

Northland & the Bay of Islands

Exploring 150 New Zealand islands

Discover Maori culture, 40 reserves and 150 islands on your journey through Northland and the Bay of Islands. Green islands, blue sky, turquoise water and golden sand sum up the type of holiday you will spend here in your motorhome. There are plenty of water sports and activities with something for everyone. CampingCar-Online can offer you an itinerary to discover the North of New Zealand. In your motorhome you will have an unforgettable adventure with family or friends.

Your motorhome road would in **Auckland**. Auckland is the **largest city in New Zealand** with a population of about **4.5 million**. Take time to explore this bustling city with its cultural diversity. There are **many activities** from the beautiful beach, to lovely shops, wineries and cruises to the different islands. Follow the **North Highway** via the small town of Whangarei on the east coast. From Whangarei continue to Paihia and the Bay of Islands where the subtropical climate will offer you a warm welcome.

The **Bay of Islands** is known worldwide as a haven for boating, diving and fishing. Paihia is the main visitor centre, where there are many tourist cruises to take. Take a ferry trip across the bay from the **historic town of Russell**. Try kayaking and snorkeling in the clear, warm waters around the islands. Take Highway 10 from **Paihia to Kaitia**, then Highway 1 to Cape Reinga. Kaitia is the main city in the **northern region** of the island and an ideal base for exploring the area.

Enjoy **a scenic walk** in the natural bush at the **Millennium Nocturnal Park** where you can see the **Kiwi, the emblematic bird of New Zealand**, in its natural habitat. **Dargaville** has a rich heritage that you will enjoy and **Baylys Beach** is a resort with golden sand and dunes. You will have no trouble finding campsites along the way and you can even do some 'wild' camping (outside of designated camping sites).

In Wellsford, take the western route to **Auckland via Highway 16**. Drive along the beaches and Leigh Snells before joining Highway 1 in Warkworth. Don't hesitate to go to the Sky Tower to get an incredible view of Auckland. Go and see the **amazing variety of underwater** fauna at the Kelly Tarlton Underwater World. Take a ferry to the Volcano Rangitoto Island and climb to the top to enjoy the beautiful views of the Hauraki Gulf.