

## DINING EXPERIENCES IN THE BAY OF ISLANDS

### Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands

[www.copthornebayofislands.co.nz](http://www.copthornebayofislands.co.nz)

With two great spaces to utilise, Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands offers the ideal venue to create your own theme. Concepts can be developed around your conference theme or choose from one of the many in their portfolio including: Life's a Beach, On the Ocean's Wave, Oscars - An Award for Everyone, Alcatraz, Welcome to the Waitangi Stadium, Lord of the Rings, Kiwiana. Up to 500 banquet style.



### The Waitangi Treaty Grounds

[www.waitangi.net.nz/activities/catering.htm](http://www.waitangi.net.nz/activities/catering.htm)

Situated just a few minutes' walk from Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands, the Waka House on the Treaty Grounds offers the ultimate in historic dining locations. This is the place where Maori and European met to agree on the future of New Zealand in 1840. The illuminated waka (war canoe) is the largest in the world and provides a remarkable backdrop to a celebratory dinner.



### The Woolshed, Waitangi

Experience a real contrast to city dining by enjoying a fun evening in the woolshed of one of the earliest farms in the Bay. This is a working woolshed and makes a great venue for casual dining, perhaps in a country and western theme, with a juke box and casino tables to try your luck. The woolshed is just a few minutes by coach from the Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands.



### The Duke of Marlborough Hotel, Russell

[www.theduke.co.nz](http://www.theduke.co.nz)

New Zealand's first licensed premises, just a 15 minute boat ride across the Bay from Paihia, The Duke of Marlborough is a great heritage venue for taking in the ambience of this historic area whilst enjoying fine cuisine. Whether your plan is for a fun whalers & wenches evening or for a black tie formal dinner, the Duke (now a boutique hotel) can meet your requirements. Just a short stroll along the waterfront from the Russell wharf.



### Pompallier Mission, Russell

Pompallier is New Zealand's oldest surviving Roman Catholic building. Established in 1842 it is now restored to its original French Lyonnaise style. Board a launch



from Paihia and be transported back in time to promenade along the intimate Russell waterfront to Pompallier for a cocktail party in the spacious heritage gardens looking out at the sunset over the Bay.

### **Urupukapuka Island**

[www.oteheibay.co.nz/Island-Wedding-Corporate-Functions.html](http://www.oteheibay.co.nz/Island-Wedding-Corporate-Functions.html)

Eat on an Island! Urupukapuka Island is a forty-minute cruise from Paihia. Enjoy pre-dinner drinks onboard one of Explore NZ's high performance vessels and then choose your banquet style on the island to suit your special occasion. This is the place to enjoy the seafood that is a special feature of dining in the Bay of Islands. Daytime activities are available on the island – walks, kayaks, snorkelling gear, fast boat – and there are cabins for overnight stays for up to 70 people (share basis). A true island experience. [www.corporateexplore.co.nz](http://www.corporateexplore.co.nz)



### **Adventure Puketi Forest Experiences**

[www.forestwalks.com/forest-dining-experience](http://www.forestwalks.com/forest-dining-experience)

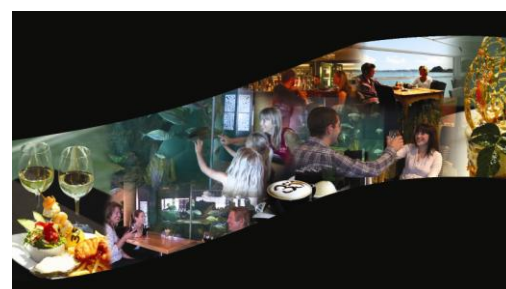
Memorable experiences in the Puketi Kauri Forest near Kerikeri in the Bay of Islands, including guided day or night forest walks, canapes and cocktails in the forest, or full-on dining under the stars in this memorable location, listening to the night birds of the forest. Casual camp fire BBQ's are also available.



### **35 Degrees South Aquarium Restaurant & Bar,**

**Paihia** [www.35south.co.nz](http://www.35south.co.nz)

Aptly named for its latitudinal location and beautifully situated over the water in the heart of Paihia, 35 Degrees South Aquarium Restaurant & Bar has spectacular views of the Bay of Islands and the daily activities of boats coming and going. Another amazing feature is the central 60,000 litre Salt water Aquarium, filled with local fish species caught in the waters of the Bay.



### **The Pear Tree, Kerikeri** [www.thepeartree.co.nz](http://www.thepeartree.co.nz)

Nestled beside the Kerikeri River in the picturesque Stone Store Basin, the Pear Tree Restaurant & Bar is an historic Bay of Islands landmark. It is named in remembrance of early settler and missionary Samuel Marsden who first landed at the Stone Store basin. He later bought the first apple and pear trees to New Zealand, one of which he planted in the front garden in 1819. The tree still remains there today and is the oldest specimen of its kind in the country. Also on the property is the original Blacksmith's forge which is also a protected building. The extensive gardens and balconies allow an indoor-outdoor flow for larger groups. The park-like setting can easily accommodate marquees.



**Ake Ake Vineyard & Restaurant, Kerikeri**

[www.akeakevineyard.co.nz](http://www.akeakevineyard.co.nz)

Wenches and wandering minstrels, mulled wine, a knight in shining armour standing by the roaring fire and a Medieval Banquet presented on long rustic tables. A fun night of music, dancing, stories and of course the food... onion-ale soup, salmon poached in beer, stuffed roasted pig, cherry pie – a fitting feast for a memorable (k)night.



**Pete's Pioneer & Transport Museum, Kerikeri**

[www.petesmuseum.co.nz](http://www.petesmuseum.co.nz)

Pre-dinner drinks in a replica cobblestone street of yesteryear complete with bushman's hut, blacksmiths foundry, pioneer house, grocery shop, school house, horse & cart ad street lamps. Then move through to another wing for dinner amongst the host of vintage and classic cars. Private functions for up to 140 people can be catered for with seated themed dinners for 110 guests.



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