



# Away From the Crowds Tour

## Sample Itinerary 2024 - Discover the Eastern End \$675pp inc lunch.

**0915** Depart Auckland on **Island Direct** Ferry to Waiheke Island.

**0950** Arrive at Matiatia Wharf where you will be greeted by Ananda Tours and commence your privately guided tour of Waiheke Island. On the way, stunning scenery is around every corner, and you will be entertained by your guide's commentary on the history, geography, culture, people and produce of Waiheke.

**1030** Arrive at **Fort Stony Batter**, renowned for its remarkable rock outcrops, extensive tunnels and gun sites dating back to World War II. Take part in a privately guided tour of these extensive underground tunnels hosted by archaeologist Tim Moon. Walk through the 1.2 km network of tunnels with stories about their purpose and construction. Stony Batter features gun sites and other impressive remains that date back to World War II. The Walk to and from the Tunnel entrance is approximately 1 KM long with stunning coastal views and over farmland.

**1300** Wine tasting followed by an Italian grazing style lunch at **Poderi Crisci La Locanda** including a selection of cured meats, daily contorni (vegetable side dishes), breads, salad and cheeses. Located in Awaarua Bay, this Italian-influenced restaurant lies in a natural amphitheatre valley surrounded by Italian olive trees and garden designed to provide the kitchen with fresh produce.

**1445** Step into Island mode, with a wine tasting at the cellar door of **Awaroa Vineyard**. Awaroa is a small organic vineyard and winery run by six partners, all with a shared common interest in making the best possible wine, with all viticulture and harvesting done by hand. A wine and food pairing platter. Includes cheese, hummus, fruit paste, olives, prosciutto, chocolate brownie

**1615** Depart Waiheke on **Island Direct** Ferry service back to Auckland