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## Remuera Rotary Chatham Island Tour Departing 24th February 2022 for 7 nights/8 Days

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*Due to weather conditions and accessibility, your Itinerary is subject to change.*



### Itinerary

#### Thursday 24 February 2022

- **2:30PM** Depart Auckland on Air Chatham's flight #591
- **5:30PM** Arrive Chatham Island Tuuta

The Chatham Islands is New Zealand's eastern most outpost, with the dateline stretching around the Chatham's, allowing the claim to fame of being the first permanently inhabited place in the world to welcome the new day.

The isolation of the Chatham's has created a unique island lifestyle and society, many locals descend from Moriori genealogy, and you can discover the rich Moriori history and culture during your stay on the Chatham Islands along with the Maori and European history as well .

The remote location of the Chatham's means there is endemic flora and fauna, found nowhere else in the world.

- After collecting your luggage, we meet our guide and driver and we make our way to the Chatham Rise Motel with a quick stop at the Bluffs to take photographs.
- Dinner tonight is a Chatham Islands seafood welcoming dinner

### Chatham Rise Motels - 7 nights IN 24 FEB – OUT 03 MAR 2022



Friday 25 February 2022 - Day 2

## The Wild West and The Natural North

North West of the Island lays extensive farms, fern lands, and volcanic cones are a feature of the landscape. At the end of the road (**Waitangi West**), stunning white beaches are home to the local Chatham Island Oyster Catchers

On the lower slopes of Maunganui, lies the **STONE COTTAGE** built with local stone and timber, with mortar made of burnt pipi shells.

*You need to take a photo of the striking rock face!*

And do not miss close by the magnificent beach with shell banks backed by high sand dunes! **Basalt Columns**. Over farmland down to Ohira Bay lay the massive olivine basalt columns, part of lava flows that date near 80 million years old. These Basalt Columns are very similar to those at Giant's Causeway in Ireland.

**Wharekauri** (Maori name for Chatham Island), is where the Dix family farmland is located. At **Cape Young** there is layered basalt and weathered cliffs with views out to the Sisters (other islands), spectacular rock formations (**Splatter Rock**), sandy beaches and the Chatham Island Oyster Catcher.



## Saturday 26 February 2022 Day 3 - Fishing (optional) –Owenga Fishing Village

**Owenga** is a fishing village, which has a locally owned working fish factory (Chatham Island Food Co)

You will be able to see the commemorative **Tommy Solomon Statue** ,the last known full blooded Moriori.

Local artist **Celine Gregory Hunt** has a photo art studio located just out of Waitangi, called **River Onion Gallery**. Her works represent a spiritual connection with the landscapes, seascapes, bird and fish life of her home Pitt Island.

There eftpos/visa facilities at the studio; you can however get your artwork billed back to your room. Your purchase will also be well packed for your flight home.

The Gallery is also opened as a café some days of the week.

- Breakfast 7 am – 9 am
- Meet with your guide at 9.30 am
- Moriori Marae
- Fish factory tour
- Owenga Club lunch
- Tommy Solomon memorial statue
- Dinner at Hotel 6.30 pm



## Sunday 27 February 2022 Day 4 - Pitt Island (optional) Waitangi town / South Coast



## The Sultry South

Running South West of Waitangi the Tuku road provides views of rich farmlands and shoal coastal waters. The stunning **Awatotara Reserve** lies in the valley, great place for viewing Parea, the Chatham Island wood pigeon as well as other bird life.

- Breakfast 7 am – 9 am
- Meet with your guide at 9.30 am
- Museum Visit
- Tiki Tiki hill & old radio station
- Cottage Crafts Gift Shop
- River Onion Art Gallery lunch
- South Coast
- Birdwatching at Taiko Camp
- Dinner at Hotel 6.30 pm



### Monday 28 February 2022 Day 5 - North-East /Kaingaroa

- Breakfast 7 am – 9 am
- Meet with your guide at 9.30 am
- Go Wild Apiary
- Picnic lunch at Ocean Mail
- Muirson's Farm & Seal Colony
- Hapupu (Tree carvings)
- Kaingaroa Social Club buffet dinner ( \*subject to the local community availability)

### Tuesday 01 March 2022 Day 6 - Te Whanga Lagoon

#### Blind Jim's & Nikau Reserve.

A favourite stop to look for fossilised sharks teeth on the lagoon shore, wading birds are usually plentiful. Nikau Bush is 19ha reserve located 1.5km North of Blind Jim's. It conserves broadleaf forest with a fine stand of Nikau palms, the only palm native to the Chatham Islands, an even more impressive sight when flowering and bearing fruit.

- Breakfast 7 am – 9 am
- Meet with your guide at 9.30 am
- Nunuku's Cave (Rock Carvings)

- Te Matarae scenic drive
- Picnic lunch
- Shark teeth hunting
- Henga Scenic Reserve
- Dinner at Hotel 6.30 pm



### **Wednesday 02 March 2022 Day 7 - Port Hutt**

Tucked in a sheltered cove, the beautiful deep water Whangaroa Harbour is home to another working fish factory.

The stunning THOMAS CURRELL , a minesweeper during World War 2, now sits in the bay housing bird life, great for the photographers.

- Breakfast 7 am – 9 am
- Meet with your guide at 9.30 am
- Basalt Columns
- Port Hutt
- Picnic Lunch
- Long beach walk
- Admiral Gardens buffet dinner

### **Thursday 03 March 2022 Day 8 - Departure**

- Breakfast 6.00 am – 8.00 am
- Check out
- Bus departs at 8.00 am for the airport

### **Thursday 03 March 2022**

- **9:30AM** Depart Chatham Island , Tuuta on Air Chatham's flight #519
- **11:30AM** Arrive Auckland

**WELCOME HOME!**



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