

SOME CHATHAM ISLANDS TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Please note that some activities may not be available due to weather or other circumstances outside our control. Thank you for your understanding

- Ocean Mail Scenic Reserves where you will have a picnic lunch. Take a walk in the DoC reserve and see the regeneration of the wetlands.
- Take a guided walk through the dendroglyph grove (tree carvings by early Moriori)
- Visit Skirmish Bay the place of the first landing of Europeans in 1791.
- Visit the site of the early missionaries and whalers.
- Walk inside the salvaged Sunderland flying boat.
- Learn about the formation of the basalt columns.
- Visit to the stone mission house built around 1866 by German missionaries.
- Call in at Awatotara and Tuku where you can spot and maybe photograph the native pigeon (parea) and Chatham Island tui
- Walk through the nature reserve of ancient kopi trees planted by early Moriori, with a beach dune walk for the more fit.
- Take a guided tour of the remarkable Admiral Gardens with its creator Lois Croon.
- Travel to Owenga to pay your respects to the statue of Tommy Solomon, the last full blooded Moriori.
- Participate in the optional day trip to the offshore islands with [Owenga Charters](#) to see the pelagic birds with skipper Glen King, (weather permitting) with the alternative of visits to the museum, art gallery, craft shop and visit to Nairn House around Waitangi.
- Journey north to Cape Young. On the way, stop at Blind Jim's where the lagoon meets the road to have a look for fossilised sharks teeth.
- See the Splatter Rocks and basalt columns and learn about the geology of the island.