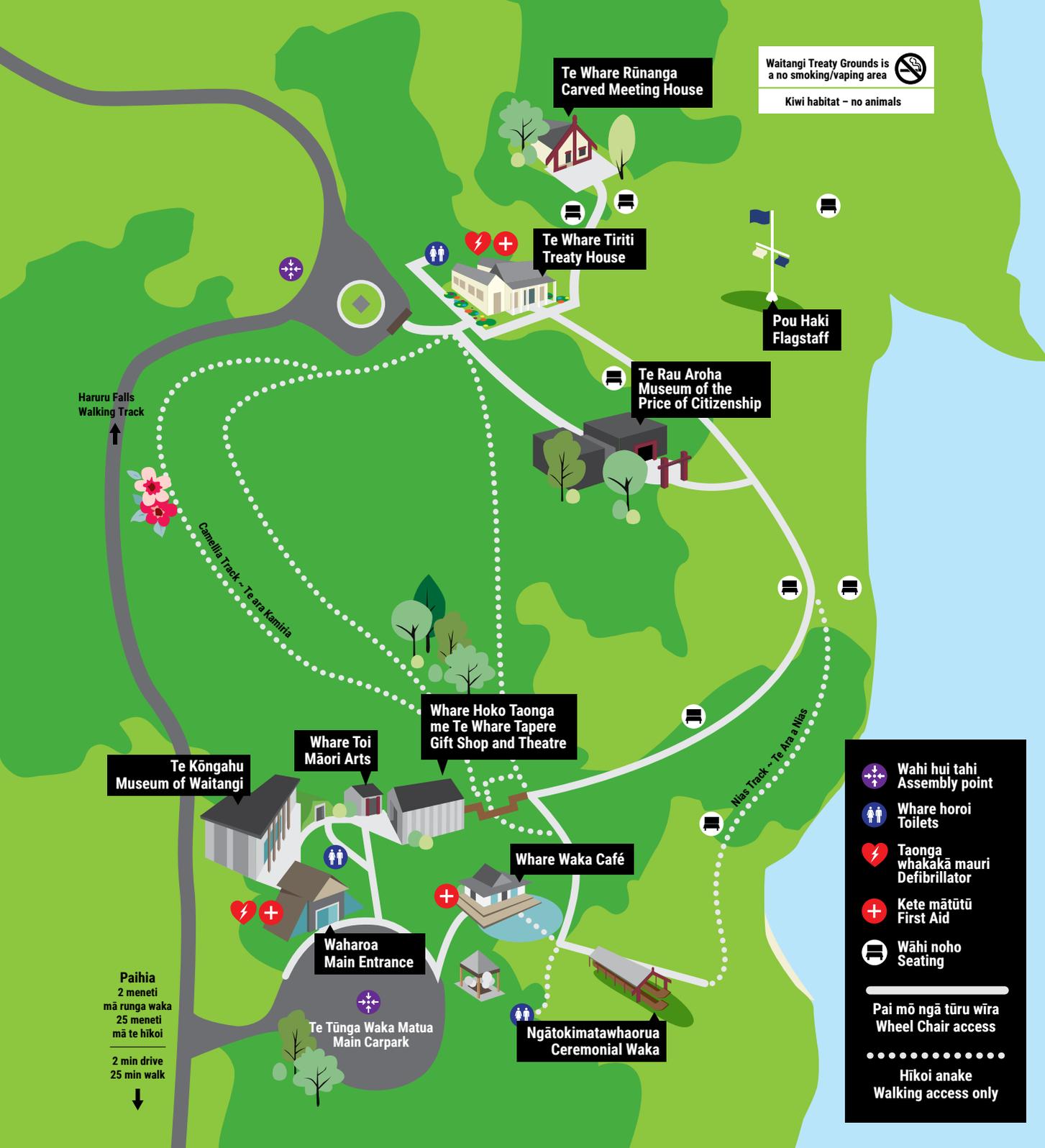


# Discover Waitangi.



WAITANGI  
TREATY GROUNDS





# Haere Mai Welcome to Waitangi.

Waitangi welcomes you on a journey of discovery through Aotearoa New Zealand's most important historic site.

Explore our two contemporary museums: Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship and Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi, the Treaty House, Te Whare Rūnanga, traditional Māori waka, the carving studio and a full programme of tours and cultural performances.

Visitors purchase an Experience Pass which is valid for two consecutive days and includes the full programme. In summer Hāngi & Concert evenings are scheduled – an intimate cultural experience not to be missed.

**Family friendly**  
– children are FREE

Children receive a Discovery Trail activity on arrival. The cricket set on the Upper Grounds provides an opportunity for the whole family to have a hit during the summer months. The museums have a range of interactive screens to keep tamariki (both young and old) entertained and Whare Waka Café has a great children's menu.

**Opening hours**

**1 March to 24 December:**  
9am to 5pm

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# Waitangi Experiences.

## Experience Pass

The Experience Pass is valid for two consecutive days and includes:

- Full access to New Zealand's most important historic site, including all heritage buildings and the world's largest ceremonial waka
- Entry to Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi
- Entry to Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship
- Informative guided tour around Waitangi Treaty Grounds (50 minutes)
- Māori cultural performance (30 minutes)
- Live demonstrations in the Carving Studio

## Experience Pass

Adult International	<b>\$60</b>
Adult NZ Resident (ID required)	<b>\$30</b>
Child (up to 18 years) *	<b>Free</b>

\* When accompanied by parent or caregiver, not applicable to groups.

## Hāngi & Concert

During summer Hāngi & Concert evenings are scheduled. Sample Māori culture and cuisine at its best. Enjoy a captivating live performance and hāngi dinner.

- Mix and mingle in the relaxing outdoor setting of Whare Waka Café
- Watch as our expert hāngi chef unveils your dinner
- Experience fierce challenges by Māori warriors
- Be entertained by a high energy cultural performance
- Enjoy a delicious buffet meal of meats, vegetables, breads, salads and dessert

## Hāngi & Concert

Adult	<b>\$120</b>
Child (up to 18 years) *	<b>\$55</b>

Check [www.waitangi.org](http://www.waitangi.org) for dates and times.

# Treaty Grounds Activities.

## Guided Tour - 50 minutes

Take a walk-through Aotearoa New Zealand's history on an informative guided tour of the Treaty Grounds with one of our experienced local guides. Discover the stories, people and events that shaped the past, present and future.

All tours include a personal audio device, allowing you to clearly follow the stories as they are told by the guide. Tours depart regularly throughout the day – check [waitangi.org.nz](http://waitangi.org.nz) for details.

## Cultural Performances

Guests are given an inspiring Māori welcome (pōwhiri), before moving inside Te Whare Rūnanga for an immersive cultural performance which includes songs (waiata), poi and a traditional war dance (haka). After the concert visitors can meet the cultural performers, ask questions and take photos.

Regular performances are held throughout the day – check [waitangi.org.nz](http://waitangi.org.nz) for details.

## Carving Studio – Whare Toi

Carving is a celebrated expression of both storytelling and art in Māori culture. The carving studio at Waitangi is a unique opportunity to meet traditional carvers (kaiwhakairo), see live demonstrations and learn about traditional and modern forms of wood carving.



## Combo Package: Experience Pass + Hāngi & Concert

Adult	<b>\$140</b>
Child (up to 18 years) *	<b>\$55</b>

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# Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi.



The award winning Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi (opened in 2016) features hundreds of taonga, images, six immersive audio-visual experiences and three large-scale interactive touch screens to tell the stories of New Zealand's founding documents.

The museum features two galleries – Ko Waitangi Tēnei: This is Waitangi on the ground floor and a gallery for temporary exhibitions on the first floor.

Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi presents the events leading up to, during, and after the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Treaty of Waitangi, explaining the motivations and views of all sides equally.

Visitors leave the museum with a chance to reflect on what the Treaty means today – prompted by quotes and images expressing the views of New Zealanders from all walks of life.



National Army Museum  
Te Mata Toa, Waiouru

# Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship.

A museum commemorating the commitment and sacrifice of Māori in the NZ Armed Forces, Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship incorporates state of the art technology to bring its stories to life.

The first gallery tells the story of Māori commitment to the armed forces. It includes sections on the New Zealand Wars and the South African War, with a strong focus on the Pioneer Battalion of World War I and the 28 (Māori) Battalion of World War II.

The second gallery is dedicated to the 28 (Māori) Battalion's A Company, most of whom hailed from Taitokerau Northland. It tells the personal stories of the soldiers and their whānau.

The third gallery acts as a contemplative Whare Maumahara (memorial space) for visitors, descendants and whānau. An impressive large-scale wooden artwork (Garland of Love), made from thousands of pieces of South Island beech and swamp kauri from the Far North, fills the centre of the gallery.

# Treaty Grounds Taonga.

## Treaty House

The Treaty House has been the site of some of the most important events in the history of Aotearoa New Zealand. These include the choosing of the nation's first flag Te Kara, the flag of the United Tribes of New Zealand (1834), the drafting of He Whakaputanga – Declaration of Independence (1835) and the drafting of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Treaty of Waitangi (1840).

The building was pre-cut in Sydney and shipped to New Zealand to be erected on site in 1834. It was home to James Busby, the first British official in New Zealand, and his family. Following a period of neglect after the house and surrounding land were originally sold, it has been restored several times.

The Treaty House includes two rooms dedicated to the Busby family and contemporary displays encouraging visitors to think about the significant events that took place in each room of the house.

## Te Whare Rūnanga

Te Whare Rūnanga is a beautifully carved meeting house designed in traditional form. The meeting house reflects the stories and carving styles of iwi, or tribes, from across Aotearoa New Zealand and unites not only Māori and Pākehā, but all New Zealanders.

The meeting house was opened on 6 February 1940 and stands facing the Treaty House on the Upper Grounds of Waitangi. Waitangi has been a place of significant gatherings for hundreds of years – this continues to the present day as Te Whare Rūnanga is the site of important hui (meetings) and discourse for local people, politicians and visitors to Waitangi.

Together Te Whare Rūnanga and the Treaty House symbolise the partnership between Māori and the British Crown on which the nation of Aotearoa New Zealand is founded.

## Flagstaff

Located on the Upper Grounds near the Treaty House and Te Whare Runanga, the Flagstaff marks the spot where Te Tiriti o Waitangi was first signed on 6 February 1840.

The flags which fly today are the three official flags New Zealand has had – Te Kara, the flag of the United Tribes of New Zealand (1834), the Union Flag (1840) and the New Zealand flag (from 1902).

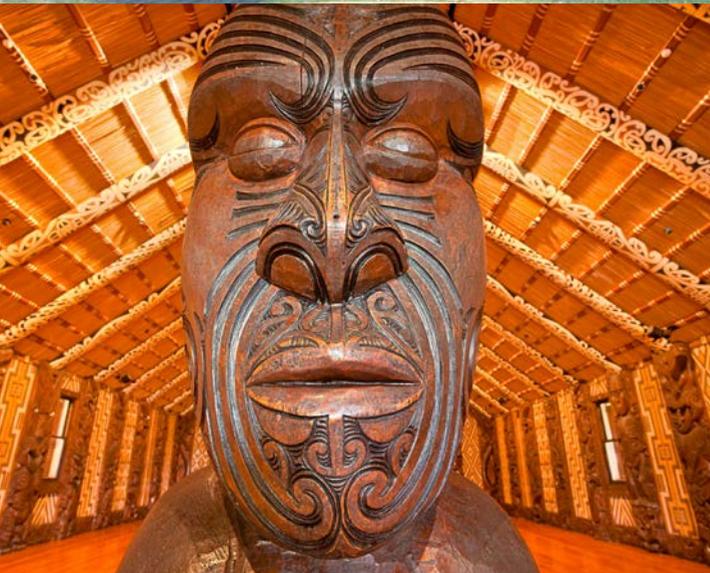
Flags have been a significant talking point at Waitangi with Te Kara, New Zealand's first flag, chosen at a meeting of chiefs at this site on 20 March 1834.

## Ngātokimatawhaorua

Te Korowai ō Maikuku (the Cloak of Maikuku, 1974) near Hobson's Beach shelters a ceremonial waka named Ngātokimatawharoua, the world's largest of its type.

Like Te Whare Rūnanga, the waka was built in 1940 to mark the centenary of the first signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ngātokimatawhaorua was built and carved by members of Northern and Waikato iwi.

The waka is launched every year in February as part of Waitangi Day commemorations.





## Gift Shop – Whare Hoko Taonga

The Waitangi gift shop features a unique variety of quality New Zealand-made products and beautiful pieces made by local artists. Northland crafted items include jewellery, honey, lotions, candles, cosmetics and clothing made from locally sourced merino wool and possum fur. We also offer a wide selection of traditional and modern carvings, designed and produced by the onsite kaiwhakairo (carvers). There are plenty of great choices for both young and old, with a special children's section offering New Zealand themed books, soft toys, clothing, and more to delight, entertain and educate.

## Whare Waka Café

Whare Waka Café is set in the heart of the Treaty Grounds. The café offers the perfect location to enjoy a quick coffee or a longer stop for breakfast or lunch. Whare Waka Café offers a range of tasty dishes, celebrating typical New Zealand cuisine. There is a wide range of food from the cabinet as well as an excellent à la carte menu. With great quality coffee, Whare Waka Café is the perfect spot to take time out and enjoy comfortable and relaxed indoor or outdoor dining. Being fully licensed, Whare Waka Café is a great spot for a glass of beer or wine on a sunny Northland afternoon.

# Events & Weddings.

Waitangi Treaty Grounds features a variety of venues to suit conferences, corporate functions, meetings, weddings, and other special events. Tahuaroa, the modern and purpose-built function centre which opened in early 2020, transformed the Waitangi venue portfolio.

Paired with an excellent onsite hospitality team, Waitangi Treaty Grounds is the ideal place for your

next function. But remember, Waitangi is more than just a venue. It offers the opportunity to add unique experiences such as a private pōwhiri, behind the scenes museum tours, workshops and tailor-made cultural experiences.

**For event or wedding enquiries email [events@waitangi.org.nz](mailto:events@waitangi.org.nz)**



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## Directions

The Treaty Grounds are located in the Bay of Islands, just three hours north of Auckland. From Paihia, Waitangi is an easy 25 minute walk along the waterfront or a two minute drive.

## Bookings

Free phone 0800 9248 2644 (within NZ)

Phone 09 402 7437

Email [info@waitangi.org.nz](mailto:info@waitangi.org.nz)

**[www.waitangi.org.nz](http://www.waitangi.org.nz)**

## Terms & Conditions

Prices in this brochure are valid to October 2022. Cancellations within 48 hours of travel or a no show may be charged in full. In the event that a booked experience is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, Waitangi Treaty Grounds will give a full refund.



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