



WAITANGI, NEW ZEALAND

At the north of the North Island, Waitangi holds a very significant place in the country's history, as the site where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840, creating the framework for the modern country of New Zealand. Nearby towns of Paihia and Russell are also worth a visit

KEY INFO

Currency: NZ Dollar (1 USD = 1.6 NZD)

Population: 300 (5.12 million NZ)

Emergency #: 111

Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable

Time Zone: GMT+13 (Sep-Apr) / GMT+12

ID Requirements: Photo ID


Languages: English, Māori

Drive on the: Left

Pharmacy: 4 Williams Road, Paihia 0200 


Protection: Bug Spray & SPF 30+

Wi-Fi: i-SITE (Paihia)

Post Office: 2/39 Williams Road, Paihia 0200 

PORT LOCATION

Ships anchor offshore and use tender boats to reach Waitangi Wharf (2 miles, 20-minute ride)

Getting Around: Explore Waitangi on foot from the tender platform or visit nearby towns by taking the complimentary cruise ship shuttle to Paihia (25-minute walk, 5-minute drive). From Paihia the public ferry regularly transits the bay to the old town of Russell. The 15-minute ferry crossing departs every half an hour. An adult same-day return ticket costs \$16 

 www.northlandferries.co.nz/bay-of-islands-ferry for ferry information

Taxis: Dial 09 402 6292 (Haruru Falls Cabs), 0508 342 527 (Dial A Ride), or 022 025 0800 (ABC Shuttle)

Tourist Bus: There is no Hop-On Hop-Off Bus in Waitangi

Port Facilities: None

Port Address: Waitangi Wharf, Te Karuwha Parade, Paihia 0293, New Zealand 

THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENED

Often called the 'Birthplace of the Nation', the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds** is the location where the foundational 1840 Treaty of Waitangi was read and signed by Lieutenant-Governor William Hobson (on behalf of the British Crown) and over 500 *rangatira Māori* (tribal chiefs).

In addition to the **Treaty House**, there's **Te Kongahu Museum of Waitangi**, **Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship**, and cultural performances to watch.  [Site Map](#)

9a-5p | \$60 | 5-minute walk from tender pier (or take shuttle)

 www.teara.govt.nz/en/te-tiriti-o-waitangi-the-treaty-of-waitangi for further context

 www.waitangi.org.nz

NEARBY HIGHLIGHTS

Paihia Village Green Market: A cruise ship day special, join the locals for an artisan market selling locally made arts and crafts. Paihia is one of the larger settlements in the Bay of Islands, with a population of 1,710.

Russell Town: Hop on a 15-minute ferry from Paihia Wharf to Russell – New Zealand’s first port and first permanent European settlement. This beautifully preserved old town is small and quaint. Ideal for a casual stroll, with a historic church and Pompalier House. The Duke of Marlborough hotel serves a good afternoon tea. Pop: 762

Adventures in Nature: Nature abounds in the Bay of Islands, so whether it’s a revitalising forest walk, caving under the gentle light of glow worms, kayaking in the shade of trees, or even parasailing back down to paradise, there’s something outdoors to enjoy.

📍 www.bayofislandsinformation.co.nz/im-looking-for/cruise-ship-options

Mountain Biking: Rent a bike with Paihia Mountain Bike Rentals and head out either to the Waitangi Mountain Bike Park, or along the Twin Coast Cycle Rail Trail.

📍 www.bayofislandsinformation.co.nz/activities/paihia-mountain-bike-rentals#/tours/89900

Haruru Falls: Easily accessible from the road, these waterfalls are a 10-15-minute drive from Paihia, or a 2-hour hike from Waitangi.