

Welcome to Waitangi
Tailor-made Experiences





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Choose Waitangi

Waitangi is a place of cultural, spiritual and historical significance for Aotearoa New Zealand.

Waitangi is a place for all New Zealanders, the place where much of New Zealand's history was shaped, and is New Zealand's first National Historic Landmark.

Waitangi weaves together the strands and stories of many people, events and places to reveal the rich cultural journey of our nation, and provides a uniquely inspiring and meaningful experience for every visitor.

Waitangi is an award-winning premier New Zealand destination, guardian of our nation's birthplace and home to a precious collection of Aotearoa's stories, artefacts and taonga (treasures) to share the origins of our nation's fascinating cultural history.

*discover our
nation's story*





Signature Experience

The best of Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Our signature experience includes:

- Private guided tour of the grounds with a local guide
- Māori Cultural Performance in Te Whare Rūnanga (carved meeting house)
- Entry to Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi
- The opportunity to watch our carvers in action in our Carving Studio
- Full access to New Zealand's most important historic site, heritage buildings, bush walks and spectacular Bay of Islands views.

You will be greeted by your host on arrival then embark on a tour of Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Take a walk through New Zealand's history on an informative guided tour of the expansive Treaty Grounds with one of our friendly, experienced local guides. Discover the amazing stories, people and events that shaped the past, present and future of Aotearoa New Zealand. View the world's largest ceremonial war canoe, visit the historic Treaty House and majestically carved Meeting House, and stand on the spot where the Treaty was first signed on 6th February 1840.

Following your tour you will gather outside the carved meeting house (Te Whare Rūnanga) for a cultural performance. The performance begins with a traditional

welcome (pōwhiri), complete with challenge, or wero, before moving inside. Be enthralled by the graceful movements of the poi, Māori weaponry, stick games, waiata (songs) and fierce haka (war dance) that will have you completely captivated. After the show there is an opportunity to meet the performers, ask questions and take photos with them as special mementos of your visit to Waitangi.

Conclude your experience by exploring the multi-award winning Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi where history is brought to life through world class exhibitions. Discover the document that changed the face of the nation - The Treaty of Waitangi through a fully interactive multimedia display and marvel at the taonga (treasured objects) on display, as you unravel their significance to the story of our country's founding.

Upon leaving the museum, take time to explore our Visitor Centre which houses a working carving studio and expansive shop.

Duration: 2.5 hours recommended

Price: \$500 (up to 10 people)
\$50 per person (over 10 people)



Waitangi
Connect with the
land, the people,
the history





Discover Waitangi Your Way

There is so much to see and do at Waitangi Treaty Grounds, why not pick and choose from our selection of activities and tailor-make an experience to suit your group.

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, kapa haka (performance) and interactive land-based waka paddling drills.

Duration: 30 minutes per workshop

Price: \$180 (up to 8 people)
\$18 per person (over 8 people)

*Maximum numbers apply
Price is additional to admission fee*



Private Museum & Gallery Tour

Discover fascinating exhibitions and modern learning spaces in Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi. Our award-winning museum provides a deeper understanding of the events that have shaped New Zealand. Your guide will lead you through the museum and bring history to life through stories of the past and how they relate to the precious taonga on display.

Duration: 60 minutes

Price: \$210 (up to 8 people)
\$20 per person (over 8 people)

*Maximum numbers apply
Price is additional to admission fee*





Half Day - Sample Itinerary

9.45am: Arrive at Waitangi Treaty Grounds

10.00am: Private Guided Tour of Waitangi Treaty Grounds with a local guide

11.00am: Māori Cultural Performance inside Te Whare Rūnanga (carved meeting house)

11.30am: Private museum highlights tour with our curator

12.30pm: Wood carving workshop with our Kaiwhakairo (carvers) in the Carving Studio

1.00pm: Enjoy a set lunch at Whare Waka Café

2.00pm: Exit Waitangi Treaty Grounds



Pōwhiri (Traditional Māori welcome)

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

Duration: 20 minutes

Price: \$800 (up to 100 people)
POA (over 100 people)

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: 30 minutes

Price: \$1,500 (up to 100 people)
POA (over 100 people)

Pōwhiri and Private Cultural Performances can also be offered off-site at a venue of your choice (additional charges apply).



On-site Catering

Whare Waka Café is located in the heart of the Treaty Grounds and provides the perfect setting for a coffee or meal break during your visit. Enjoy delicious local cuisine, great coffee and a wide selection of New Zealand wines and craft beers.

Whare Waka Café also has a wide selection of catering menus available to suit small to large group bookings. We have morning/afternoon tea menus starting from \$18 per person, set lunch menus starting from \$24 per person and Hāngi options available for groups over 30 people (please enquire about pricing).



Get in touch

If you would like to book a Waitangi experience or request further information, please don't hesitate to get in contact. At Waitangi Treaty Grounds we aim to provide the best possible experience that we can for our visitors, so if there is something specific you have in mind that is not listed in this booklet please let us know.

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Terms & Conditions

Bookings may be cancelled without penalty up to 5 working days before date of travel. Cancellations within 5 working days of date of travel or a no show may be charged in full. Promotions or special prices are not to be used in conjunction with any other offer and are subject to the terms and conditions stated in each promotion, which may differ from offer to offer. In the unlikely event that a booked experience is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, Waitangi Treaty Grounds will refund the paid amount in full.

Please be advised that timings for private experiences have been created in line with our public schedule. We request that as much notice is given as possible if timings can not be adhered to due to lateness. Some elements of these experiences may not be able to take place with lateness more than 15 mins.

Protocols & Cultural Guidelines

Available on request.

Accessibility

The 18.5 hectare grounds consist of varying landscapes and access-ways, including boardwalks, concrete paths, tracks, beaches and lawns. The varying landscape can be difficult for visitors with restricted mobility to navigate. Please let us know your needs at the time of booking so we can ensure you are well supported.