

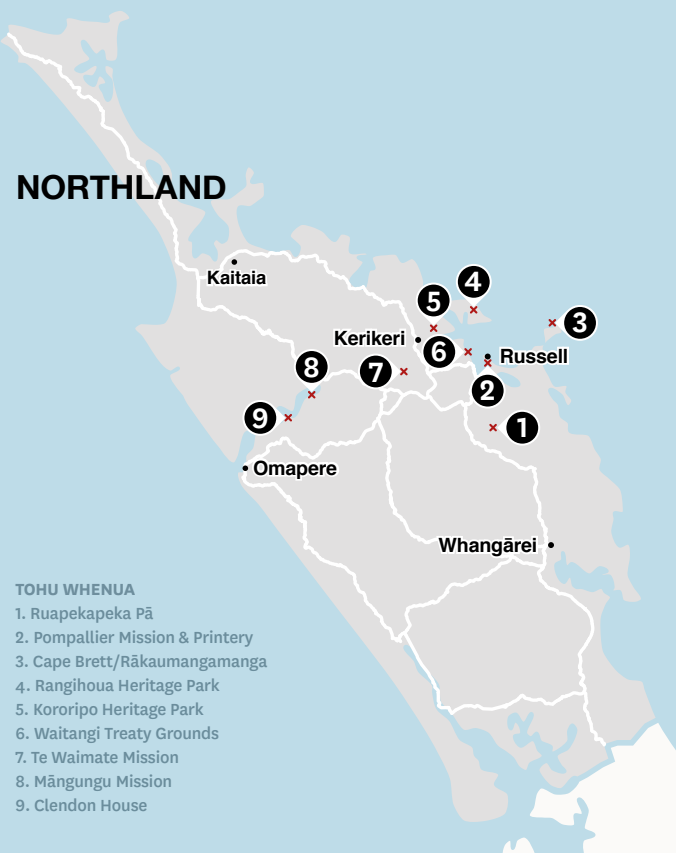


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WHANGĀREI

NORTHLAND



TOHU WHENUA

1. Ruapekapeka Pā
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3. Cape Brett/Rākaumangamanga
4. Rangihoua Heritage Park
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The Tohu Whenua Story

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kaupapa o Tohu Whenua.

Tohu Whenua are places that have shaped Aotearoa New Zealand. Located in stunning landscapes and rich with stories, they offer some of our best heritage experiences.

Walk in the footsteps of extraordinary and ordinary New Zealanders and hear about the deeds, struggles, triumphs and innovations that make us who we are.

With Tohu Whenua as your guide, embark on a journey to some of our most important landmarks and immerse yourself in our diverse and unique history.

Visit Tohu Whenua in Northland, Otago and West Coast.

Local Information

To report or check current road conditions on the state highway call 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49) or check online at www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/northland/

In the event of an emergency, dial 111

Weather in Northland can change unexpectedly. Make sure you take appropriate warm clothing, a waterproof jacket, food and water when embarking on walks in the area.

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Te Tai Tokerau Northland



The Northland Story

The birth of a bi-cultural nation

Northland's Tohu Whenua, and the interweaving journeys, tell the stories of our beginnings. These are places where both our Māori and European ancestors arrived, centuries apart, and where their identities were defined.

Early encounters, cultural differences, challenges and aspirations were the hallmarks of understanding how we became New Zealanders. Stand where our people first engaged, feel the tensions and curiosities, apprehensions and partnerships, and appreciate why our journey continues today.

INFORMATION KEY



Tohu Whenua Location



Great for families



Walking involved



Amenities



Entry fee



Wheelchair access

1 RUAPEKAPEKA PĀ

Defying British violations of the Treaty

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



Claudia Babirat

Timperley Road, Towai



2 POMPALLIER MISSION AND PRINTERY

The power of print

New Zealand's only surviving pioneer printery and tannery, Pompallier Mission time-capsules the impact of Bishop Pompallier and his missionaries in introducing Catholicism by producing written works in Te Reo Māori. Take an unforgettable tour of our oldest industrial building, located just a 5 minute walk from the Kororareka (Russell) Wharf.



Grant Sheehan

The Strand, on the waterfront, Russell



3 CAPE BRETT/RĀKAUMANGAMANGA

Guiding light

Rākaumangamanga was the landing point of the first seven waka who followed the beaconing lights of the peninsula's crystalline rocks to Aotearoa. Fittingly, in 1906 Cape Brett became the site of a lighthouse that continued to light a safe passage for new arrivals. Located above the famous Hole-in-the-Rock Island, access is by walking (8 hours) or water taxi (35 mins).



Claudia Babirat

Cape Brett, Bay of Islands



4 RANGIHOA HERITAGE PARK

First side-by-side settlement

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



Department of Conservation

Oihi Road, Te Tii



5 KORORIPO HERITAGE PARK

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 New Zealand's oldest store, the Stone Store, and tour our oldest building, Kemp House (fee applies).



Grant Sheehan

Landing Road, Kerikeri



6 WAITANGI TREATY GROUNDS

Our bi-cultural birthplace

Waitangi Treaty Grounds marks our start 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 world class museums and appreciate the place where our journey as New Zealanders began. Entry includes tour and cultural performance.



Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Tau Henare Drive, Waitangi



7 TE WAIMATE MISSION

Exemplar of European influences

Te Waimate Mission shows the remains of a model European village built by missionaries, by invitation of Ngāpuhi chiefs at Okuratope Pā. See the last of three mission houses, walk in the footsteps of scientist Charles Darwin and meet some heritage Pitt Island sheep as you learn about the influence of European farming practices on the missionaries and Māori alike.



Grant Sheehan

344 Te Ahu Ahu Road, Waimate North



8 MĀNGUNGU MISSION

The largest treaty signing

Māngungu was established as a Wesleyan mission station under the invitation and protection of the Māori leader Patuone and was the scene of the largest signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by over 70 chiefs. Tour the mission house, take in the stunning views over the Hokianga Harbour or start your Twin Coast Cycle Trail ride here.



Claudia Babirat

Motukiore Road, Hōreke, Hokianga



9 CLENDON HOUSE

Home of an enterprising family

A colonial home built in the 1860s, Clendon House tells the story of Captain James Reddy Clendon and his wife Jane Takotowi Clendon. A Māori widow living in a pre-treaty Pākehā world, Jane raised eight children, rose out of her husband's debt and preserved their home for future generations; an exemplar of the remarkable women of the times.



Steve Burgess

Clendon Esplanade, Rawene



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Visitor Information

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69 Marsden Road, Paihia

The Hub Info Centre

91 Dent Street, Town Basin, Whangārei

Hokianga

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