

# Moutohora Island Sanctuary

## Whakatane, Bay of Plenty

### Moutohora Island Sanctuary Tour

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Cruises to beautiful Moutohora Island Sanctuary.

Recharge with nature on a tour of Moutohora/Whale Island, one of New Zealand's most restricted pest-free wildlife sanctuaries. Enjoy a walk amongst the regenerated bush as you listen to the bird calls or dig yourself a geothermal spring pool at Onepa Bay. This is your opportunity to see New Zealand's wildlife as nature intended it and shows what can be achieved when a concentrated effort on conservation is made, managed and protected.



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Moutohora (also known as Whale Island) is one of New Zealand's little-known treasures and home to a number of New Zealand's rare and endangered plants, birds and reptiles. Located 9 kms off Whakatāne, the island is under the protection of the Department of Conservation (DOC) with access highly restricted.

The fully-guided tour allows visitors to learn about the island's unique flora and fauna, with is a chance to see a number of different species – including saddleback / tieke, kakariki / red-crowned parakeet, little brown kiwi, bellbirds, tui, grey warbler, and tuatara – many of which are endangered or seldom seen on the New Zealand mainland. The tour includes a visit to Sulphur Bay where geothermal hot springs come up through the sand allowing for you to dig your own hot pool on the beach, and ends with a circumnavigation of the island.

Departs between 9-10am | Duration 4.5 hours

### Additional Information

Tours are dependent on sea conditions & demand. All tours are confirmed the night prior via a phone call. Minimum age is 4 years however we recommend the tour as more suitable for children 8 years and over. Visitors to Moutohora must undergo a bio-security check prior to landing.



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## Directions

Once you arrive in Whakatane, follow the directions to the Town Centre, which will bring you onto a street called the The Strand. White Island Tours is located at 15 The Strand East.

## Terms

**GROUP SIZE** Please enquire

**CHILD POLICY** Family Friendly. Recommended minimum age 8. Up to 15 years child rate.

**CANCELLATION** 24 hours 100% | cancellation due to weather or mechanical reasons Full Refund

**SEASON** Open year round

**CHRISTMAS** Closed Christmas Day

## Accommodation in this area

- [Koura Lodge](#)