

# Discover Waitangi.

 WAITANGI  
TREATY GROUNDS





**Experience & Family passes are valid for two days**

# Welcome to Waitangi.

Waitangi welcomes you on a journey of discovery through Aotearoa New Zealand's most important historic site.

Explore the two new contemporary museums: Te Rau Aroha museum and Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi, the carving studio, new exhibition in the Treaty House, Te Whare Rūnanga, traditional Māori waka and enjoy a full programme of tours and cultural performances.

Visitors purchase an Experience or a Family Pass. Both passes are valid for two consecutive days and include:

- Full access to New Zealand's most important historic site, including all heritage buildings and the world's largest war canoe
- Entry to Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi
- Entry to Te Rau Aroha museum
- Informative guided tour around Waitangi Treaty Grounds (50 minutes)
- Authentic Māori cultural performance (30 minutes)
- Live demonstrations in the Carving Studio

## Experience Pass

Adult International	<b>\$50</b>
Adult NZ Resident (ID required)	<b>\$25</b>
Child (up to 18 years*)	<b>FREE</b>

## Family Pass

International Family**	<b>\$100</b>
NZ Family** (ID required)	<b>\$50</b>

## Waitangi by Night

Adult	<b>\$85</b>
Child (under 12 years*)	<b>\$40</b>

## Combo Package

Experience Pass plus Waitangi by Night	<b>\$105</b>
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\* When accompanied by parent or caregiver, not applicable to groups. \*\*Max two adults



## Experience & Family Pass.

### Opening hours

**1 February to 24 December:** 9am to 5pm

**26 December to 31 January:** 9am to 6pm

*Waitangi Treaty Grounds is open every day, except Christmas Day.*

### Family friendly

Children receive a Discovery Trail on arrival. The cricket set on the Upper Grounds provides an opportunity for the whole family to have a hit during the summer months. The new museums have a range of interactive screens and audio-visual experiences to keep the kids (both young and old) entertained. The on-site café has a great children's menu and there are a number of places with outdoor seating to give the youngest members of your family a break.

### A typical morning visit to the Treaty Grounds:

9.00am	Arrive at the Main Entrance – if you haven't pre-booked, book your guided tour and cultural performance times
9.10am	Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi
10.00am	Your guide will meet you outside Te Kōngahu Museum for an informative guided tour
11.00am	Māori cultural performance inside Te Whare Rūnanga
11.45am	Te Rau Aroha museum
12.30pm	Live demonstrations in our Carving Studio
12.50pm	Watch the 20 minute movie in the Theatre
1.15pm	Lunch at Whare Waka Café
2.00pm	Depart Waitangi

### Experience Pass

**Adult international:** \$50

**Adult NZ resident:** \$25

**Children under 18:** FREE\*

### Family Pass

**International family:** \$100\*\*

**NZ family:** \$50\*\*

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## Waitangi by Night – An Exclusive and Unique Experience.

**Experience Waitangi like never before with after-hours museum access, a gourmet barbecue and games on the Treaty Grounds.**

**Beat the crowds and soak up the evening atmosphere at Aotearoa's most important historic site.**

Our two contemporary and interactive museums, Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi and Te Rau Aroha will be open exclusively for your exploration, with expert staff on hand to answer questions and explain how the treasured taonga and images were curated

A gourmet barbecue will be served at Whare Waka Café, with organic and locally sourced ingredients wherever possible. Whare Waka's fully licenced bar will be open throughout the evening, offering a range of local and NZ beer, wine and organic juices.

After your meal make your way to the Upper Grounds to enjoy dessert and drinks under the magnificent Pōhutukawa trees,

while taking in stunning views over the Bay of Islands. Join in a game of cricket or other activities on the lawn in front of the Treaty House, and take time to reflect on the importance of this special place to all New Zealanders.

**Prices include entry to the museums, gourmet barbecue meal and one complimentary drink.**

**Adults:** \$85pp

**Children under 12:** \$40

**Combo package:** Experience Pass plus Waitangi by Night \$105

**Van transfers:** \$10pp

**Available from December to March from 5.30pm to 8.30pm**

**December:** Saturday evenings

**January:** Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings

**February & March:** Saturday evenings



## Te Rau Aroha museum.

A museum commemorating the commitment and sacrifice of Māori in the NZ Armed Forces.

The contemporary, immersive and interactive museum is divided into three galleries and incorporates state of the art technology to help bring its stories to life.

The first gallery tells the story of Māori commitment to the armed forces. It includes exhibitions on the New Zealand Wars and the Boer War, with a strong focus on the Pioneer Battalion of World War I and the 28 (Māori) Battalion of World War II. The second gallery is dedicated to the 28

(Māori) Battalion's A Company, most of whom hailed from Northland. It tells the personal stories of the soldiers and their families.

The third gallery acts as a contemplative Whare Maumahara (house of memories) for visitors, descendants and whānau. An impressive large-scale wooden artform (Garland of Love) made up of thousands of pieces of beech from the South Island and swamp kauri from the Far North fills the centre of the room.

## Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi.

The award winning Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi features hundreds of taonga and images, six immersive audio-visual experiences, and two large-scale interactive touch screens to tell the stories of New Zealand's founding documents.

The museum features two galleries – Ko Waitangi Tēnei: This is Waitangi on the ground floor and a gallery for temporary exhibitions on the first floor.

Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi presents the events leading up to, during, and after the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in a balanced and authentic way, explaining the motivations and views of all sides equally.

Visitors leave the museum with a chance to reflect on what the Treaty means today – prompted by quotes and images expressing the views of New Zealanders from all walks of life.



# Treaty Grounds Activities.



## Guided tours.

### History Tour – 50 minutes

Take a walk-through New Zealand's history on an informative guided tour of the Treaty Grounds with one of our experienced local guides.

### Highlights Tour – 25 minutes

Join one of our guides and find out more about the icons of the Treaty Grounds.

All tours include a personal audio device, allowing you to clearly follow the stories as they are told by the guide.

**Tours depart regularly throughout the day.**

# Treaty Grounds Icons.

## Te Whare Rūnanga.

Te Whare Rūnanga (the House of Assembly) is a beautifully carved meeting house designed in traditional Māori form and built from timber and other natural materials. The meeting house reflects the Māori stories and carving styles of iwi, or tribes, from across New Zealand, and unites not only Māori and Pākehā, but all New Zealanders.

## Ceremonial Waka.

The large ceremonial war canoe Ngātokimatawhaorua, was built to mark the centenary of the Treaty of Waitangi's signing in 1940. The waka is launched every year in February as part of Waitangi Day celebrations.

## Treaty House.

The Treaty House was the site of some of the most important events in New Zealand's history. The first flag for the nation was chosen here in 1834; the 1835 Declaration of Independence was drafted in the house by James Busby and presented to the northern chiefs; and the Treaty of Waitangi was given its finishing touches here before being read to the chiefs on 5 February 1840.



## Cultural performances.

Guests are given a traditional Māori welcome (pōwhiri), before moving inside Te Whare Rūnanga for a full cultural performance which includes songs (waiata), poi, and a traditional war dance (haka). After the concert visitors can meet the cultural performers, ask questions and take photos.

**Regular performances are held throughout the day.**

**Check [www.waitangi.org.nz](http://www.waitangi.org.nz) for details**



## Whare Waka Café.

Whare Waka Café is set in the heart of the Treaty Grounds. The café offers the perfect location to enjoy a quick coffee before exploring the Grounds or a longer stop for breakfast or lunch. Try a range of tasty dishes celebrating New Zealand cuisine from the seasonal à la carte menu. A wide range of sweet and savoury ready to eat options is also available from the cabinet.

With a wraparound deck, lawns and views out over a secluded pond and Hobson's Beach, Whare Waka Café is also a perfect spot for a glass of beer or wine on a sunny Bay of Islands afternoon. The venue offers a great location for your next function or event, hosted by the excellent hospitality team. Enjoy an evening BBQ at Whare Waka Café during 'Waitangi by Night' – a special opportunity to enjoy Waitangi after hours.



## Carving Studio – Whare Toi.

Carving is a celebrated expression of both storytelling and art in Māori culture. The carving studio at Waitangi is a unique opportunity to meet traditional carvers (kaiwhakairo), see live demonstrations and learn about traditional and modern forms of wood carving. Traditional Māori carvers train for decades to achieve the highest level of skill and knowledge.



## Gift Shop - Toa Hoko Taonga.

The Waitangi gift shop features a wide selection of specialist books, high-quality Māori carvings (many produced by our onsite carvers), handcrafted jewellery and ornaments, locally designed artwork and gifts, and plenty of classic New Zealand 'Kiwi' souvenirs as mementos of your journey through the Bay of Islands.



### **Opening hours.**

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### **Directions.**

The Treaty Grounds are located in the Bay of Islands, just three hours north of Auckland. From Paihia, Waitangi is an easy 30 minute walk along the waterfront or a two minute drive.

### **Bookings.**

**Free phone:** 0800 9248 2644 (within NZ)

**Phone:** 09 402 7437

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**[www.waitangi.org.nz](http://www.waitangi.org.nz)**

### **Terms & Conditions.**

Prices in this brochure are valid to October 2021.

Cancellations within 48 hours of travel or a no show may be charged in full. In the event that a booked experience is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, Waitangi Treaty Grounds will give a full refund.