



Private Art & Olive Oil 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.

1015 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.

1115 Visit **Sacred Blessing Sanctuary** garden for a privately guided tour. This immaculate garden is a one acre garden surrounded on two sides by McKenzie Reserve, a twelve acre regenerating native reserve. The garden was established ten years ago, however over the last two years it has been extensively remodelled to include hard landscaping from rock that is unique to Waiheke. Also added is a collection of Paul Dibble bronze sculptures. Be guided around these amazing gardens and learn about Waiheke's unique growing conditions, exotic plants and extensive range of herbs and flowers.

1300 Lunch at **Three Seven Two** – own expense. Three Seven Two is named for the first three numbers of the Waiheke phone number, and it's something of a metaphor for this cheerful beach spot, right across the road from Onetangi. The menu, by the excellent Bronwen Laight, formerly of The Shed at Te Motu, is produce-driven and seasonal. Everything is sourced as locally and sustainably as possible to showcase the quality and talent of our home.

1500 Visit **Oneroa Village** where you can walk along Oneroa Beach, visit the local sculptor and jewellery makers in the local art galleries, browse the boutique shops. If interested in art visit the spectacular Church Bay studio of Gabriella Lewenz, who works in vivid abstract oils or visit the rustic studio of John Freeman who is a very respected New Zealand wood sculptor and turner specializing in ancient Kauri.

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