

Conferences and Events at Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Hosting significant events for generations.



WAITANGI
TREATY GROUNDS

Te Pitowhenua | Our Nation's Birthplace



Welcome to Waitangi Treaty Grounds

Located in the heart of the Bay of Islands, only a 3 hour drive north of Auckland, Waitangi is the perfect year-round destination for conferences and events.

The stunning golden beaches and range of activities make the Bay of Islands one of the most prominent tourist destinations in Aotearoa New Zealand, offering a wide range of accommodation, activities and experiences.

Waitangi is a place of cultural, spiritual, and historical significance for Aotearoa New Zealand and has been a place of gathering for hundreds of years. With panoramic sea views, park-like grounds and lush native bush, Waitangi is the ideal site for your next gathering.

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, offers a range of customisable options. Our premium marquee caters for larger events.

Paired with an excellent on-site 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 an introduction to the museums, workshops and tailor-made cultural experiences.

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Day Delegate Package

Minimum 30 delegates

Your conference made easy.
Choose our all-inclusive package.

Day Delegate conference package includes:

- Venue hire
- Projector screen, whiteboard (tech support not included)
- Built in audio with microphone
- Free WiFi
- Seasonal hot lunch or working lunch
- Morning & afternoon tea
- Water

Day Delegate sample menu

Morning Tea

- A selection of quality local teas & freshly brewed coffee
- Two catering options

Lunch

Served with a selection of quality local teas & freshly brewed coffee.

Choice of:

- Seasonal Hot Lunch – a single option from our menu
- Working Lunch – a single option from our menu

Afternoon Tea

- A selection of quality local teas & freshly brewed coffee
- Two catering options

Tailor Your Conference

We can tailor-make an event package suited to your needs, including unique Waitangi experiences. See page 10-11 for optional add-ons.



Evening Functions & Events

The Waitangi hospitality team specialise in working with you to create an event for you to remember.

Depending on your preference and budget, our team will create a customised menu to suit your needs.

Canapés

Sweet and savoury options to get your event started.

Platters

Our Head Chef designs delicious platters to suit a variety of occasions and purposes.

Starters

Served to your guests on arrival or placed on tables.

Freshly baked rēwana kūmara and fried bread, toasted kūmara whip, watercress pesto, local oysters with lemon.

Dinner

Our impressive buffet style dinners boast home-baked breads, a range of fresh, seasonal salads, meats and desserts.

Hāngī buffet dinner

- Sample Māori cuisine at its best
- A selection of meat, potato, kūmara, pumpkin, cabbage, stuffing, homemade rēwana bread, gravy
- Hāngī dessert: steamed pudding, butterscotch sauce, cream custard
- Minimum 30

Set menu / À la carte

The Waitangi hospitality team will develop a menu in consultation with the customer.



Venues

CAPACITY
(GUESTS)



| | Theatre | Classroom | Cabaret | Banquet | Rectangle | Cocktail | Boardroom | Venue cost half day* | Venue cost full day |
|---|---------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Marquee 450 m ² | – | – | 200 | 250 | 250 | 400 | – | POA | POA |
| Tahuaroa 200 m ² | 180 | 100 | 130 | 150 | 150 | 190 | 60 | \$790 | \$1490 |
| Hokianga 140 m ² | 120 | 60 | 75 | 90 | 90 | 120 | 40 | \$520 | \$990 |
| Taumāreere 60 m ² | 50 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 40 | 60 | 20 | \$290 | \$490 |
| Te Whare Wātea 110 m ² | 90 | 50 | – | – | 60 | 90 | 30 | \$420 | \$760 |
| Whare Waka Café | – | – | – | – | 60 | 100 | – | POA | – |
| Te Whare Rūnanga | 120 | – | – | – | – | – | – | POA | – |
| Te Kōngahu Museum Foyer | – | – | – | – | – | 80 | – | POA | – |
| Boardroom | – | – | – | – | – | – | 25 | POA | POA |

*Full day rates are 9am-5pm. Half day rates are 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm. An after hour charge of \$85/hr applies outside these times.
NB: Waitangi reserve the right to change/specify rooms

Special Functions Marquees

With a variety of venues across the Estate we can tailor your experience and venue to suit your needs. From gala dinners and cocktail functions to film screenings and award nights, Waitangi is your bespoke destination.

Waitangi offers a premium state-of-the-art marquee with clear walls capturing the views and ambiance of the Treaty Grounds. The 15 x 30 metres premium marquee has black flooring and can seat 250 people. The marquee can be separated into two medium sized marquees, creating break-out spaces, or extended to suit larger groups.

Waitangi also has stretch marquees that can be attached to our venues, and a range of smaller marquees that can be set up around the Grounds.



Tahuaroa Function Centre

As a purpose built, customisable and modern event space, Tahuaroa will bring the wow factor to your next conference.

Tahuaroa, the recently opened event space with a venue capacity of 180, has transformed the portfolio of events Waitangi can cater for. Tahuaroa, meaning large open space, is located behind Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship, amongst the native trees of the upper Treaty Grounds. With its own private entrance, wraparound decking and contemporary design, Tahuaroa is a distinctive space for conferences, functions, meetings, weddings and events.

Fitted with a partitioning wall, Tahuaroa can be adapted into two separate rooms, Hokianga (140m²) and Taumārere (60m²). Each room comes with integrated technology controls, floor power points, speakers, projectors and air conditioning. The large stacking doors open out onto a private covered deck and courtyard area, perfect for outdoor entertainment and indoor-outdoor flow.

| | Half day | Full day |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Tahuaroa 200 m ² | \$790 | \$1490 |
| Hokianga 140 m ² | \$520 | \$990 |
| Taumārere 60 m ² | \$290 | \$490 |

An after hour charge of \$85 per hour applies for full and half day venue hire access outside 9am to 5pm.

This does not apply for evening functions.





Te Whare Wātea

This modern conference room located behind Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi offers a venue capacity of 90 theatre style, with its own private entrance. The venue can also be accessed through the museum gallery.

Whether you are looking for a medium size venue or a breakout space, Te Whare Wātea is a great option. The room is equipped with built-in speakers, a projector and dual system microphones. Floor to ceiling glass windows look out on to native bush.

| Half day | Full day |
|----------|----------|
| \$420 | \$760 |



Whare Waka Café

Set in the heart of the Treaty Grounds surrounded by native bush and birdsong with its own fenced gardens and spectacular views.

The café not only offers coffee, breakfast and lunch but is also available to hire for your evening functions.

Whare Waka Café is fully licensed and is the perfect spot for private parties, weddings, cocktail functions, family reunions or a hāngī dinner.

Available from 4pm.

Price: POA

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 whare comfortably seats 120 people inside on traditional wooden benches.

Price: POA



Waitangi Theatre

With seating for up to 60 guests, Waitangi Theatre is perfect for lectures, kōrero (talks) and film screenings.

The Theatre has a projector screen and comfortable seating turning it into your own private cinema, screening room or lecture space.

Comfortable and contemporary, the theatre is the perfect place for your next event.

Price: POA



Te Kōngahu Museum Foyer

The award-winning Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi foyer is a light and captivating space well suited to cocktail functions.

Exclusive Curator talks and tours can be organised for groups.

Price: POA



Add an Admission Pass to your event

The Waitangi Admission Pass includes:

- Private guided tour
- Māori cultural performance
- Full access to 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

A special conference price for the Admission Pass (minimum 20 people) applies.



Private Hāngī & Concert

Sample Māori cuisine and enjoy a captivating private performance.

The experience begins at Whare Waka Café, where you meet your host. The hāngī feast will be unveiled and the cooking process explained, while you are enjoying a drink.

Your host will ensure that you are fully briefed on Māori protocol and then escort you to Te Whare Rūnanga. There are three challenges from Māori warriors before entering Te Whare Rūnanga for a high energy cultural performance. Enjoy a highlight tour on the way back to Whare Waka Café, where the hāngī dinner is served and matched with a selection of New Zealand wines and beers.

Minimum 30 people

Tailor-made Experiences

Introduction to Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi

This museum is particularly pertinent as it weaves together the stories and taonga of Waitangi and Aotearoa New Zealand's founding documents through telling the story of Te Tiriti o Waitangi | The Treaty of Waitangi from multiple perspectives to achieve an authentic and accurate representation of events.

Duration: 15 minutes

Price: POA

Private Cultural Performance

The performance starts with a spine-tingling wero (challenge) followed by a high-energy experience featuring waiata (songs), poi, stick games and the famous haka. Following the performance visitors may take photos, ask questions and engage with members of the resident performing arts group Te Pito Whenua.

Duration: 30 minutes

Price: POA

Introduction to Te Tiriti o Waitangi Workshop

Te Tiriti o Waitangi, first signed here at the Treaty Grounds on 6 February 1840, is one of our most important founding documents. It has often been misunderstood, and its journey to recognition has been challenging. Where better to build your understanding of Te Tiriti than right here at Te Pitowhenua, the birthplace of our nation?

Grow your knowledge of Te Ao Māori, explore the relationships between Māori and Pākehā that led to the signing of Te Tiriti, and deepen your understanding of Te Tiriti with our team of expert facilitators.

Duration: 2.5 hours

Price: POA

Kapa Haka Workshop

A high-energy workshop featuring waiata (songs), poi, stick games, Māori weaponry displays and the famous haka.

Duration: 30 Minutes

Price: POA





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