



## WAIHEKE ISLAND ESCAPE 7<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

### **Day 1: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November (MT, L, D)** **Home – Hamilton**

With bags packed we head north over Mount Messenger to the small coastal town of Mokau for some lovely home baked morning tea, while you get to know your fellow travellers. We continue on SH3 through to the foot of Mount Pirongia where we have a great lunch lined up at a local café.

Back on the road it is not long until we arrive in Hamilton, New Zealand's largest inland city, straddling the superb Waikato River. This afternoon we explore the famous **Hamilton Gardens** as we are **guided** through the conceptual garden that explores the history and meaning of gardens through time, and from around the world. It is internationally recognised for its unique concept and is the Waikato region's most popular tourist destination.

We then head to our hotel for the night for some R 'n R before meeting for our first group dinner of tour.

ACCOMMODATION:  
**Distinction Hamilton Hotel 07 849 0860**

### **Day 2: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November (B, L, D)** **Waiheke Exploring**

After a scrumptious breakfast we head north to the Sealink Ferry Terminal at Half Moon Bay for the ferry over to Waiheke Island. In around an hour, we arrive on the blissful island. From Kennedy Point we make our way up to highest vineyards on the Island, **Batch Winery**. Offering outstanding wines, exquisite cuisine, with a view to match while we enjoy a great lunch.

We then head through the main centre of the island to the unique **Whittaker's Musical Museum**, where we are greeted and guided in a fun and educational way through the museum. This includes a live presentation, the playing of instruments, and some remarkable stories regarding the unusual and special instruments they have.



After singing some old-time favourites you have a chance to stroll through **Oneroa's township**, one of the main shopping areas on the Island. It has a good variety of shops, restaurants, and cafes.

It's then out to Onetangi, which is a settlement on the north coast of the Island. Our accommodation for the next three nights is located right next to the stunning white sands of Onetangi Beach.

After we are all checked in and familiar with our surroundings we get together and stroll down to our carefully selected, highly rated local restaurant with staff ready to welcome us. After your meal the evening is yours to do as you please before turning in for the night.

ACCOMMODATION:  
**Onetangi Beach Apartments 09 372-0003**

### **Day 3: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November (B,L,D)**

#### **Waiheke Island Garden Festival**

A relaxed start to the day before setting out to experience the **Jassy Dean Trust Waiheke Garden Festival**. Highlights include a variety of beautiful gardens to visit, live music, local art for sale, delicious food, plant sales, market stalls and more. *Because we are getting well off the beaten track you must be aware that some of the gardens will require a certain level of fitness to fully explore.*

To have a break from gardens we call into the **Waiheke Ostend Markets**, where you can enjoy the local vibe and way of life. Tasty treats, superb coffee, gifts, and great bargains can be found. It's situated at the other main shopping location so there is also a variety of cafes, gift, and resort-style clothing shops on the main street.

For lunch today we head to a well acclaimed vineyard, which some describe as the most romantic place on earth, **Mudbrick Vineyard, and Restaurant**. Here we start with a wine tasting for those who would like to partake, which will be led by one of the Cellar masters. You will get to learn about the history, the vineyards, and the award-winning wines before strolling on a self-guided tour to explore the grounds, gardens, and vines. While sitting on the ridge overlooking the sparkling waters of the Hauraki Gulf, we will have lunch.

After lunch we visit a few more gardens, with the last garden providing a special treat! Within this beautiful garden is a diverse selection of plants, including extensive rose gardens, perennials, herbs, topicals, New Zealand natives and more. It also features a private collection of significant sculptures and expansive coastal views.

We have time to take in this piece of island paradise before making our way back to Onetangi for some downtime before our last meal together on the Island.

ACCOMMODATION:  
**Onetangi Beach Apartments 09 372-0003**



**Day 4: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November (B, L)**  
**Waiheke Island - Home**

All good things must come to an end so we start our journey home by heading down to Kennedy Point to catch the Sealink Ferry back to Half Moon Bay.

Making our way south down SH1 our next destination is another Waikato icon. **Zealong Tea Estate** is the only commercial tea estate in New Zealand, producing 100% organic award-winning tea, and a world-leading destination for tea, art and hospitality.

As we sample the amazing range of teas we are treated to a delicious **High Tea** lunch. We then start the journey home shopping for a quick break at the **Piopio Berry Farm** for a chance to purchase some treats. We aim to be back in Taranaki to get you home in time for dinner.

**TOUR COSTS INCLUDE**

- 3 nights' accommodation, twin/double rooms (Single rooms available with surcharge)
- Tour Admissions as per Itinerary in **bold**.
- Ferry transport.
- Morning Tea (**MT**), Breakfast (**B**), Lunch (**L**) & dinners (**D**) where indicated on the itinerary.

**TOUR PAYMENTS PER PERSON:**

**Twin/Double share \$2,195 pp**  
**Single Supplement \$2,950 pp**  
**Deposit due at time of booking \$850 pp**

**Balance of tour payment due 7 October 2024**



**Terms & Conditions....**

(Applicable for New Zealand Tours 01 May 2023 – 30 November 2024)

**Acceptance Of Terms & Conditions**

If you have booked a tour with us and pay your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. We may ask you to sign a copy of these terms when you join a tour to provide a record that you have accepted these terms.

**Itineraries**

The Itinerary for your tour package was correct at the time of date and printing, however it is subject to change without notice. Your itinerary could change due to road or weather conditions, changes imposed by other tour operators or a range of other factors beyond our control. You agree that we have no liability to you for changes to your itinerary.

**Price Amendments**

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing; however, Weir Bros Tours reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or increases in government or other levies.

**Health & Fitness**

All passengers are required to acknowledge they are in reasonable health and are considered fit to travel and are not traveling contrary to any medical advice. By acknowledging their health and fitness to participate passengers are indemnifying us from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any lack of health and fitness.

**Health & Safety Information including COVID-19**

At Weir Bros our first priority is your safety and enjoyment while you are travelling with us.

While we have always maintained a high standard of cleaning on our coaches. We have increased the frequency of cleaning when we are traveling on tours to help ensure your safety. Hand sanitiser will be provided, and we ask that you maintain government standards in terms of hygiene practices, this includes washing or sanitising hands frequently. For the health and safety of all passengers and staff on tour, any passengers showing symptoms of illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard the coach unless they can provide a negative Covid-19 test result received within the past 24 hours.

Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their Tour Manager and may be required to visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To continue the tour the passenger must provide a negative Covid-19 test and be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger's own expense.

**Payments, cancellations & Amendments**

A deposit of 20% is required to Weir Tours at the time of booking to confirm your reservation and acknowledge your agreement to our terms and conditions. All balance payments must be received by Weir Bros prior to or on the date specified for final payment. Final payment is due 30 days prior to departure. If the full tour price is not received by this date, we reserve the right to cancel your booking. Payments can be made with Cash, Eftpos / Credit or Direct Debit via the account number supplied on the



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payment form. Please note if paying via credit card you will incur a fee of 2.5% on top of the original price. Weir Bros reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Weir Bros also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date may be offered, or a full refund will be made available. Tour Prices exclude drinks, travel insurance or items of personal nature.

Weir Tours is not liable for any cancellation or change cost or penalties incurred via third party travel arrangements, including air travel, that may be affected thereby. All additional costs incurred are not liable by Weir Tours and will be passed onto you. Please ensure you have sufficient insurance to cover any costs incurred for unforeseen disruptions. Weir Tours is not responsible for other travel arrangements that you or your party have made outside of those made by Weir Tours and which are affected by our cancellations or amendments.

### **Force Majeure**

Force Majeure Event means any event or circumstance beyond the control of Weir Tours, which has the effect of preventing, restricting or changing the nature of the products and services sold to you including but not limited to: (a) an act of god (such as earthquake, flood, fire, explosion, landslide, lightning, action of the elements, force of nature, washout, typhoon, hurricane cyclone, tsunami, storm or storm warning of natural disaster); (b) industrial disputes, work ban or other labour dispute or difficulty; (c) acts of terrorism, political unrest, war or threat of war, riots or civil strife; (d) failure or delays to scheduled transportation and the closure of airports or ports; (e) Pandemic, epidemic or health risk including Covid-19; (f) all governmental and administrative actions, guidance and measures in any territory (including closure of borders and travel warnings and restrictions) Weir Tours have the right to cancel amend or reschedule your packaged tour during or following any force Majeure and if we do so you agree that we have no liability to you for any direct or indirect consequences of the cancelation, amendment or rescheduling.

### **Travel Insurance**

Weir Bros strongly advises all passengers to purchase travel insurance when booking a tour. A comprehensive travel insurance policy gives peace of mind for unexpected issues or emergencies that may arise prior to or during a tour. Weir Tours cannot be held responsible for your failure to obtain Insurance which is appropriate, and we recommend you purchase your insurance at the time of, or soon after, booking your trip. Weir Tours will not be held liable for any costs incurred resulting from your failure to obtain adequate travel insurance.

### **Luggage**

Although every effort will be made to will be made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline, and group carrier handing. Therefore, it is important for protection that passengers make certain that they have adequate travel insurance to cover such eventualities.

### **Our Responsibilities**

Weir Tours are responsible for booking and packaging goods and service provided by other operators such as hotels, attractions, and transportation companies to create your packaged tour. We take all practicable steps to ensure the safety and comfort for all involved in this packaged tour.



**Your Responsibilities**

You agree to behave reasonably throughout the tour and not to be a nuisance to other passengers. You agree to comply with our reasonable requests and the requests of other operators. You indemnify Weir Tours for any liability, costs, damages or other expenses we suffer or incur as a direct or indirect consequence of your behaviour while part of your package tour.

**Removal From Your Package Tour**

For the Wellbeing of all passengers on your packaged tour, Weir Tours reserve the right to remove you from the tour and cancel your booking with us if you breach any of your obligations under the terms provided that, except in the case of a serious breach ( as determined by Weir Tours) we will give you notice of your breach and a reasonable opportunity (which will be no more than 2 days ) to remedy the breach before exercising our cancellation right. In the case of a serious breach, we can exclude you from the tour and cancel your booking by immediate, verbal, or written notice to you. In the event of such cancellation, you will be responsible at your cost for arranging any accommodation or travel costs and other matters as required as a direct or indirect consequence of the cancellation. In the event of removal from a tour no refund will be given.

**Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation fees depend on when Weir Tours receives notification of a cancellation.

Bookings cancelled more than 60 days before departure incur 20% of tour cost.

Bookings cancelled between 59 and 45 days before tour commencement will forfeit 50%

31-44 Days Prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 75%

0-30 Days prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 100% of your tour price (No Refund)