

# AITUTAKI DAY TOUR

Everyone visiting the Cook Islands should take the opportunity to spend at least 3 nights on Aitutaki. If however you don't have the time, then take the Award Winning Day Tour of Aitutaki.

The Aitutaki Day Tour is a full day excursion featuring one of the most beautiful lagoons in the world. Its an early start for this tour. You will be picked up at around 7am and transferred to the airport for your short 45 minute flight across to Aitutaki. Your flight departs Rarotonga at 8am. During the flight a light refreshment will be served. Make sure your camera is ready because as you approach the island, the view is spectacular. Aitutaki will appear through the morning cloud like an emerald necklace laid out against a turquoise blue lagoon. From the air, the tiny offshore islets known as motu's appear like beads strung along the protective coral reef. The white sand beaches that boarder each island appear whiter than usual in the morning sun. Everything about the lagoon at this time of the day seem surreal.

After you land, you will be met by your tour guide and taken on a tour of the island, visiting the main township of Arutanga, the market place and the inland villages of Tautu and Vaipae. Then it's on to the pier to board your 21 metre (70 foot) traditionally designed catamaran called the Titi Ai Tonga. The slow cruise across the lagoon to the top reef will take you past many of the offshore motus and sand bars that are permanently raised above the high tide mark. Lunch is served half through the trip after some snorkelling and before your arrival to One Foot Island.

Make sure you "TAKE YOUR PASSPORT" with you as you can get an 'Arrival' stamp from the One Foot Island Post Office which is a great souvenir gift to show family & friends.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

#### **One Foot Island**

Amongst visitors who have been to Aitutaki, this is probably the most talked about feature of their visit there. One Foot Island is a picturesque little motu at the Southern end of the lagoon. It is the only uninhabited island in the world with a registered Post Office. The swimming here is fantastic.

#### **BBQ** Lunch

The Fresh Fish BBQ is one of the highlights of the tour. While you are in the water snorkelling, the crew will prepare and cook lunch on board. Once everyone is seated, the crew will take the vessel on a slow cruise along more sandbanks towards One Foot Island. This has to be the best restaurant setting with the best view around.

## TOUR DETAILS

DAYS OF OPERATION	TOUR DURATION	VEHICLE INFORMATION
MONDAY TO SATURDAY PICK UP FROM HOTEL ON RARO- TONGA BETWEEN 7AM—7:20AM	ALL DAY CRUISE TOUR COMMENCES AT 10AM THEN GUESTS DE- PART AITUTAKI AT 4,40PM AND ARRIVE BACK TO RAROTONGA AT 5.30PM	RAR/AIT/RAR FLIGHT IS ON A SAAB 340 PRESSURISED AIR- CRAFT LAGOON CRUISE IS ON BOARD A 70FT CATAMARAN WITH A SUN CANOPY
INCLUSIONS	WHAT TO BRING/WEAR	SEATING ARRANGEMENTS
- RETURN TRANSFER - BBQ FISH LUNCH WITH SALADS AND TROPICAL FRUITS - FRIENDLY LOCAL HOSTS - TOWELS - SNORKELLING GEAR - TEA,COFFEE & WATER	- CAMERA - SWIMWEAR, SUNSCREEN - CHANGE OF CLOTHING - SUNHAT - PASSPORT - INSECT REPELLENT	VAKA CAN TAKE UP TO 40 PAX SEATING IS 4 OR 6 PAX PER TABLE
PAX REQUIREMENTS	TOILET STOPS	ACCESS FOR DISABLE
MINIMUM 1 PAX TO OPERATE MAXIMUM 40 PAX	TOILET FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE ON BOARD	SUITABLE FOR ALL

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