

Te Tai Tokerau

The Northland story

Tiriti signing locations and Aotearoa New Zealand's oldest buildings, ancient rivers and harbours, and pā sites are just some of the special places to visit in our Te Tai Tokerau Northland itinerary.

Explore where Māori and Europeans first lived side by side, find the oldest lemon tree in the motu and hike to the arrival point of the earliest explorers as you visit Tohu Whenua in this region.



- Tohu Whenua**
1. Ruapekapeka Pā
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 8. Māngungu Mission
 9. Clendon House

Information key

- Great for families
- Walking involved
- Food and beverage available
- Entry fee
- Wheelchair access
- Restrooms
- Bicycle friendly
- Parking

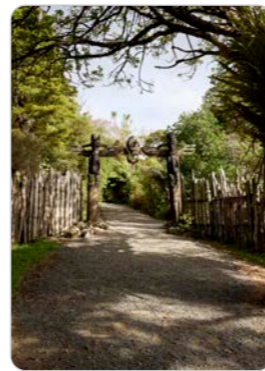
1 Ruapekapeka Pā

Timperley Road, Towai

Defying British violations of Te Tiriti
Reacting to the British breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, it was here at Ruapekapeka Pā that Māori chiefs and their outnumbered warriors made the final stand of the Northern Wars. Explore ditches, bank defenses, cannons and newly unveiled pou at this battlefield overlooking beautiful countryside as far as the eye can see, where Māori ingenuity outwitted Western technology, culminating in a bloody stalemate.



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4 Rangihoua Heritage Park

Oihi Road, Te Tii

First side-by-side settlement
Rangihoua Heritage Park tells the story of Chief Ruatara and Samuel Marsden, who saw the benefits for their people of living side by side. Explore the place where Māori welcomed the first planned European settlement, where missionaries began writing down te reo Māori and held Aotearoa New Zealand's first Christmas Day service.



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7 Te Waimate Mission

344 Te Ahu Ahu Road, Waimate North

Exemplar of European influences
Founded by the Church Missionary Society at the request of Reverend Samuel Marsden, and protected by Ngāpuhi chiefs at Okuratope Pā, Te Waimate served to teach British farming practices and promote the ideals of Western civilisation to Māori. One of the original three Georgian-style mission houses survives today in a beautiful garden setting. The settlement also included a flour mill, printery, carpenters' shop, brickworks, blacksmith, school and church.



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2 Pompallier Mission and Printery

The Strand, Kororāreka Russell

The power of print
Aotearoa New Zealand's only surviving pioneer printery and tannery, Pompallier Mission is a time capsule which shows the impact Bishop Pompallier and his missionaries had as they introduced Catholicism by producing written works in te reo Māori. Take a lively and interactive tour of our oldest industrial building, just a five-minute walk from the Kororāreka Russell Wharf.



Image: Ralph Brown



5 Kororipo Heritage Park

Landing Road, Kerikeri

A meeting place of cultures
Kororipo is a place of gathering where some of the most important early meetings between Māori and Europeans were held. Walk the pā of famed chief Hongi Hika, have an authentic cultural and historical experience at Te Ahurea, picnic on the banks of the Kerikeri River, shop at the nation's oldest shop, the Stone Store, and tour our oldest building, Kemp House (fee applies).



Image: Ralph Brown



8 Māngungu Mission

Motukiore Road, Hōreke, Hokianga

The largest treaty signing
Māngungu was established as a Wesleyan mission under the protection of the Māori leader Patuone, and was the scene of the largest signing of Te Tiriti of Waitangi by 64 rangatira. Tour the mission house to discover its remarkable history and take in the stunning views over the Hokianga Harbour. Māngungu is the start/end point of Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail.



Image: Ralph Brown



3 Rākaumangamanga Cape Brett

Bay of Islands

Guiding light
Rākaumangamanga was the landing point of the first seven waka to Aotearoa following the beckoning lights of the Peninsula's crystalline rocks. Fittingly, in 1906 Cape Brett became the site for a lighthouse that continued to light a safe passage for new arrivals. Located above the famous Hole-in-the-Rock Island, access is by the eight-hour walking trail, or water taxi (35 mins).



Image: Chris Pegman



6 Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Tau Henare Drive, Waitangi

Our bi-cultural birthplace
Waitangi Treaty Grounds marks our origins as a bi-cultural nation, where Te Tiriti o Waitangi was signed by Māori chiefs and the British Crown on 6 February 1840. Marvel at the largest waka in the world and intricate carvings of Te Whare Rūnanga, tour worldclass museums and appreciate the place where our journey began. Entry includes tour and cultural performance.



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9 Clendon House

Clendon Esplanade, Rawene

Home of an enterprising family
This stylish residence was built in 1860 as the home of Captain James Reddy Clendon and his wife Jane Takotowi Clendon. Captain Clendon, a ship owner, trader and magistrate, was a signatory to both He Whakaputanga the Declaration of Independence and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. As a young Māori widow, Jane managed to clear substantial debts, raise eight children, and preserve the home for future generations.



Image: Ralph Brown



Hokianga isite
29 Hokianga Harbour Drive, Ōpononi

Bay of Islands isite
69 Marsden Road, Paihia

Whangārei isite
92 Otaika Road, Raumanga, Whangārei



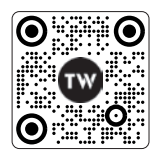
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