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DESTINATION - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

Bay of Islands

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Bay of Islands Yacht Charter
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BAY OF ISLANDS

Overview

Think of Bay of Islands as a precision week inside New Zealand: embark near Opua Marina, Bay of Islands, protect swim mornings at Moturua lee, and book The Gables early. Blue Ocean Club brokers the berths and APA before contract.

Private yacht charter in Bay of Islands via AKL / CHC. Charter a yacht for a week - berths, day-anchors and shore days by Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Bay of Islands week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Opua Marina, Bay of Islands.
- Local cadence: Morning toys, held lunch, short reposition around Bay of Islands, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Restaurants and clubs confirmed weeks out - not left to chance.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Bay of Islands, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy around Opua Marina, Bay of Islands, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Bay of Islands
Roberton, Urupukapuka and Hole in the Rock.

Coromandel
East gulf quieter bays.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Opua Marina, Bay of Islands
Bay of Islands primary yacht hub. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway AKL - Transfer 3 hrs drive / regional flight - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Urupukapuka - Otehei Bay
Classic overnight in the group.

Moturua lee
Quiet day-hook.

Roberton Island
Snorkel stop - marine reserve.

Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka
Bay of Islands classic overnight.

Army Bay / Kawau
Hauraki quiet hook.

Man O' War Bay, Waiheke
Wine-shore tender.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

The Gables
Russell
Waterfront dining after an Opua embarkation.

Duke of Marlborough
Russell
Historic quay classic.

Charlotte's Kitchen
Paihia
Mainland plates opposite the islands.

Orengo Bay / BOI dining
Russell/Paihia
Bay of Islands shore night.

The Halyard
Opua
Opua marina dining.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Oneroa / Urupukapuka beaches
Bay of Islands
Island sand day more than clubs.

Paihia beachfront
Paihia
Bay of Islands lounging.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph AKL / CHC arrivals into Opua Marina, Bay of Islands.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops when Bay of Islands supports coastal helipads or GA strips into the Pacific gateway. AKL corridor CHC corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Opua Marina, Bay of Islands gates - timed to embarkation. To Opua Marina, Bay of Islands 3 hrs drive / regional flight

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - BAY OF ISLANDS

VAT & APA - Bay of Islands short version.

On a Bay of Islands charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

New Zealand applies GST (15%) on yacht charter; biosecurity rules are strict for foreign yachts - plan clearance carefully.

APA

For New Zealand in high season, budget APA at roughly 30-40% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Bay of Islands

Bay of Islands is a core New Zealand charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Westhaven Marina, Auckland - Day-anchor: Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka - Table: Amano

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

When is the best time for yacht charter in Bay of Islands?

Shoulder months usually balance weather, water and berth availability for Bay of Islands. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing at Opua Marina, Bay of Islands.

Which marina should we embark from in Bay of Islands?

Opua Marina, Bay of Islands is the primary embarkation for Bay of Islands, with anchorage fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

How far ahead should we book berths in Bay of Islands?

For peak season around Bay of Islands, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a Bay of Islands charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. For Bay of Islands we set an honest APA band before contract - not a vague percentage.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Bay of Islands?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from AKL / CHC, timed to the embarkation slot at Opua Marina, Bay of Islands.

How does a Bay of Islands week use Bay of Islands?

Bay of Islands is a core Bay of Islands pocket - we sequence Opua Marina, Bay of Islands nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Bay of Islands sits inside New Zealand as a focused stop, not a duplicate of the country hub.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Bay of Islands - Opua Marina, Bay of Islands

High in peak season around Bay of Islands - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Bay of Islands can multiply rates and eliminate availability. We hold Opua Marina, Bay of Islands alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

ENQUIRE

Begin a conversation.

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