



Niue Ride the Rock 2024

Booking form, Terms & Conditions

8 Day Tour Package
\$3030 per person

What's Included **MATAVAI APARTMENT PACKAGE**

- Return Airfares Auckland – Niue – Auckland in Works fares (seat, bag, meals)
- Arrival and departure transfers, luggage and bikes
- 7 Nights at the Matavai Apartments, self-catering units
- Entry to RALLY THE ROCK race plus 3 extra cycle events
- 1 x 12 seater van for group use throughout the week
- An awards dinner for RALLY plus many shared meals
- Food Kitty – we provide 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Event T-Shirt
- A fun 'Wild-team' to travel with, plus a few mad-cap challenges!

Group Flights:

1 NZ 936 **01JUN** Auckland – Niue depart 0905 hrs arrive 1335 hrs **31MAY**

2 NZ 937 **07JUN** Niue – Auckland depart 1445 hrs arrive 1730 hrs **08JUN**

What's not Included

- Any overnight requirements in Auckland. We can book these or you if required.
- Domestic flights from regional ports – add these to the above ticket
- Airline Cycle excess - 'extra bag' charges –**paid at airport****
- Any dive, fishing or snorkel tours you wish to add to your week.
- Meals not indicated on itinerary and personal purchases
 - (allow NZD\$500 for spending)
- Travel Insurance – which is mandatory for this tour.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

How To Book:

Complete our **ONLINE BOOKING FORM**, and then email a copy of the front page of your passport and advise payment of a \$300 non-refundable deposit per person.

Email: - andrea@wildsidetravel.nz

Bank Transfer - **ASB 12-3209-0116403-16**

Please use **WILDSIDE /202472** as your Reference

Credit Card – add 1.3% fee. Phone this through to us.

Final Payment

Will be due 6 weeks prior to departure. **Friday 26 April 2024.**

Cancellations:

If **Wildside Travel** cancels the trip due to national travel advisories and cannot provide the tour due to sudden boarder restrictions, and other reasons beyond our control, you are due a refund of all refundable services paid less an admin fee of \$80 per person. Or monies can be transferred to a 2025 tour. If **you** wish to cancel, your deposit remains non-refundable, if you have paid in full prior to 07 July, a refund will be calculated according to Airline and Accommodation refund policies. **No refunds will be given after 26 April.** We recommend you take out insurance cover early (same time you pay deposit), so you are covered for money paid at any time. If you leave the trip to come home early, again there is no refund for unused portions.

WARNING: If you chose to travel at the present time, you do so knowing the situation regarding pandemics is continually changing. You acknowledge that you understand the possibility you, or your travel plans, may be negatively impacted before, during or after your travel. In this fluid environment, you make a decision knowing that those negative impacts may include, but are not limited to, flight cancellations, attractions being closed, transport services being impacted, facilities being understaffed, Medical facilities under equipped, last-minute flight changes, delays and additional costs incurred as a result.

Insurance:

Travel insurance is one of those things that travellers often regret not taking when it's too late. Whilst of course an incident-free travel experience is the goal, the unexpected or unavoidable does sometimes occur. By taking out travel insurance you can arm yourself with a level of protection generally against the likes of stolen or lost luggage, delays, cancellation, medical emergencies and vehicle hire, providing peace of mind for your travel investment. **Travel Insurance is compulsory for this trip** in order to cover these unforeseen circumstances. Please discuss your policy options with us. Example: a 7 night/8 Day policy starts at \$83 for basic cover for a person under 50yrs. We use [Kiwi Holiday Insurance](#).

Prices

All prices stated herein are based on a 'group rate' set at current 2024 pricing. We are holding allotments on all services. Any changes (if at all) will be notified early and well before any due dates. Should minimum numbers not be reached (10 persons) a price adjustment *may* be required, and deposited participants will be given the option to continue at the adjusted price, or not (deposit fully refundable in this scenario).

Bikes:

The intention of the week is to do our daily exploring on Bikes. We have a van for snorkel gear, lunch and any necessary commuting (out for dinner etc).

Please bring your own bikes - you have 23kg free luggage allowance plus a 7kg carry on bag. Many travellers are good at minimal travel and can get themselves and their bike to Niue without extra charges. However, if you prefer a bag and a bike box to be checked through – the second piece of luggage (bike) will be charged at \$90 in each direction from your origin port (e.g. Nelson) if included on the ticket.

Niue flights are weight-restricted, and the extra bag *cannot be pre-purchased online*.

Packing notes will be provided, if you've not travelled with a bike before. You will need to bring tools and repair kit, spare tubes etc. *No bike shops on Niue.

There are good bikes available for hire on Niue @ NZ\$20/day. These will need to be pre-booked in advance (at deposit time) and paid directly to providers in Niue on pick up. **We would like to see as many locals involved as possible – and like to leave as many of these bikes available to them to join the races**

RACES:

Disclaimer: Ride the Rock week is about participation and Island-friendly competition in a low-key fun environment – please don't treat it as the world series! 😊

Rally the Rock:

This 40km cycle race starts at the top of the island and works its way to the bottom in 5 stages. Each participant will be started at 1 minute intervals, race between 5 and 8km of bush trail being clocked from start to finish. You then move to the next section and start again. No-one will know who has won until all sections are added together at the end! On completion, enjoy a swim and cold drinks. The Awards will be celebrated at the RALLY dinner on the same night.

**If you do not wish to participate in the race, it does not jeopardise your inclusion on the trip. There will be plenty alternative activity to tune in to.

Round the Rock:

This 60km race is one of speed and endurance. Starting and finishing in the main town, with the ride circumnavigating the outer ring road of the island. First one back has bragging rights! The road is sealed but not of high quality and Road bikes are **not** advised. Again a swim and cold drinks to be enjoyed on completion.

Bike Rogaine

A new addition to Ride the Rock week. A set course with a map and checkpoints in which to find and collect coloured bands, one hour on the clock, first one back with the most bands takes the win!

Time Trial

A short sharp 1km (approx.!) circuit. Depart at 1 minute intervals. If you think you can better your time, you get another turn – but you must relinquish your previous time in doing so! Maximum goes: 3 per person.



Accommodation:

The **Matavai 2 Bedroom Apartments** are built for comfort and privacy perfect for guests who prefer to travel at their own pace. All self-contained apartments are two interconnected studio rooms suitable for families and small groups, and include a kitchenette with a fridge, microwave, hot plate kettle and toaster. Take in the stunning ocean and garden views from your own private balcony, each room boasts a Super King bed with luxury mattress topper and can be split into twin beds as well. There is also a pull-out sofa bed that is suitable for 2 small children to share.

We have held 6 apartments and the Villa for the whole week and can house 18-20 people. Plenty of space for bike tweaking and storage. There is also a Laundry onsite.

Rooming:

If you are a single traveller and happy to 'room-share' (same gender) please note this on the booking form. Equally, if you wish to have a room on your own let us know, there will be a surcharge to do so.



Situated 1.5 km north of the Scenic Matavai Resort, apartment guests are also welcome to use the Resort facilities including the restaurant, bar and swimming pools.

If you wish to stay elsewhere on the Island, we would be happy to quote alternatives for you, please just ask.

Food Kitty

Feel free to bring your favourite dry-goods and snacks with you. We will be taking up supplies for breakfast and lunch making and extras for our BBQ nights. Fresh produce can be purchased on the island – i.e milk, yogurt, salad veges.

Extra Activity

There are a host of excellent tourism operators on Niue. From vanilla farm tours, plantation & Uga tours, forest walks with history and legends, massage and beauty treatments, fishing (min 2-3 persons) diving, snorkelling and whale watching (in season) half day tours + gear hire come highly recommended. Arts and crafts include ebony carving, canoe making, woman's weaving. Check our itinerary for when you can log into these extra activities to round out a magical week on the Island. We encourage you to think about committing to one or two of these excursions and we will assist in ensuring these are booked ahead of time to avoid disappointment.

Alofi Township

The main town of Alofi has a well stocked supermarket, duty free liquor and a variety of restaurants (Indian, Pizza, Sushi and 'local' style food) and several bakeries. You will have the use of a van while at the units, and of course you have your bikes with you ...so the whole island is accessible!!

Money:

Most businesses have EFTPOS and accept NZ debit, Mastercard and Visa. Niue does not have ATM's on island but you can withdraw extra cash from Kiwibank in Alofi. Kiwibank accept ONLY NZ debit cards, Mastercard and Visa. Open 8.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Note also that Kiwibank does not handle foreign exchange. For more information you can contact Kiwibank on phone number (+683) 4220 OR (+683) 4221.

The Niue Tourism Visitor Information Centre is also able to accept all major credit cards for payment of accommodation, tours and some other essential services. There is a surcharge for the use of this facility.

Tipping – while not expected it is always appreciated.

Clothing / Medical:

Expect temperatures around 26-30 degrees during the day. Cotton shirts, shorts and dresses are the most comfortable. Sandals and jandals are perfectly adequate in the evening along with a long sleeve T or sweatshirt in the evening carried, but not always worn. A sturdy shoe or sandal for hiking craggy rocks, and reef shoes recommended for swimming daytime. Bring your own Snorkel gear *can be hired along with flippers (remember weight restrictions...you have bike and bike gear to consider too).

Med kit: Betadine for coral cuts or abrasions a good idea. Cotton plasters and powder antiseptic are the best good combination in the tropics. Insect repellant for evening. Sunscreen for the bike and swimming. Hydrolytes for biking and hiking days.

Travel documents:

All participants must be in possession of a valid passport (valid for 6 months after the date of your return) and all visas, permits required for your passport type. It is ultimately your responsibility to have the necessary documentation to travel.

New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa for Niue, if you have another type of passport, please let us know.

Extend your trip:

Air New Zealand may have a second weekend flight operating in high season 2024 to compliment the once-a-week flight. If this is in place, you are welcome to extend your stay a further 4 days.

Flight extensions and class upgrades will all be happily catered on request. You may like a change of venue ☺.

Research:

Click here to see a video of one of the previous year's Rally the Rock Race.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSBmTp48-1E>

