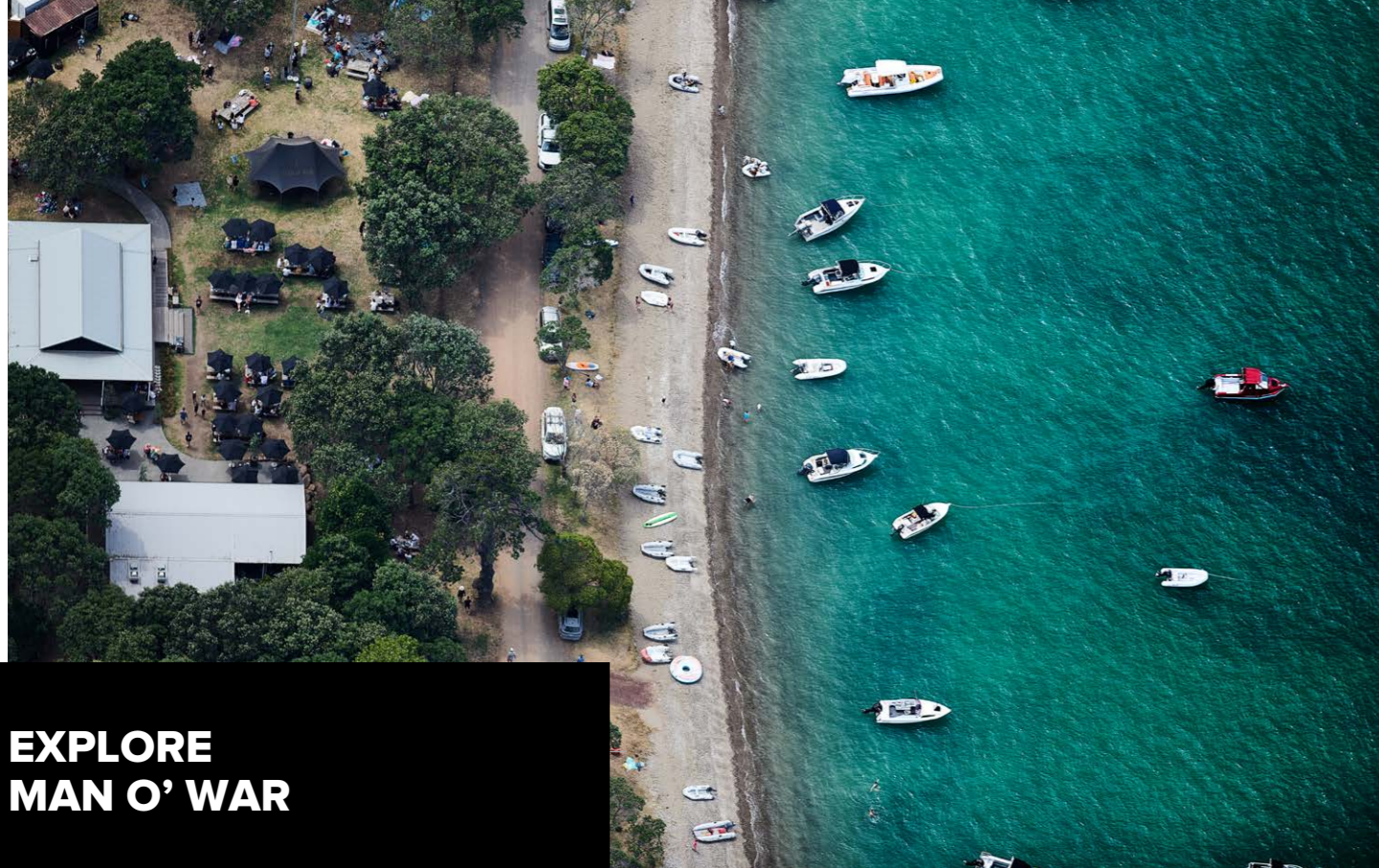
8:30am Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Departs **Gulf Harbour**

9:55am Wed, Thur & Fri

9:25am Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks are available for purchase on board. Due to biosecurity rules all food must be packed in a sealed container for your stop at Tiritiri Matangi Island. ^Guided walks are at an additional cost. Timetable subject to change.




EXPLORE MAN O' WAR

Sail direct to Man O' War Vineyard, Waiheke Island with us. Travel in comfort on our premium cruise fleet direct to Man O' War Bay from Auckland's Viaduct Harbour and visit this beachfront cellar door and restaurant for a relaxed afternoon with friends and family.

Highlights:

- Enjoy a 75 minute scenic cruise each way on our direct ferry service to Man O' War Bay, Waiheke Island
- Relax and enjoy a glass of Man O' War's exceptional wine in this spectacular location - from Bordeaux blends to their renowned Rose - and watch the waves lap the shore
- Man O' War offers private tastings for wine lovers and a unique dining experience at their Tasting Room restaurant.
- For a more laid-back outing you can grab a spot on their expansive lawn with a playground to entertain the kids and a beach to explore - walk ins are always welcome. A pop-up kitchen and bar will also operate on select dates over summer.



 Wed, Thur & Fri **6hrs 45mins**
Sat, Sun & Public Holidays **8hrs 15mins** or **5hrs 30mins**

Departs **Auckland Viaduct:**
9:15am Wed, Thur & Fri
8:45am & 11:30am Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Check-in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. Timetable subject to change.




HAURAKI GULF CRUISE COMBOS:

Explore more of the Hauraki Gulf with our combined cruise day tours

COMBO: Tikapa Moana Whale & Dolphin Wildlife Cruise + Rotoroa Island or Man O' War

Discover the Hauraki Gulf on sea and land. Spend the morning on Rotoroa Island and spot native bird species free ranging across the stunning beaches, bush and grasslands of this small island sanctuary, or visit New Zealand's only beachfront cellar door and restaurant at Man O' War Vineyard, Waiheke island. Then jump back onboard for a marine mammal adventure in the afternoon exploring the wider Hauraki Gulf for resident and migratory dolphin and whale species



 Wed, Thur & Fri **6hrs 45mins**
Sat, Sun & Public Holidays **8hrs 15mins**


Departs **Auckland Viaduct:**
9:15am Wed, Thur & Fri
8:45am Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Check-in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. Please note, lunch is not included. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks are available for purchase on board. Due to biosecurity rules all food must be packed in a sealed container for your stop at Rotoroa Island. Complimentary vouchers issued on the Marine Mammal Viewing Guarantee are subject to availability and valid for 12 months. Timetable subject to change.

COMBO: Rotoroa Island + Man O' War Vineyard, Waiheke

Explore the highlights of the eastern Hauraki Gulf with an island stop at Rotoroa Island - a wildlife sanctuary with beautiful beaches and a unique history. Jump back onboard for a short trip across to Man O' War Bay, Waiheke for a relaxed lunch at New Zealand's only beachfront cellar door and restaurant.



 Wed, Thur & Fri **6hrs 45mins**
Sat, Sun & Public Holidays **8hrs 15mins**

Departs **Auckland Viaduct:**
9:15am Wed, Thur & Fri
8:45am Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

EXPLORE VESSELS AUCKLAND



America's Cup Yacht - NZL 41

Originally raced by Japan in 1995, she came second in the Louis Vuitton Challenge to Team New Zealand. The yacht was then bought by the GBR Challenge and used as a training boat, and was raced at the 150th America's Cup Jubilee 2001 in Cowes, UK.

Length: 78ft/24M

Mast Height: 113ft/34.5m

Capacity: Leisure Sail 30pax / Racing 25pax



America's Cup Yacht - NZL68

Originally commissioned in Germany in 2003, Team New Zealand acquired her as a trial boat prior to their 2007 America's Cup Campaign.

Length: 78ft/24M

Mast Height: 113ft/34.5m

Capacity: Leisure Sail 30pax / Racing 25pax



Harbour Sailing Yachts

Courageous, Defiance, Challenger

Our iconic 'Pride of Auckland' harbour sailing yachts have been purpose built for comfortable and relaxed sailing on Auckland's inner harbour.

Make: Lotus

Length: 47ft/15M

Capacity: Max 21 pax



Peretū

Peretū is our premium purpose-built cruise and dine vessel, recently refurbished for her relaunch in Auckland. With an impressive range of spaces spread across three levels.

Amenities: Fully licensed, kitchen facilities, serving bar on every level, three levels including roof deck and toilets.

Length: 27m

Capacity: 180 pax



Tuhi-rapa

This brand-new purpose-built vessel joined Explore's fleet in 2022. Tuhi-rapa has a variety of well-appointed indoor and outdoor spaces and viewing areas enabling passengers to discover the Hauraki Gulf in comfort and style.

Amenities: Fully licensed snack bar, three decks and toilets.

Length: 29m

Capacity: 300 pax



Island Explorer

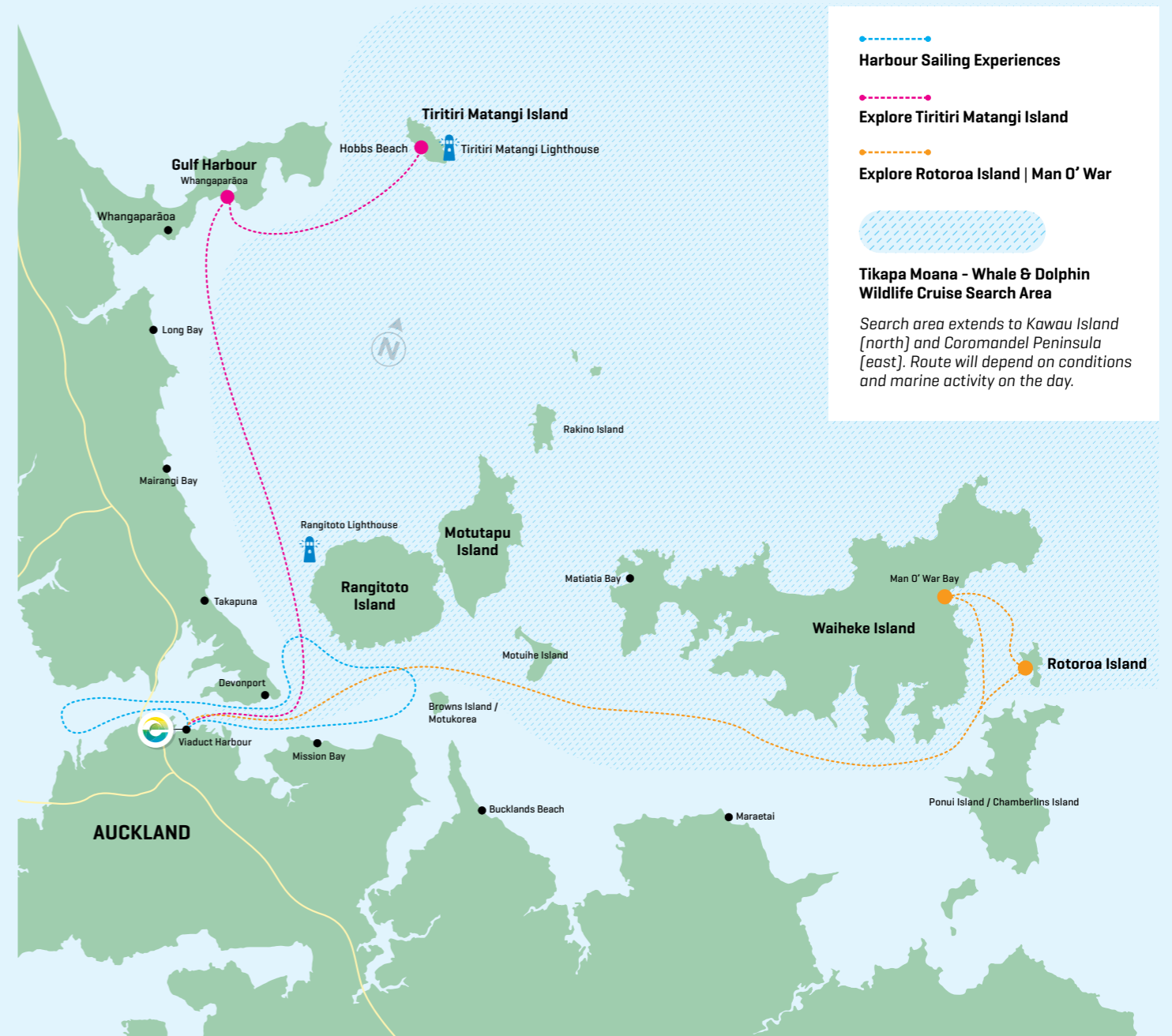
Island Explorer is a custom built 24m vessel. She has two levels of air-conditioned lounge style seating and a partially shaded deck. With a cruising speed of 20 knots she provides a quick and comfortable ride through the Hauraki Gulf.

Amenities: Fully licensed snack bar, three decks and toilets.

Length: 24m

Capacity: 170 pax

WHERE WE GO AUCKLAND HARBOUR



Harbour Sailing Experiences

Explore Tiritiri Matangi Island

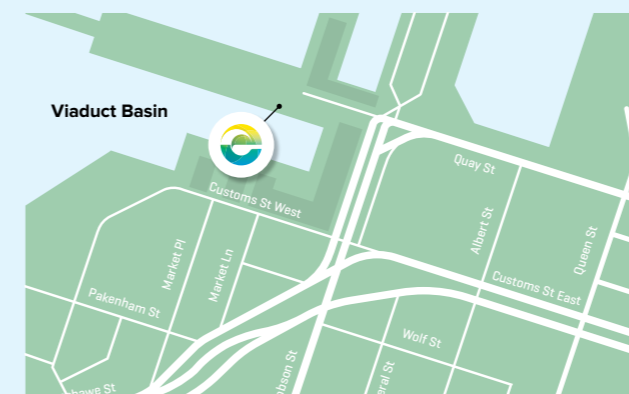
Explore Rotoroa Island | Man O' War

Tikapa Moana - Whale & Dolphin Wildlife Cruise Search Area

Search area extends to Kawau Island (north) and Coromandel Peninsula (east). Route will depend on conditions and marine activity on the day.

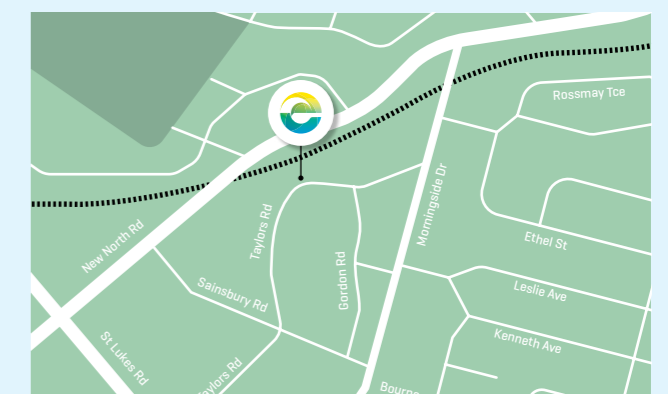
Auckland Booking Kiosk

Viaduct Harbour, Quay Street, Auckland (opposite the New Zealand Maritime Museum)



Explore Head Office

21 Taylors Road, Morningside, Auckland



EXPLORE BAY OF ISLANDS

Explore the 144 islands of Ipipiri - the Bay of Islands with us. We offer a range of unique experiences that showcase the beauty of this natural playground from marine wildlife and dramatic landscapes to quiet islands with regenerating ecosystems...

Our team are incredibly proud of their beautiful backyard and they are ready to show you around. Their passion, knowledge and experience sets us apart, and allows us to deliver our unique experiences with a local flavour that truly showcase this amazing destination.

Explore is locally owned and managed with family connection to the Bay of Islands spanning generations. We are a multi-award winning company, recognised for commitment to responsible and sustainable tourism in our local community, and New Zealand wide.



DISCOVER THE BAY




Experience the very best of what the Bay of Islands has to offer. Discover the spectacular scenery, captivating wildlife, the iconic Motukōkako – The Hole in the Rock – and enjoy an Island Buffet lunch at Otehei Bay on our premium cruise.

Highlights:

- Scenic cruise on board our purpose-built vessel with large viewing decks and air-conditioned cabin
- Visit the Cape Brett Peninsula and travel through the iconic Hole in the Rock on Motukōkako, when conditions permit
- 1.5 hour stop at Otehei Bay to explore the island, take a swim or snorkel, hire a kayak (peak season)
- Extend your stay at Otehei Bay and return on a later Explore ferry at no extra cost
- Option to purchase drinks and snacks on board, as well as full café and bar facilities at Otehei Bay
- Opportunity to view marine mammals including dolphins, whales, seals, birdlife and more (conditions permitting)
- Explore Group is one of only two operators in the Bay of Islands licensed by the Department of Conservation to interact with Marine Mammals
- Includes a delicious Island Buffet lunch at Otehei Bay Café & Bar with a selection of meats and salads*



 Duration: **4.5 hrs**



Departs **Paihia/Russell**
10:00am Daily

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. Timetable subject to change. Please note this cruise is operated in partnership with Fullers GreatSights – some services may be codeshare. *Island buffet lunch is included from October 2024 onwards and is subject to minimum numbers. A lunch voucher for Otehei Bay Café & Bar will be provided if buffet is not available.




DOLPHIN ECO CRUISE

Experience the spectacular natural beauty of the Bay of Islands and its abundant wildlife. Learn about the local marine mammal sanctuary and how Project Island Song is restoring island ecosystems to bring native birdsong back to the islands.

Highlights:

- Scenic cruise on board our purpose-built vessel with large viewing decks and air-conditioned cabin
- Opportunity to view marine mammals including dolphins, whales, seals, birdlife and more
- Marine mammal viewing guarantee – come again for free if we don't spot any marine mammals during your cruise^
- 1.5 hour stop at Otehei Bay to spot the native wildlife reintroduced on Urupukapuka including Tieke, Kakariki, Toutouwai and more
- Learn about the restoration and repopulation of the Islands with native flora and fauna through the efforts of Local Iwi, Department of Conservation and Project Island Song
- Opportunity to experience the thrill of boom-netting or alternate snorkelling/swimming activity (conditions permitting)
- Option to purchase drinks and snacks on board, as well as full café and bar facilities at Otehei Bay
- Explore Group is one of only two operators in the Bay of Islands licensed by the Department of Conservation to interact with Marine Mammals.



 Duration: **5.5 hrs**



Departs **Paihia/Russell**
11:30am Thur, Sat, Sun & Public Holidays: 26 Oct – 25 Dec & 1-30 Apr
Daily: 26 Oct – 31 Mar

Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. Timetable subject to change. Opportunity to snorkel does not involve swimming with dolphins due to restrictions on marine mammal interactions. Please note this cruise is operated in partnership with Fullers GreatSights – some services may be codeshare. ^Complimentary vouchers are subject to availability and valid for 12 months





OTEHEI BAY URUPUKAPUKA ISLAND

Explore Otehei Bay and Urupukapuka Island – a must do while you are in the Bay of Islands. You can experience this beautiful island sanctuary during your island stop-over included on all our cruises, or take our 40 minute ferry transfer and spend the day at your leisure.

Highlights:

- Download a map from our website and explore the island on foot via the extensive coastal walking tracks
- Refuel at the fully licensed beachfront bar and café
- Discover the regenerating native forests and reintroduced species such as the Tieke, Kakariki, Toutouwai and more
- Visit the Education Centre to learn about the islands' history, the marine mammal sanctuary and the ecological restoration of the islands of Ipipiri
- For more information about Project Island Song and the Bay of Islands' pest-free wildlife sanctuary, visit projectislandsong.co.nz.
- Otehei Bay is available for group functions, weddings and events, contact us for more information.



Duration: **40 minutes**



Ferry Timetable

Multiple daily departures available. For the most up-to-date timetable please visit oteheibay.co.nz



OCEAN ADVENTURE

Experience the thrill and exhilaration of Ocean Adventure - the fastest boat to the Hole in the Rock on Motukōkako. With informative commentary and stops to observe the abundant wildlife and breathtaking scenery along the way.

Highlights:

- 1.5 hour scenic cruise
- Visit the Cape Brett Peninsula and travel through the iconic Hole in the Rock on Motukōkako, conditions permitting
- Enter the amazing Cathedral Cove if conditions permit
- Informative commentary about the Bay of Islands
- Stops for photo opportunities
- Life jackets and water protective clothing provided
- State of the art suspension seating for a safe and comfortable ride
- Option to stop at Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka Island on the 10am departure (must be pre-booked) and return on a later ferry
- Please note that age, height and weight restrictions apply, see below for details



Duration: **1.5 hours**



Departs Paihia

10:00am | 12:00pm | 2:00pm & 4:00pm Daily: 26 Dec - 29 April

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun & Public Holidays: 26 Oct - 25 Dec

*Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 7-15 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult and be a suitable size and strength to participate. Ocean Adventure is not suitable for passengers under 7 years, under 120cm, over 120kgs or with certain medical conditions. Certain sea and weather conditions may require a minimum height of 150cm. Please speak to us prior to booking to assess your suitability. Timetable subject to change.

EXPLORE VESSELS BAY OF ISLANDS

Discovery IV

Discovery IV is our largest jet powered boat. This smaller vessel is perfect for more intimate numbers but retains a sense of space with ample seating and spectator areas including roof deck and side opening windows for great cabin viewing.

Amenities: Fully licensed snack bar, two decks and toilets

Length: 18m **Capacity:** Max 105



Ocean Adventure

Ocean Adventure is purpose built and specifically designed for speed and comfort in most sea conditions. With over 1,000 horsepower on tap and capable of speeds over 40 knots it provides a fun and exhilarating ride.

Length: 12m **Capacity:** 34



Dolphin Seeker

Our purpose-built catamaran Dolphin Seeker with capacity for 230 has plenty of indoor and outdoor spaces, including large viewing decks with unobstructed views, enabling passengers to explore the Bay of Islands in comfort.

Amenities: Fully licensed snack bar, three decks and toilets

Length: 24m **Capacity:** 230



Te Papahu

Te Papahu provides a boutique experience for a smaller group of passengers. The side viewing decks offers a great vantage point for spotting wildlife alongside the vessel as well as viewing the stunning islands of the Bay.

Amenities: Fully licensed snack bar, two decks and toilets

Length: 18m **Capacity:** 86



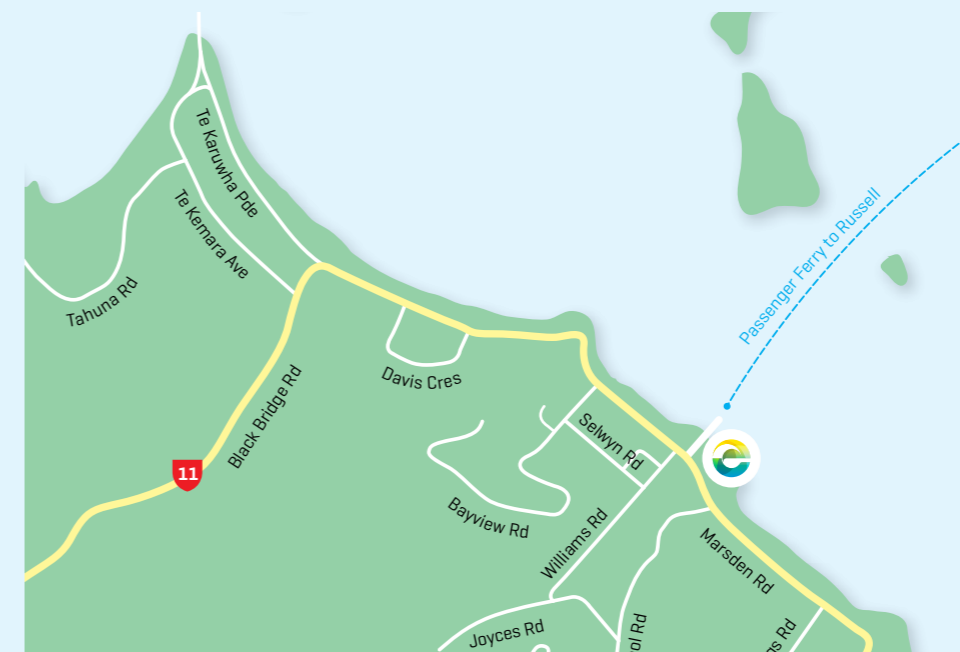
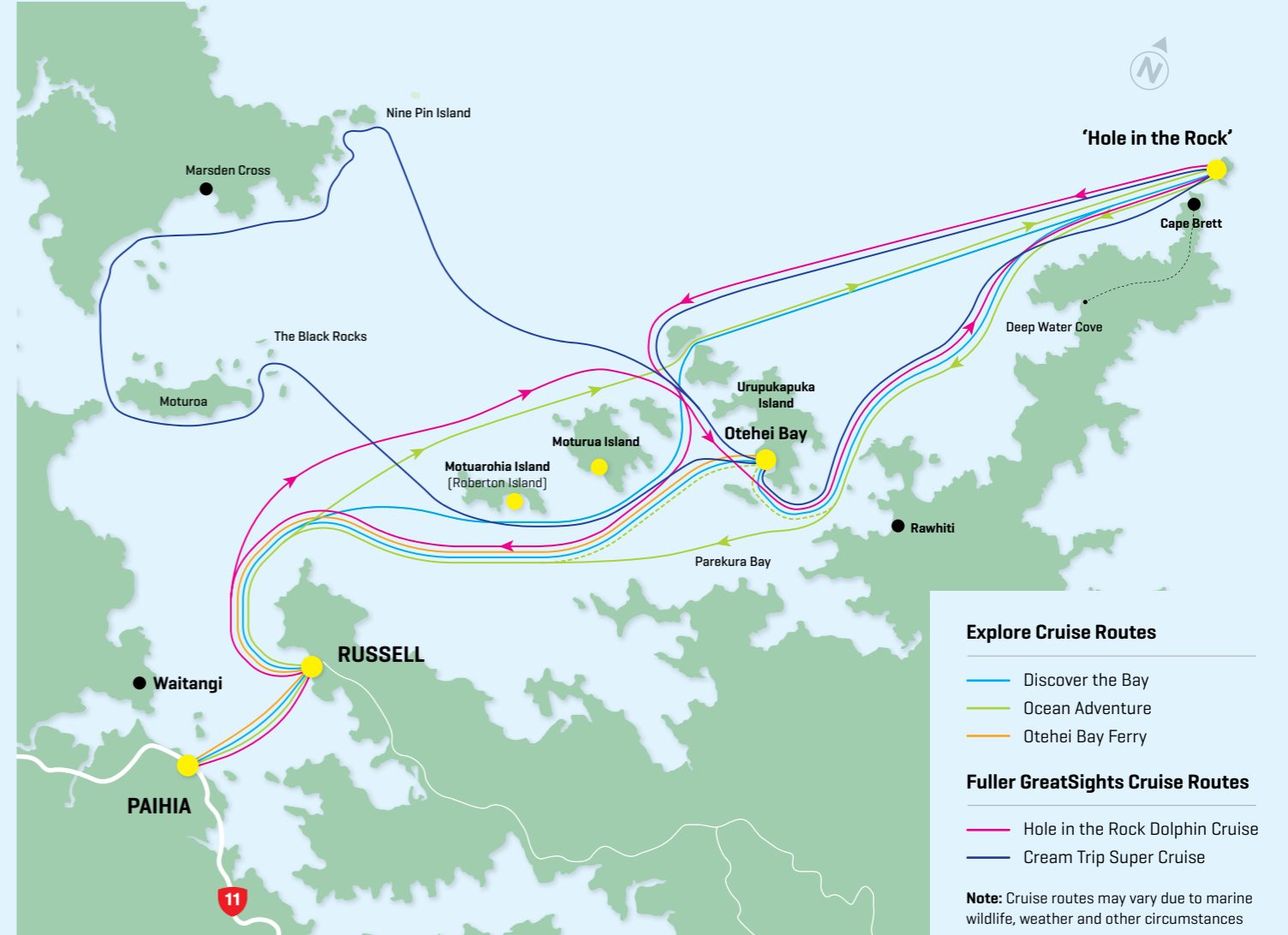
Paua Cat

Paua Cat is our 18m power catamaran available for private charters around the Bay of Islands departing from Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka Island. Onboard facilities include kitchen, bbq, indoor/outdoor seating, beanbags, paddleboards and snorkel equipment.

Length: 18m **Capacity:** 20



WHERE WE GO BAY OF ISLANDS



Paihia Booking Office
Maritime Building
69 Marsden Road, Paihia



Experience the stunning natural beauty of Northland with us. We offer options to view the awe-inspiring Hole in the Rock on Motukōkako, see marine mammals in their natural habitat and journey north to Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach...

When Albert Ernest Fuller began delivering coal around the Bay of Islands in 1887, he had no idea he was planting the seeds of a flourishing tourism industry. In the late 1920s he began transporting cream and delivering mail around the islands. Locals and visitors started tagging along for the ride, and word began to spread of the idyllic 'Cream Trip'. By the 1960s the Cream Trip was a well-known attraction, with tourists flocking to spend the day on the iconic Bay Belle launch.

Fullers Great Sights are part of the fabric in the Bay of Islands, and Explore Group is proud to carry on A.E. Fuller's tradition and be part of the history of the Bay of Islands.




HOLE IN THE ROCK DOLPHIN CRUISE

Cruise out through the Bay's pristine islands, see the historic Cape Brett lighthouse and majestic Motukōkako, the Hole in the Rock, and hope for a lucky drip from above as you pass underneath it.

Highlights:

- Scenic cruise out to Motukōkako, the Hole in the Rock, on our purpose-built vessel with large viewing decks and air-conditioned cabin
- Dolphin and Whale viewing [Conditions Permitting]
- 1.5 hour stop at Otehei Bay to explore the island, take a swim or snorkel, hire a kayak (peak season) and refuel at our beachfront Café & Bar
- Extend your time on the island at no extra cost [morning cruise only]
- Option to purchase drinks and snacks on board and meals at Otehei Bay Café & Bar
- Informative and entertaining commentary throughout
- Fullers GreatSights is one of only two operators in the Bay of Islands licensed by the Department of Conservation to interact with Marine Mammals



 Duration: **4.5 hours**

8:30am & 2:00pm Daily: September – May
10:00am Daily: June – August

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. Timetable subject to change. Please note this cruise is operated in partnership with Explore – some services may be codeshare




CAPE REINGA & NINETY MILE BEACH

Journey to the very tip of the North Island in our purpose-built coach, travel along the sand-swept shore of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, Ninety Mile Beach and uncover a region of rich Māori tradition along the way on an unforgettable full-day tour.

Highlights:

- Enjoy the magical views from the Cape Reinga Lighthouse
- Travel along Ninety Mile Beach in our purpose built coach[^]
- Option to sand-board [conditions permitting][^]
- Includes a freshly prepared pre-selected café lunch
- Stop for morning tea at a quaint historic beachside town and afternoon tea at Ka Uri Unearthed café and exhibition
- Informative and entertaining commentary throughout



 Duration: **11 hours**

7:00am Daily: September – May
7:00am Daily: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun: June – August

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. [^]Please note that sand-boarding is not suitable for children under 8 years old. Sand-boarding and travel along Ninety Mile Beach are subject to tides and weather conditions on the day and are not guaranteed. Schedule to subject to minimum numbers, please confirm at time of booking.




CREAM TRIP SUPER CRUISE

Take this extensive full day cruise of the 144 Islands of Ipiriri (Bay of Islands). See all the highlights of this spectacular region including the historical cruise route of the original Cream Trip, the Hole in the Rock on Motukōkako Island, and an island stop at Otehei Bay to explore Urupukpuka Island.

Highlights:

- Historical cruise and island deliveries around the inner bay
- Scenic cruise out to Motukōkako, the Hole in the Rock, on our purpose-built vessel with large viewing decks and air-conditioned cabin
- See the unique Black Rocks and historical Marsden Cross
- 1.5 hour stop at Otehei Bay to explore the island, take a swim or snorkel, hire a kayak (peak season) and refuel at our beachfront Café & Bar
- Dolphin and Whale viewing [Conditions Permitting]
- Marine mammal viewing guarantee – come again for free if we don't spot any marine mammals during your cruise[^]
- Option to purchase drinks and snacks on board and meals at Otehei Bay Cafe & Bar
- Informative and entertaining commentary throughout
- Opportunity to experience the thrill of boom-netting or alternate swimming or snorkelling activity [Conditions Permitting]



 Duration: **7 hours**

10:00am Daily: 26 Dec - 29 April

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 21 Oct - 25 Dec.
Daily departures over peak periods

Check in 15 minutes prior to departure. Child age 5-15 years. Under 5 years free. [^]Complimentary vouchers issued under the Marine Mammal Viewing Guarantee are subject to availability and valid for 12 months from date of travel. Bookings are subject to availability and not transferrable. Timetable subject to change.




RUSSELL MINI TOUR

Take in the sights of Russell on an intimate one-hour coach tour combining historical knowledge and local insight. Learn about significant sites and stand atop Flagstaff Hill for stunning views across the whole Bay of Islands.

Highlights:

- Christ Church
- Duke of Marlborough Hotel
- Oneroa [Long Beach]
- Flagstaff Hill [Te Maiki]
- Engaging driver commentary from a local expert



 Duration: **1 hour**
10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm & 3:00pm Daily


Child 5-15 years. Under 5 years free.




R.TUCKER THOMPSON SAIL

Set sail on this iconic ship for a unique Bay of Islands experience. Spend the day sailing on a working tall ship. Take the helm, ride the bowsprit and climb the rigging, or simply relax and enjoy the view. Includes morning tea and BBQ lunch. The shorter sundowner sail is perfect if you don't have time for a full day in the Bay. Enjoy an antipasto platter and glass of wine as you sail across the sheltered waters and watch the sun set.



 **Day Sail: 5.5 hours**
10:00am Daily: December - April

 **Sundowner Sail: 1 hour 45 minutes**
4:00pm Wed, Fri & Sun: December - April

Child 5-15 years. Under 5 years free.

EXPLORE AUSTRALIA

Discover the Whitsundays - and some of Australia's most spectacular natural attractions with us. Based from Hamilton Island, the largest inhabited island in the Whitsundays, we are perfectly positioned to explore highlights of the region including the endless white silica sand of Whitehaven Beach and the largest coral reef in the world the Great Barrier Reef...

Our team are incredibly passionate about this amazing wonderland that they call home and are ready to show you around. It's their knowledge and experience that sets us apart, with their input and enthusiasm we deliver unique experiences that truly showcase the best of this spectacular destination.

Explore is a NZ owned multi-award-winning company recognised for delivering excellent customer experience and our commitment to responsible and sustainable tourism. We look forward to welcoming you on board soon.



SNORKEL THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Experience a full day snorkelling adventure taking you to two different locations around Bait Reef, the closest of the outer reef locations, with a minimum of 3.5 hours spent at each.

Highlights:

- 2 hours cruising to location each way
- 3.5 hours on location
- Two different snorkeling locations around Bait Reef
- Healthy buffet style lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- High quality snorkeling equipment including wetsuits/stinger suits and flotation jackets (if required) and personalised snorkeling instructions for the not too confident



Duration: **8 hours**

Departs **Hamilton Island 8:00am** Daily

Departs **Shute Harbour 7:15am** Daily

*This tour is recommended for children 5 years and over. Children under 5 years travel free, however there are limitations with regards to their participation please contact our reservations team when booking. Guests must be able to swim to participate in snorkelling & diving and readily understand spoken and written advice in English. Non-English speakers can participate in our in-water experiences, if they have at least one person in the group that readily understands spoken and written advice in English and can pass on any safety information. **Note:** Also available for departures from Shute Harbour Marine Terminal.

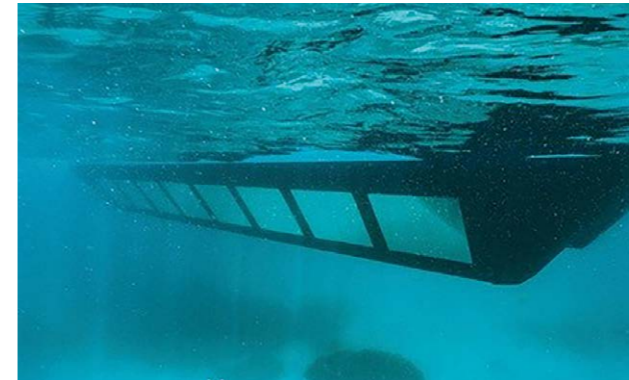


ISLAND EXPLORER

Take in the magic of the Whitsunday Islands and spot the vibrant marine life above and below the surface in our semi-sub.

Highlights:

- 1.5 hour scenic cruise on our authentic glass bottom semi-sub
- Spot marine wildlife including vibrant reef life, turtles and in winter migrating Humpback whales.
- Informative commentary from our knowledgeable crew
- Wide glass viewing windows and comfortable seating below deck, as well as space above deck with seating and shade protection



Duration: **1.5 hours**

Departs **Hamilton Island**

9:00 am, 11:00am & 2:00pm Tuesday – Saturday

Child 5 – 14 years. Children under 5 years travel free.



DIVE THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Experience a full-day Great Barrier Reef diving adventure taking you to Bait Reef – an intermediate to advanced dive site.

We offer dive options on our purpose built vessel that caters to both certified divers, as well as intro dives for first timers.

Highlights:

- 2 hours cruising to location each way with informative commentary
- A minimum of 3.5 hours is spent on location
- Visit at least two different locations around Bait Reef
- Healthy buffet style lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- All dive equipment
- Certified Divers must produce certification card and/or log book at the time of booking. This full day experience includes two dives at the reef.
- First time divers must complete a pool training session on Hamilton Island the day prior to your dive at the reef. This full day experience includes one dive and one snorkelling session at the reef. A second dive is subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$59pp.

 Duration: **8 hours**

Departs **Hamilton Island 8:00am** Daily

Departs **Shute Harbour 7:15am** Daily

Child 12-14 years. Guests must be able to swim to participate in snorkelling & diving and readily understand spoken and written advice in English. Non-English speakers can participate in our in-water experiences, if they have at least one person in the group that readily understands spoken and written advice in English and can pass on any safety information. **Note:** Children must be 12 years and older to participate in diving and must dive with a certified parent or guardian. First time divers must be 14 years and over. Also available for departures from Shute Harbour Marine Terminal.





SNORKEL THE WHITSUNDAYS

This half day cruise visits secluded locations in the Whitsunday Islands with the best fringing reef areas for snorkelling. Your destination will be selected based on the best weather and tide conditions on the day.

Highlights:

- 1 hour scenic cruising each way
- Up to 2 hours on location for snorkelling and water activities
- Morning or afternoon tea included depending on time of cruise
- High quality snorkeling equipment including wetsuits/stinger suits and flotation jackets (if required) and in water assistance and guidance from our experienced crew

 **Twin Tour Special** – Combine this tour with our Explore Hill Inlet Tour and save

 Duration: **4 hours**

Departs **Hamilton Island**

8:00am or 12.30pm once daily - depending on tides

*This tour is recommended for children 5 years and over. Children under 5 years travel free, however there are limitations with regards to their participation please contact our reservations team when booking.





EXPLORE HILL INLET

Hill Inlet sits at the very northern end of iconic Whitehaven Beach. Cruise out to this remote spot and take a short, guided walk to Hill Inlet lookouts for the ultimate vantage point of Whitehaven Beach, the swirling sands and crystal clear blue waters.

Highlights:

- 40 minute cruise to Hill Inlet weather dependant
- Learn about the history and ecology of the area on a guided walk up to the lookout and down to the beach
- Spend up to 2 hours on the beach
- Experience the rainforest and spot rare wildlife like Ghost Crabs, Estuarine Sting Rays and so much more
- Morning or afternoon tea provided depending on time of cruise



Twin Tour Special – Combine this tour with our Snorkel the Whitsundays Half Day Tour and save

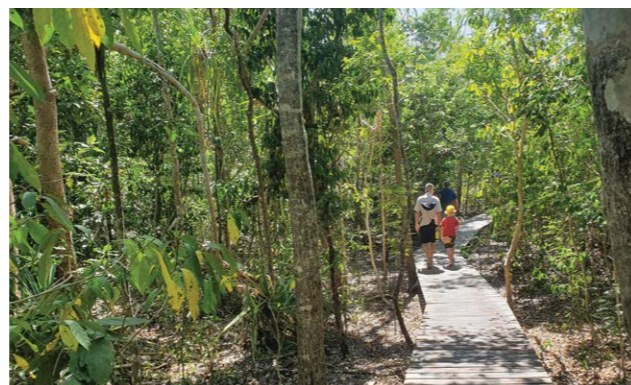


Duration: **4 hours**

Departs **Hamilton Island**

8:00am or 12.30pm once daily - depending on tides

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SAIL & SNORKEL WHITEHAVEN & CHALKIES BEACH

Take this full day sailing experience on our purpose built catamaran On the Edge for the ultimate Whitsundays adventure. Get out to two of the Whitsunday's must see destinations; visit the iconic Whitehaven Beach with time to relax and unwind on the famous white silica sands, then take off the Chalkies Beach to explore the crystal clear waters with some snorkeling.

Highlights:

- Healthy buffet style lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- Visit two separate destinations - Whitehaven Beach and a second location for snorkelling, Chalkies Beach on nearby Haslewood Island
- Quality snorkeling equipment, wetsuits/stinger suits and flotation jackets (if required and personalised snorkeling instructions for the not too confident)

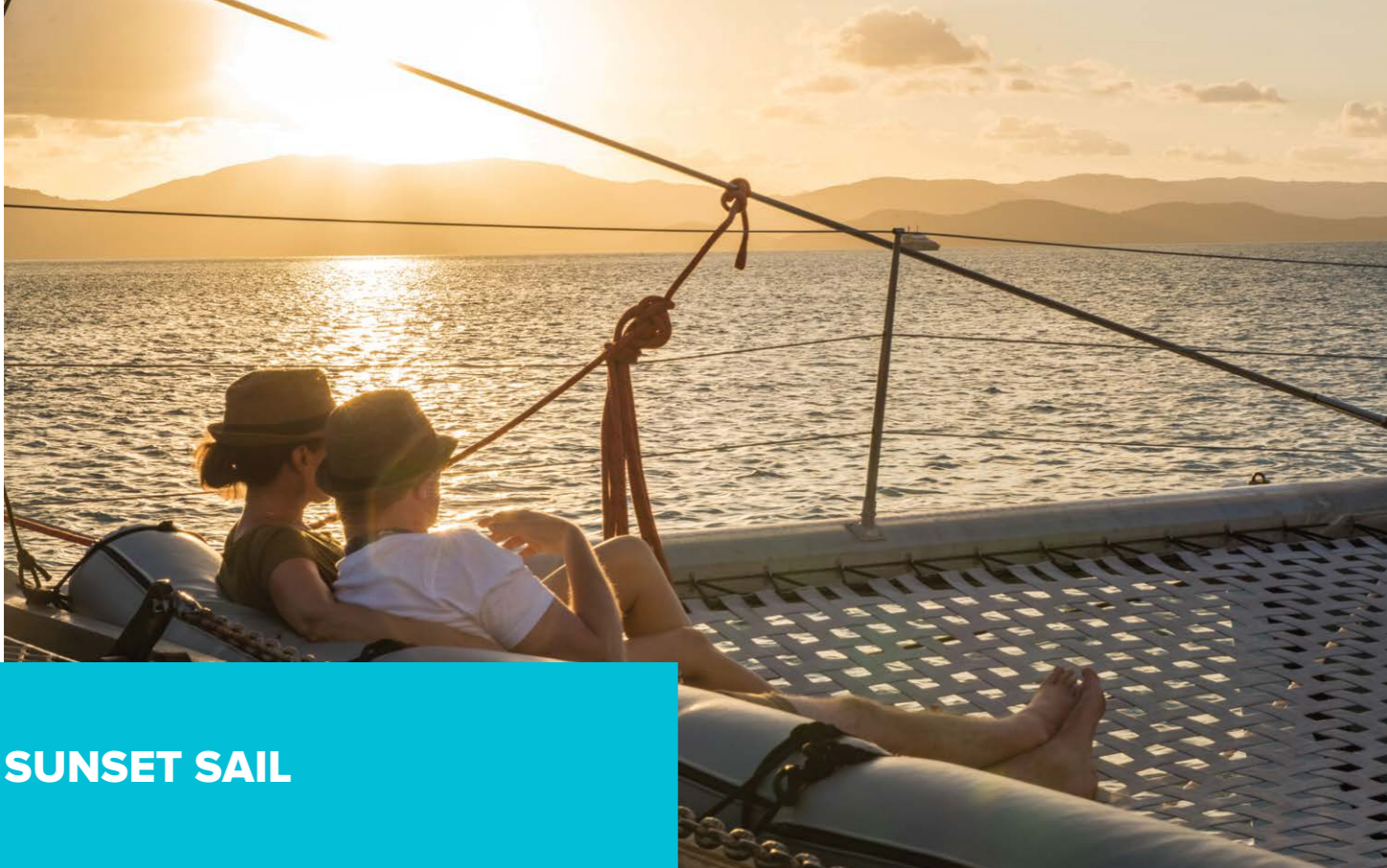


Duration: **7 hours**

Departs **Hamilton Island**

8:00am Daily departure

Child 5-14 years. Children must be 5 years and over for this tour



SUNSET SAIL

Sit back and relax as the sun drifts below the horizon onboard our purpose built catamaran. Operating within sheltered waters surrounding Hamilton Island, this leisurely sail provides the perfect opportunity to unwind and soak up the scenery of this stunning location in style.

Highlights:

- 1.5 hour sail through sheltered waters surrounding Hamilton Island
- Informative commentary from our knowledgeable local skippers on the history and ecology of the area
- Complimentary beer, wine, bubbles or non alcoholic beverages
- Selection of light nibbles including cheese, fruit, dips and biscuits



Duration: **1.5 hours**

Departs **Hamilton Island**

Departure time between 4:45pm & 6:15pm depending on sunset

Child 8-17 years. Children must be 8 years and over for this tour

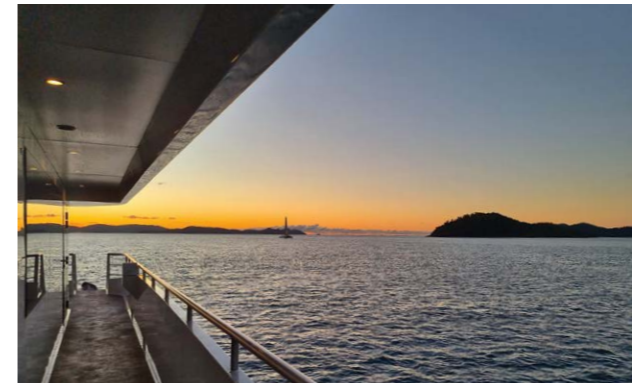


BBQ DINNER CRUISE

Slip into island time with our sunset dinner cruise. Sit back and relax as you cruise through the Whitsunday Islands to a secluded bay. You'll be treated to a delicious BBQ buffet dinner while at anchor and then enjoy a leisurely cruise back to shore under the magic of a starlit Whitsundays night sky.

Highlights:

- A welcome drink - beer, wine or soft drink - served on arrival
- A two-hour cruise taking in the stunning Whitsunday sunset
- A delicious BBQ buffet dinner while at anchor in a secluded bay
- Fully licensed bar on-board for alcoholic and non-alcoholic purchases



Duration: **2 hours**

Departs **Hamilton Island**

5:30pm Daily departure

Child 5-14 years. Children under 4 years travel free.




EXPLORE THE WHITSUNDAY ISLANDS

2 Night Small Ship Cruising

Experience the turquoise waters and white sands that holiday dreams are made of onboard our premium small ship the Whitsunday Explorer. Our itinerary packs in all the highlights of the Whitsunday Islands National Park with just one check-in and one boat departure.

Our modern small ship cruising vessel Whitsunday Explorer delivers the ultimate Whitsunday Islands resort experience. Your ocean view room with private ensuite features ocean facing picture windows the width of your room. The spacious configuration with expansive observation decks and large airconditioned main saloon are shared with a maximum of up to 60 guests.

The Whitsunday Explorer offers an intimate Whitsundays cruise experience with your resort accommodation, dining and day touring to stunning Whitsunday locations all wrapped up into one high value experience.

 Duration: **2 nights**

Departs: Coral Sea Marina 4:30pm Friday

Returns: Coral Sea Marina 11:00am Sunday

Return transfers from Hamilton Island Airport available.

Children must be 5 years and over.

Includes:

- Cruising through the spectacular Whitsunday Islands
- 2 nights accommodation in an ocean view private ensuite room
- Informative commentary and exceptional customer service from our friendly and knowledgeable captain and crew
- Guided off-vessel excursions and tours
- All meals including breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea and a selection of non-alcoholic beverages
- Use of kayaks, snorkelling equipment and flotation devices
- Free onboard WIFI where coverage is available
- All Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and National Park Fees



EXPLORE VESSELS

Ocean Explorer

Launched in 2020, winner of Australian Best Large Tourist Vessel and designed as a hybrid dive/snorkel and cruise vessel, Ocean Explorer has a variety of well-appointed indoor and outdoor spaces and a hydraulic diving platform for easy water access, enabling passengers to cruise the Whitsundays in comfort and style.

Length: 24m **Capacity:** 120pax



S.V On The Edge

This purpose built 20m x 12m sailing catamaran was designed for day charters in the Whitsundays. With a large front trampoline, ample seating and spacious decks you can sit back, relax and take in the beautiful setting as you sail through the Whitsunday islands.

Length: 20m **Capacity:** 59pax



M.V Reef Explorer

Reef Explorer is a 24m custom design dive and snorkel vessel available for day excursions throughout the Whitsunday Islands and the Outer Barrier Reef. She has a cruising speed of 22 knots she provides a fast and comfortable ride, with a large dive platform at the rear of the vessel providing easy access to the water.

Length: 24m **Capacity:** 80 pax



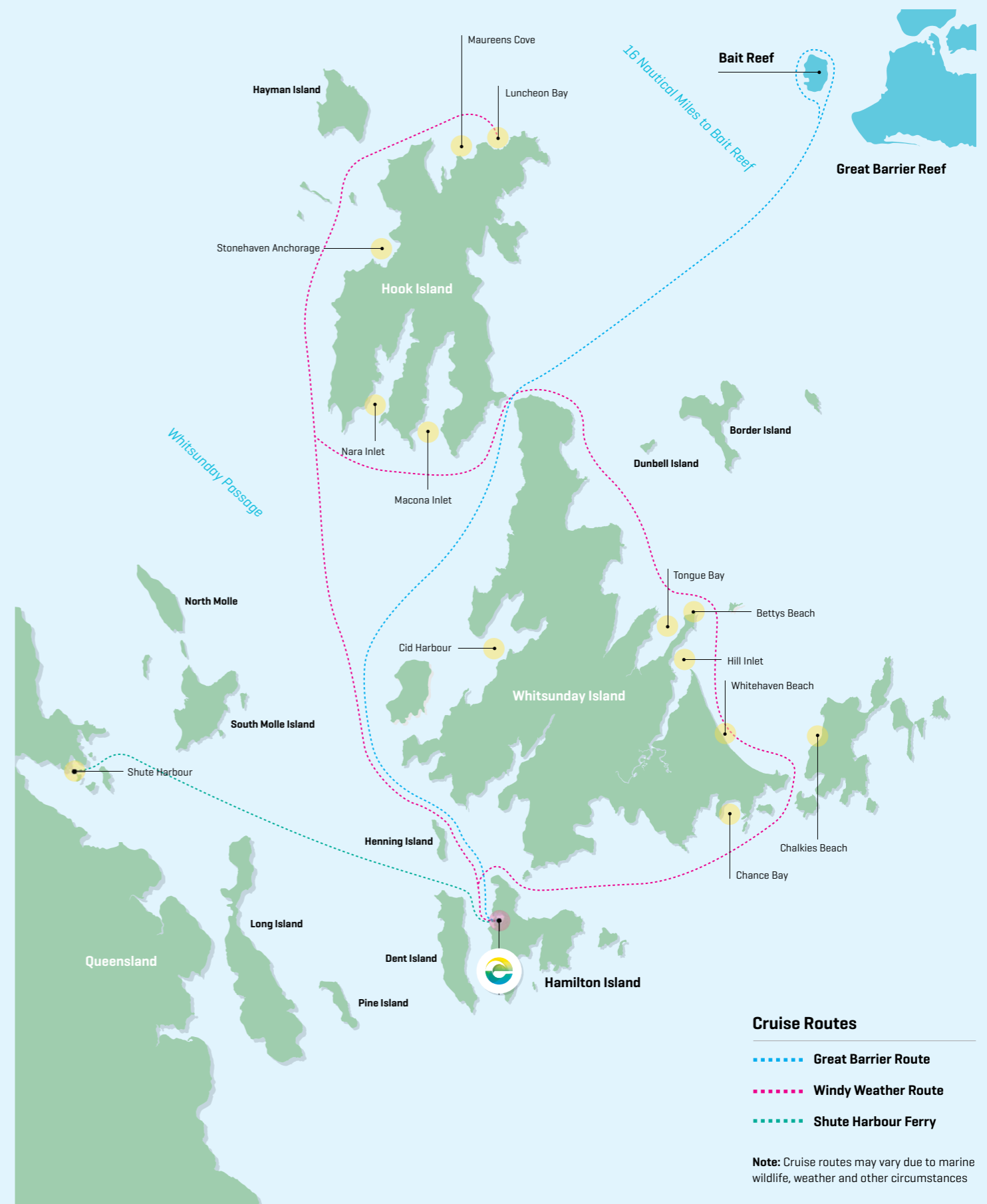
Whitsunday Explorer

Whitsunday Explorer is a 45m premium small ship purpose-built for overnight cruising with a full suite of amenities including 30 private ensuite cabins with seaviews, 138m2 roof deck, large airconditioned lounge/dining deck and easy access rear swim platform. The size of our cruise vessel provides us with the agility to navigate islands, reefs and shallow bays that bigger ships cannot access.

Length: 45m **Capacity:** 160 pax | 60 pax overnight



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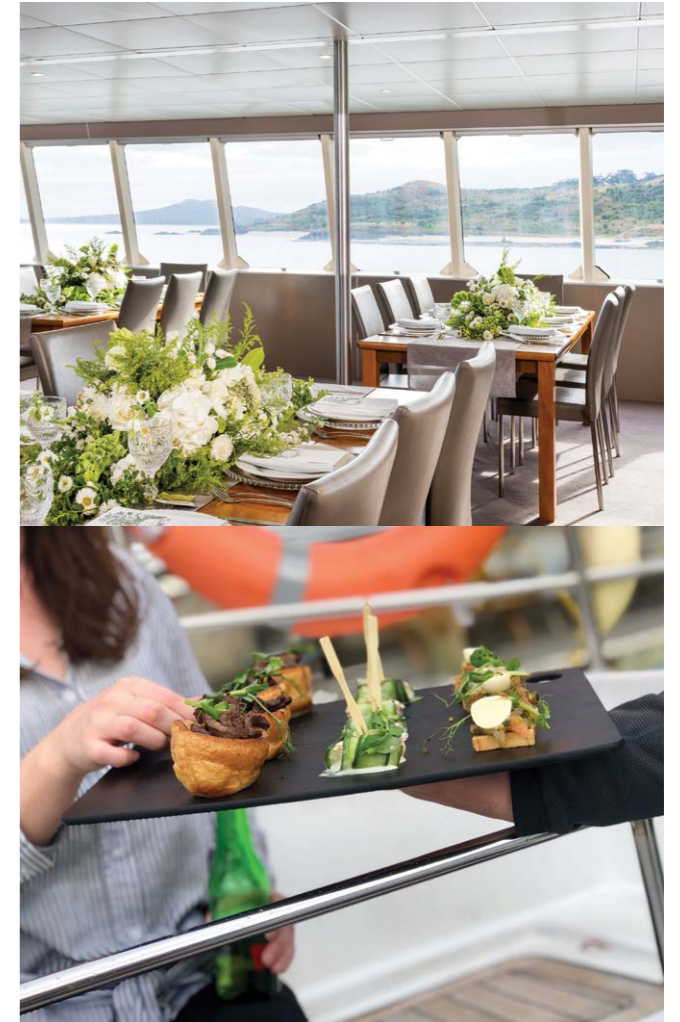
All of our vessels and experiences are available for private hire.

Our diverse fleet and range of experiences provide a unique platform to cater to a wide range of requirements for groups of all sizes. Feel the thrill of racing an America's Cup Yacht, set sail to Waiheke Island, cruise through the Bay of Islands or dine at the beautiful Otehei Bay on Urupukapuka Island, a private charter offers flexibility and exclusivity to create a truly unique experience.

Perfect for incentive groups, team building, client hosting, destination marketing and much more, contact our events team to discuss your requirements.

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RETAIL RATES 2024/25/26 Valid dates: 1 October - 30 September

AUCKLAND	Duration	Code	Adult 2024/25	Child 2024/25	Adult 2025/26	Child 2025/26
America's Cup Sailing Experience	2hrs	ENZSAC	\$195	\$135	\$210	\$150
Harbour Sailing Cruise	1.5hrs	ENZHCC	\$99	\$60	\$110	\$65
Harbour Dinner Cruise	2.5hrs	ENZHDC	\$160	\$99	\$170	\$110
Tikapa Moana Whale & Dolphin Wildlife Cruise	4hrs, 30 mins & 5hrs, 20mins	ENZTMWD	\$155	\$75	\$170	\$85
Explore Rotoroa Island	7hrs, 20 mins & 5hrs, 20mins	ENZROTO	\$95	\$50	\$110	\$55
Explore Tiritiri Matangi Island	7hrs & 8hrs, 50mins	ENZETMI	\$95	\$50	\$110	\$55
Explore Man O' War	7hrs, 20 mins & 5hrs, 20mins	ENZMOW	\$95	\$50	\$110	\$55
COMBO: Tikapa Moana Whale & Dolphin Wildlife Cruise + Rotoroa Island	7.5hrs	ENZTMWD-ROTO	\$155	\$75	\$180	\$90
COMBO: Tikapa Moana Whale & Dolphin Wildlife Cruise + Man O' War	7.5hrs	ENZTMWD-MOW	\$155	\$75	\$180	\$90
COMBO: Rotoroa + Man O' War	7.5hrs	ENZMOW-ROTO	\$95	\$50	\$120	\$60
BAY OF ISLANDS						
Discover the Bay (Including Island Buffet)	4.5hrs	ENZDTB-BL	\$180	\$90	\$190	\$95
Otehei Bay Return Ferry	40min	ENZOBF	\$65	\$35	\$70	\$40
Ocean Adventure	1.5hrs	ENZOAC	\$150	\$75	\$150	\$75
Dolphin Eco Cruise	5.5hrs	ENZDEC	\$160	\$80	\$165	\$82.50
FULLERS GREATSIGHTS BAY OF ISLANDS						
Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise	4.5hrs	FGSHIR	\$160	\$80	\$170	\$85
Cream Trip Super Cruise	7hrs	FGSSCHIR	\$195	\$97.50	\$220	\$110
Cape Reinga and Ninety Mile Beach	11hrs	FGSCRW	\$175	\$87.50	\$195	\$97.50
Russell Mini Tour	1hrs	RMT	\$35	\$17.50	\$40	\$20
R.Tucker Thompson Day Sail	6hrs	RTTDAY	\$179	\$89	\$179	\$89
R.Tucker Thompson Sundowner Sail	1hr, 45mins	RTTPM	\$99	\$49	\$99	\$49
AUSTRALIA Valid dates: 1 April - 31 March						
Full Day Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef	8hrs	HIGBRSNORK	\$285	\$140	-	-
Explore Hill Inlet	4hrs	HILLINLET	\$165	\$85	-	-
Full Day Dive the Great Barrier Reef	8hrs	HIGBRCERT	\$450	\$300	-	-
Snorkel the Whitsundays	4hrs	HIHALFSNORK	\$165	\$85	-	-
Twin Tour Special - Hill Inlet & Snorkel	8hrs	TWINTOUR	\$300	\$150	-	-
Island Explorer - Semi Sub	1.5hrs	HIUVA	\$60	\$30	-	-
Sunset Sail	1.5hrs	OTESUN	\$105	\$85	-	-
Sail & Snorkel - Whitehaven & Chalkies Beach	7hrs	OTEDAY	\$215	\$105	-	-
Full Day Discover SCUBA Diving	7hrs	HIGBRDSD	\$450	\$450	-	-
Refresher [Certified diver not dived last 12 months]	7hrs	POOLCERT	\$150	\$75	-	-
BBQ Dinner Cruise	2hrs	SSBBQ	\$150	\$75	-	-
SHUTE HARBOUR						
Full Day Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef	-	ABGBRSNORK	\$285	\$140	-	-
Full Day Dive the Great Barrier Reef	-	ABGBRCERT	\$450	\$300	-	-
Full Day Discover SCUBA Diving	-	ABGBRDSD	\$450	\$450	-	-
WHITSUNDAY EXPLORER						
Departing Coral Sea Marina (Based on 2 people per room. Sole occupancy \$2,399)	2 Nights	2NTEXP	\$1499	\$1499*	-	-
Departing Hamilton Island (Based on 2 people per room. Sole occupancy \$2,599)	2 Nights	2NTEXPH	\$1699	\$1699*	-	-

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* Children must be 5 years old and over

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 Account Name: Explore Limited
 Bank BSB: 38-9023
 Account Number: 0257037-00

Bank Details - Australia

Bank name: National Australia Bank (NAB)
 Account Name: Denison Star Pty Ltd
 Bank BSB: 084-501
 Account Number: 54-085-5421

Booking Procedure

- Agent to provide the following information at time of booking:
 - Full names of all guests travelling
 - A contact number of the guest
 - An email address of the guest or agent for booking confirmation
 - Accommodation details
 - Booking agent's name and client code/booking reference
 - Subject Line: Booking Request
- Agent to book directly with reservations via telephone or email
- Turnaround time: We will endeavour to turn all enquiries around within a 24 hour period
- Agent portal log-in (live inventory and bookings) available on request.

Trade Website

To access the Explore Group trade site, with rates, product info, images and videos, please use the following login details:

exploregroup.co.nz/trade-site/

Username: agent **Password:** exploregroup

Agents Familiarisation

If you wish to undertake a familiarisation on any of our products please contact our sales team. Bookings must be made well in advance. Each case will be treated on its merits and mutual benefits. Agent discounts are taken off the retail rates.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Individual bookings

Bookings may be cancelled without penalty up to 24 hours before departure of the trip.

Cancellations within 24 hours and No Show are subject to 100% cancellation charge. We recommend our guests should hold a comprehensive travel insurance policy in case of any unexpected changes in their travel plans that may incur a cancellation fee.

FOC Policy

Tour Series

Any number: 1x FOC

Other Agents / Groups

Under 10 pax: 50% off retail

10 + pax: 1x FOC

Note: Guides may be charged DOC, Reef Tax and Lunch/Dinner fees for excursion where these are included.

Non-English speaking groups who require a translator MUST BE PRE ARRANGED

1 to 4 Pax: 50% off retail

5 to 20 Pax: 1x FOC

Note: Guides may be charged DOC, Reef Tax and Lunch/ Dinner fees for excursion where these are included

Special exception: Harbour Sailing and Dinner Cruise

When pax number is over 18x, the group is split into two boats.

A second FOC can then be offered, if additional Tour Leader or Guide is present, and when space is available.

FOC for Harbour Sailing relates to the experience only, any meal cost are at the operators cost and will be invoiced.

Cancellation

We require seven days' notice for charters and 24 hours' notice for individuals if the booking is to be cancelled. If an alternative date is not arranged full price will be charged. If a charter booking is cancelled within seven days of the sailing only the deposit will be charged.

Refunds

In the unlikely event we cancel the trip due to extreme weather or other circumstances beyond our control a full refund will be given if an alternative date cannot be arranged. At the discretion of the company a non-transferable complimentary voucher may be issued in the event of unfavorable conditions during an experience. Partial or full refunds may be issued in the event of an incomplete sailing, each sailing will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Disclaimer

Please Note: Some trips are adventure activities and are not recommended for people who are pregnant or have medical conditions, please consult Explore prior to departure.

Ocean Adventure is not suitable for children under 7 years old. 150cm minimum height limit may be enforced due to weather conditions.

Children between 8 and 12 need to be confident in the water and supervised in the water by an adult or guardian at all times. To the extent permitted by law, all our liability for your property or disruption to travel plans is excluded. This exclusion is subject to any rights or remedies you may have under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993.

All departures are subject to demand, wind and weather conditions.

Explore and associated companies reserve the right to alter proposed routes or cancel any departure in the interest of passenger safety or comfort.

Prices are subject to change without notice. Please note if you do not show for your booking a full charge will apply.

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