

Activities

In between the great diving, you might want to see what else you could do while you are here. Kerikeri is rich in history but also a vibrant modern town. Kerikeri offers you arts, crafts, culture, dining, entertainment, walks, music, theatre ... the list goes on...



Heritage - The Bay of Islands is not only one of the brightest stars of New Zealand's tourism locations, but it is also home to the Treaty of Waitangi, New Zealand's most important legal document and is therefore considered to be the birthplace of New Zealand.

Kerikeri Mission Station - The Kerikeri Mission Station is the home to New Zealand's oldest standing European buildings; the Stone Store and Kerikeri Mission House (Kemp House).



Located in the Kerikeri Basin, Kerikeri is both a beautiful place in the Bay of Islands and NZ's most historic site of national importance.



Rewa's Village - A full scale reconstruction of a Maori village which recaptures the atmosphere of the average kainga in pre-European times.

Vineyards / wine tasting - The climate in Kerikeri makes it ideal for superb wine growing and tastings are available at local wineries; Marsden Estate Winery, Pukeko Vineyard, Cottle Hill Winery, Ake Ake Vineyard, Fat Pig Vineyard and others further afield.



Dining Out - Kerikeri has a rich assortment of places to dine out in, from bars, brasseries, cafes to A La Carte restaurants catering to all tastes: Italian, Indian, Mediterranean, Pizza including wheat free, gluten free, free range, organic and spray free produce.

Turner Centre - The Turner Centre in Kerikeri is Northland's finest conference, exhibition and performance venue, showcasing dance, concerts, orchestras, big band shows and more!



Horse Trekking - Fabulous horse riding (horse trekking) in the Bay of Islands - centrally located between Kerikeri, Russell and Kawakawa - this is guided horse trekking with stunning views!

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Walks & Hikes - The Bay of Islands area features a number of great walks and tracks for people of all abilities.



Cape Brett Track - this traverses rugged terrain for 16km through native and regenerating bush. Expect dramatic coastal views; steep cliffs and drop offs to the side are a feature.

Kerikeri River Track - this easy 3.5km walk follows the north bank of the Kerikeri River and crosses through regenerating forest. After passing remnants of a power house, you'll come to the Wharepuke and Rainbow Falls.



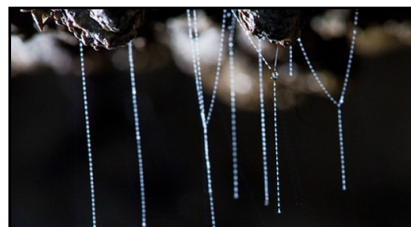
Opu Forest Paihia Lookout Track - this is a pleasant 1.5km walk through regenerating forest to a lookout that will give stunning views over Waitangi, the Bay of Islands and Russell.

Mahinepua Peninsula Track - this 3km track travels the length of the peninsula, mainly along the ridge top, giving access to the many sheltered bays and providing outstanding coastal views.



Paihia - Opu - Okiato - Russell Track - this full circle walk has many options for start and end points and includes points of interest including mangrove boardwalks, manganese mining sites, bush birdlife, vineyards, oyster farms, wetland and coast views.

Kawiti Caves - Discover the magic of Northland's ultimate glow worm experience. The Kawiti Caves are home to thousands of luminous glow worms, breath taking rock formations and lush green rainforest. Just 1/2 hour south of Kerikeri.



Ngawha Springs hot pools - Ngawha hot pools, just outside Kaikohe, offer a variety of mud pools to soothe away your worries. From boiling hot to tepid, there's a pool for everyone. The muddy sediment on the bottom should be rubbed on your body (don't be scared) and left to dry for a natural body mask.

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Fishing - A huge Kiwi pastime and source of good eating. The Bay of Islands is famous for its fish, catch them yourself and get a fresh one for the barby!

Swimming at the beach - there are many beaches nearby to Kerikeri offering safe swimming; Opito Bay, Matauri Bay, Te Wharau, Takou Bay, Doves Bay, Aroha Island and Te Ngaere Bay.



Pete's Diner - located within Pete's Pioneer & Transport Museum is the 50's diner which offers a variety of old world goodies backed daily on the premises with locally ground fresh coffee beans and locally produced organic tea.

Pete's Pioneer & Transport Museum - The museum exhibits transportation and collectables, themed around New Zealand's history and heritage from pre European times. The exhibits include vintage, veteran & classic cars, period clothing and a small theatre showing heritage footage of past events relating to transport.



Shopping - Kerikeri has a vibrant shopping centre. Here you will find Classic Kiwi Products, gorgeous unique fashion, spectacular diamond jewellery, book shops, NZ made furniture, handmade chocolate confectionery, the finest quality natural garments made from possum fur and merino wool etc!

Cathay Cinemas - Entertaining Northland since 1936 and now with 3 screens! Also incorporating Café Cinema offering Movie + Meal deals including Swedish meatballs, sticky spare ribs and the best coffee and waffles for miles - they promise!



Farmers Market - a place where you can buy fresh food, grown, or produced within a defined local region, direct from the grower or producer - what a delight! Crowds flock to the market each week, year round, rain or shine, filling their baskets with fresh fruit and vegetables and enjoy catching up with friends and soaking up the sights, smells and live music. Every Sunday 8.30 to 12 noon.