



Nature, Olive Oil & Walking Tour

Sample Itinerary 2024 - from \$450pp.

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.

1000 Commence a guided **coastal walk**. The coastal path every two years hosts the Sculpture of the Gulf exhibition. The walkway has wonderful views over the Matiatia to the islands of Motuihe, Motutapu and Rangitoto. You will go past architecturally significant homes, vineyards and ancient pohutukawa. There are incredible views and interpretive panels with insights to the inner Hauraki Gulf.

1100 Visit the spectacular Church Bay studio of **Gabriella Lewenz**, who works in vivid abstract oils. Her abstract paintings are presented in her beautiful, earth brick home and gallery venue. The handmade architectural designed buildings are situated against stunning coastal views in Church Bay.

1200 Visit **Allpress Olive Oil** (Formally Rangihoua Estate) where the first olive oil in the North Island was produced. Rangihoua's award-winning olive oils have won many accolades since the first pressings. Here you will learn how the oil is produced and taste a range of different oils, including the peppery Greek-style Koreneiki, the Spanish-style Picual, or the Tuscan-style Frantoio, as well as island blends.

1300 Lunch at a venue of your choosing. We can book one of the Island's beautiful Vineyard restaurants, or you can choose a more casual lunch open in Oneroa Village.

1430 Begin a guided, mainly downhill walk through the bush reserve. Along the way you will see native birds including fantails and kereru (wood pigeons) and the almost extinct NZ dotterels which nest on the foreshore of Whakanewha Bay.
Or
Explore Waiheke's beautiful beaches with time to swim and scenic lookout points around the Island

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

This itinerary is subject to some variation depending on seasonal vineyard availability. Substitutions of equal quality may be made as required. The price quoted is for a set timeframe. If the tour runs later than expected on the day, we may charge an extension fee. Our price includes tasting charges at selected venues but not beverages, lunch, dinner or ferry tickets unless arranged otherwise. Cancellation policy: Full payment is required if cancellation occurs within 48 hours of tour time. Price is quoted for a set number of people. Should the number of people alter the price may change. Full terms and conditions can be viewed on our website at the following link: http://www.ananda.co.nz/terms_conditions.php