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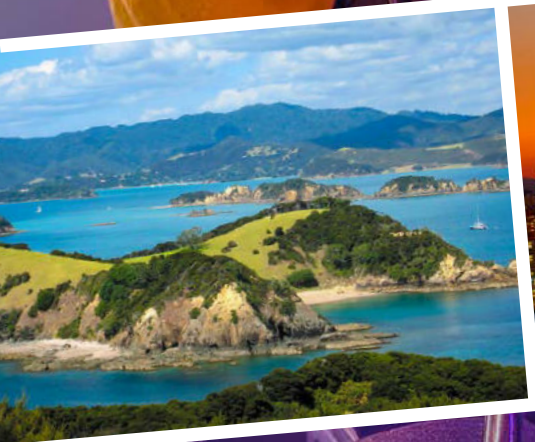
with Jules Boult

Including the Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival

9 Nights | 5 – 14 August 2027

Visiting Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotorua, Napier & Wellington









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Join acclaimed blues musician Jules Boult on a wonderful musical journey through New Zealand's North Island. Combining spectacular scenery, fascinating sightseeing and great live music, our tour travels from Auckland to the beautiful Bay of Islands before continuing south through Rotorua and Napier to Wellington. Along the way, enjoy some of New Zealand's most memorable destinations together with special musical experiences hosted by Jules.

Jules Boult

Jules Boult is an award-winning Australian singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and recording artist. Jules' musical career has taken him across Australia, the United States and Europe. Since 2011 he has released five albums to critical acclaim and been awarded a coveted Australian Blues Music Award. Since 2015 Jules has toured the USA and Canada each year, from New Orleans to Nova Scotia via the Mississippi delta, performing and recording across genres and sharing the stage with various musicians as diverse as Kermit Ruffins, Terry "Harmonica" Bean, and The Oak Ridge Boys. Jules' music, and effortless performance style, are true to the blues tradition.

Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival

The Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival is one of New Zealand's longest-running music festivals (almost 40 years). Featuring 30 bands and artists performing across multiple venues, over 3 days, the festival combines world-class live music with the relaxed atmosphere and spectacular scenery of the Bay of Islands. The festival normally features acts from New Zealand, Australia, Japan, the United States, and beyond. Venues are split between Paihia & Russell, with each location hosting multiple acts throughout the day & evening. Our tour provides weekend badges, which provide free access to all festival venues across the 3 days. Our tour also includes a weekend ferry pass – the short water crossings between Paihia and Russell another enjoyable part of the festival experience. 2026 festival bands/artists included: Texas Blues man Elizah Zane (USA), Minnie Marks (AUS), Chihiro & Route 14 Band (JPN), & NZ's Nairobi Trio. There is a free shuttle bus between the various venues in Paihia.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Thursday 5 August 2027 — Depart Australia – Auckland

Afternoon: You will be met at Auckland Airport and transferred to our centrally located hotel. *Remainder of the afternoon:* Free time, for you to settle in and start exploring Auckland. *Evening:* Attend a concert at Auckland Jazz & Blues Club, one of New Zealand's longest-running jazz and blues clubs. *Overnight:* Adina CityLife Hotel Auckland. (-)



DAY 2 Friday 6 August 2027 — Auckland – Bay of Islands

After breakfast we depart Auckland and travel north, through the attractive Northland region, to the spectacular Bay of Islands. Renowned for its beautiful coastline, secluded bays (dotted with 150 scenic islands), and fascinating Maori and European history, the Bay of Islands is one of New Zealand's most popular destinations. *Afternoon:* On arrival, enjoy a panoramic tour of Paihia (the main town) and a guided tour of the beautiful Waitangi Treaty Grounds, where the treaty between settlers and Maoris was signed in 1840. We will then check into our hotel and 'register' for the Jazz & Blues Festival, which commences about 5pm. *Evening:* Enjoy the initial performances of the 2027 Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival. *Overnight:* Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands, Paihia. (B)

DAY 3 Saturday 7 August 2027 — Bay of Islands

Today you have a free day & evening to enjoy the Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival. Enjoy varied live performances in six main festival venues, in Paihia & Russell (Russell is a beautiful, historic town, a short ferry-ride across the bay, from Paihia. Old Russell [7 kms from the current Russell], was the first capital of New Zealand [1840 - 41].) (B)

DAY 4 Sunday 8 August 2027 — Bay of Islands

Today we experience the final day of the festival. Once again, enjoy varied live performances in the six main festival venues. Soak up the atmosphere, enjoy outstanding live blues & jazz music, and take in the breathtaking beauty of the Bay of Islands. In Russell, you may like to visit (own expense) stately & historic Pompallier House, a Roman Catholic mission, established in 1841-42. It contains a printing press and book-binding equipment that the mission used, in the 19th century, to produce Maori-language religious texts. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival – Enjoy three unforgettable days immersed in one of New Zealand's premier music festivals, featuring outstanding jazz and blues performances in the beautiful coastal settings of Paihia and Russell.
- Spectacular North Island scenery and culture – enjoy the Bay of Islands (one of the prettiest places in NZ); experience traditional Maori hangi dinner & cultural performance, and spectacular geothermal sights at Wai-O-Tapu, in Rotorua.
- Wine, Art Deco and Iconic Cities – Explore the Art Deco city of Napier, enjoy wine tasting in renowned Martinborough, and discover the highlights of vibrant Auckland and Wellington with guided sightseeing tours.
- Live Blues Experiences – complement the festival with an Auckland Jazz & Blues club gig, in Auckland, a Blues Jam Session, in Napier, a Capital Blues Inc. blues event, in Wellington, and various Jules Boult performances throughout your New Zealand musical journey.



DAY 5 Monday 9 August 2027 — Bay of Islands – Auckland

Morning: Depart the Bay of Islands and return to Auckland. *Afternoon:* Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Auckland, with local guide. The tour will include Mt Eden (which offers panoramic views of Auckland), and Auckland's coastal Tamaki Drive (see homes of the rich & famous). We will also visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum (Auckland's excellent, main museum) and, nearby, the Winter Garden hot houses and other fern, flora, water lily displays. *Evening:* Enjoy a group dinner, at one of Auckland's outstanding waterfront restaurants (possibly in the Viaduct Harbour precinct). *Overnight:* Adina CityLife Hotel Auckland. (B,D)



DAY 6 Tuesday 10 August 2027 — Auckland – Rotorua

Morning: Travel from Auckland to Rotorua. The city of Rotorua is famous for its Maori culture & geothermal activity. *Afternoon:* Visit Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland, where you will see incredible geothermal displays, including boiling mud pools, steaming craters, and amazing coloured lakes/terraces. Then, enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of Rotorua. See the iconic Elizabethan-style Bath House building (1906 – 1908), in Rotorua's lovely Government Gardens, and have some free time for shopping, before checking into our hotel. *Evening:* Enjoy four-course Māori dinner, featuring traditional hāngi, and Māori cultural show, at award-winning Te Pā Tū (formerly Tamaki Māori Village). *Overnight:* Novotel Rotorua Lakeside. (B,D)

DAY 7 Wednesday 11 August 2027 — Rotorua – Napier

Morning: Before departing Rotorua, witness the spectacular eruption of the Lady Knox Geyser. It is induced to erupt at 10.15am each day. Continuing south, stop for lunch in the town of Taupo, located on the edge of beautiful Lake Taupo. Before arriving in Taupo, view the Wairakei Steam Valley, a fascinating geothermal power facility. Also, see spectacular Huka Falls. After lunch continue on to the coastal city of Napier. Napier is renowned for its outstanding collection of Art Deco buildings, many of which were constructed following a devastating 1931 earthquake. On arrival we will have a sightseeing tour, where we will discover the city's fascinating history and distinctive architectural character. *Evening:* Enjoy an informal Blues Jam Session, hosted by Jules Boult. We will provide some instruments/equipment for this event (e.g.,



electric guitar; bass guitar; drumkit; keyboard; P.A.). Please provide own instruments/equipment, such as mouth organs, saxophones, drumsticks, brushes, guitar picks. We'll invite local blues musicians to join us for this jam session. *Overnight:* Art Deco Masonic Hotel, Napier. (B)

DAY 8 Thursday 12 August 2027 — Napier – Wellington

Today we travel to New Zealand's capital city, Wellington, located at the southern tip of the North Island. We will stop for lunch, in Martinborough, one of New Zealand's premier wine regions, renowned for its boutique vineyards and award-winning pinot noir. After lunch, enjoy a winetasting at a local winery, before continuing on to Wellington. Set around a picturesque harbour and steep hills, Wellington is a vibrant city known for its arts, culture, restaurants and waterfront. *Evening:* Enjoy a Farewell Dinner to celebrate our New Zealand Blues Tour. Jules will perform some songs for us. *Overnight:* Novotel Wellington. (B,WineTasting,D)

DAY 9 Friday 13 August 2027 — Wellington

Morning: Sightseeing coach tour of Wellington, with local guide. We will travel to the top of Mt Victoria for stunning views of Wellington and surrounding region. Also, we will ride the Wellington Cable Car from Lambton Quay (sea level) to Kelburn (a suburb, high up in Wellington's steep hills). We will also see Wellington's striking Parliament Buildings (including the building known, colloquially, as 'the Beehive') and visit Old St Paul's – a beautiful & historic Wellington church (consecrated in 1866); it has been described as 'one of the best examples of timber Gothic Revival architecture in the world'. *Afternoon:* Free time for you to explore Wellington at your leisure. You may like to visit the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, New Zealand's national museum (own expense). *Evening:* Visit Capital Blues Inc., which is the city's premier blues club. Finish our tour with a fabulous night of live blues music. (B)

DAY 10 Saturday 14 August 2027 — Wellington – Australia

After breakfast we transfer to Wellington Airport and say farewell to New Zealand. (B)

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Included in the tour price:

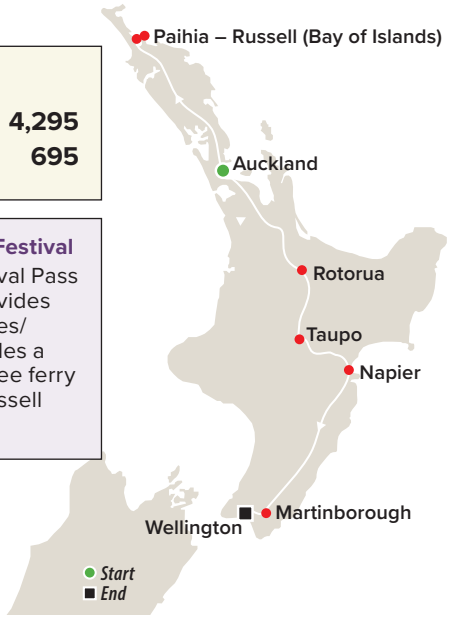
- Accommodation in excellent quality centrally located hotels throughout the tour.
- Breakfast daily, except for Day 1, and three dinners.
- Entrance to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked optional or own expense.
- 3 day ticket to the Auckland Jazz & Blues Festival; admission to all other music events mentioned in the itinerary.
- Various blues performances, throughout the tour, by Jules Boult.
- Blues Jam Session (which you are invited to participate in), in Napier.
- Evening of Day 6, on the outskirts of Rotorua, enjoy a visit to the outstanding Te Pā Tū (formerly Tamaki Maori Village). This event involves a traditional Maori welcome, a traditional Maori Hangi dinner; a colourful Maori cultural performance, & traditional Maori village demonstrations/displays.
- Wine tasting, at one of the outstanding boutique wineries, in Martinborough.
- Travel in first-class chartered coach.
- Guided tours of Auckland, Napier, Wellington.

Tour Price

Per person twin-share	**$ 4,295**
Single supplement	**$ 695**

Bay of Islands Jazz & Blues Festival

Our tour includes 3 day Festival Pass (Weekend Badge), which provides admission to all festival venues/ concerts. Our tour also includes a Ferry Pass, which provides free ferry rides to and from Paihia & Russell during the festival,



Not included in the price:

- Return economy-class airfare to New Zealand.
- Travel insurance.
- All items of a personal nature. Meals unless specified in itinerary.
- Entrance to any musical entertainment not specified above.
- Public transport costs, that may be necessary, to get to and from the following tour dinners & events (depends on the exact location of these dinners & events): Auckland Jazz & Blues Club concert (Day 1); Dinner in Auckland (Day 5); Capital Blues Inc. blues performance, in Wellington (Day 9). Note: We are hoping the Blues Jam Session, in Napier (Day 7) can take place at a venue called Paisley Stage which appears to be a very short walk from our hotel. Also, we will endeavour to have our Farewell Dinner, at a restaurant close to our hotel, in Wellington (Day 8).
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.
- International airport and departure taxes above the rate quoted.

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