



# Chatham Islands

## 2021 - 2022

*The ever changing, spectacular and breath-taking scenery from the rugged landscapes with its volcanic peaks, rolling farm land and original forest remnants to lakes, sandy beaches and rocky shorelines will make this a holiday like no other. With a number of ecologically significant conservation sites and habitats, the Chatham Islands is home to rare plant and birdlife, including 18 bird species unique to the islands as well as at least 29 species of indigenous flora found nowhere else in the world. Experience the indigenous Moriori culture, history and heritage. Discover the vast array of beautiful scenery, flora and fauna and immerse yourself in the nature, peace and tranquillity which make these islands so unique and special.*

### **Day One Mainland NZ to Chatham Islands (Rekohu)**

Fly from Auckland or Wellington to the Chathams on Air Chathams. Arriving late afternoon your hosts will meet and transfer you to the lodge. Situated on the west coast the lodge has uninterrupted ocean vistas.

**Awarakau Lodge**                      **7 nights**

### **Day Two - Seven Chatham Islands**

Your adventure in the Chathams begins. A full day Pitt Island Excursion or Fishing Charter are available (optional expense).

#### North East Rekohu

Traveling to the north eastern part of the island, stop at Ocean Mail Reserve and take the short walk to see the Chatham Island Aster which is in flower November to March. We visit Hapupu National Historic Reserve -home of the Dendroglyphs (Moriori tree carvings) and in the afternoon view the only accessible seal colony on the island at Point Munning. Explore the site of an early whaling station, view a Sunderland Flying Boat being converted into a museum and visit the fishing settlement of Kaingaroa Village - where the British landed in 1791 on the HM Chatham.

#### South East Rekohu

Travelling to Manukau, see the famous statue of Tommy Solomon, reputed to be the last known full Moriori. We visit Chatham Island Food Co., and hear how young entrepreneur Delwyn returned to the island to start a seafood business delivering top quality, fresh Blue Cod into restaurants.

#### South West Rekohu

Exploring the south west coast we may spot the Chatham Island Parea (wood pigeon) on the edge of Tuku Nature Reserve. Visit Waitangi, the shop, museum and River Onion Gallery—a local photographic artist.

#### North West Rekohu

We travel northwest to Ohira Pt. visit the five sided Basalt Columns (one of only two sites in the world). Continue onto Port Hutt fishing village, explore the Moravian Missionaries stone cottage at Maunganui and stop at Waitangi West on the coast where the rare Chatham Island Oyster Catchers are often seen wading.

#### Central Rekohu

Join Lois Croon at Admiral Farm for a tour of her gardens, including her extensive vegetable gardens and discover some of the many Chatham Island plants.

At Henga Reserve take a walk through the bush and interesting limestone rock formations to the lookout over a magnificent ocean beach.

#### North Rekohu

Search for 30 million year old fossilized shark's teeth on the shores of the Te Whaanga Lagoon. Enjoy a walk through Nikau Reserve and visit Wharekauri and Splattered Rock, an interesting volcanic rock formation.

### **Day Eight Return to the Mainland NZ**

This morning you are transferred to the airport for your flight back to the mainland.



## TOUR INCLUDES

- \* Home collection & drop off within Auckland (metropolitan areas Orewa - Papakura) or Wellington
- \* Return flights with Air Chathams
- \* Professional Tour leader
- \* 7 nights accommodation at Awarakau Lodge
- \* All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- \* Daily sightseeing as per itinerary

## TOUR COSTS

Twin/Double with private en-suite **\$4980.00**  
per person twin share

Single room supplement \$800.00

## TOUR DATES

Ex Auckland 14th - 21st October 2021  
10th - 17th February 2022

Ex Wellington 15th - 22nd November 2021  
26th January - 2nd February 2022

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- \* Accommodation is twin share.
- \* Payment of the single room supplement will guarantee a single (sole use) room. Single rooms are subject to availability.
- \* The Chatham Islands are located 800km east of Christchurch. Approximate flight time is 2½ hours from Auckland.
- \* The climate is temperate with summer temperatures of 15 -24°C
- \* Flights to and from the Chathams can be delayed due to weather, additional accommodation and meals will be at passengers expense. Travel insurance is recommended.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Twilight Travel & Tours recommend a comprehensive policy for travel to the Chatham Islands.

Premiums for 8 days travel:

Under 60 years	\$71.00 per person
60 - 69 years	\$74.00 per person
70 - 79 years	\$115.00 per person
80 + years	\$172.00 per person

Policy covers cancellation, amendments and travel delay. Refer to the CoverMore policy booklet for full policy details.

Insurance should be purchased at time of paying deposits.

Please contact us for full policy details, application forms and medical assessment details.

## Booking Terms & Conditions

- \* Prices are per person, twin share in NZ\$. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to secure booking. Balance is due 45 days prior to travel. All payments are non-refundable. Travel insurance is recommended.
- \* All costs are based on prices as known at time of printing and are subject to change should there be unavoidable changes in service costs, fuel prices, exchange rates and/or taxes. Price is inclusive of 15% GST.
- \* Tours & sightseeing may be rescheduled or substituted at any time by the service provider due to operational requirements.
- \* Some tours & sightseeing may involve walking of up to an hour over uneven ground and steps. This tour is not suitable for wheelchairs or walking frames. Twilight Travel personnel and other service providers cannot provide special assistance to passengers with disabilities. For your safety and enjoyment you should be in good physical condition to partake in the tour unassisted.
- \* Flights to and from Chatham Islands are weather dependent. In the event of flights being delayed, additional accommodation and meals are at passengers expense. Travel insurance is recommended.
- \* No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of Twilight Travel, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. Twilight Travel will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour.
- \* Twilight Travel & Tours will pass on special requests and dietary requirements to suppliers, but cannot be held responsible if these are not delivered.
- \* Payment of deposit and/or full tour price represents acceptance of the terms and conditions.
- \* Tour operates subject to minimum numbers.



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