

Carino Wildlife Cruises

Paihia, Bay of Islands

Wildlife Cruises



Help protect wild dolphins whilst experiencing the best of the stunning Bay of Islands. With its deep blue waters, vivid green islands and diverse wildlife.

Carino Wildlife Cruises are a small, local family-owned and operated wildlife cruise. The marine wildlife conservation vessel, Carino NZ, is a 50ft sailing catamaran. The only yacht licensed to view wild dolphins in the Bay.

The Bay of Islands is a unique location for bottlenose dolphins, as it provides them with abundant food and security for resting and breeding and is part of their large home territory.

Watch for wild dolphins in their ocean habitat, an amazing and wonderful experience. Watch for our local little blue penguins and our crazy diving gannets. Help gather information about seabird populations, while learning more about them yourself. Citizen science seabird monitoring.

Conscious of the need to protect the dolphins and respect their habitat, interaction with the dolphins is at the dolphins' invitation. Skippers and crew are trained in recognizing signs of avoidance by dolphins.

Onboard help to set sails or sit back and relax. Time to take a deep breath and unwind.

An island stop is included, where you get to explore a historic scenic island walk, swim or snorkel at the beach. BBQ lunch aboard Carino NZ, a cash bar available.

Departs Paihia daily.

A portion of every fare contributes directly to marine mammal conservation – Protect the future.



Island and Wildlife Day Cruise

Spend the day discovering the Bay of Islands on an island and wildlife day cruise. Watch for dolphins, penguins and seabirds in their natural habitat, stop at a beach on an island sanctuary, for an hour or so for exploring, snorkelling, walking and relaxing. Sail between the islands and help us to protect the Bay of Islands wildlife – Experience now, Protect the future with Carino Wildlife Cruises

Departs 09.00 | Duration 6 hrs

Additional Information

All departures are subject to demand, sea and weather conditions. The weather is a big factor and we will not depart if there is a gale or severe wind warning in force, for the safety of all passengers.

There is no guarantee of dolphins. Carino operates with a Department of Conservation permit however for the protection of Dolphins and other marine mammals, interaction with them is governed by the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Price: \$180 to \$190

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includes BBQ lunch



Directions

Departs from the Paihia wharf, Marsden Rd, Paihia.

Terms

MINIMUM NUMBERS Please enquire

CHILD POLICY 4-14yrs, not suitable for under 4

CANCELLATION 24 hours 100%

SEASONAL 1 September until 31 May

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Accommodation in this area

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- [Waipoua Lodge](#)
- [Moon Gate Villa](#)
- [Arcadia Lodge](#)