

Northland Heritage Guide

Te Ara Taonga Tuku Iho o Te Tai Tokerau





Nau mai, haere mai, piki mai ki Te Tai Tokerau

Welcome to Te Tai Tokerau - often called the birthplace of Aotearoa New Zealand. It is here the great Polynesian explorer Kupe was said to have landed; hundreds of years ago, waka (canoe) carrying the ancestors of northern iwi (tribes) made landfall in the bays and beaches; much later, missionaries and waves of European settlers arrived to make their homes here; this is the place where our founding documents He Whakaputanga – the Declaration of Independence – and Te Tiriti o Waitangi – the Treaty of Waitangi – were signed; and it is here the first shots were fired in the New Zealand Wars.

This Museums Guide is your pathway to explore the special history, heritage and culture of this region. You will find award-winning local museums telling the stories of migration and small museums showcasing rural ways of life through farm machinery or vintage vehicles. There is the largest clock collection in the Southern Hemisphere, this country's oldest buildings, and a view into the rollicking, riotous history of New Zealand's first frontier town.

Don't miss...

A visit to the Treaty Grounds at Waitangi is a must do. Walk the gardens, see the Treaty House and look at the exhibitions in Te Kongahu which explore Te Tiriti o Waitangi. But don't miss the newly opened Te Rau Aroha. There images, objects, oral histories, and a database of family memories tell the story of Maori in the armed forces, but the main focus is on the soldiers of the 28 (Maori) Battalion. One section is dedicated to the men of A company, many of whom came from Te Tai Tokerau. Prepare to be moved by these powerful stories.

Don't just take our word for it...

Travellers from near and far tell us how much they enjoy Northland's museums. One favourite is the Kauri Museum: impressive machinery, the world's largest collection of kauri gum, and stories of people whose lives depended on the mighty kauri tree. Kiwi North is another hit with travellers. Here you will find historic buildings within a heritage park, the Whangarei Museum and a nocturnal Kiwi House; arrive on the right day and there will be train rides around the grounds.

Take the time in Te Tai Tokerau; feel the history.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou
Dr Bronwyn Dalley,
On behalf of
NORTHLAND MUSEUMS
ASSOCIATION



There is so much to see and do in Northland

In Northland/Te Tai Tokerau contains a wealth of significant historic heritage and in a historic and cultural sense is rightly considered the 'Cradle of the nation'.

There are approximately 12,000 recorded archaeological and historic sites in Northland, of which approximately 3000 are on public conservation land managed by the Northland DOC office. There are a range of different site types, from middens to Mission Stations, and prehistoric gardening systems to World War II gun emplacements.

Path to Nationhood, Northland

Heritage NZ have created this amazing App for you to experience history through new eyes - Download any of the six free Path to Nationhood tours for iPhones and iPads (Apple App store or i-tunes) or Android (Google Play), and experience the heart and soul of early New Zealand's Northland, where Māori and Pākehā first met, traded, philosophised, fought, loved – and established a nation like no other.

One of these tours is exploring the Bay of Islands (Kororareka) known not only for its beauty and climate, but also as one of New Zealand's most significant historic areas. The area was the scene of early contact and conflict between Maori and European settlers, who began arriving in the late eighteenth century.

These are some of the Heritage sites you can experience...



Kerikeri Mission: In a picture-perfect setting in the Bay of Islands one of New Zealand's premier historic sites preserves the stories of tumultuous times when Māori met missionaries and life was changed forever.



Pompallier Mission and Printery: Situated in a beautiful waterfront setting in the Bay of Islands, this French-style printery and tannery combines momentous Māori and Paheka history, glorious gardens, and hands-on fun.



Waimate Mission: New Zealand's second oldest building, Te Waimate Mission, preserves missionary, farming and architectural history, as well as stories of important early encounters between Māori and Europeans.

Another fabulous area to explore is the Hokianga, rich in Maori history with spectacular views of the coastline and Hokianga harbour. At Arai Te Uru there is a Recreational Reserve walk where Kupe first walked when he first landed on Aotearoa.

On your way visit...



Māngungu Mission: Māngungu was established on the shore of the spectacular Hokianga Harbour in 1828 as a Wesleyan Mission station. It was built in 1838-1839 for the Reverend Nathaniel Turner.



Clendon House: Clendon House is the fascinating home of Captain James Reddy Clendon, ship owner and trader. Captain Clendon was in the thick of the earliest Maori and Pakeha interaction and was a witness to the Treaty of Waitangi.

Northland Journeys

The Twin Coast Discovery Highway is just the beginning of your travel. It will lead you to byways that takes you even deeper into our amazing stories and closer to our small towns with big hearts, our unforgettable natural environment and timeless places we call home. Each 50-150 kilometre journey will deliver an enjoyable half to full day of exploration. Plan your route around Northland by downloading these free printable journey maps to find these hidden gems and use this guide to create your artistic itinerary.

Here are six Northland Journey Maps, you can download from www.northland.com

- All About Islands
- Ancient Kauri Trail
- Into the Wild Blue Yonder
- The Secret Coast Route
- Where Giants Gather

Itinerary 1: Whangarei

Visit Whangarei Art Museum, take a walk along the Hatea Loop passed the Sculpture Park, onto the Waka 'n' Wave Sculpture at Hihiaua Point before dropping in at Hihiaua Cultural Centre (23) to experience Maori culture the Whare Waka (Waka shelter) and carving centre. Spend time, at the Town Basin, before heading to Kiwi North, Whangarei Museum and Heritage Park (24) for a total immersion in natural and pioneer history.

Itinerary 2: Whangarei to Mangawhai

Its a 45m drive via SH14 along the Northern Wairoa River to Dargaville. This Northland river town is a great jumping off point from which to explore the Kauri Coast. A must see is the Dargaville Museum (6), Kaipara Heritage Machinery Museum and Kauri Museum (5). From here head over to the east coast via Kaiwaka towards Mangawhai for surfing and swimming. Experience the natural heritage, the sand dunes, home to fairy terns, Caspian terns, variable oystercatchers and NZ dotterels. Getting hungry? Waipu Cove for a early dinner!

Itinerary 3: The Kauri Coast

If you like getting off the beaten track then take a Northland Journey, pick up the Ancient Kauri Trail it will take you all the way from Maungatoroto to Omapere, through farmland, villages, ruggedly beautiful beaches of the wild and untamed West Coast, to the peaceful shelter and majesty of the kauri forests to the stunning shores of Omapere and the Hokianga Harbour. You may never leave!

Mahurangi West

1 Puhoi Heritage Museum Inc.



'Where Bohemia meets Aotearoa'
On your visit, explore the unique history of Puhoi.

Includes the Bohemian and Maori connection from 1861 to the present day.

View the model of the Puhoi Village in early 1900 and learn more with Audio Guides as you tour the Museum.

We hold extensive photographic and genealogical records for some families going back to 1700's.

Group tours with full commentary can be arranged.



77 Puhoi Road, Puhoi
Open: Daily, 12 pm – 3 pm
Ph: 09 422 0852

PUHOI

1a Warkworth & District Museum



Just north of Auckland, the Warkworth Museum is situated in the stunning Parry Kauri Park, which is home to the McKinney Kauri, one of the largest Kauri trees on the north east coast. After walking through the park, visit the Museum which tells the story of early European settlement, timber felling, gum digging and boat building. The growth of the Warkworth district is showcased through displays containing many heritage items, photographs and textiles of the era.



Tudor Collins Drive, Parry Kauri Park,
Warkworth
Open: Times vary.
Ph: 09 425 7093

2 Albertland Heritage Centre and Museum



The Albertland settlement, established in 1862 as a new homeland for British non-conformists was named after Queen Victoria's late husband, Prince Albert.

The Brookes family, Nottingham agents for the scheme, founded historic Minniesdale Chapel, Wharehine. Others established farmlands, orchards, vineyards, and commercial ventures. The Heritage Centre holds: unique archives from the Brookes collection, the Harold Marsh and other photographic collections and family records, memorabilia, and artefacts providing priceless information for researchers.



Library Plaza, 15 Port Albert Rd, Wellsford
Open: Tue - Sat, 11 am - 3 pm
Sun - Mon, 1 pm - 3 pm
Ph: 09 4338062

3 Mangawhai Museum



Mangawhai Museum celebrates life around our harbour and offers a fascinating look through Mangawhai's past. With stories as diverse as WWII shipwrecks and lost gold bullion, geology at the beach, the plight of the Fairy Tern and the saving of the harbour entrance, the museum offers a fascinating look through our past and the characters who have shaped it.



191 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai
 Open: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm
 Ph: 09 431 4645

4 Kauri Museum



The Kauri Museum tells the story of the kauri tree and the industries' around the tree. The stories talk of the people of this land and those who made this place their home. We are home to incredible photographic collections that show the Northland of 100 years ago. The Kauri Museum cares for an incredibly diverse collection including ancient insects trapped in kauri gum, intricately carved Kaipara taonga and the longest kauri plank in the world.



Church Road, Matakoho
 Open: Tue, Thurs & Sat, 10 am - 11:30 am
 Ph: 09 431 7417

5 Dargaville Museum



Dargaville Museum is situated in Harding park overlooking the town and the Northern Wairoa River. The collection arranged over several halls includes displays of shipwrecks salvaged from the wild west coast, a hall depicting the lives of the gumdiggers and the machinery used in processing the kauri gum, and a collection of early Maori taonga including a rare ancient waka. Pioneer displays, replicas of local retail shops, a world-renowned piano accordion collection, all guaranteed to keep visitors engaged for an hour or more.



Pou Tu o Te Rangi Harding Park, Dargaville
Open: Daily, 9 am - 5 pm
Ph: 09 439 7555

6 Kaipara Heritage Machinery Museum



Here's the hot news! Kaipara Heritage Machinery Museum represents a lifetime of Marine collecting along the wild Kaipara Coast. Barry Searle, QSM, is highly regarded in academic circles for his extensive knowledge and he has kaumatua kaitiaki status among the Kaipara Maori whenua. The Searle and Suckling families remain connected to our display. The collection includes everything from ship wrecks, shells, fish, and seabirds to the local geography, and even a mounted skeleton of a sea leopard, the only one in the world! It's a must see!



32 Mt Wesley Coast Road Dargaville
Open: Wed & Sat, 10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Ph: 09 439 4614

7 Hokianga Museum and Archives Centre



This is the original statue of Opo the dolphin carved by Christchurch sculptor Russell Clark from Hinuera stone. In January 1960 it was originally placed on the roadside near the site of the old Opononi Hotel, close to the shore where Opo played. This statue became a much-loved memorial to Opo who tragically died in March 1956. When the statue was vandalised in 2011, causing major damage, the community decided to replace it with a bronze replica and repair and give the original to the Hokianga Museum for safe keeping. Many people visit the Museum just to see this statue.

14 Waianga Place, Omapere, Hokianga
Open: Mon - Wed, Fri - Sat, 10 am - 2 pm
Ph: 09 405 8498

8 Clendon House



Clendon House is the fascinating home of Captain James Reddy Clendon, ship owner and trader. Captain Clendon was in the thick of the earliest Maori and Pakeha interaction and was a witness to the Treaty of Waitangi. He was Chairman of New Zealand's first bank, a member of the first legislative council and became the first United States Consul in New Zealand. A visit provides captivating insights into the wrangles of early colonial politics.

8 Clendon Esplanade, Rawene
Open: Thurs - Mon, 10 am - 4 pm
Ph: 09 405 7874

9 Museum @ Te Ahu



Formerly known as the Far North Regional Museum, it holds a remarkable collection. Its purpose is to illuminate the stories and histories of the Far North District (Te Hiku o te Ika) of New Zealand. Treasures among the pre-European māori collection include pounamu, early carvings and the 500 year-old skeletal remains of the extinct dog. Other major themes are gum digging and the Dalmatians, kauri gum and timber, early shipwrecks and missionary pioneers. The museum has a large archives collection. It is the proud home of the first European item left in New Zealand, the mighty de Surville anchor.



Cnr South Rd & Mathews Ave, Kaitaia
 Open: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Ph: 09 408 9457

10 Matthews Vintage Collection



Experience a unique opportunity to view a privately owned collection of vintage cars and machinery used in farming dating back to the early 1900's. Accumulated and restored by an avid vintage enthusiast over the last 50 years covering over 1100 square metres of display area. View a range of traditional farming, household and pioneering appliances, some of which have been used by the Matthews Family over the last century, dating back to the late 1800's also Moa bones found in the local area.



4365 State Highway 10
 Open: Sun - Fri, 1 pm - 5 pm
 Ph: 09 406 0203

11 Butler Point Whaling Museum



Captain Butler's 1840s homestead has been restored and surrounding garden is rated a 5-Star Garden of Significance. Situated beside the waters of the inner Mangonui harbour, once a shelter for the whaling ships who visited for essential supplies in the 1800s. The Museum includes a fully equipped whaleboat, scrimshaw and extensive art of the whalers. Butler Point preserves and interprets the way people lived, the way they worked and the tools of the ocean hunt. The grounds include walking tracks, heritage trees, pa site and the final resting place of Captain Butler.

Open to the public by appointment only.
Please contact us before visiting.
Ph: 0800 687 386

12 Whangaroa Museum



Whangaroa Museum provides graphic and historical records of the rich and diverse cultural history and heritage of the communities and early families of Whangaroa.

1809 Whangaroa Harbour was the setting of the Boyd Tragedy and we hold many recovered items from the Boyd.

Our O Te Raki Room houses an extensive collection of Maori artefacts, Photographs and documents which provide insights into the culture, past and present, of the first people of Whangaroa. The sacrifices made by the men of our county in the wars are recognised in the Remembrance Room.

23 Leigh Street, KAEO
Open: Mon - Fri, 10.30 am – 2.30 pm
Ph: 09 405 0050

13 Kerikeri Mission Station



Established in 1819, the Kerikeri Mission Station is one of the first places in New Zealand where Māori invited visitors to live among them. Built under the protection of local chiefs who were keen to harness the trade and technology of Europe, Kerikeri Mission Station grew amidst a backdrop of tribal warfare and ever-increasing visits from foreign ships.



At the heart of the Mission Station are two of the country's oldest buildings; the Stone Store and Kemp House are both cornerstones of a broader historical landscape and essential sights for heritage-lovers.

218 Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri

Open: Daily, 10 am - 5 pm

Ph: 09 407 9236

14 Te Waimate Mission



New Zealand's second oldest building, Te Waimate Mission, preserves missionary, farming and architectural history, as well as stories of important early encounters between Māori and Europeans.

Through its appearance, and genteel features such as a dining room and parlour, the house promoted the idea of Pākehā 'civilization'.



Outside in the spacious grounds, visitors can explore and enjoy the shade of a beautiful oak tree. It's also possible to view valuable relics of the Mission's flour mill and Bedgood Blacksmith's Shop.

344 Te Ahu Ahu Road, Waimate North

Open: Fri - Tue, 10 am - 5 pm

Ph: 09 405 9734



KEY TO MAP

Twin Coast Route 

Alternative Tourist Drive 

i-SITE Visitor Centres 

Airports 

THE REGIONS

-  Far North
-  Bay of Islands
-  Kauri Coast
-  Whangarei
-  Kaipara



15 Pioneer Village Kaikohe



Take a journey into the past, explore and discover this hidden gem. Sitting in the heart of the Kaikohe township, the Pioneer Village has something for everyone.

It was one of the centers of Kauri logging & Kauri gum digging so we have collections of Maori Taonga, Engines, Tractors, Kauri Gum, Vehicles, Logging and Saw milling equipment, Vintage buildings, and much more.

It is the earliest area of Maori /European interaction dating from well before the Treaty of Waitangi.



1A Recreation Road, Kaikohe
 Open: Mon - Sat, 10 am – 4 pm
 Ph: 09 401 0816

16 Waitangi Treaty Grounds



Waitangi Treaty Grounds' most significant storylines revolve around the Treaty of Waitangi and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. What came before, what happened in 1840 with the signing, and the events and consequences that came after. Explore the history of New Zealand, Waitangi and the Treaty through our two contemporary museums, Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi and Te Rau Aroha.

Three significant taonga that make up Waitangi Treaty Grounds are our heritage buildings, Te Whare Rūnanga and the Treaty House, and Ngātōkimatawahaorua, our ceremonial war canoe.



Tau Henare Drive, Waitangi
 Open: Daily, 9 am – 5 pm
 Ph: 09 402 7437

17 Russell Museum



The Russell Museum presents the stories of how the eastern Bay of Islands was the arrival point of New Zealand's first settlers the Polynesians, and their subsequent encounters with Europeans, initially with explorers Capt. Cook, Du Fresne, and naturalist Charles Darwin. Russell's progressive development from a whaling and trading centre, to being proposed as New Zealand's first capital is documented via multi-media the many stories of national and international significance such as the Northern War.



2 York St, Russell, Bay of Islands
 Open: Daily, 10 am – 4 pm
 Ph: 09 403 7701

18 Pompallier Mission and Printery



Built in 1842, Pompallier Mission originally housed a printery where Church texts were translated from Latin to te reo Māori, then printed and bound. It is just one of several buildings, including a chapel and various outhouses, which once stood in this crowded enclave. Today the Printery stands as New Zealand's oldest industrial building, as well as the oldest of rammed-earth construction, distinctly French in style and making use of local materials including sand, rock and timber.



5 The Strand, Russell
 Open: Daily, 10 am – 4:45 pm
 Ph: 09 403 9015

19 Ruapekapeka Pa



Fourteen kilometres south east of Kawakawa, Ruapekapeka is one of the largest and most complex Maori pa in New Zealand. It was the site of Northland's last great battle between British troops and Nga Puhi forces led by Hone Heke and Kawiti. The final assault on the pa took place in January 1846.

The ditch and bank defences of the pa are still visible, along with one of Kawiti's cannons and the well that supplied water to the defenders. The earthen defences of the advanced British position are also still visible.

Timperley Road, Towai

20 Jack Morgan Museum



Opened in 2010, the museum is about local industries (farming, timber, mining, gum digging) the village shops and businesses. Alice Morgan's story is woven throughout; with most of the machinery on display, including the working cowshed, being from the original Morgan farm. Fantastic objects crafted from gum, stories (the SS Maheno, POW's) and artefacts from both wars, (a war-bride's wedding dress, WW1 gasmask, trench art) all celebrate the pioneering history of Hukerenui and Districts.

2444 State Highway 1, Hikerenui, 0182
 Open: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm
 Ph: 09 433 9521

21 Hikurangi Historical Museum



The Hikurangi Historical Museum is located within a precinct of historic buildings such as the original Courthouse, Jail and Council building.

Our artefacts showcase Hikurangi's local Dairy Company, early industries of coal mining, and farming in the Hikurangi Swamp. One significant object on display, a canary in a cage, was an early warning system for miners.

You can also see an extensive collection of old photographs and newspaper articles related to our little village.



1 Alfred Street, Hikurangi

Open: Tue, Thurs & Sat, 10 am - 11:30 am

Ph: 09 433 8062

22 Claphams National Clock Museum



Home to one of the largest and most historically significant collections of timepieces in the Southern Hemisphere and showcasing the fascinating story of our founder Archibald Clapham, the treasured timepieces brought to New Zealand by early settlers, and the significance of timekeeping throughout the ages. View our oldest clock – a grandfather from c 1690, our oldest watch – a pocket watch from c 1713, and the incredible “moving bird” automata clock from c 1870.



Dent Street, Quayside, Town Basin, Whangarei

Open: Daily, 9 am – 5 pm

Ph: 09 438 3993

23 Hihiaua Cultural Centre



Since its opening in June 2019, The Hihiaua Cultural Centre has built a reputation as a world class centre of excellence to preserve, create, display & promote Māori arts and culture. The centre won the 2020 John Scott Award for Public Architecture combining the traditional whare vernacular with that of an industrial shed, creating a thriving community space that celebrates culture, craftsmanship and learning. As a whakairo (carving) workshop for senior and trainee carvers under the watchful eye of Tohunga Whakairo Te Warahi Hetaraka it has rapidly become the venue of choice for a myriad of activity.

56 - 58 Herekino St, Whangarei
Open: Mon - Fri, 10 am - 4 pm, and
Sat, 10am - 2 pm.

24 Kiwi North - Museum, Kiwi House, Heritage Park



Kiwi North, home to the Whangarei Museum, Heritage Park and Kiwi House, tells the stories of this special place of Whangarei, through the extensive collection & heritage buildings such as the site's original 1886 homestead, Glorat, and the tiny octagonal Oruaiti Chapel c1860. From the land and the volcanoes that formed it, its ecosystems including ancient moa, a large waka tiwai and other taonga Maori of those that first called it home, to the lives of those that followed. All supported by the inclusion of the living taonga, kiwi, tuatara and other rare native animals, in Tai Tokerau Northland's only Kiwi House.

Gate 1, 500 SH14 Maunu, Whangarei
Open: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm
Ph: 09 438 9630

25 Packard Motor Museum



The Packard Motor Museum demonstrates the changes in automotive technology over the 20th Century.

The most significant collection is the 42 Packard motor cars ranging from 1919 through to 1958. Upstairs, visitors can view 70 classic motorcycles, dating from 1904 through to the 1970s. The museum also displays English cars, many familiar to visitors.



The Big Boys Shed exhibits heavy machinery, including most models of Allis Chalmers Bulldozers, many Caterpillars, a military collection and International trucks.

The Old Dairy Factory,
1146 State Highway 14, Maungatapere
Open: Tue - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm
Ph: 09 434 8214

26 Waipu Museum



Come along on a voyage of discovery with an UNESCO 'Memory of the World' listed collection at the Waipu Museum. It tells the unique and powerful story of one of the greatest migration stories from Scotland to Canada and then New Zealand. It is told in an award winning interactive exhibition. The Waipu Museum is situated just 1km off State Highway 1 and the ideal destination or stopover for visitors to Northland.



36 The Centre, Waipu
Open: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm
Ph: 09 432 0746

Exploring, Experiencing Cultural Places

'Haere mai, ngā manuhiri tūārangi ki Te Tai Tokerau

We invite you to come on a journey with us to experience 'Our heritage' both the physical and non-physical, which is an important part of who we are and what we identify with, as individuals and communities.

One of the things I love the most about our region is it is not solely composed of monuments and museum collections, but also of living intangible expressions inherited from our (tupuna) ancestors and passed on to our descendants (whanau).

A great example of this is 'Te Rau Aroha' a contemporary, immersive and interactive museum located in the Treaty Grounds at Waitangi, Bay of Islands, that opened in February 2020 (pre COVID).

This space brings the stories to life of Māori commitment to the armed forces; New Zealand Wars, the Boer War, the Pioneer Battalion of World War I and the 28 (Māori) Battalion of World War II and an exhibition dedicated to the 28 (Māori) Battalion's A Company, most of whom hailed from Northland. It tells the personal stories of the soldiers and their families. The third gallery acts as a contemplative Whare Maumahara (house of memories) for visitors, descendants and whānau.

Recently we celebrated the opening of two new cultural spaces that are must see experiences. They are -

- Te Hononga - an architectural designed rammed - earth building, will house public services as well as an interpretive centre in Kawakawa.
- Manea Footprints of Kupe - an interpretive theatre performance space that tells the story of Kupe based on a 1000 years of oral tradition specific to this locale - Hokianga.

In February 2021 a third living cultural experience will open, 'Te Ahurea' an interactive Maori Pā site which sits in one of the most significantly important historical sites in New Zealand for Māori and early European settlement.

These three new cultural and interpretive centres will become over time the backbone of our communities and important focal points for activities that bring people together.

Whether you drive east, west, north or south, take the time to visit, learn and gain an insight into who we are as a 'people'!

Here are some of my top picks:

- When in Whangarei take a trip to Kiwi North. It's Northland's only Kiwi House and is set on 25 hectares of rolling farmland, forest & bush. The site features a museum, a nocturnal kiwi house and unique Victorian heritage buildings.
- A place I like to visit from time to time is Ruapekapeka Pa just off SH 1. Ruapekapeka Pa was the site of the final battle in the War of the North over dissatisfaction with the Treaty of Waitangi 1840 that continues to shape New Zealand society today.
- The Hokianga - it is one of those places that needs no explanation, you just need to be there. The natural landscape, the harbour, Māori history and the people!
- If you love heritage buildings then plan a trip to Mangonui - a historic fishing village, which has a collection of charming 150-year-old buildings that house cafés, art and craft shops. Take the walk to picturesque Mill Bay and the site of Rangikapiti Pa, an ancient Maori fort with commanding views.
- Of course no trip is complete without a visit to the Kaipara district steeped in history, being one of the first areas settled by Maori and also the focus of early European exploration. It has an extensive range of archaeological sites principally related to Maori occupation. Numerous pa sites, terraces, pits and middens are present along the rugged coast line.

My final travel experience is the Far North township of Kaitiāia and Ahipara Beach located at the southern end of 90 Mile Beach. It's home to incredible sunsets and it has one of the best left hand surf breaks in NZ. This town has a rich history and a big choice of activities.

Enjoy your time with us!

Kia pai to haerenga ki te Te Tai Tokerau,
Safe travels in Northland

Hinurewa te Hau
General Manager

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TE HONONGA

The joining of people



HUNDERTWASSER MEMORIAL PARK

Kawakawa, Bay of Islands, New Zealand

Te Hononga is a joining place, a meeting place, a coming together. This is symbolic of the joining together of the Kawakawa community and Hundertwasser, Maori and Pakeha, visitors and residents, the past and future, places (east, west), of man and the environment.

This rammed-earth building is a community cultural hub that brings together the Library, council Service Centre, Hundertwasser Memorial Interpretive Centre, a public Gallery, a community workshop, public facilities, restrooms, public car parking and Freedom Camper facilities.

The cultural hub preserves the local memories and legacy of Friedensreich Hundertwasser who built the world-famous Hundertwasser Toilets (1999).



The Hundertwasser Interpretive Centre & Gallery

Opening Hours 9am - 4:30pm

Monday - Sunday, and Public Holidays

FINDING TE HONONGA

56, Gillies Street, Kawakawa, Northland

(behind the world famous Hundertwasser Toilets)

www.hundertwasserpark.com



The Footprints of Kupe Experience

Manea Footprints of Kupe is a 75-minute multisensory journey of guided storytelling – through art, taonga (cultural treasures), film, performance, digital interaction and the splendour of Hokianga's natural surroundings.

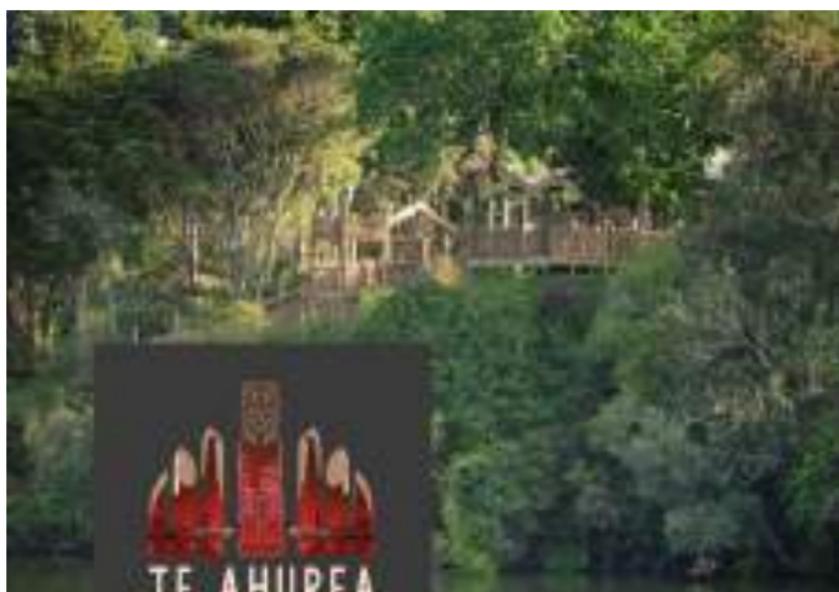
Experience the Manea Theatre a 20-minute 4D-digital extravaganza and live performance that immerses you in a full sensory recreation of the rich and vibrant world of the intrepid adventures of Kupe.

Hokianga is the landing place of the ancestor, Kupe. He used the stars and ocean currents as his navigational guides. Hear his story as he journeyed across the Pacific on his waka hourua (voyaging canoe) from his ancestral Polynesian homeland of Hawaiki.

A Must do Northland Experience!

FINDING MANEA FOOTPRINTS OF KUPE
41 Hokianga Harbour Drive, Opononi,
New Zealand 0473

Opening Hours—9am to 5pm everyday
For Bookings email - bookings@maneafootprints.co.nz
www.maneafootprints.co.nz



OPENING FEBRUARY 2021

To find out more about what Te Ahurea has to offer visit our website www.teahurea.co.nz and follow us on Facebook.

Northland's Living Village & Cultural Experience

Ngāti Rehia invite you to Te Ahurea, a unique Māori cultural and historical experience that will take you on an ancient, contemporary and futuristic journey through time.

TE PĀ KĀINGA *The Living Village*

Te Ahurea sits in one of the most significantly important historical sites in New Zealand for Māori and early European settlement. Situated in the picturesque Kerikeri basin alongside historic Kororipo Pā (Hongi Hika's fortified enclosure) the Kerikeri Stone Store, and Mission House,

Te Ahurea is an interactive pā site that will transport you back in time.

FINDING TE AHUREA

1 Landing Road, Kerikeri, Northland, New Zealand
09 407 6454 | info@teahurea.co.nz

Itinerary Notes -

Culture and Heritage Links to help you in your itinerary planning:

- **Heritage Sites in Northland**

Explore the historic heritage sites that DOC looks after in Northland.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/heritage/by-region/northland/>

- **Northland Historical Overview**

Find out about prehistoric Taitokerau, European "discovery" and colonisation, settlement and industry.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/heritage/by-region/northland/northland-historical-overview/>

- **Heritage New Zealand**

Come face-to-face with our past, unlock our unique stories and help our heritage survive while you enjoy some fantastic benefits and explore Northland's cultural and heritage places.

<https://www.heritage.org.nz/>

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