



2021 Winter Programme

Chatham Islands

“The way it used to be”

WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMME

Free upgrade to for the first new bookings on each departure



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 Matareae – 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 Kaingarua 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.

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



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!



Forget Me Knot Suites

These suites are directly above the hotel.

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Chatham Islands

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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 2021 Spring/Winter

Date	Departure	Upgarde to
29 Apr - 06 May	Auckland	Forget me not suite
06 - 13 May	Auckland	Forget me not suite
13 - 20 May	Auckland	Forget me not suite
20 - 27 May	Auckland	Executive room
01 - 08 Jun	Christchurch	Executive room
10 - 17 Jun	Auckland	Executive room
01 - 08 Jul	Auckland	Executive room
08 - 15 Jul	Auckland	Executive room
05 - 12 Aug	Auckland	Executive room
13 - 20 Aug	Wellington	Forget me not suites
02 - 09 Sept	Auckland	Forget me not suites

Inclusions

- Return air travel on Air Chathams
- Seven 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]
- Group size limited to 6-12 people

Book With Confidence

Full refund on bookings that need to be cancelled due to covid level restrictions.

Cost per person*

Standard twin / double \$3,885
Single Supplement +\$700

* This is a cash / cheque price. All Credit Cards will incur a 2% surcharge

* Itinerary and costs subject to schedule changes (conditions apply)

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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, PukekoheTravel 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: 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
- Book with confidence - Cancel 48 hours before departure and receive a full refund.

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

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.

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]

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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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