

Eco School Cruises 1-Day Trip Captain Cook's Footprints

On this trip, we first visit **Blumine Island**, with a short walk up to the **WW2 Gun Emplacements**, learn about the outpost – how and why it was built, learn an overview of the War, and just how vulnerable New Zealand was to invasion by the Japanese with our army fighting over in the European theatre of war.

Then we'll steam over to **Ship Cove**, learning an overview about **Captain Cook's three around-the-world voyages** and his eventual demise at Hawaii, as well as the story of his wife and children.

Matua Pete will also relay to you the story of **Tupia the Tahitian Tohunga** from Rai atia who found he could understand the Maori Language. He became Cook's interpreter. Maori loved him – he was a priest, he knew their gods and their legends were his also, he was a healer, a navigator, even a fledgling artist and their first contact with Polynesia in hundreds of years.

We'll check out **Cook's Monument**, have lunch and a swim, then head over to **Motuara Island bird sanctuary**, home to some of New Zealand's rarest bird life. Whaea Takutai will guide the tamariki up the island pointing out the birds and the trees, also sharing her knowledge of **Rongoa Maori medicines** made from trees and shrubs. It will then be time to swing the bow for home.

Throughout the voyage, Matua Pete will share with you his extensive knowledge of the **Oral Histories of New Zealand and the Sounds**. He believes it is important for all children to know and understand their history, and gives an brief overview that traces man's migration out of Africa to the cradle of civilization, Taiwan, migrations down through the Indonesian archipelago, Melanesia, Polynesian, reasons behind their migrations that lead them to Aotearoa, the History of Maori in New Zealand, the coming of European explorers, the musket wars, Treaty of Waitangi, Land Wars, and the story of colonisation up to modern times.

He also talks of the early missionaries' impact of European immigrants, whalers, fishermen, settlers, saw millers, deforestation and pastoral farming, that lead to further mono cultures like Forestry and Aquaculture, Mussel, Salmon Farms and their positive and negative effects on the community and environment.

Pete has been an environmental advocate for 30 years and knows the system well. He is happy to share his experience with those that are interested.

OPTION 1: Visit Wharehunga where 10 of Furneaux's men were killed and check out the Hector Dolphins.

OPTION 2: Explore WWII gun emplacements on Blumine Island. Discuss the Threat of Japanese Invasion.

COST: \$50 +GST for each person (child or adult)

CAPACITY: max of 40 paxs.

DURATION: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (approximately)



