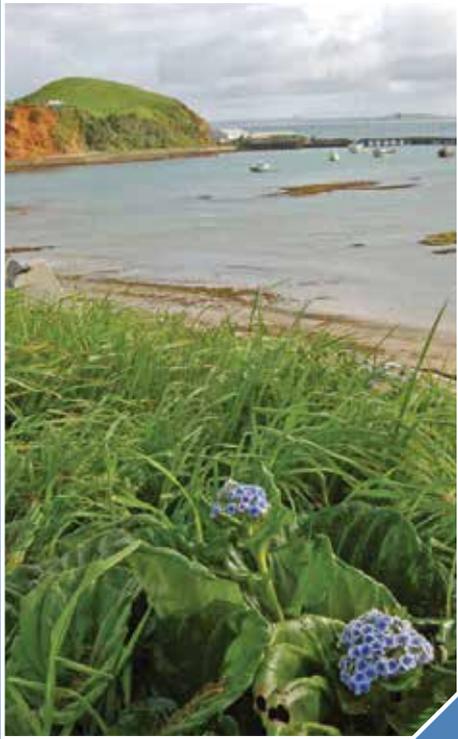


27 February - 04 March 2021

Chatham Islands

With Jack Hobbs

Short Week



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!

Direct flights available from Auckland



A Typical Week on the Chatham Islands includes...

Exclusive Highlights

- An exclusive lunch at 'Admiral's Farm' – the homestead, stunning garden and endemic plant restoration nursery of Val Snr and Lois Croon

- Tour to the incredible Basalt Columns where you will also see seabirds including oyster catchers
- Visit Waitangi West and the early settler's Stone Cottage
- 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
- Wharfe fishing available on request
- Visit the Kopinga Moriori Marae.
- 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 Admiral Farm with its stunning gardens.

Optional Activities

- Cliff walk to Tikitiki Hill.
- Town walk to include the Museum, Craft Shop, Waitangi Store
- Fishing trip – own expense
- Henga Reserve Bush walk opportunities.

Fishing on Chatham Islands

- Optional fishing is available on all eight day tours
- \$195 per person for a 3 hour fishing trip
- Tailor-made packages available (ideal for clubs and groups)
- NB: All fishing trips are weather dependent

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

The Travellers Rest

Is a beautifully restored house situated 50m uphill from the hotel with views overlooking Petre Bay. There are three upstairs rooms, two of which have sea views and one garden unit (no sea view). All have ensuites. Rooms have tea and coffee making facilities, TV and video. There is a guest lounge, veranda and laundry. The lounge houses an extensive library of Chatham Islands' books and history. All meals are at Hotel Chathams.



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 are provided most days. Sightseeing tours depart from the hotel which is also the only Pub on the island and a great place to meet the locals!

Pukekohe Travel specialises in tours to the Chatham Islands and offers a number of locally guided tours



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
- 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
- Walking on stunning, deserted beaches, watching seals and the ever-present Wekas

Exclusive Small Group Guided Tour - Departure Date- Ex Auckland

27 February - 04 March 2021

Cost per person*

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Standard twin / double | \$3,649 |
| Executive Twin | \$3,949 |
| Single Shared | \$4,149 |
| Single with Shared Facilities | \$3,599 |

* This is a cash / cheque price. All Credit Cards will incur a 2% surcharge
* Itinerary and costs subject to schedule changes (conditions apply)

Inclusions

- Return air travel on Air Chathams
- Five nights accommodation
- Airport transfers on Chatham Islands
- All meals including continental breakfast / picnic lunches / dinners
- All sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary
- A 90 page 'Discover the Chatham Islands' booklet and map on arrival
- Daily guided tours

Exclusions

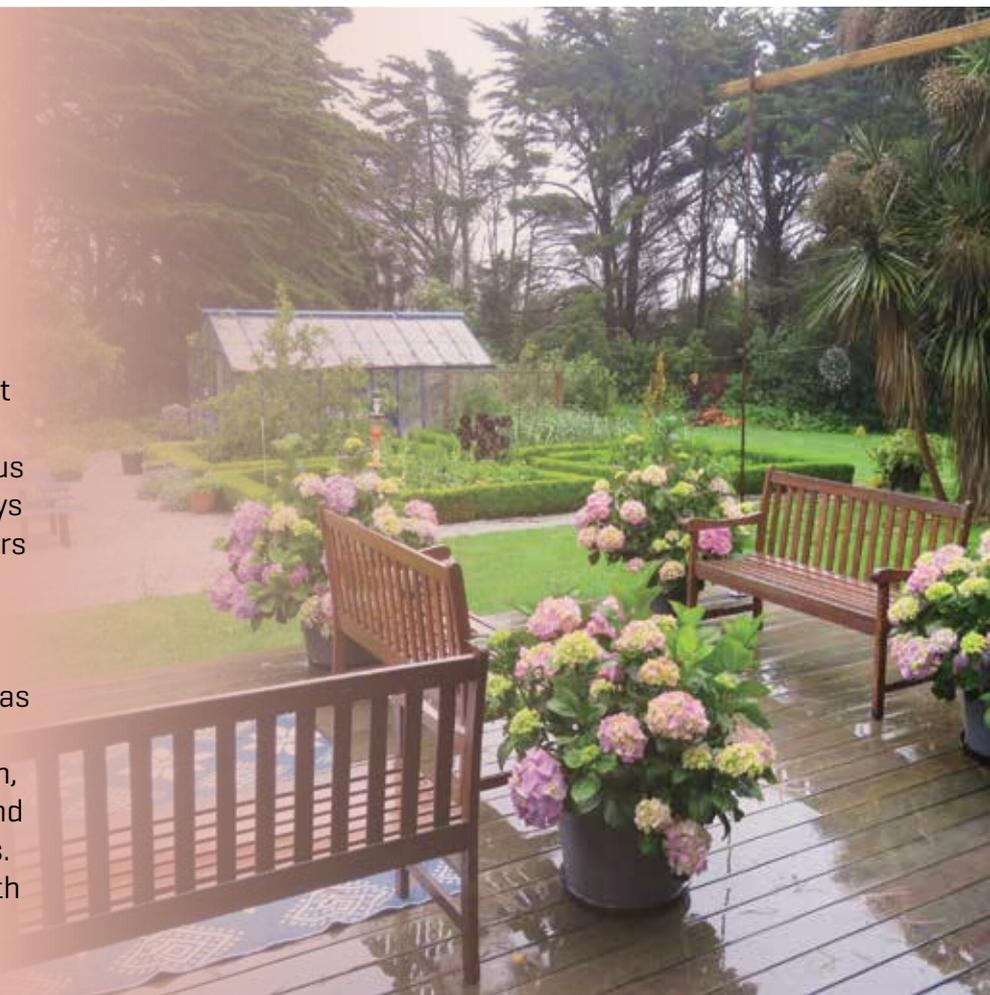
- Fishing trips
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance (Highly recommended)

Unfortunately there is not enough time to include Pitt Island.



Jack has been Manager of the Auckland Botanic Gardens since 1997 and President of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture from 2001 until 2011. Apart from an obvious enthusiasm for plants and gardens, he plays tennis, loves to travel and has escorted tours to many countries.

Jack is also well known as a television presenter on gardening programmes and has written articles on plants and gardening. He has lead tours to China, Canada, Vietnam, Borneo, Britain, Europe and South Africa and on the local scene to the Chatham Islands. He lives in Mauku with wife Sandra along with too many horses.



Travel Insurance

- Travel Insurance is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for visiting the Chatham Islands due to their isolation and changeable weather
- Your travel insurance will cover you for any flight delays due to weather
- Air Chathams, Pukekohe Travel 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: Southern Cross and New Zealand Credit Cards do not cover travel to the Chatham Islands



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 deposit of \$500 per person is required along with your completed booking form
- Full payment (45 days prior to departure)

Travel Insurance

- Insurance is strongly recommended for the Chatham Islands due to the isolation of the island 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
- A surcharge may apply due to age and / or pre-existing medical condition

Meals

- All meals are provided – continental breakfast, picnic lunches and dinner at the hotel, Plus an exclusive BBQ at Admiral Farm.

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
- 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

Fishing

- Shore fishing can be done at no extra cost – bring your own gear

Fish to Buy

- Fish can be bought from the island Fish Factory [subject to availability]

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'** Remember to be open minded and flexible.

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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.

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