

Groups & Private Charter Experiences



UNIQUE EXPERIENCES IN AMAZING PLACES



WE DELIVER UNIQUE ON THE WATER EXPERIENCES IN AMAZING PLACES.

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Using our knowledge and expertise, our professional team will work with you to provide tailored solutions that will engage your employees, clients or colleagues in a truly memorable experience.

Our diverse fleet and range of experiences provide a unique platform for groups of all sizes. Perfect for:



**CONFERENCE
ACTIVITIES
INCENTIVE
REWARDS
CLIENT
HOSTING
TEAM
BUILDING
STAFF
FUNCTIONS
DESTINATION
SHOWCASE
VIP
EXPERIENCES
PRODUCT
LAUNCHES**



EXPLORE AUCKLAND

AUCKLAND ON THE WATER

Get out on Tikapa Moana - the Hauraki Gulf, and discover Auckland on the water. We have a range of unique sailing, cruising and dining experiences that will give you a whole new perspective on Tāmaki Makaurau [Auckland] from our vibrant cityscape to wildlife sanctuaries.

Highlights:

- Discover a range of unique water-based experiences tailored to suit your budget and requirements
- Choose from our diverse power and sailing fleet
- Centrally located in Auckland's Viaduct Harbour with easy access to the Waitematā Harbour and Hauraki Gulf
- Private transfer options available to Waiheke Island

Options available in Auckland:

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| • America's Cup Sailing | • Multi Yacht Sailing Experience |
| • America's Cup Match Racing | • Island Transfers |
| • Harbour Sailing | • Spectator Vessels & Tenders |
| • Lunch Cruise/Dinner Cruise | • Wildlife cruises |
| • Maxi Yacht Sailing | |



“A great experience that had everything we wanted! Everyone got involved and worked together as crew which was great fun!”

AMERICA'S CUP SAILING EXPERIENCE

Discover the excitement of sailing these impressive race vessels which were once part of the America's Cup - the worlds' oldest active sports trophy and most prestigious sailing regatta.

After departing the Auckland Viaduct, it's time to get hands on the winch grinders to raise the enormous sails. From there, you will become the crew - take the helm, work the grinders or sit back and enjoy the unique experience of sailing an America's Cup yacht while taking in the sights of Auckland.

Highlights:

- Sail on board an authentic America's Cup yacht - a unique, engaging group activity
- Get involved and learn what it takes to sail these impressive vessels. Participation encouraged but optional
- A fantastic way to showcase the sights and surroundings of Auckland, the 'City of Sails' home of the America's Cup.
- No experience required, our experienced crew will be on hand to show you the ropes and we can accommodate people with every level of fitness and ability

*For groups of more than 30 people we have 2 yachts available for up to 60 people and the option of an America's Cup Match Race experience - see page 9



Duration: 1.5 to 3 hours



Capacity: Up to 30 people*

Vessel History:

NZL41 Raced by a Japanese syndicate in 1995, NZL41 came second in the Louis Vuitton Challenge to Team New Zealand.

NZL68 Commissioned in Germany in 2003, Team New Zealand used her as a trial boat prior to their 2007 America's Cup campaign.





AMERICA’S CUP MATCH RACING

Experience the excitement of racing head to head on two America’s Cup yachts. Competing in a match race adds a competitive element to our America’s Cup Sailing Experience. Match racing is fast-paced, adrenaline filled and the closest you’ll get to competing in a real America’s Cup Race.

Using both ‘NZL41’ and ‘NZL68’, your group will split into two teams, giving them the chance to race head to head on these impressive vessels. Team members will take up various positions on board from winch grinding to helming, each member playing a pivotal role in their team’s success.

Highlights:

- A unique experience filled with adrenaline and excitement - as close as you can get to an authentic America’s Cup Match Race
- Turn your group into a high-performing team, use this experience to work together – great for team building
- Get involved and learn what it takes to sail these impressive vessels. Participation encouraged but optional
- No experience required, our experienced crew will be on hand to show you the ropes and we can accommodate people of every level of fitness and ability

*For groups of more than 60 people, we can supply a spectator vessel - see page 18 or organise a Multi Yacht Sailing Experience - see page 15



Duration: 2-3 hours



Capacity: Up to 60 people*

Vessel Specs:

NZL41

Length: 78ft
Mast Height: 113ft
Capacity: 30 people

NZL68

Length: 78ft
Mast Height: 113ft
Capacity: 30 people



“ The Harbour Sailing was a great way to spend our team day. Perfect conditions and incredible views of the Auckland skyline.”

AUCKLAND HARBOUR SAILING

Experience sailing in the City of Sails with an inner harbour sail onboard our pupose built yachts. Sail under the Harbour Bridge, spot volcanic peaks and admire the iconic city skyline from the best view in town.

The open cockpit space provides the perfect social platform for your group to sit back, relax and enjoy the experience or you can choose to get involved as crew.

For a little something extra, we can provide a range of catering options including morning tea, lunch, canapes and even dinner.

Highlights:

- Comfortable, purpose-built yachts for a relaxed sailing experience
- Great for socialising, networking, hosting or just enjoying Auckland from a unique perspective
- Take the helm and get involved as crew or sit back and relax
- Fully licensed with a variety of beverage and catering options available on board
- No experience required, our experienced crew will be on hand to show you the ropes and we can accommodate guests of any level of fitness



Duration: 2 to 4 hours



Capacity: Up to 40 people*

Vessel Specs:

Defiance

Length: 50ft
Mast Height: 72ft
Capacity: 20 people

Courageous

Length: 50ft
Mast Height: 72ft
Capacity: 20 people



PERETŪ HARBOUR CRUISES

Peretū is our premium purpose-built cruise and dine vessel, recently relaunched in Auckland, offering a variety of cruise and transfer options.

With a range of flexible spaces across three levels, Peretu offers an exclusive platform for your next event. Settle into our spacious dining room, relax in the comfort of the cocktail lounge or take in 360 degree views of the cityscape from the open roof deck.

Highlights:

- Flexible spaces with options for seated dining to cocktail style functions
- Three levels including lower deck dining space for up to 70 people, mid deck lounge & bar and open roof deck with shade and seating.
- Full range of amenities including a galley kitchen, serving bar on each level, air conditioning, digital sound system and multiple toilet facilities
- Great option for large groups looking for a unique venue or on the water activity
- Fully licensed with a variety of beverage and catering options available

*capacity subject to event type



Duration: 1.5 to 4 hours



Capacity: Up to 180 people

Vessel Specs:

Peretū

Length: 88ft
Levels: 3
Capacity: Up to 180 people



HAURAKI GULF DISCOVERY CRUISES

Discover the landscape, islands and wildlife in Tamaki Makaurau’s big blue backyard – the Hauraki Gulf on our new power cat Tuhi-rapa.

Purpose built for wildlife viewing on the Hauraki Gulf, large groups can cruise in comfort and style on an adventure to one of the many islands or seek out the marine wildlife that calls this place home.

Highlights:

- Spacious interiors across 2 levels with comfortable seating and large picture windows
- Large exterior spaces including roof deck for exceptional wildlife viewing opportunities
- Suitable to access a range of destinations within the Hauraki Gulf including Rotoroa, Waiheke and Tiritiri Matangi*
- Fully licensed bar onboard with a variety of beverage & catering options available
- Full amenities including air conditioning, digital sound system, multiple TV screens, bike racks and toilet facilities.

*Tiritiri Matangi subject to license restrictions



Duration: 2 to 6 hours



Capacity: Up to 280 people

Vessel Specs:

Tuhi-rapa

Length: 28m
Levels: 2
Capacity: Up to 280 people



PĀUA CAT HAURAKI ADVENTURE

Jump on board our 18m power catamaran, ‘Pāua Cat’ and enjoy an exclusive cruise around the Hauraki Gulf. Relax in a comfy bean bag chair on the front deck, stop off for a swim, have a fish or go for a paddleboard – Pāua Cat can offer it all.

Highlights:

- Spacious main salon and aft deck with plenty of seating for everyone
- Full equipped galley
- Large custom swim platform
- Various food & beverages options available on request including BBQ or Private chef
- Fishing charters available by prior arrangement
- Four queen sized cabins to accommodate up to 8 guests

Paua Cat is available in Auckland March - December & Bay of Islands December - March. Please enquire about relocation options.



Duration: 3-6 hours



Capacity: 20 people

Vessel Specs:

Pāua Cat

Length: 60ft
Beam: 26ft
Capacity: 20 people



“ Amazing to see so many yachts on the water together. The non-sailors loved being on board the spectator boat so they could still be involved in the action.”

MULTI YACHT SAILING EXPERIENCE

Experience one of Auckland’s only all-inclusive activities’ for large groups combining a collection of the country’s most sought after yachts, our Multi Yacht Sailing Experience is an unforgettable experience for all who take part. Our diverse selection of vessels ensures that we can cater to groups of all sizes and levels of ability to maximise the experience for all involved.

Whether you take part in a series of races or just want to experience what it’s like to sail in Auckland, we can tailor the regatta to suit your group’s requirements.

Highlights:

- A great spectacle, this event has the wow factor to impress your colleagues, clients or delegates
- Be actively involved in sailing the yachts; take the helm, work the grinders or simply sit back, relax and enjoy
- Great opportunity to accommodate large groups with a selection of sailing and spectator vessels – see page 18 for vessel options
- Safe & comfortable, our selection of yachts will provide thrill and excitement without compromising your security
- No experience required, our experienced crew will be on hand to show you the ropes and we can accommodate people with every level of fitness and ability



Duration: 1.5 to 3 hours



Capacity: Up to 1000 people

Vessels Available:

- America’s Cup yachts
- Classic Yachts
- Harbour Sailing yachts
- Maxi Yachts
- Spectator Vessels & Tenders



ON BOARD CATERING & MORE

With a variety of catering options available, we can work with you to create a delicious menu tailored to suit any occasion. From informal gourmet picnics to sit-down three course meals.

- Lunch/Dinner Cruise
- Morning/Afternoon Tea
- Cocktail Reception
- Christmas Parties
- Corporate functions

Additional Options

To add that extra something to your event, we can also arrange any of the following:

- Branded flags
- Branded team clothing
- Celebrity sailors/race commentators
- Cultural welcome performances
- Photography
- Prizes




VESSEL FLEET: AUCKLAND

AMERICA'S CUP YACHTS




Our ex. America's Cup Yachts provide an opportunity for an authentic race experience for an on the water adventure.

 Capacity: 60 people

HARBOUR SAILING YACHTS




Our fleet of 50ft mono hull yachts have been purpose built for relaxed sailing on Auckland Harbour.

 Capacity: 40 people

PERETŪ




Peretū is our premium purpose-built cruise and dine vessel, recently refurbished for her relaunch in Auckland, with a range of flexible spaces across three levels.

 Capacity: 180 people

TUHI RAPA




Tuhi Rapa has a variety of well-appointed indoor and outdoor spaces and viewing areas enabling passengers to discover the Hauraki Gulf in comfort and style.

 Capacity: 300 people

ISLAND EXPLORER



Island Explorer is a custom built 24m vessel. She has two levels of air-conditioned lounge style seating and a partially shaded deck. With a cruising speed of 20 knots she provides a quick and comfortable ride through the Hauraki Gulf.

 Capacity: 170 people

PĀUA CAT



This 60ft power catamaran is great for smaller groups to experience the Hauraki Gulf - ideal for fishing excursions, island stops, cocktail cruises and corporate events. Available in the Auckland March - December.

 Capacity: 20 people



EXPLORE BAY OF ISLANDS

BAY OF ISLANDS COASTAL PARADISE

The Bay of Islands, just 3 hours drive north of Auckland, is a coastal paradise made up of 144 islands.

We offer a range of unique experiences that showcase the beauty of this natural playground from marine wildlife and dramatic landscapes to quiet islands with regenerating ecosystems.

Why choose Explore?

- We offer a unique range of experiences that showcase this amazing destination; guests can set off to view the abundant marine wildlife, experience an offsite event on the island paradise of Otehei Bay or travel by boat to the famed 'Hole in the Rock'
- We operate the only island venue in the Bay of Islands at Otehei Bay - see page 23
- We can provide all your on water transport using our diverse fleet which includes a fast boat, ferries, rigid hulled inflatables, and barge
- Knowledgeable and friendly staff known for their hospitality and service
- A dedicated events team who will offer tailored solutions to suit your group requirements

Options available in the Bay of Islands:

- Otehei Bay - island destination and venue
- Bay of Islands Cruises
- Island transfers





OTEHEI BAY DESTINATION & VENUE

Discover our unique island venue with a backdrop of beach, native bush and wildlife. Just a 40 minute ferry ride from Paihia or Russell and full suite of facilities we can provide a tailored package to suit your event.

Venue

With a five hectare section, licensed venue with bar and marquee available on request, reserve one of our unique and versatile island spaces that can be tailored to suit your specific requirements.

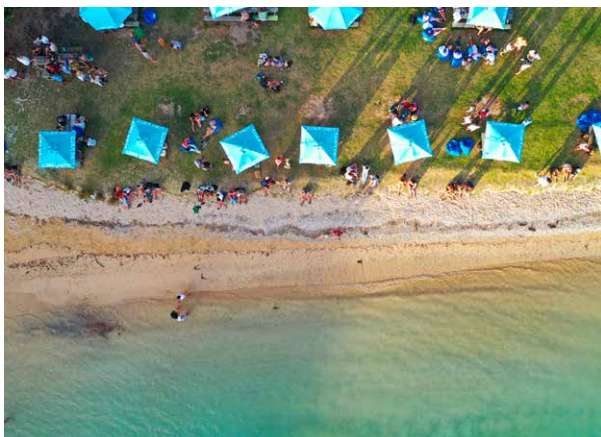
- Offsite Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
- Christmas Parties
- Teambuilding Activities
- Weddings
- Staff Functions
- Family Gatherings

Highlights:

- Island venue that encompasses the beauty of the Bay of Islands for a unique event destination
- Exciting teambuilding experiences available and designed for all fitness levels and group size
- Enjoy the white sand beach, try kayaking, paddleboarding or on request - jet skis, sailing, fishing or parasailing
- The Island is part of an exciting conservation project where you can discover rare wildlife and beautiful scenery on one of the many self-guided walks

Transport

Just a 40 minute ferry ride from the mainland, getting to Otehei Bay on Urupukapuka Island is easy onboard one of the Explore power vessels.



Duration: 40mins (one way)



Capacity: 20-1000 people



BAY OF ISLANDS CRUISES

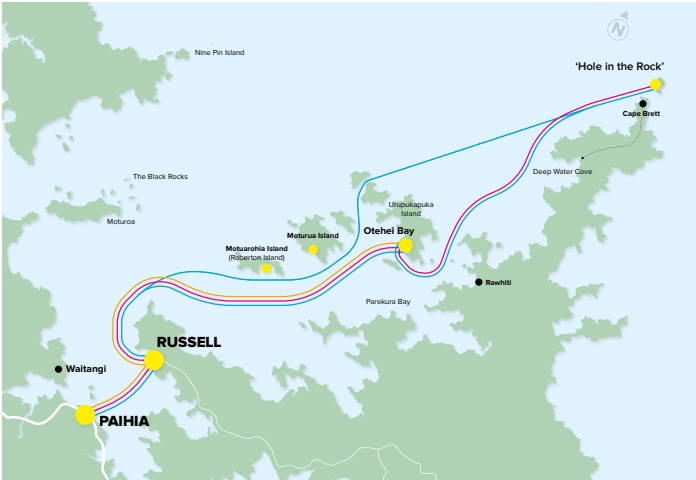
Discover the Bay of Islands with a cruise to appreciate the spectacular landscape from on the water. Cruise through the sheltered waters of the 144 islands and take in highlights including the Black Rocks, Cape Brett, the Hole in the Rock and marine wildlife in their natural habitat.

Highlights:

- Private Charter one of our power catamarans or our fast boat Ocean Adventure and we can tailor an itinerary based on your requirements.
- Visit our venue at Otehei Bay on the stunning Urupukapuka Island – the perfect setting for a team lunch, dinner, conference or team building activities.
- Private transfer options between Paihia, Copthorne Hotel at Waitangi, The Landing and Russell

Transport

Explore has a diverse range of power vessels available for cruising the Bay of Islands depending on your group size and requirements - see page 18/19. We can depart from a range of locations depending on your point of origin, and destinations and cruise routes can also be adapted to suit.




VESSEL FLEET: BAY OF ISLANDS

DISCOVERY IV




This 18m power catamaran provides the ideal platform for groups wanting to explore the Bay by water.

 Capacity: 80 people

DOLPHIN SEEKER




Our purpose-built catamaran, Dolphin Seeker, has plenty of indoor and outdoor spaces including large viewing decks with unobstructed views enabling passengers to explore the Bay of Islands in comfort.

 Capacity: 230 people

OCEAN ADVENTURE




Ocean Adventure is a 12m purpose built fast boat, specifically built for speed, safety and comfort suitable for both transfers and adventure activities.

 Capacity: 34 people

TE PAPAHU



Te Papahu provides a boutique experience for a smaller group of passengers. The side viewing decks offer a great vantage point for spotting wildlife alongside the vessel.

 Capacity: 86 people

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