OUT & ABOUT



AUCKLAND HARROUR

Commonly known as the 'City of Sails', Auckland is best viewed and enjoyed from the water. Options include a heart-pumping day on an America's Cup boat, a relaxed morning or afternoon tea cruise on a Fullers Ferry or, after a short ferry crossing, a climb to the top of Rangitoto Island – a 600-year-old dormant volcano – for sweeping views across the harbour and back to Auckland. Visit www.aucklandnz.com.

WAIHEKE ISLAND

The ultimate spot for lunch & dinner, or an overnight stay, just 35 minutes from Auckland by ferry. The microclimate of Waiheke Island nurtures boutique wineries, olive groves and miles of sandy beaches, all with amazing views across the Waitemata Harbour. Take a well-deserved break and spend a night or two at The Boatshed or Delamore Lodge, or just zip over for lunch or dinner at one of our favourites; Te Whau, Casita Miro or Cable Bay. Visit www.tourismwaiheke.co.nz



for further information or suggested itineraries for a trip further afield.

UP NORTH

The Bay of Islands, a pleasant 3 hour drive from Auckland, encompasses more than 140 subtropical islands and is best known for its undeveloped beaches, big-game fishing and Maori cultural artefacts. Accommodation ranges from tranquil B&Bs to luxury beachfront lodges and activities include sailing, swimming, golf, horseback riding and dolphin safaris, to name but a few. Visit www.visitboi.co.nz.

DOWN SOUTH

With most of New Zealand lying south of Auckland, there are a few easily accessible highlights we think you should see. From the bubbling geothermal geysers of Rotorua to the trout-filled streams around Lake Taupo, acre upon acre of vineyards in the Hawke's Bay and Martinborough, or New Zealand's 'adventure capital', Queenstown.

For the more adventurous you can hike, bike, sail or kayak your way around New Zealand, following old rail trails, mining routes and 'voyages of discovery'. For those after more leisurely pursuits there are luxury lodges, award winning restaurants and wineries, breath-taking views and fresh, clean air to enjoy without restraint.

