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THE CHATHAM ISLANDS 9TH NOVEMBER -16TH NOVEMBER 2022



Day 1 – Wednesday 9th November 2022 (D) New Plymouth to The Chatham Islands

This morning we board our coach for a leisurely journey to Wellington Airport to catch our flight. There will be a stop in Bulls for a bite to eat before carrying on our journey south. Upon arrival at Wellington Airport, we get checked in and get ready to board our plane. During our flight over you might like to put your watches forward, the Chathams are 45 minutes ahead of NZ time but seems like you are travelling back 20 years.

On Arrival we will be met by Hotel Owner & Local tour guide Toni Croon, where she will take us for a quick stop at the Red Bluffs. Here you will have an opportunity to take some photos before carrying on to our accommodation where we will be staying for the next 6 nights. Once checked in take some time to freshen up before our Crayfish welcoming Dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Chathams 6 nights

Day 2 – Thursday 10th November 2022

The Wild West - (B,L,D)

Continental Breakfast 7.00am to 9.00 am

Today travel over part of the Waitangi West Station consisting of 3,412 hectares carrying 10,000 sheep.

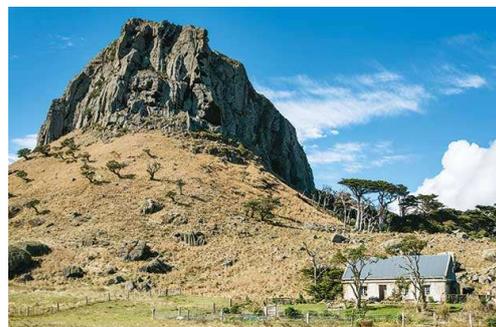
Recently bought by a Chinese buyer for \$5m

Stone Cottage & Maunganui Bluff The cottage was built between 1866 & 1868 for the Moravian Missionaries who arrived in the Chathams in 1843.

These German missionaries made no converts but had a significant input into the history and lifestyle of the Chathams, introducing large-scale horticulture, sheep farming, ship building and literacy. The cottage is built largely of local stone and wood, which reflects the missionaries' attitudes.

They were committed to the idea of being self-reliant in their own lives, and as an example to others, hence using only local materials. We then visit the safest fishing harbour with the most shipwrecks on the island, at Port Hutt. Packed lunch and a cup of tea on the beach. Our next stop is the amazing Basalt Columns at Waitangi West.

Evening (three course) meal in Hotel Dining Room.





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Day 3 – Friday 11th November 2022 Owenga Fishing Village - (B,L,D)

(Weather permitting). Deep sea fishing 2 to 3 hours 10 pax
Depart approx 7.30am returning approx 11.00am All Fish
and Paua caught will be filleted and bagged, frozen and able
to be all brought home. Quota for recreational fishing 11
Blue Cod each & 11 Hapuka per boat and would come home
early if quota caught. Extra, fresh 'free flow' Blue Cod or
Groper can be bought at \$65 per 2kg to be brought home.
Toni will have got numbers of persons going and arranged
the fishing trip the night before

For those who have chosen not to go out fishing take
this time to relax and have a quite few hours to
catch up. After the others return from their fishing
charter, we depart for our journey out to the South-
east and fishing settlement of Owenga. A fishing
village including a working fish factory, plus the
remains of The Anglican Church of St Barnabas. First
stop is the Moriori Kopinga Marae sited on the
hilltop at Te Awatea. This is the only Moriori marae
in New Zealand. Kopinga Marae, shaped like an
albatross when viewed from the air, continues to
amaze visitors. Learn the culture, learn about the
History of the first inhabitants of the Island.
Panoramic views across Lake Huro to Waitangi and
across Te Whanga to its entrance at Te Awapatiki.
Tommy Solomon Statue at Manakau, Owenga,
Tommy Solomon, (7 May 1884 – 19 March 1933) is
believed by most to have been the last fullblooded
Moriori, which were the indigenous people of the
Chatham Islands. Lunch at Owenga Club organised
by the community. We will drive to the Wind Farm
and enjoy a short walk across the Preece farm to
where the Millennium celebrations took place. 1st
place in the world to see the sun this century.
Rangaiki Cliffs, 200-250m sheer drop cliffs, on a clear
day amazing viewing point to Pitt and Mangere and
surrounding Islands, also the best place to sight the
seldom seen 44's looking east out to sea. A walk
across farmland north of Te One Township to see
Moriori Rock Carving.

Evening (three course) meal in Hotel Dining Room.

Day 4 – Saturday 12th November 2022 Waitangi Town / West Coast (Optional Pitt Island Trip - (B,L,D)

Optional activities: (Weather permitting). Pitt Island Day
Trip \$400 pp 8 to 10 pax by Cessna Depart approx 9.30
returning approx 4.30

Today we visit the Museum, Old Radio Station, Tiki
Tiki Hill and view over the newly built Waitangi
Wharf Drive to the South Coast, where we can
admire a reforestation area and endemic birds. We
return to town and enjoy lunch at River Onion
Gallery. Local photographer and artist Celine
Gregory-Hunt recently renovated and invested in her
beautiful property on the side of Waitangi beach to
showcase her artwork inspired by the natural beauty
of Chatham and Pitt Island. Close by you can
purchase souvenirs at Chatham Cottage Gift Shop &
locally made jewellery at Dough & Go general store

Evening (three course) meal in hotel dining room.





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Day 5 – Sunday 13th November 2022

Kaingaroa Fishing Village - (B,L,D)

Today we check out Nikau Bush Reserve which is 19ha reserve located 1.5km North of Blind Jims. It conserves broadleaf forest with a fine stand of Nikau palms the best on the island, the only palm native to the Chatham Islands, an even more impressive sight when flowering and bearing fruit. At Hapupu Historic Reserve we discover another unique archeological site. Carved into the bark of kopi (karaka) trees within the reserve are Moriori tree carvings – known as dendroglyphs. They are among the little evidence of pre-contact Moriori culture remaining on the island. The last remaining live tree was expected to die and has done so during 2015 – 2017 We also visit Broughton Landing - an old Mission and Whaling Station, and the farm 'Mission Station' owned by Jim Muirson. Jim has 1,400 hectares, running 3,000 Ewes and 350 Cows. This is where we will be able to view the remains of a wrecked RNZAF Short Sunderland and a newly arrived Fokker Friendship in the process of preservation. This Sunderland aircraft provided an aviation lifeline to the island until it was holed by a rock while taking off from the Te Whanga Lagoon in 1959.

Day 6 - Monday 14th November 2022

Te Whanga Lagoon - (B,L,D)

Today's adventures take us to Nunuku's Cave, across farmland on the lagoon shore are remarkable Moriori dendroglyph's on limestone walls depicting stylised seals and other wildlife. On the shores of beautiful Te Whanga lagoon, near Blind Jim's Creek, careful fossicking is likely to be rewarded by the discovery of fossilised shark teeth. Around 30-million-year-old. These incredibly ancient objects are almost as scarce as hen's teeth but can be found in the Chatham Islands. To find a tooth from a creature that was eating fish long before the first primate - let alone the first human - walked the earth is amazing. I am sure that by the time you leave Te Whanga Lagoon you will all be in possession of one or many of these prized ancient fossils.

We also look at the Henga Scenic Reserve. Walking tracks pass through regenerating coastal forest to sand dune vegetation and hidden in the

bushes are spectacular limestone formations. Judy's nursery is a great place to purchase Chatham Island Native Plants.

Evening (three Course) meal in hotel dining room.

Day 7 – Tuesday 15th November 2022

Port Hutt - (B,L,D)

Over farmland down to Ohira Bay lies massive olivine basalt columns, part of lava flows dated near 80 million years ago. These are another interesting geological formation - a series of pentagonal shaped volcanic rock columns on the shoreline, and not found anywhere else on the island and only two other places in the world. Giant's Causeway in Northern Island & Scotland

Dinner this evening is a barbecue at Admiral Farm. (Named after the abundant Butterfly) This is a fourth generation Chatham's property owned by the Croon family with a gorgeous garden featuring the eerie skeletons of dead kopi trees and great drifts of the stunning Chatham Island forget-me-not.

Day 8 – Wednesday 16th November 2022 (B)

Port Hutt – Home

Today we say goodbye to the Chathams and make way for home, flying back to Wellington where on arrival we will be met by our driver and coach for the journey back to Taranaki.

Tour Costs Include

- 7 nights' accommodation, twin/double rooms (Single rooms available with surcharge)
- Tour Admissions as per Itinerary
- Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary.

Tour payments per person

Twin/Double share \$4995.00

Single Supplement (additional) \$1095.00

Deposit due at time of booking \$1500.00

Balance of tour payment due 1st September 2022

Life on the Chatham's is dictated by wind and tide rather than the clock and things don't always go to plan, so be prepared. Although they do their best to operate to a schedule, it doesn't always happen that way so please use this itinerary as a guide only.



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Itineraries

The Itinerary for your tour package was correct at the time of date and printing however it is subject to change without notice. Your itinerary could change due to road or weather conditions, changes imposed by other tour operators or a range of other factors beyond our control. You agree that we have no liability to you for changes to your itinerary.

Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing; however, Weir Bros Tours reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or increases in government or other levies. The final tour cost will be guaranteed not to change once the full and final payment has been received.

Health & Fitness

Passengers should be in good health and be able to walk moderate distances to fully participate and experience the sightseeing opportunities in the itinerary provided. All passengers are required to acknowledge they are of reasonable health and are considered to be fit to travel and are not traveling contrary to any medical advice.

Health & Safety Information including COVID-19

At Weir Bros our priority is your safety and enjoyment while you are travelling with us.

While we have always maintained a high standard of cleaning on our coaches, due to Covid 19 we have increased the frequency of which we do this when we are traveling on tours to ensure your safety.

Hand sanitiser will be provided and we ask that you maintain government standards in terms of hygiene practices, this includes washing or sanitising hands frequently and sneezing or coughing into your elbow. If you are unwell at the time of travel, we ask that you communicate with us, this may unfortunately mean you are unable to travel.

We will ensure we keep up and follow any Ministry of Health guidelines going forward as well.

Thank you for your understanding, your safety and that of our other passengers is of paramount concern to us.

Payments, cancellations & Refunds

A deposit is required due on the date specified at the time of booking to confirm your seat. All Balance payments must be received by Weir Bros prior to or on the date specified for final payment. Payments are available to be made by Cash, or Direct Debit via the account number supplied on the payment form. Weir Bros reserve the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Weir Bros also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date may be offered, or a full refund will be made available. Tour Prices exclude drinks, travel insurance or items of personal nature.

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Weir Bros strongly advises all passengers to purchase a travel insurance policy when booking a tour. A comprehensive policy gives peace of mind for unexpected issues or emergencies that may arise prior to or during the tour.

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If after you're booking has been made and you wished to cancel:

25-30 Days prior to tour commencement you will forfeit your deposit

14-25 Days Prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 60% of the tour price (40% refund) plus any applicable supplier cancellation fees.

0-14 Days prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 100% of your tour price (No Refund)

Covid-19 Cancellation and refund policy

Covid has created uncertainty for us all, therefore cancellations directly related to COVID-19, where we have negotiated special terms with certain suppliers, this would override normal cancellation terms as outlined above. If New Zealand Government imposes travel restrictions that would impact our ability to deliver your travel package prior to commencing travel, we would endeavor to ensure all passengers will receive a full refund. If travel restrictions are imposed while on tour, we will seek credits on any unused portions of the itinerary from all suppliers.