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New Zealand

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Yacht Charter New Zealand
Region: Pacific
Gateways: AKL - CHC
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NEW ZEALAND

Overview

New Zealand (Pacific) rewards captains who protect swim mornings at Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka and hold tables early at Amano. Embark via AKL / CHC, berth with intent at Westhaven Marina, Auckland, and leave mileage for weather - the working charter view.

New Zealand yacht charter 2026 - Bay of Islands, Auckland. Luxury crewed yachts, berth strategy and honest APA from Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a New Zealand week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Westhaven Marina, Auckland, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Westhaven Marina, Auckland.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka, held lunch, short reposition through Bay of Islands, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Amano and Oneroa Beach clubs confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In New Zealand, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Westhaven Marina, Auckland, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka - 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.

Hauraki Gulf
Waiheke, Kawau and Auckland day-sails.

Coromandel
East gulf quieter bays.

Toward Marlborough (south)
Longer season for Sounds specialists.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Westhaven Marina, Auckland
Southern Hemisphere's large yacht marina - Auckland embark. - Max LOA ~80 m - Draft ~5 m - Gateway AKL - Transfer 20-35 min from AKL - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

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

Pier 21 / Viaduct Auckland
City-edge berths for larger LOA events. - Max LOA ~60 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway AKL - Transfer 25-40 min from AKL - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Otehei Bay, Urupukapuka
Bay of Islands classic overnight.

Roberton Island (Motuarohia)
Snorkel trail day-stop.

Army Bay / Kawau
Hauraki quiet hook.

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

Pipi Bay
Bay of Islands calm overnight.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Amano
Auckland
Auckland waterfront.

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

Mudbrick Vineyard
Waiheke
Waiheke dinner.

The Halyard
Opua
Opua marina dining.

Duke of Marlborough
Russell
Russell historic tables.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Oneroa Beach clubs
Waiheke
Waiheke sand day.

Paihia beachfront
Paihia
Bay of Islands lounging.

Takapuna beach cafés
Takapuna
Auckland north-shore sand.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph AKL / CHC arrivals into Westhaven Marina, Auckland transfers.

Helicopter / GA
Private hops from AKL / CHC when New Zealand supports coastal helipads or GA strips. AKL corridor CHC corridor

Chauffeur
SUV / S-Class briefed on Westhaven Marina, Auckland gates - timed to embarkation. To Westhaven Marina, Auckland (20-35 min from AKL) To Opua Marina, Bay of Islands (3 hrs drive / regional flight)

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

NUMBERS - NEW ZEALAND

VAT & APA - New Zealand short version.

On a New Zealand 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 25-35% 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

Auckland

Auckland is a core New Zealand charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Opua Marina, Bay of Islands - Day-anchor: Roberton Island (Motuarohia) - Table: Orengo Bay / BOI dining

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Bay of Islands - Crewed yacht charter in Bay of Islands - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside New Zealand.
- Auckland - Crewed yacht charter in Auckland - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside New Zealand.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in New Zealand?

How much to charter a yacht in New Zealand: we quote live fleet against your dates, then layer APA guidance and Westhaven Marina, Auckland berth strategy. Ranges are indicative until the yacht and week are locked.

Which marina should we embark from in New Zealand?

Boarding for New Zealand is typically coordinated around Westhaven Marina, Auckland; captains confirm approach and tender logistics before wheels-down.

Can you charter a superyacht in New Zealand?

Private superyacht charter in New Zealand works when the harbour can take the LOA - otherwise we embark nearby and tender in for shore nights.

Is boat charter available in New Zealand?

Is boat charter available in New Zealand? Yes. We broker crewed weeks with clear APA and embarkation at Westhaven Marina, Auckland when LOA allows.

How long should a yacht charter week in New Zealand be?

Plan a week when you can - day charter yacht trips in New Zealand work for tight diaries, but a full week unlocks the better swimming mornings and shore tables.

How far ahead should we book berths in New Zealand?

For peak season and event weeks around New Zealand, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Westhaven Marina, Auckland

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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

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