

Great Barrier Island



3 Days from \$1,365.00 per person

Day 1

ARRIVE GREAT BARRIER ISLAND (LD)

Our tour commences today with our flight from Auckland to Great Barrier Island, departing Auckland at 10.00am. We fly into Claris where we are met by Steve our driver-guide and head off to explore the southern end of the island. We visit the famous 'Milk, Honey & Grain Museum & the Community Arts Village' and have lunch at Pa Beach Café. We take a stroll along **Medlands Beach** and explore the Tryphena area before checking in to our amazing accommodation. Great Barrier Lodge sits on park like grounds beside beautiful **Whangaparapara Harbour**. Take time to settle in and explore the lodge before joining your fellow travellers for dinner at the restaurant & bar.

Accommodation: Great Barrier Lodge, Great Barrier Island – 2 nights

Day 2

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND SIGHTSEEING (BLD)

After breakfast this morning we wander down to Whangaparapara Wharf to board the 'Sundancer' for our spectacular **coastal cruise**. We look at the old Kauri Sawmill and Whaling Station sites before heading up the west coast & through the spectacular Broken Isles. Once through the Man O'War Passage we enjoy a scrumptious on-board lunch in the sheltered waters of the beautiful Port FitzRoy Harbour. After lunch, we disembark Sundancer at the **Glenfern Sanctuary** - FitzRoy House, where staff give us an informative presentation explaining what they're doing at the sanctuary regarding pest control and native plant and bird reintroduction. Fitzroy House sits on the waters edge and is home for kaka parrots, wood pigeons and banded rail etc. After the presentation talk the group will be transferred to **Sunset Rock** for an amazing panoramic view of Port Fitzroy Harbour and beyond. Steve meets us here and we travel back down the east coast by bus enjoying great views of Rakitu Island, The Windy Canyon and Pacific Ocean Panoramas. We stop for a cuppa-and-cake at Awana where you can take an optional walk along this spectacular east coast surf beach.

Day 3

DEPART GREAT BARRIER ISLAND (BL)

Steve picks us up this morning and we head off to the Hot Springs Track for a 10-minute bush-walk to explore a stunning '**Great Barrier Island Nikau Palm**' grove. We visit Jacque's Haven... birds, bees, flowers & trees... and yummy honey tasting. We call into Okupu Beach to check out the ancient Pohutukawa trees and then tour around to the 'forgotten wharf' at Blind Bay... a very scenic route with lovely old stone bridges and deep gullied streams. We enjoy a picnic lunch on the shores of a privately-owned beach before making our way back to 'civilization'. For the adventurous, we enjoy a 'wind in the hair' joy ride on 'Crazyhorse' Steve's Harley style 3 wheeled motorbike. We visit the Pigeon Post for gifts/souvenirs and tea/coffee etc at My Fat Puku Café before our tour concludes with a flight from Great Barrier Island to Auckland, arriving back in Auckland at 5.30pm.

