

TIPS FOR TRAVELLERS



Kia ora. Welcome to our shores. We live off the grid and close to nature in this beautiful but fragile natural environment. It's not always easy, but that is what makes Aotea special. Here are some tips to get the most out of your island experience

Buy local, be local



Enjoy what our artists, chefs and shops have to offer. Meet our unique locals and appreciate their humour and hospitality.

Book early



Our island gets busy. Please book your flights or ferry, car, shuttle and accommodation in advance. The Visitor Centre can help – call 09 429 0033 or email info@dgbi.co.nz

Enjoy the pace



Take your time on our roads – be aware, pull over if there are faster cars behind you. Soak in the island and all it has to offer.

Off the grid



Being off the grid means the darkest, starriest nights. It also means limited power and water, so use both with care. And, mobile reception is limited across the island. Also, remember to take a torch when you're coming home at night.

Zero waste



We are proud of our goal of zero waste. Limit the waste you leave behind. If you can't take it with you, buy red rubbish bags from the Council in Claris. Place bags outside your accommodation or drop at the Claris landfill. Best of all, leave nothing behind – except friendships.

Protect nature



Our native flora and fauna is unique and protected. Dogs on beaches should be on leashes to protect endangered shorebirds. Protect our kauri by cleaning your boots at Department of Conservation cleaning stations on tracks, at wharfs/airport.

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