

Chatham Islands Tour

26th Jan - 2nd Feb 2023



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This Summer together with Greg and Rosemarie Horler of Awarakau Lodge, we have planned an all-inclusive, 7-night tour to the Chatham Islands.

We will make Awarakau Lodge our home for our 7 nights on the Island. Each room has private ensuite facilities and all our meals will be at the Lodge, or picnics provided by the Lodge.

Sightseeing will be arranged and provided by the Horlers and our return flights will be with Air Chathams, departing from and returning to Auckland.

Awarakau lodge is at the centre of the 1100 acre Awarakau Farm. Greg and Rosemary own and operate the lodge as part of their farming business. This is not an add-on; it is a core part of their operation. Farm activities often revolve around tour groups, allowing guests to experience Chatham Islands farming at first hand.

Awarakau Lodge is the only lodge-style accommodation available on the island. Visitors talk about the home-style cuisine, personalised serve and the sharing of histories and experiences that they have here. Rosemarie is a 6th generation Chatham Islander. Her family has been farming this part of the Chathams since the 1800s.



This chance to visit one of the most remote parts of New Zealand will be a unique experience. Located 800 km east of the South Island, the Chathams are a remote, ocean-bound wilderness and are most famous for plentiful fresh seafood and fascinating marine and wildlife. They are made up of 10 islands with a radius of approx. 60 km. The largest of the islands are Chatham and Pitt.

There is now cell phone coverage on the islands so we will be able to stay in touch with home via mobile or wifi at the lodge. The Islands are 45 minutes ahead of mainland New Zealand time.

There are 660 local residents and the islands get approx. 2,000 visitors per year. As most of the island is privately owned, pre-booked tours are essential. Taxis do not exist!

The Itinerary below may vary depending on

weather and the wishes of guests.

I look forward to traveling with you to this fascinating part of New Zealand.

Pauline Norrish

Thurs 26th January Auckland to Chatham Islands (d)

This afternoon we will depart Auckland at 1.30 pm on Air Chathams for our 2 hr 15 min flight to the Islands, arriving at 4.30 pm where we will be met by our hosts and transferred to our accommodation, which will be our home for the next 7 nights. Awarakau Lodge is located 9km south of the main township of Waitangi. Upon arrival we will have time to unwind, relax and take in the scenery with perhaps a walk along the coastal rocks before dinner.

Fri 27th January Chathams

After breakfast which is served between 8.00am and 9.30am we will go north to Kaingaroa. We will stop at Ocean Mail scenic reserve where we will have a picnic lunch followed by a walk in the DOC reserve where we will be able to see the regeneration of the wetlands. From here we will travel to the Dendrogyh Grove which is situated in Hapupu reserve. From here we travel on to Skirmish Bay the place of the first landing of Europeans in 1791 and visit the site of the missionaries and whalers. Our last visit of the day will be to the only accessible seal colony.

(b,l,d)



Sat 28th January Chathams



Today we travel to the North West of the Island to Port Hutt stopping on the way to visit the Basalt Columns. There will be a visit to the Port Hutt fishing village. We will then travel to the stone mission house which was built around 1866 by German missionaries. From here we will travel to Waitangi West beach which is the most westerly point on the Island. From here we return to our accommodation to a home cooked meal.

(b,l,d)

Sun 29th January Chathams

After breakfast we will travel further South to Awatotara and Tuku where you are able to spot the native pigeon (Parea) and the Chatham Islands Tui. We will then head to Henga farm to walk through the native reserve and beach dunes. Our last visit will be to Admiral Gardens.

(b,l,d)

Mon 30th January Chathams (b,l,d)

After breakfast we will travel east to Owenga where we will visit Kopinga Maree (Mori) on the way for morning tea and an informative talk. Then we will travel to Owenga to view the statue of Tommy Solomon the last full blooded Mori. After this (weather permitting) we will travel to the Millennium site and then travel back to our accommodation through the inland road.



Tues 31st January Chathams (b,l,d)

This day is free for the guests to enjoy as they please. A fishing trip can be arranged for today as well as a visit to the Museum, craft shop and other places around Waitangi Township. Or perhaps relaxing at our lodge by the fire or taking a walk along the coast. Or a day trip to Pit Island can be arranged through our hosts. Arrangements for this will need to be made in advance.

Wed 1st Feb Chathams (b,l,d)

Today we travel north to Cape Young stopping on the way to visit Blind Jims which is a place that Te Whanga Lagoon meets the road and you are able to have a look for fossilised shark's teeth. We will also visit Nikau scenic reserve and then on to Wharekauri station to splatter rocks and then to Cape Young.



This evening we will enjoy our last dinner together at Awarakau Lodge.

Thurs 2nd Feb Chathams - Auckland (b)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport to catch your morning flight home which will have you arriving back at approx. 10.30 am.



Price:

Share twin pp \$5195.00
Single rate: Not available

Includes:

- Return airfares to the Chathams from Auckland on Air Chathams
- Transport by private touring Mini bus on the island
- 7 nights' accommodation at Awarakau Lodge.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.
- All sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Services of a tour leader traveling with the group throughout.

Not included:

- Snacks and refreshments.
- Items of a personal nature

The tour package is calculated using fares and rates available now and based on a minimum and maximum number of 12.

BOOKINGS

To secure a place in the group please return a completed application form with deposit of \$1000.00 to Toucan Tours & Travel Ltd, as soon as possible. Balance is due by 1st Dec 2022



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Conditions of Travel

Toucan Tours & Travel Limited ("Toucan") co-ordinates travel arrangements and undertakes to perform these services with reasonable care and skill. Toucan takes care to ensure that services arranged are of a high standard but will only be responsible for any loss or damage which results from the act or omission of Toucan, its employees or agents.

Deposit

A booking will be accepted when Toucan has received your deposit of \$1000.00 per person and your completed booking form. The balance of the Tour price will be due by 1st December 2022

Cancellation

If you cancel your booking in writing, all monies will be refunded less a cancellation fee. For cancellation up to 45 days prior to departure, cancellation fee is the \$700.00; for cancellation within 45 days prior to departure, the full tour price may be charged.

Itinerary

All prices quoted are subject to change due to hotel rate fluctuations, group number and unforeseen circumstances. Toucan has made tour plans with care and in good faith but may, when circumstances require it, alter those plans. Any changes made to tour itinerary or cost will be notified to tour members accordingly.

Tour Conduct

Toucan reserves the right, in the last resort, to require any person to withdraw from the tour if Toucan deems that persons conduct to be offensive or incompatible with the comfort of other tour members, and Toucan shall be under no further obligation to that person.

Accommodation

The tour price includes accommodation on a twin share basis (unless otherwise stated). For clients travelling alone, a single supplement is payable, however we may be able to assist with sharing arrangements.

Tour Cancellation

In the event of insufficient bookings before commencement of the tour, Toucan reserves the right to cancel the tour with a full refund. However, Toucan may provide an amended cost for the tour to proceed with fewer numbers, subject to the tour members' agreement.

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BOOKING FORM

Title _____ Full Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

E-MAIL _____ Phone _____ Mobile: _____

Single Room / Twin Share / Double Room (Please circle)

I would like to share a room with _____

Do you have any special requirements? (Meals, Medical Condition.

Smoker / Non-smoker (Please circle)

Would you like to add individual travel plans to the beginning or end of this tour? Yes / No

Next of Kin (in case of emergency):

Name: _____ Relationship to you _____

E-mail: _____ ph: _____

Address: _____ Mob ph: _____

This information is collected for the purpose of making travel arrangements and enabling us to contact you. The information held about you can be accessed by you and corrected at any time.

Please register my interest in the Chatham Islands Tour. I advise that I am happy to make a deposit of \$1000 at time of booking. Balance of payment of by 1st December 2022

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return with deposit made payable to Toucan Tours & Travel, to:
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