



Map is indicative only. Travel along Ninety Mile Beach is subject to tides and weather conditions on the day.

Your guide to the Far North

1 Haruru Falls

These rare horseshoe-shaped falls are located on the Waitangi River and were once the site of New Zealand's first river port. Enjoy the boardwalk between the falls and the Treaty Grounds, or visit in the evening to see them floodlit.

2 Kerikeri

Early Māori found this a very good place to grow their crops and so the Europeans followed likewise. It was here in 1820 that the first plough was used in New Zealand. The oldest house in New Zealand, Kemp House, is located by the Kerikeri River and was built in 1822. Nearby is the iconic Stone Store, built in 1833. In recent years Kerikeri has become well-known as a citrus growing area.

3 Whangaroa Harbour

Deep, slender and near landlocked, Whangaroa Harbour has an enigmatic charm. The surrounding countryside was covered in kauri forest and as a result the harbour was another popular port for overseas ships to visit.

4 Mangonui Harbour

This sheltered harbour was a bustling community in the 19th century, both as a port for the kauri timber trade and as a retreat for whaling boats. Many original buildings can be seen as we drive through.

5 Doubtless Bay

Named by Captain Cook in 1769, Doubtless Bay contains many beautiful beaches as well as the settlements of Taipa and Mangonui.

6 Taipa

Polynesian voyager Kupe is said to have landed here when he discovered the fish of Maui (the North Island) around 950 A.D. This is commemorated by a sculpture by the river bridge.

7 Awanui / Ka Uri Unearthed

Here you will be able to witness a fine range of furniture, arts and crafts made from a resource unique to New Zealand – ancient kauri. Make sure you explore the 50-tonne centrepiece with internal staircase! Relax and enjoy time out in the licensed café.

8 Te Oneroa-A-Tohe (Ninety Mile Beach)

Yes, we actually drive the coach along the beach! The vast sands of this desert coast conceal many legends, mythical stories, historical facts and points of interest, many of which will be revealed on your tour.

9 Te Paki Stream

Travel via Te Paki Stream is the only way to access Te Oneroa-A-Tohe (Ninety Mile Beach) from the top of New Zealand and private vehicles are able to travel through this stream to access the beach. Fullers GreatSights no longer enters the beach via Te Paki Stream to assist in the preservation of its ecology and bio diversity.

10 Parengarenga Harbour

The pure white silica sand bar which forms the southern peninsula of this natural harbour can be dazzling to the eyes when the sun is shining on it. Every year, huge numbers of godwits fly north from these shores on their great migration to China's Yellow Sea.

11 Cape Maria Van Diemen

The explorer Abel Tasman named this cape after the wife of his patron, the Governor General of Dutch East India, in 1643.

12 Te Rerenga Wairua (Cape Reinga)

The northernmost point in New Zealand, the Cape is the departing place of Māori spirits, and the place where the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean meet. The lighthouse flashes every 26 seconds and can be seen some 50km away.

