

2009-2010 NORTHLAND CONFERENCE & MEETING GUIDE





SUBTROPICAL NORTHLAND CONFERENCES



A WARM WELCOME TO SUBTROPICAL NORTHLAND

Whatever your conference or event requirements, a warm welcome awaits you in subtropical Northland. With a range of conference venues and accommodation to suit, you're sure to find the perfect base. Choose from the legendary Bay of Islands, an aquatic lover's paradise, to more intimate escapes like Doubtless Bay – with its endless white sand beaches. Alternatively base yourself in Whangarei, a city with all the facilities for larger conferences, or get away from it all to the ancient forests and harbours of the West Coast – rich in New Zealand's early kauri and shipping history. And when the serious side of the conference is done you'll welcome everything the North has to offer. Secluded locations, breathtaking scenery, lush subtropical bush, blue sea and the flavours of fresh local produce.

GET INTO THE ACTION

Sail in a tall ship followed by a whalers and wench's barbecue, cruise in a modern well-equipped catamaran for an exclusive island adventure. Swim with dolphins, kayak around the secluded bays, snorkel or parasail. Charter a launch and spend the day big game fishing. Experience a moonlit encounter with ancient kauri trees with candle lit tables serving canapés and cocktails in the forest. De-stress at a day spa. Golfers will delight in a visit to some of New Zealand's top ranked golf courses. Specially tailored golf trails and winery tours provide an entertaining day out for absolutely everybody. The opportunities are endless, the action non-stop and the combinations provide for a memorable break from the meeting room or conference.

LOVE THE FLAVOUR

Taste the flavours of fresh locally grown produce – avocados, macadamia nuts, citrus and other exotic fruits. And from the sea, smoked Marlin, Orongo Bay Oysters and a multitude of other seafood delights. Visit a boutique chocolate factory, an award-winning winery or indulge in a tittle of Northland's own Macadamia Liqueur. Enjoy these taste sensations in an endless array of exotic locations – at a winery set high on a hilltop, in a remote island paradise, on the expansive lawns of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds with a backdrop of ocean, cherished historical buildings and war canoe, or in the elegant surroundings of an absolute beach front restaurant.

FEEL RIGHT AT HOME

Whatever the size of your party, we can tailor our accommodation and facilities to suit your needs exactly. Accommodation ranges from upmarket or secluded fishing lodges, woodland style retreats, 3 and 4 star hotels and resorts, to purpose built convention and entertainment centres with the latest in facilities and communications. This brochure is just an overview of some of the products and experiences that are available in New Zealand's warmest region.

For further information contact our conference and incentive specialist, Cheryl Jensen on conferences@northlandnz.com or visit the website at www.northlandnz.com/conferences

EAST COAST: BAY OF ISLANDS

VENUES & ACCOMMODATION

Copthorne Hotel & Resort, Bay of Islands www.copthornebayofislands.co.nz

Located within the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, adjacent to the Waitangi Golf Course and the historic Treaty House. Set in park-like grounds, the resort is situated beachside comprising 180 rooms with magnificent views of the Bay of Islands, a free form rock swimming pool and spa complex, tennis court and gardens, onsite wharf and vessel moorings. The six well-appointed and refurbished conference or event venues provide versatility for all your requirements. Ranging from intimate spaces looking out over the hotel gardens, to extensive venues for large numbers or trade shows, themed gala dinners and tropical cocktails at a "beach party" poolside. Whatever your requirements, the experienced team will assist you with planning every part of your programme.

Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, Paihia www.scenichotels.co.nz

With two fully equipped, air-conditioned conference venues with a combined capacity of 150, the Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands has everything you'll need for a successful corporate or private function. Bring your conference out of the city and let your delegates enjoy their meetings in modern facilities that offer abundant natural light and relaxed surroundings. Every event benefits from the professional services of the dedicated functions team who ensure everything runs smoothly to your requirements, whether it's a conference, wedding or other special occasion. 114 rooms set amongst expansive subtropical gardens enhance the atmosphere of this resort-style hotel.

Heartland Hotel Beachcomber, Paihia www.heartlandhotels.co.nz

Located at the southern end of Paihia the Hotel has stunning panoramas across the water from every room and offers two meeting venues for conferences, meetings and cocktail functions. Facilities can be used in conjunction with sister hotel above.

The Waterfront Paihia www.thewaterfrontpaihia.co.nz

The hotel contains 30 luxury suites with amazing sweeping views of the ocean or the pool from their private spacious balconies. Interior décor combines relaxed contemporary design for indoor and outdoor entertainment and relaxation. Located right in the heart of Paihia - it is an ideal venue to host a memorable conference in the stunning Bay of Islands.

Aloha Seaview Resort Motel and Conference Centre www.aloha.co.nz

Close to Paihia for any team-building activities but far enough away to offer secluded, private surroundings in which to focus on your event. Their speciality is boutique conferences or sales meetings catering for 10 to 70 people. The on-site restaurant and two bars are available for the exclusive use of in-house delegates. The conference room is air conditioned for comfort and convenience.

Paihia Beach Resort & Spa Hotel www.paihiabeach.co.nz

After an extensive refurbishment, the inspired and stylish transformation sets a new benchmark in international luxury. Ultra chic guest rooms boast superior entertaining areas and extended private patio's provide for private massage areas and alfresco in-room dining. Soak up the sea views from the 20 metre pool and outdoor spa pools. Experience the finest Northland cuisine at the newly refurbished poolside and ocean view restaurant Puretastes. Indulge at the new revolutionary Hair Spa and specialised treatment rooms at La Spa Naturale.

Bounty Inn, Paihia www.bountyinn.co.nz

Centrally located in Paihia, featuring a refurbished conference room with natural daylight, and a range of accommodation units and wireless internet on site. The conference manager is able to tailor a package exactly to your needs. Off-season conference packages with exclusive use of the whole venue are available. Make the most of the Bay of Islands, the ideal place to combine work and pleasure.

Paihia Pacific Resort Hotel and Conference Centre www.paihiapacific.co.nz

The Resort is perfectly located just minutes from the restaurants and shops of Paihia, with most of their 35 rooms overlooking a natural setting of native and subtropical planting. Features include heated pool, spa, sauna, gymnasium, sunbed and lounge bar opening out to the pool. The onsite Stone Grill Dining offers an exciting interactive dining experience. The purpose built conference room is on the ground floor and is fully equipped, including vehicle access, bar, dance floor, raised stage and soundproofing. Pre conference visits are welcome.

Eagles Nest, Russell www.eaglesnest.co.nz

Eagles Nest is a multi award winning retreat situated two minutes from stunning Russell, Bay of Islands. This world class estate features five luxury villas, accommodating 30 guests. It is the perfect venue for your next incentive, conference or retreat with customized event planning and offering modern audio visual and conference equipment. Each villa features its own private horizon edge lap pool, Jacuzzi, wireless internet access, gourmet kitchen, and spectacular views. The superb accommodation is complemented by exquisite cuisine prepared by the Estate's personal chefs.



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Russell Cottages, Russell www.russellcottages.co.nz

The cottages are set amongst trees, tranquil, relaxed and central to the Russell Township only a two minute walk from the waterfront, restaurants and ferry to Paihia. Specializing in small meetings, corporate retreats and team building functions with accommodation for up to 108 and a number of dining options.

The Duke of Marlborough, Russell www.theduke.co.nz

One of New Zealand's oldest hotels and as such, the Duke has a wonderful touch of yesteryear and Olde Worlde charm seldom found these days. Set on the waterfront of historic Russell township overlooking the Bay with magnificent sunsets to enjoy from the decks. Functions for up to 200 guests in timeless elegance and modern facilities. Dinner options range from theme menus, set menus, barbeques or finger food to live cooking and cooking shows.

Flagstaff Lodge, Russell www.flagstafflodge.co.nz

A fully renovated villa offering every modern convenience with four spacious ensuite rooms, each with their own computer and telephone access, and an elegant guest lounge for meetings. Flagstaff Lodge has its own private spa offering specialty treatments to help you relax, unwind and refocus. Nestled in a private garden setting, the spa is run by professional qualified therapists who will ensure complete comfort and satisfaction.

Haruru Falls Resort & Conference Centre, Paihia www.harurufallsresort.co.nz

Haruru Falls Resort is situated in a tranquil location on the Waitangi River, nestled in 5 acres of bush and only 5 minutes from central Paihia. The Waiharuru Conference & Events Centre faces the stunning Haruru Waterfalls and is fully equipped with state of the art equipment, seating 110 theatre style. Restaurant, bar facilities, jetty, kayaks, swimming pool.

The Centre, Kerikeri www.centakeri.com

This premier Bay of Islands conference and meeting venue features 2 events halls which combined can seat up to 230 banquet style, 400 theatre style or 500 people cocktail style, along with an adjacent outdoor area. A 400 seat Auditorium and live theatre venue offer the latest presentation technology. Other areas include a Theatre Bar with outdoor terraced area and a selection of small meeting areas. An extensive range of caterers is available to suit all requirements.

Woodlands Motel & Conference Retreat www.woodlandskerikeri.co.nz

Set in peaceful surroundings in central Kerikeri on 70 acres of bush. The conference and seminar room seats 40 theatre style and 25 board room style. Equipment includes white board, overhead projector, data projector, DVD, video, stereo, telephone and broadband connection. All catering requirements are prepared on site, and we have a fully licensed restaurant and bar, swimming pool, spa and walking track to the river.

Heron Hill, Kerikeri www.heronhill.co.nz

Heron Hill is situated in lush gardens overlooking the Kerikeri Inlet offering stunning sea views in elegant surroundings. They cater for small groups in a tranquil and luxurious environment with the emphasis on great food. Up to 12 people can be catered for in a formal setting and up to 20 al fresco on the sandstone terraces which surround the house. Out catering and provisioning are also available. Heron Hill also has 2 well appointed guest rooms offering 4 star plus accommodation.

Kauri Cliffs Lodge and Golf Course, Matauri Bay www.kauricliffs.com

Set on 6,000 acres of working farm with spectacular panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean. This splendid plantation lodge is surrounded by 22 luxurious cottages, a championship golf course, two tennis courts, an infinity swimming pool, a new spa and a fitness centre. Guests can also experience a variety of nearby activities including game fishing, scuba diving, snorkeling, sailing, sea kayaking, possum & boar hunting, and clay pigeon shooting.

Nestled at the edge of a Totora forest, overlooking a verdant fern glen and winding stream, the Spa at Kauri Cliffs is situated next to the fully equipped gym. Whether it's for the perfect wind-down after a day's golf, to de-stress and rejuvenate after hours of travelling, or for pure indulgence, the Spa at Kauri Cliffs is a haven for unprecedented relaxation. Treatments include massage, reflexology, personalised yoga sessions, manicures, pedicures and facials.

Cavalli Island Retreat and Spa www.cavalliislandretreat.co.nz

A private island escape located amongst the natural wildlife sanctuary of the Cavalli Islands. Guests arrive on board the 72 ft luxury launch "Missionhills" which is for their exclusive use during their stay. The island retreat features a traditional Maori powhiri, a luxury spa with therapists on hand 24 hours a day and fine dining cooked freshly to order with ingredients from coast, sea, river and land. Land and sea based activities can be arranged.



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Kingsgate Hotel Whangarei www.millenniumhotels.co.nz/kingsgatewhangarei

Situated across from the Whangarei marina, close to many attractions and just minutes away from the city centre. With 115 rooms, dining options, gymnasium, spa pool and 2 fully equipped conference rooms. Both conference rooms have natural lighting, with a joint capacity of 130 theatre style.

Northland Cricket, Spire Pavilion, Whangarei www.northcricket.co.nz

The Northland Cricket Association's Pavilion Lounge overlooks the prestigious Cobham Oval, with Mt Parahaki as a backdrop and is now available for hire. The Function Room seats up to 120 buffet style or 190 theatre style, with covered balcony, presentation equipment, full bar facilities, kitchen & catering facilities. Their indoor cricket centre is also available for team building.

Forum North, Whangarei www.forumnorth.wdc.govt.nz

Forum North has a professional theatre (366 *capacity), expo Hall (594*), conference suites (160*) and Ticketek services. Whether it is product launches, trade shows, breakout areas, concerts or gala dinners, they have a space that's ideal for your event. Specialist Event Co-ordinators offer comprehensive planning services including detailed floor plans and layouts, exhibition panel and equipment/furniture hire, catering, industry standard sound & lighting, installation and breakdown.

Barge Showgrounds Events Centre www.bargeshowgrounds.co.nz

A modern multi-purpose function centre in a peaceful bush setting, designed to be flexible with a seating capacity for up to 200 people. The building, which is fully air-conditioned, features a large function room that can be split by foldaway doors to form three smaller rooms, a small cafe and a separate events administration facility. The fully equipped kitchen is a caterer's dream.

Marsden Cove Marina Boardroom, Whangarei 09 438 9090 / 021 468 356

Northland's newest exclusive meeting facility destination, the Boardroom at Marsden Cove Marina in the Whangarei Harbour. Offering on-site catering and able to organise off-site dining, transport, accommodation, leisure and team building activities. Full conference equipment available.

Thirty3 Events Centre, Whangarei 09 438 9090 / 021 468 356

A new and comprehensive facility for fashion shows, product launches, bridal expos, exhibitions and trade shows. Opened in March 2009, this modern facility offers the latest technology and technical assistance necessary to produce an excellent event. The Auditorium features high ceilings for quality sound, a permanent stage able to accommodate a small orchestra, foyer area and catering facilities.



EAST COAST: MANGAWHAI AND WAIPU

Milestone Cottages, Mangawhai www.milestonecottages.co.nz

Embraced by beautiful gardens and just over an hour's drive from Auckland, Milestone Cottages provide an ideal environment for innovative, productive and creative team building sessions and seminars. The Kowhai Conference Room has a distinctly Pacifica theme which complements the established award winning cottage style accommodation. The quaint, unique cottages are set in gardens around a palm fringed croquet lawn and pool. The cottages and conference room comfortably accommodate up to 16 persons and include one cottage with wheelchair access.

Royal Palm Lodge, Lang Cove, Mangawhai www.royalpallodge.co.nz

A luxury beach house retreat nestled beside the golden sands of exclusive Lang Cove. Enjoy a spa, relax with a walk on the beach, or reel in the abundant seafood just off shore or grab your own crayfish fresh from the pot. A venue for all seasons. For the adventurous there is jet skiing, kayaking or horse riding or for relaxing there is golf or sitting on the deck with a glass of wine and watching the sunset. Just over an hour from Auckland, this is an ideal venue for conferencing, directors meetings and business planning.

Waipu Cove Resort www.waipucoversort.co.nz

A stylish and boutique resort only a stone's throw from Waipu Cove Beach and 1 ½ hours from Auckland. On site facilities include a conference room for 20 people, swimming pool, spa pool, licensed restaurant and 10 serviced apartments. All activities can be arranged such as golfing, abseiling, fishing charters etc.

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Kingfish Lodge, Whangaroa Harbour www.kingfishlodge.co.nz

The Lodge accommodation and facilities are situated in the picturesque Whangaroa Harbour just 20 minutes from Kerikeri Airport and accessible by a short boat ride from Whangaroa or by helicopter. The Lodge's facilities are ideally suited for groups of up to 50, providing extensive conference and boardroom facilities and a diverse menu.

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Taipa Bay Resort, Taipa www.taipabay.co.nz

Absolute Beach front property situated in Doubtless Bay, with 32 suites, restaurant, cafe & bar on premises. The two conference rooms cater for up to 120 people and feature flexible conference areas with natural lighting & breakout rooms. Full catering & all conference equipment provided.

Carrington Resort - A Heritage Hotel,

Karikari Peninsula www.heritagehotels.co.nz/Carrington-Resort

A lodge, villas, golf club, vineyard and 3000 acre Black Angus stud farm. Carrington's facilities include an ocean side, tournament-quality, 18-hole golf course, designed by Matt Dye, a skeet and trap shooting range, tennis courts, a heated swimming pool and spa looking out over the Pacific Ocean, 4 km of secluded white sand beach and the hillside vineyards of award winning Karikari Estate Vineyard and Winery. Carrington also offers fine dining and lounge facilities, a library, billiard room, guest lounge and pro shop.

WEST COAST: HOKIANGA AND KAURI COAST

Copthorne Hotel & Resort, Hokianga www.copthornehokianga.co.nz

Set on 2 hectares of manicured lawns and beautiful gardens the old style kauri villa offers unique old world country charm and character in an unspoilt, unique environment. With 33 rooms and seating for 80 theatre style in the conference room, the hotel offers business and conference organizers a truly inspirational and stimulating venue. Where else could you expect to find an executive retreat that features crayfish on its menu, sits in a prime position on the water's edge of the remote and unspoilt Hokianga Harbour and enjoys stunning views across the bay to huge sand dunes. Special conference packages and local tour bookings available.

Waipoua Lodge, Hokianga www.waipoulodge.co.nz

Imagine...small creative meetings for 10 persons in a Luxury Lodge with panoramic views overlooking the Waipoua Forest - home of 'Tane Mahuta'. Nature's silence offers space for creative process. Chauffeured forest tours with maori guides to explore kauri forests, mountain bike rides, fishing on a white sandy beach or game fish by boat, kayak at the lakes, or take a tour by night to see our elusive kiwi. Retreat to four private suites in the expansive gardens following gourmet wines and cuisine, and wake to espresso and sumptuous breakfasts. Access is by helipad or 3 hours drive north of Auckland.

EAST COAST: BAY OF ISLANDS

Fullers GreatSights Bay of Islands www.dolphincruises.co.nz

Northland's leading tourism operator (part of ICG) offers a wide range of cruises around the bay, including the famous Cream Trip and the adrenaline pumping Excitor - Ultimate High Speed Adventure fast boat. They also have the ability to land people on any island in the bay - great for themed island events and away days. Coach tours to Cape Reinga, half day sightseeing tours of historic Russell and 2 cultural/eco tours around Kerikeri. Multiple vessels are available for charter with capacities ranging from 54 - 230pax.

GreatSights NEW PRODUCT - Launch date September 2009 www.overnightcruise.co.nz

One unique night surrounded by nature, immersed in history - welcome aboard Ipipiri, a 46m (150ft) small ship featuring 30 identical king staterooms each with private ensembles and panoramic seas views. Two other decks include a large sundeck and a 70 seat restaurant (110 cocktail) with indoor/outdoor dining and bar. When the ship anchors, onboard tender craft will transport passengers to and from nearby islands to enjoy guided walks, snorkeling, swimming and kayaking. Doubling as a self contained conference facility, the vessel can host up to 110 guests and sleep up to 60.

Another interactive ICG product is awesomeNZ.com providing opportunities for swimming with dolphins in the Bay of Islands and interactive cultural visits to the Hokianga and Waipoua Kauri Forest.

ICG also operate daily coach services from Auckland to the Bay of Islands (InterCity & GreatSights) and are available for pre and post conference charters from Auckland.

La Spa Naturale, Paihia www.paihiabeach.co.nz

While your mind soars over the inspiring scenery of the Bay of Islands, pamper and rejuvenate your body with natural and luxurious spa and body treatments. La Spa Naturale, located within the Paihia Beach Resort & Spa, offers international spa treatments ranging from 30 minutes to five day packages. Signature treatments include "Naturally Northland" treatments using local produce and clays. A true oasis of revitalising indulgence.

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Corporate Explore www.corporateexplore.co.nz

Corporate Explore, based in Auckland and the Bay of Islands, is a branch of New Zealand's largest marine experience provider, Explore NZ. They provide an extensive range of sailing and marine experiences with a fleet of high performance sail and air-conditioned motor vessels. They offer a range of personalized options according to group size, timeframe, budget and the overall atmosphere you want to create. Options include charters to a private island; day sailing with island stop over, activities & catering; Hole in the Rock cruising, swim with the dolphins and evening cocktail cruises.

Dune-Rider Offroad Vehicle Adventure www.dunerider.co.nz

Purpose built off road vehicle tour to Cape Reinga with recliner seats and air-conditioned comfort. Full commentary and activities which include driving along 90 Mile Beach, boogie boarding down massive sand dunes, Gumdiggers Park, Ancient Kauri Kingdom. Available for private charter.

Salt Air, Paihia www.saltair.co.nz

Departing from Paihia or from luxury lodges throughout Northland, Salt Air offers exclusive helicopter tours of the region's spectacular harbours, islands and beaches with optional secluded stops. An exclusive vehicle is used to meet the guests for a land based exploration of Ninety Mile Beach and Cape Reinga with gourmet picnic lunch. Other private air tours include the Waipoua Forest on the west coast to see the mighty kauri trees or quad biking on Ninety-Mile Beach and Shipwreck Bay.

Cool Change Charters www.sailcoolchange.co.nz

With all round visibility and plenty of space inside and out, this 54ft sailing catamaran is the perfect way to explore the Bay of Islands and surrounding coastal areas. Day sails or overnight excursions.

R Tucker Thompson www.tucker.co.nz

Step back in time and explore the Bay of Islands as Captain Cook and others did. An interactive experience where you can get into the spirit of things and help sail the ship by setting the sails and taking the helm, or simply relax and enjoy this beautiful part of New Zealand. Trips can be a day sail customised to suit your needs as part of the conference programme, or run from 2 days over a weekend up to a full week, depending on requirements.

Wild Bill Sports Fishing, Paihia www.wildbill.co.nz

The ultimate game fishing experience in the Bay of Islands and Three Kings with a professional and dedicated team on board this 42ft Bertram custom built gamefisher targeting marlin, swordfish, tuna, shark, kingfish and more. Chef and wait staff available.

Waitangi Treaty Grounds www.waitangi.net.nz

Guided tours of the grounds and iconic buildings with personal stories and historical accounts. Also available are live performances including kapa haka and a twilight show.

Functions - The historic buildings and grounds are a setting to transform your event.

Treaty House Welcome - This unique house adds mana and drama to your event with its sweeping bay views and historic stature. The courtyard is available for group receptions.

Courtyard entertainment - Storytellers, string bands or other show-stoppers - specialising in entertainment that captures the region and the era of our birthplace.

Dining at Waitangi - The historic, sweeping setting of the Treaty Grounds will create a stunning impression for private functions, cocktails & canapés or dinners, while the expansive Bay of Islands becomes a backdrop you'll never forget. Cultural performances may also be included in a tailor-made afternoon or evening. Flexible marquee options are available over the entire estate.

Earl Grey Fishing Charters www.earlgreyfishing.co.nz

This longstanding and respected charter operator has the experience to organise a wide range of fishing options for groups of any size. Highly recommended is the Yellowtail Kingfish option, guaranteed to deliver an adrenaline rush for novice or seasoned anglers alike. An excellent team building activity with charters tailored to suit everyone's needs.

Striker Charters, Russell www.striker.co.nz

A 48ft Rivera which has more world records than any other charter boat in New Zealand, Striker is a premier game fishing charter vessel targeting all game fish. Available for one to ten day trips, with three full time crew, 3 cabins and two bathrooms. It is fully catered, taking a maximum of 4 anglers.

Waka Taiamai Tours, Waitangi www.taiamaitours.co.nz

Board the 50 foot traditional Maori waka and experience the river highways of our ancestors as you paddle the waka along the Waitangi River. The Journey culminates with your arrival at the base of the stunning Haruru Falls and includes a stop and an authentic Nga Puhi welcome at a traditional Maori village on the shores of the Waitangi River. Traditional Hangi feast at the village can be arranged.



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Waitangi Golf Club www.waitangigolf.co.nz

A gentle undulating 18 hole course with challenges and spectacular views. Carts, clubs and trundlers are available. The Club house is open 7 days. The course has the most tremendous panorama of sea and island views over the Bay of Islands and Russell, river and estuary views over Waitangi and Opuia and rolling bush and forest views inland over Mount Bledisloe and Puketona.

Re:Condition Massages, Waitangi www.cophornerbayofislands.co.nz

Re:Condition is all about relaxation and enjoyment, embracing a four-dimensional approach toward the art of massage, which encompasses the sensations of touch, taste, smell and sound. Clients are encouraged to become involved in their treatment by choosing their own massage oils and selecting a beverage from a large collection of herbal teas and kava tonics. Music enriches the sensual voyage.

Action World www.actionworld.co.nz

A unique Action Park featuring world-first activities such as Flying Trapeze; High Wire walking; Tarzan Swings; Jousting log; - all made possible through the use of a patented air-bag landing system. Also an 18-hole mini-golf course set in native forest and a water slide.

Paihia Paintball www.paihiapaintball.co.nz

Situated a few kms from central Paihia on a 185 acre farm of rolling pasture and native bush, the games are played around a waterway, with a peninsula, bridges, flying fox and a great many trees and obstacles. Post game showers are available together with BBQ and entertainment facilities. Your only chance to legally shoot the boss!!

Bay of Islands Lunch Cruise www.dinnercruise.co.nz

This new lunch cruise departs Paihia and ventures along the calm coastal waters towards Opuia and over to Okiato, passing Omata Estate Vineyard to Kororareka Oyster Farms and on to Russell, with commentary and views along the way. Vessel available for private charter.

Heliops www.heliops.co.nz

Heliops is an exciting helicopter company specialising in breathtaking scenic flights and heli-fishing trips in and around the Bay of Islands and the Far North. Enjoy a sightseeing trip around the Bay of Islands, the rugged West Coast or the ultimate 'Cape Reinga Expedition'. Exclusive helicopter flights and transfers to lodges and golf courses can be arranged. For the heli-fishing trip with a difference, Heliops knows all the spots. Unforgettable Rock Fishing Adventures to remote locations only accessible by helicopter in the Bay of Islands, Cavalli Islands or further North if desired.

Living Nature, Kerikeri www.livingnature.co.nz

Living Nature is one of the world's most truly natural skincare ranges with over 200 products made from the unique and potent properties of New Zealand plants, honeys and clays. As well as an extensive shop, the factory also houses the Living Nature Spa, which uses the Living Nature product range. The spa offers wonderful facials and massages in tranquil and aromatic surroundings where you are able to relax and be expertly pampered with only the most natural of ingredients.

Adventure Puketi, Kerikeri www.forestwalks.com

Discover New Zealand's most pristine rainforest on a guided hiking tour with stories, history and culture. Puketi Forest boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in Northland. A feature of the tours is the mighty Kauri tree, found nowhere in the world but the upper north island of New Zealand. Walks from 1 hour to full day and night walks are available. Refreshments and gourmet lunches can be arranged at the forest headquarters for a delightful themed dinner venue.

Marsden Estate Winery, Kerikeri www.marsdenestate.co.nz

Lying in the sun amidst the citrus-covered slopes of Northland is Marsden Estate, Kerikeri's award winning winery. The estate is named after Samuel Marsden, who introduced the grapevine to New Zealand with 100 plantings at Kerikeri in 1819. The plantings at Marsden are a little more recent, but both the wine and estate building have a timeless quality. Original cuisine, complemented by estate grown wines can be enjoyed in a relaxed courtyard atmosphere overlooking the lake and vines. Wine sales, tastings and tours are also available.

Missionhills, Cavalli Islands www.missionhills.co.nz

Missionhills is a 72ft motor launch designed for luxury, equipped for adventure while exploring the natural sanctuary, islands and seas of the Bay of Islands archipelago. Enjoy snorkeling, diving, fishing, kayaking, fine dining or stopover at one of the world's most private islands and experience the Cavalli Island Retreat.



EAST COAST: WHANGAREI AND TUTUKAKA

Dive Tutukaka www.diving.co.nz

"The Perfect Day" is a luxurious cruise out to the famous Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve on a 23 meter multi-deck vessel with a capacity of 75. The cruise offers an interactive experience with a unique blend of dramatic landscape, interpretive stories, relaxation in air-conditioned comfort, kayaking and snorkeling. Enter the world's largest sea cave, sail through arches, view whales and dolphins, seals, rare bird life and gannet colonies; hear fantastic natural and Maori history. Buffet lunch included.

Pupurangi Hire and Tour, Whangarei tony@hirentour.co.nz

Exciting, adventurous & cultural outdoor activities in and around the Whangarei Town Basin. The experiences include abseiling, guided walks in the AH Reed Kauri Park, guided art & cultural bike tours of the city, paddling the Hatea River in a Waka Ama canoe, peddle powered Aquacykl rides and kayaking. Corporate packages for up to 50 delegates.

Terenga Paraoa Tours, Whangarei www.tours.maori.nz

A 2 ½ hour cultural tour to 3 significant Whangarei sites - the mystical Whangarei Falls, the Kauri Park 'canopy' walk and sacred Parihaka Pa. Commentary includes authentic Maori history and traditions, information about archaeological sites, native flora and fauna and European settler history.

Annie Rose Ltd, Whangarei www.annierose.com

Annie Rose is a state of the art lampworking studio where groups of up to 12 can learn the craft of glass bead making, fusing glass and precious metal clay jewellery making. The basics can be learnt fairly quickly, it is fun and rewarding - everyone leaves with an item they have made from the hands-on workshop.

Whangarei Museum & Heritage Park www.whangareimuseum.co.nz

Enhance your conference programme with a heritage tour of this magnificent 25ha park. Choose from one of the heritage tours available, or make your own e.g. Eco/nature; Railway Enthusiasts (steam); Settlement of the North (heritage); Wheels 'n' Tracks (vintage car & machinery gems).

Reads Retreat – Clay Target Shooting, Hikurangi www.clayshooting.co.nz

Sporting clay targets are shot singularly or in pairs whilst wandering through picturesque farmland. Sporting clay shooting offers an alternative for relaxing business meetings or entertaining that 'special' client. We supply all necessary equipment and can provide a mobile service if you prefer to shoot at your own chosen location. BBQ area available with indoor and outdoor seating and full kitchen facilities.



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Pakiri Beach Horse Rides www.horseride-nz.co.nz

A Qualmark accredited company offering horse rides on the pristine sands of Pakiri Beach and bordering dunes and native bush. Suitable for large and small groups, team building and confidence building and operated in conjunction with local venues providing farm style lunches, accommodation and conference facilities depending on the number of riders and requirements.

ROCKUP Mobile Adventure Activities, Mangawhai www.rockup.co.nz

A wide range of mobile, interactive and themed formats with full support services. Operates from almost any venue, field or car park. Set up can be as quick as 10 minutes. A range of over 30 fun activities include an 8 metre mobile rock-climbing wall, live-fire claybird shooting, inflatable volcano adventures, archery, log jousting.



TOP OF THE NORTH: DOUBTLESS BAY & WHANGAROA HARBOUR

Bushmans Friend, Whangaroa Harbour www.bushmansfriend.co.nz

Bushmans Friend offers a range of nature walks providing safe and informative eco tours of Whangaroa's beautiful forest, bush and natural harbour. Guide Tony Foster is a native plant expert and botanist who gives a strong eco message during his bush walk tours. Experience towering rock cliffs, pristine waterfalls, a variety of forest types, endemic flora and fauna.

Karikari Estate Vineyard www.karikariestate.co.nz

New Zealand's northernmost winery and vineyard. Located on the beautiful Karikari Peninsula it overlooks the blue Pacific Ocean towards North Cape. Karikari Estate's philosophy is to produce the highest quality wine and has earned numerous medals and glowing reviews. The Karikari Estate Winery's café overlooking the vineyards serves mouth-watering fare together with their award-winning wines and is just minutes from Carrington Resort. The Barrel Room is available for evening functions.



TOURS & ACTIVITIES



WEST COAST: HOKIANGA AND KAURI COAST

Hokianga Express Charters, Opononi www.taitokerau.co.nz/operators_hokianga

From Opononi wharf board the Hokianga Express which will cruise across the harbour to the giant sand dunes where you can experience the thrill of sand boarding down giant sand dunes into crystal clear water, swim in the harbour or just relax on the beach.

Crossings Hokianga, Opononi www.crossingshokianga.co.nz

A guided boat cruise of the historically significant Hokianga harbour, a place that New Zealand's first discoverer called home 1000 years ago. Local Maori guides tell of a significant past in New Zealand's history all while enjoying the spectacular scenery. Enjoy stops at the giant sand dunes, the Mangungu Mission House and the artist's haven of Kohukohu. Itineraries can be tailor-made according to requirements. Kings Crossings Hokianga is a day tour from the Bay of Islands to the Hokianga and is a combination of both the Footprints day walk in Waipoua Forest and Crossings products.

Footprints Waipoua www.footprintswaipoua.co.nz

Setting out from the Cophthorne Hotel and Resort, Hokianga, by limousine coach the Maori guides bring to life this ecologically and spiritually significant environment, adding a cultural component for conference groups. View, listen and learn about the oldest and largest kauri trees in the world – trees that were already standing before the birth of Christ. Hear the sounds of forest life at night, share the knowledge, songs and stories of your experienced local Maori guides. Special receptions/functions in the forest can be arranged.

The Kauri Museum, Matakoho www.kaurimuseum.com

This is one of the country's most amazing theme museums telling the fascinating story of the pioneering days through the use of kauri timber and kauri gum. There are many exceptional displays and dedicated galleries to admire, a great museum shop and cafe. Approximately 90 minutes north of Auckland, just off SH 12.

SERVICES & TRANSPORT



NORTHLAND

Collective Concepts www.collectiveconcepts.co.nz

Offering complete marketing solutions for tourism, hospitality & event businesses, Collective Concepts puts together full, innovative, conceptual solutions for conferences and events in Northland. A one stop shop solution for clients wanting to visit Northland to hear about a number of complementary tourism, hospitality and event businesses at the same time.

Kate Bell Events Ltd www.katebell.co.nz

KBE has the ability to listen and capture the vision of their clients for all types of events and special occasions. It offers a wide range of creative services and makes dreams a reality and specialises in event design, venue theming in any location to convey your corporate/association message, table arrangements and dressing. Kate Bell events will run your event from conception to completion.

The Soundcave www.thesoundcave.com

Experienced in creating the ultimate corporate conference setup from staging to lighting to the perfect PA System, The Soundcave will ensure that your next conference is the roaring success you plan it to be! The Soundcave will provide high quality products and great attention is given to placement of equipment to ensure sound that will set any type of mood, lighting that will completely transform a room and effects that make a statement.

Northland Limousine Services www.limo4me.co.nz

Conference land transport provider with a variety of luxury passenger vans, stretch limo, ministerial cars, shuttle vans & coaches. The luxury 10 seat van features 6 speaker stereo HiFi system, 21 litre bottle chiller and food warmer, 23" LCD TV, DVD player, large luggage compartment and luggage trailer.

Pukekiwi VIP Tours, Kerikeri www.pukekiwi.co.nz and www.kerikeritours.co.nz

Tours can be tailor made to suit requirements with experienced driver/guides supplied. Excursion options include golf, wine, art, culture, food, history or simply sightseeing. 9-24 seater mini-vans and coaches.

Scenario Events, Whangarei 0800 321 567

Specialists in event planning, full conference management and facilitation, corporate events and entertainment management including venue booking and budget management. Also specialising in community events, festivals, awards and fundraiser shows.

Anise info@anise.net.nz 027 210 2611

A new company run by Northland Chefs Association executive members Hughie Blues and Sam Timoko specialising in event catering, private parties, awards dinners and weddings. The available cuisine ranges from elegant canapes and gourmet finger food to plated degustation menus.

Venues & Accommodation	Theatre Style Capacity	Accomm Rooms	Accomm Pax
Bay of Islands			
Bounty Inn	60	29	89
Copthorne Hotel & Resort BOI	600	180	360
Eagles Nest	70	15	30
Flagstaff Lodge	Exclusive Use	4	8
Haruru Falls Resort Panorama	110	28	83
Heartland Hotel Beachcomber	50	45	100
Heron Hill	Exclusive Use	2	4
Paihia Beach Resort Hotel & Spa	16	21	42
Paihia Pacific Resort Hotel & Conference Centre	120	35	100
Russell Cottages - (Use of Seaport Village)	10	54	108
Seaport Village	60	16	38
Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands	150	114	370
Sea Spray	20	30	74
The Centre	400	Nil	Nil
The Duke of Marlborough	200	26	60
The Waterfront Paihia	20	28	100
Waitangi Treaty Grounds	400 outside/ 65 inside	Nil	Nil
Woodlands Accommodation & Conference	45	12	27
East Coast, Whangarei & Tutukaka			
Kingsgate Hotel Whangarei	130	115	230
Milestone Cottages	20	6	16
Forum North	600	Nil	Nil
Barge Showgrounds	200	Nil	Nil
Marsden Cove Marina	30	Nil	Nil
Thirty3 Event & Conference Centre	750	Nil	Nil
Royal Palm Lodge	Exclusive Use	6	19
Pavilion Lounge	190	Nil	Nil
Waipu Cove Resort	20	12	34
Whangarei Museum & Heritage Park	80	Nil	Nil
Top of the North			
Kauri Cliffs	Exclusive Use	24	48
Kingfish Lodge	104	12	32
Taipā Bay Resort	150	32	110
Carrington Resort A Heritage Hotel	90	38	76
West Coast			
Copthorne Hotel & Resort Hokianga	80	33	99
Waipoua Lodge	10 Boardroom	5	10



GETTING TO NORTHLAND

From Auckland International Airport there are regular scheduled services by Air New Zealand to Northland's 3 airports.

Salt Air also provides a daily scheduled service from Auckland's North Shore to Whangarei and Kerikeri.

Whangarei	30 minutes
Kerikeri/Bay of Islands	40 minutes
Kaitiāia	45 minutes

A number of charter operators offer helicopter and fixed wing flights to Northland tailored to your requirements.

Charter coach services are available. Approximate drive times from Auckland are:

Bay of Islands	3 hours
Whangarei	2 hours
Doubtless Bay	4 hours
Dargaville	3 hours
Hokianga	4 hours
Kaitiāia	5 hours

KEY TO MAP

- Twin Coast Route
- Alternative Tourist Drives
- Other Roads

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