



Motukokako - Hole in Rock

## BAY OF ISLANDS

144 beautiful islands in the warm subtropical waters of Northland

The Bay of Islands is an area on the east coast of the North Island of New Zealand. It is one of the most popular fishing, sailing and tourist destinations in the country, and has been renowned internationally for its big-game fishing since American author Zane Grey publicised it in the 1930s. Today is an early start to the beautiful Bay of Islands, and on the way have a short detour to see an example of the New Zealand Kauri tree.

On arrival at the coastal village of Paihia board a vessel and cruise amongst the 144 Islands in the Bay. The Skipper will provide a commentary about the history of the area and points of interest.

At this time you may see dolphins in the bay, they are regularly seen in fact 90% of the time visitors get the opportunity to see these beautiful creatures at play.

Motukokako (hole in the rock island is a world famous landmark and weather permitting our vessel will pass through this aperture.

At Otehei Bay on Urapukapuka Island you are greeted by local Maori whose descendants first inhabited this area more than 800 years ago. Your hosts find a number of interesting ways to engage with you or you can simply enjoy a walk to points of interest on the beautiful island. Zane Grey had a little fishing hut that served as a base for his fishing expeditions whilst on the Island. He called the Bay of Islands the Anglers Eldorado. Before returning to Paihia enjoy a BBQ lunch and beverages.

Enjoy an informative guided walk in the peaceful setting of the Treaty House at Waitangi. This is the former house of the British Resident in New Zealand, James Busby. The Treaty of Waitangi, the document that established the British Colony of New Zealand, was signed in the grounds of the Treaty House on 6 February 1840 by the Maori chiefs of New Zealand.



Dolphins Tapeka Point



War Canoes near Waitangi Treaty grounds