



WAITANGI
TREATY GROUNDS
Te Pitowhenua | Our Nation's Birthplace

Conference and Event Information

A special venue for your event



The Waitangi Treaty Grounds is an award winning cultural heritage attraction and New Zealand's most important historic site. The Treaty Grounds feature Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi, the Treaty House, Carved Meeting House and world's largest ceremonial war canoe.

The Treaty Grounds has built a good reputation in the conference and events market, both as a venue and as a provider of cultural experiences. We offer a unique venue for many occasions including conference, weddings, private functions and events. We have a mix of indoor and outdoor locations with natural bush surroundings and spectacular views over the Bay of Islands available for hire.

As well as a stunning location, we have a talented cultural performance team who are available for private cultural activities including pōwhiri, performances and workshops, providing an authentic cultural element to enhance your next event.

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*Bring your event
alive with Waitangi*



Whare Waka Café

Whare Waka Café is situated within the Treaty Grounds in a native bush setting, overlooking the ocean and the world's largest ceremonial war canoe, Ngātokimatawhaorua.

During the day, visitors to the grounds can enjoy a range of cabinet and á la carte food, coffee and beverages. The café is fully licensed serving a range of local wines and a great beer selection. Groups can also be catered for with a range of menu options available.

From October through to April Whare Waka Cafe is the location for our Hāngi & Concert experience. Private Hāngi & Concert evenings can also be arranged for groups.

The venue is available for private functions, wedding receptions and events. Catering options available for functions include buffet, hāngi buffet, canapes and grazing boards/ tables.

The details

Layout options	Capacity	
	Seated	Cocktail
Indoor	48pax	60pax
Indoor plus covered verandas	80pax	100pax
Indoor and outdoor lawn area*	100pax	120pax

**Marquee hire recommended as wet weather precaution – additional charges apply*

- Heaters located on verandas
- Marquee available for lawn area (hire fee applies)
- Free Wi-Fi available
- Speaker and microphone available for speeches
- No hire charges apply to evening events, while charges vary for daytime events (depending on season and time of day event takes place)
- All on-site catering is to be provided by Whare Waka Café



Museum of Waitangi and Learning Centre

Opened in 2016, the award winning Te Kōnaghu Museum of Waitangi is a must see for all visitors to the area and features stunning spaces for your next event.

Located at the main museum entrance is a great foyer space perfect for a mix and mingle event. The area can comfortably fit 80pax for a cocktail style function with bar and catering facilities available in the space. With stunning acoustics, the area is well suited to a traditional cultural welcome or performance. The space is ideal for welcoming your group before moving on to your next location within the grounds.

Situated on the upper floor of the building is the modern Learning Centre. Looking out to native bush, the room can be entered via the main entrance to the museum with an impressive walk through our stunning art gallery or through a private entrance at the rear of the museum.

With a capacity of 100, there are many layout options available. From classroom style meetings to awards functions and workshops, the space is flexible to meet your needs.

Facilities include: Wifi, a built-in projector and screen with VGA and HDMI connections, wireless microphone and speaker system, a lectern, whiteboards, 100 chairs and 16 modular tables.

The details

Layout options	Capacity	Hire cost	
		Half day	Full day
Seated at tables	80pax	\$290	\$590
Seated in rows	100pax		
Cocktail style	120pax		
Foyer Standing	80pax	POA	POA

- Catering options are available at an additional cost including tea and coffee, morning tea, lunch or canapes
- Half day venue hire is up to 4 hours in duration. Full day is over 4 hours
- Toilets (6) are available
- Upper floor of museum can be accessed via lift located in museum foyer
- All on-site catering is to be provided by Whare Waka Café



Waitangi National Trust Boardroom

For smaller groups the Waitangi National Trust Boardroom is a great location for a meeting or workshop.

The space is set-up in a traditional boardroom style with a stunning natural bush outlook. Facilities include wifi, projector and screen and whiteboards.

The room is only available for use during our normal operational daytime hours and full catering and morning or afternoon tea options are available.

The details

Layout options	Capacity	Hire cost	
		Half day	Full day
Seated	20pax	\$150	\$250

- Private toilets available
- Half day venue hire is up to 4 hours in duration. Full day is over 4 hours
- All on-site catering is to be provided by Whare Waka Café



Te Whare Rūnanga

Te Whare Rūnanga is a carved meeting house in traditional form but is a unique expression of its purpose. It stands facing the Treaty House on the upper Treaty Grounds and was opened on 6 February 1940 to commemorate 100 years since the Treaty of Waitangi was signed.

Te Whare Rūnanga is not identified with any tribal ancestor. Rather, it represents the unity of Māori throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. This is emphasised by the main carving styles of iwi across the land being brought together – creating a remarkable gallery of Māori art, as well as a spectacular example of a central part of Māori social and cultural life.

Te Whare Rūnanga is the venue for cultural performances and pōwhiri that take place in the grounds and can also be hired as a space for discussion, speeches or workshops on request.

The details

Layout options	Capacity	Hire cost
Seated (on benches)	120pax	\$800
Seated (with additional plastic chairs)	150pax	\$900

- Access is available via gates at the top of the grounds
- Toilets located close by
- No food or drink is allowed inside the Whare and shoes must be removed before entry
- Additional charges apply for any cultural activity required



Weddings at Waitangi Treaty Grounds

As the birthplace of our nation, Waitangi is a place of sacred connection.

Waitangi's history tells a story of partnership and commitment to build a future together, offering an auspicious and inspired setting for a wedding.

New Zealand's most historic site offers the perfect setting for a ceremony, with lush expansive lawns and beautiful historic gardens offering panoramic views overlooking the stunning Bay of Islands. Along with idyllic beachfront and beautiful native bush settings, there are countless choices for location and photos, amongst unique heritage buildings and sites of cultural significance.

Whare Waka Café offers the perfect reception venue onsite and can cater for up to 100 people with the addition of a marquee on the lawn area. Larger functions/ receptions can be catered for using externally hired marquees. From \$60 per person, a head, our catering menus include plated, buffet and hāngi style dinners which change regularly to include seasonal produce.

The details

Layout options	Capacity	Hire cost
Ceremony only (outdoor location on the grounds)	180pax	\$750
Ceremony & Reception (at Whare Waka Café)	50pax	POA
Ceremony & Reception (at Whare Waka Café with additional 12 x 12m marquee)	100pax	POA
Photographs only	Bridal Party	\$150

- No outside catering or alcohol is allowed throughout the grounds for weddings
- Limited BYO option available for post-ceremony toast on request.
- Hire cost covers venue only. Waitangi Treaty Grounds can provide set-up at an additional cost and have a range of marquees and chairs available for hire
- Waitangi Treaty Grounds is an outdoor ceremony venue, therefore we advise a wet weather alternative is considered at time of booking. Wet weather options include the Learning Centre (p.4) or marquee hire (p.10).



Cultural Activities

Our resident performing arts group, Te Pitowhenua, will bring your next event alive with an authentic and entertaining taste of local Māori culture.

From beginning your conference with a welcome pōwhiri, to engaging your group with a high energy cultural performance, incorporating a cultural element at Waitangi allows your groups to share in an experience rich in tradition.

The Waitangi Treaty Grounds is the perfect location for your cultural introduction to the area, but Te Pitowhenua are also experienced at off-site powhiri and performances, bringing Waitangi to you.

Workshops

Workshops are great for hands-on, interactive team building and provide some insight into traditional Māori culture. Our specialist local staff can provide workshops for a number of activities including: wood carving, flax weaving, kapa haka (performance) and interactive land-based waka paddling drills.

Duration: 20 minutes per workshop

Minimum and maximum numbers apply – price available on request

Private Pōwhiri

This includes - wero (challenge), karanga (welcome call), haka pōwhiri (group welcome chant). Speeches, songs and hongi can be incorporated. A Māori support person will brief the guests and accompany them throughout the pōwhiri. There will also be the opportunity for visitors to take photos and mix and mingle with the performers after the pōwhiri.

Duration: 20 minutes

Details: 6 performers

Starting rate: \$800

Private Cultural Performance

The performance starts with a spine tingling challenge followed by a full performance covering waiata (songs), poi, stick games, Māori weaponry displays and the famous haka. There will also be the opportunity for visitors to take photos and mix and mingle with the performers after the performance.

Duration: 40 minutes

Details: 8 performers

Starting rate: \$1500

- Rates are a guideline which may change depending on number of performers required, size of delegation, location etc.
- Rates are for 100 pax. Additional fees may apply for a larger group.



Marquees

Gear detail	Capacity	Format	Charges
5mx10m marquee	48 pax	Seated	\$450
	65 pax	Cocktail Style	
12mx12m marquee	80 pax	Seated	\$1200
	120pax	Cocktail Style	

Further Information

- Admission to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds for the purpose of any private event or conference is included in the cost of your event
- Special price admission to experience the grounds, guided tour, cultural performance and museum outside of event or conference can be arranged in advance on request
- Wet weather options will be requested for all outdoor events at time of booking and the Waitangi Treaty Grounds will endeavour to use the best suited location in the event of bad weather
- Please be aware that as a visitor experience, a published schedule must be adhered to and some timings may not be available for your function or event
- For a full list of Terms and Conditions, please do not hesitate to contact us
- All prices are in New Zealand Dollars and exclusive of GST
- Prices are valid until 30 September 2020

Opening Hours

1 March to 24 December: 9am to 5pm
26th December to 28th February: 9am to 6pm
Closed on 25 December (Christmas Day) and 6 February (Waitangi Day)

Contact us for further information on how we can assist with your next conference or event.

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