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WAIHEKE ISLAND GARDEN FESTIVAL ESCAPE 3 – 7 NOVEMBER 2022



Day 1 – Thursday 3 November 2022 (D) Hawera – New Plymouth - Waiheke

Departing Hawera & central New Plymouth we head north over Mount Messenger to the small coastal town of Mokau for some lovely home baked morning tea, while you get to know your fellow travellers. We continue SH3 through to the foot of Mount Pirongia where we have a great lunch lined up at a local café.

Back on the road it is not long until we connect with SH1 all the way to East Tamaki where we turn off and head out to the Sealink Ferry Terminal at Half moon bay. In under an hour, we arrive on Waiheke Island when it is just a short drive into Onetangi which is a settlement on the north coast of the Island. Our great accommodation for the next 3 nights is located right next to the stunning white sands of Onetangi Beach.

After we are all checked in and familiar with our surroundings we get together and stroll down to our carefully selected, highly rated local restaurant who will be ready to welcome us with open arms. After a delicious meal the evening is yours to do as you, please before turning in for the night.

Accommodation: Onetangi Beach Apartments (09-372 0003)

Day 2 – Friday 4 November 2022 Waiheke Exploring (B,L,D)

After a relaxed start to the day, we board the bus and head out to explore this paradise island. The first stop is just down the road where we get the chance to discover the islands history as we visit the **Museum of Waiheke and Historic Village**.

Our next visit is unique as we learn about the art of distillation at **Alembics**. Here they import premium handcrafted copper stills, offer distillation workshops & industry consultations, and supply a range of high-quality aromatic botanicals. They will have a distillation running and explain the process for distilling hydrosol, essential oil and spirits. You will get to sample it for yourself as you receive a small bottle of aromatic water from the still and have a botanical (alcohol free) cocktail.

A scenic drive then sees us arrive at the island's highest vineyard for a delightful **High Tea** lunch at the **Batch winery**. With spectacular views of the rustic island set against the backdrop of Auckland this will surely be a great dining experience.



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Back on the road we head to **Dead Dog Bay Wetland Garden and Sculpture Park**. A good chance to stretch the legs as we are guided through the extensive parkland gardens of NZ natives, exotic trees, shrubs, and flowers. You will have a chance to take things at your own pace before we set off again for a different type of visit.

Upon arrival at the **Whittaker's Musical Museum**, we are greeted and guided in a fun and educational way which includes a live presentation, the playing of instruments, and some remarkable stories regarding the unusual and special instruments they have. After singing some old-time favourites you are then given time to wander **Oneroa Village**. A diverse island shopping experience with stunning Northern sea-views. It's then time to return to Onetangi before meeting again for another outstanding meal.

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Day 3 – Saturday 5 November 2022 Waiheke Exploring - (B,L,D)

Another relaxed start to the day before we head off to experience the **Waiheke Garden Festival**, which has been delighting Waiheke since 2001 and this year marks the 21st anniversary. The festival is the primary fundraiser for the Jassy Dean Trust, an organisation that supports sick children and their families on Waiheke Island. There are a number of exceptional private gardens to view and workshops to attend, a plant sale, food and music throughout the gardens. So just sit back and let us guide you through the day where you will be sure to get off the beaten track and meet some fabulous locals.

Along with the garden safari we will also visit the **Ostend Market** where you can enjoy the heart of Waiheke and its local vibe and way of life. Tasty treats, superb coffee, gifts and great bargains to be found before making our way to a vineyard in which some describe the most romantic place on earth, **Mudbrick Vineyard and Restaurant**.

Here we have a **wine tasting** which will be led by one of the cellar masters, and the self-guided tour to explore the grounds, gardens and vines. You will learn about the history, the vineyards, and the award-winning wines. We will enjoy a delectable lunch as we sit on the ridge overlooking the sparkling waters of the Hauraki Gulf. If time permits, we will be treated to meet and greet with the gardener who will explain the Mudbrick Gardens which have been a labour of love for 28 years and counting.

We then carry on visiting different gardens for the afternoon before making our way back to our accommodation before our last meal together on the island.

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Day 4 – Sunday 6 November 2022

Waiheke Island - North Shore (B,L,D)

Time to leave this wonderful island as we ferry back to the mainland and head north to the popular getaway spot of Matakana. Our first visit is the world-class tourist attraction **Sculptureum**. We dine for lunch at the Rothko restaurant before exploring the three sculpture-filled gardens and six art galleries at your own leisure.

Just a short drive down the road is **Morris & James pottery and showroom**. Using clay harvested from the banks of the Matakana River, Morris & James creates a vast selection of colourful ceramics, pots, home décor and garden ware, all created on-site in expansive buildings that house the showroom and pottery factory. A Matakana institution, Morris & James was established in 1977 by Ant Morris, and today is run by over 15 artisans and crafts people, who continue Ant's legacy, whilst exploring new creative directions and uses for clay.

We then head back down SH1 to Takapuna to our excellent hotel which offers stunning views across the harbour to Rangitoto Island, Auckland city and beyond. We meet for a pre-dinner drink to raise a glass to this fantastic weekend escape before enjoying our final group dinner together.

Day - Monday 7 November 2022

North Shore - Home (B,L)

After a scrumptious breakfast we start making our way south stopping at **The Base** shopping centre for some retail therapy or a chance to grab yourself some morning tea. Continue making our way south the next stop is Piopio for an excellent lunch before the final leg back to New Plymouth and beyond.

Tour Costs Include

- 4 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 \$2458.00

Single Supplement \$3258.00

Deposit due at time of booking \$850.00

Balance of tour payment due 1st October 2022





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Terms & Conditions....

(Applicable for New Zealand Tours 01 May 2022 – 30 September 2022)

Acceptance Of Terms & Conditions

If you have booked a tour with us and pay your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. We may ask you to sign a copy of these terms when you join a tour to provide a record that you have accepted these terms

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

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. By acknowledging their health and fitness to participate passengers are indemnifying us from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any lack of health and fitness.

Health & Safety Information including COVID-19

At Weir Bros our first 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. For the health and safety of all passengers and staff on tour, any passengers showing symptoms of illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard

the coach unless they can provide a negative Covid-19 test result received within the past 24 hours.

Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their Tour Manager and may be required to visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To continue the tour the passenger must provide a negative Covid-19 test and be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger's own expense.

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, Cheque or Direct Debit via the account number supplied on the payment form. Weir Bros reserves 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.

Travel Insurance

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

Cancellation Policy

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)