

“Perfect Isolation”

2024 Spring Programme

Chatham Islands

“The way it used to be”



Introduction

THE CHATHAM ISLANDS ARE A SPECIAL PLACE TO VISIT AND LIE 870 KM EAST OF THE MAINLAND AND ARE 45 MINUTES AHEAD OF NEW ZEALAND TIME.

The locals are genuine, friendly and welcoming. Their isolation; changeable, moody climate; and a history that goes back to the Moriori, gives them a strong community spirit, a sense of independence and self-sufficiency that allows them to be at ease with their lot.

Visitors enjoy the island as is – trees that lean one way, rugged landscapes containing an array of volcanic peaks, original forest remnants, rolling farmland, sandy beaches, seas full of fish and spectacular ever-changing scenery.

With the Black Robin now thriving (once the world's rarest bird), the magnificent Chatham Island's Forget-Me-Nots, hospitality, meals and opportunity to fish for cod and grouper – this is a place to visit before you die!



A Typical Week on the Chatham Islands includes...

Exclusive Highlights

- An exclusive BBQ at 'Admiral's Farm' – the homestead, stunning garden and endemic plant restoration nursery of Val Snr and Lois Croon
- A special buffet dinner at the Kaingaroa Sports and Social Club [Sunday evening - February]

- Tour to the incredible Basalt Columns where you will also see seabirds including oyster catchers
- Visit Waitangi West
- Moriori Rock Carvings [Petroglyphs]
- Visit Wharekauri, Splattered Rock [the amazing volcanic formation on the beach] and Mt Chudleigh Reserve
- Te Matarae – a private reserve where many endemic plants can be seen
- Awatotara Reserve to see the Parea Wood Pigeon and endemic plants
- Owenga Village
- Spend time at local artist Eva Cherie' impressive gallery
- Visit the statue of Tommy Solomon and Shelley Beach to look for shells

- Comb Blind Jims at Te Whanga Lagoon and search the shoreline for fossilised sharks' teeth
- Spend a day at Kaingaroa via the Ocean Mail Wetlands Reserve
- Hapupu National Reserve - Moriori Tree Carvings [Dendroglyphs]
- Walk to the only accessible seal colony
- Visit the site of Broughton Landing 1791 [early whaling village]
- See the Sunderland Flying Boat which is being restored.
- Visit Kopinga Marae

Optional Activities

- Cliff walk to Tikitiki Hill
- Town walk to include the Museum, Craft Shop, Waitangi Store
- Fishing trip included – own expense for extra additional trip
- Pitt Island – own expense
- Henga Reserve Bush walk opportunities

All these activities will help you appreciate the size, beauty and culture of the Chatham Islands.

Most are weather dependent, will vary from day-to-day and subject to change!

Every endeavour will be made to schedule all the activities. There are great photo opportunities



Hotel Chathams

Hotel Chathams is situated on the waterfront in the main township of Waitangi.

The hotel has spacious upstairs executive rooms and standard, ground floor, waterfront rooms – all with ensuites, tea and coffee making facilities and sky television. Single rooms have shared facilities and do not have sea views.

Hotel facilities include a restaurant and bar, tea / coffee making, free laundry and pre-pay internet. Meals are at the hotel [unless otherwise specified] with local seafood and picnic lunches provided on days away from the hotel. Sightseeing tours depart from the hotel which is also the only Pub on the island and a great place to meet the locals!



God must have made the Chatham Islands last. He had a wheelbarrow of everything leftover and he used them all up here.

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Reasons to visit the Chathams



- An isolated and un-spoilt destination
- Guided and informative, well-paced and organised daily tours
- The knowledge, expertise and organisation of the guide
- Taking the opportunity to visit nearby Pitt Island
- Experiencing first-hand the contrasting landscapes and ever-changing scenery
- Home of unique Chatham Islands birds and plants
- Exploring the history and heritage of the Chatham Islands people
- Fishing like it used to be
- Enjoying local hospitality and an exclusive BBQ at the famous 'Admiral Farm'
- Walking on stunning, deserted beaches, watching seals and the ever-present Wekas

Exclusive Guided Tours - Departure Dates

2024 - All tours are Ex Auckland

17- 24 October

23- 30 November

Cost per person*

Standard twin / double	\$4,4815
Executive- Forget Me Not Suites double/twin	\$5,045
Single in standard twin / double	\$5,515
Single (no private facilities)	\$4,499

* This is a cash / direct debit price. All Credit Cards will incur a 1.5% surcharge

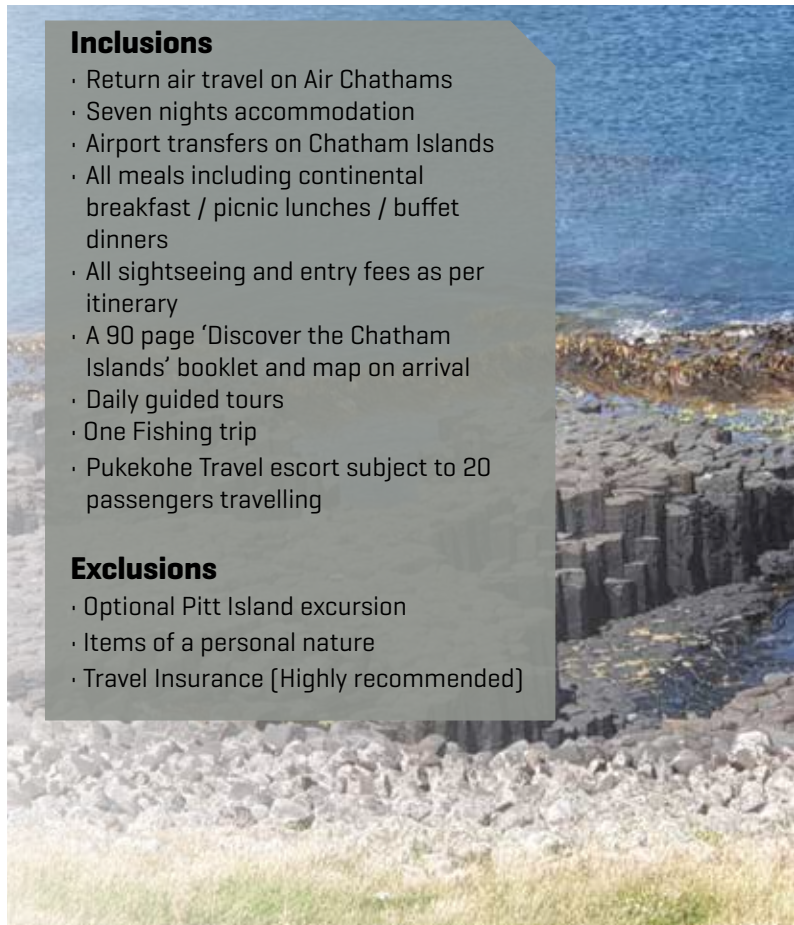
* Itinerary and costs subject to schedule changes (conditions apply)

Inclusions

- Return air travel on Air Chathams
- Seven nights accommodation
- Airport transfers on Chatham Islands
- All meals including continental breakfast / picnic lunches / buffet dinners
- All sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary
- A 90 page 'Discover the Chatham Islands' booklet and map on arrival
- Daily guided tours
- One Fishing trip
- Pukekohe Travel escort subject to 20 passengers travelling

Exclusions

- Optional Pitt Island excursion
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance (Highly recommended)



Fishing on Chatham Islands

- A fishing trip is available on all eight day tours
- Additional fishing trips are available
- NB: All fishing trips are weather dependent



Pitt Island - This optional Pitt Island tour [own expense] is often listed as one of the highlights of the tour [also weather dependent]. • Fishing - the fishing trip is very 'Chatham Islands' - a great experience You will have loads of fun and can expect to catch blue cod and groper on your 'rope' line. All activities and scheduled tours are weather dependent.

Highlights

Optional Day Tour to Pitt Island

\$475

per person

Regularly listed as one of the tour highlights

Fly to Pitt Island where you will be taken by 4WD around the many highlights of the island – majestic cliffs, rugged scenery, bush reserves, fertile farmland and a natural way of life.

Lunch is at Flower Pot Bay Lodge.

Travel Insurance

- Travel Insurance is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for visiting the Chatham Islands due to their isolation and changeable weather
- Flights may be delayed through changeable weather necessitating additional hotel and flight expenses
- Your insurance will cover you for any flight delay due to weather
- Air Chathams, PukekoheTravel and Hotel Chathams accepts no responsibility for additional costs incurred or for time lost on the island as a result of flight delays

- NB: A surcharge may apply due to age and / or pre-existing medical conditions
- NB: New Zealand Credit Cards do not cover travel to the Chatham Islands

Overall Impression

This is a soft adventure holiday. The fascinating appeal of the Chatham Islands is the ruggedness, the friendliness of the locals and the general beauty of **'A LAND APART'**

General Information

Health & Fitness

- To ensure the tour is enjoyable for the whole group, a good standard of fitness is required with the ability to walk for 10 minutes over various terrains without rest stops

Booking Conditions

- A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required along with your completed booking form
- Full payment (45 days prior to departure)
- Both deposit and final payment are non refundable – substitute travellers are acceptable

Pitt Island

- Pitt Island and Fishing Trips will be given priority, but are weather dependent
- Sightseeing on these days may be forfeited, but where possible, included on another day
- Limited spaces on each tour

Meals

- All meals are provided – continental breakfast, picnic lunches and dinner at the hotel, BBQ at Admiral Farm, seafood buffet at either Kaingaroa or the hotel

Fishing

- Shore fishing can be done at no extra cost – bring your own gear
- Blue Cod and groper can be plentiful (quotas similar to the mainland apply and must be adhered to)
- A pair of gloves are recommended (gardening ones are ok)
- Fishing equipment is supplied on the boat
- Fish caught will be made up for you to take home (subject to Hotel Chathams catch limits). The hotel specialises in local seafood meals
- Crayfishing season closes for March & April

Fish to Buy

- Fish can be bought from the island Fish Factory (subject to availability)



Clothing and General Information

- Casual clothing is recommended. The climate is temperate although exposed, so layers are recommended along with a warm water-proof jacket. Be prepared for four seasons in one day!
- Comfortable walking shoes are adequate for the daily walks / sightseeing
- Sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended
- Mobile phones have no reception
- EFTPOS and credit card facilities are available at the Hotel, Bank and the General Store. Cash is also available from the hotel
- Internet is available at the Hotel [additional cost]
- There is a four-bed hospital on the island and a resident doctor on duty. You are covered by the NZ Health system
- Baggage allowance is 23kg + 7kg hand luggage. Excess charges will apply
- There is NO public transport on the island

Terms and Conditions

- For full terms and conditions please visit our website www.pukekohetravel.co.nz/termsandconditions or ask our tour consultant for a copy

NOTE: 90% of the land is privately owned. Prior approval and fees to the land owner are required. These are included in the tour price. Remember to be open-minded and flexible

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