

BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES

A luxury floating hotel.
Book a single cabin or
the Boutel for one night
or more. Many flexible
options are available
for a fantastic
cruising holiday.



cruising
THE WAIKATO
RIVERLAND



Welcome Aboard



ESCAPE TO A PRIVATE WORLD OF LUXURY

This state of the art vessel with it's superb appointments allows our guests to enjoy a superior level of style and comfort not previously available.

Based at Tuakau in the Waikato Riverland, 35 minutes down Highway 1, from Auckland, this magnificent craft provides guests with the opportunity to be pampered and relax in wonderful scenery and tranquility. Sit back and enjoy the cruise as the Captain takes the wheel and our chef tempts you with a mouth-watering selection of wonderful New Zealand produce and wine.

Discover the pleasures of life onboard in the large top deck entertainment area, enjoying the 8 person Jacuzzi, BBQ or relax with a drink lying in the sun. Panoramic windows afford guests a spectacular moving landscape of the Waikato Riverlands, with its culture, towering ancient bluffs, history, water activities, abundant bird life and scenery.

"Discovery 1" (blessed by the Tainui people, "Manuwai Tuarua") has been especially designed to provide a haven for the many and varied needs of its passengers, offering from one day to as many days cruising for individual travellers or private groups. It is also ideal for private charters, small weddings, business meetings, conference groups (up to 20), reward and incentive holiday packages and day cruises (up to 40 guests).

LUXURIOUS FACILITIES AWAIT YOU...

Cruise the magic of the Waikato Riverlands in boutique luxury...

The sumptuous top deck entertainment area provides a perfect venue for entertaining or relaxing in a most unique and exclusive way.

The panoramic scenery makes dining on "Discovery 1" a highly memorable experience equal to any boutique restaurant. No matter on which level you choose to dine, the views of the New Zealand fauna and flora are forever changing.

Wake up each day with views across the river and the inviting warmth of a hot breakfast, followed by morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. Special dietary needs can be catered for and menus can be created for individual tastes. Ask to see our sample cruise menus and choose your preferred options.



LUXURY EIGHT PERSON JACUZZI

Relax while sipping a cool drink and watch the world float by... delightful!

DINING

New Zealand is renowned for its fine food, wine and clean and green status. Our menus have been created especially to tempt you with a superb variety of local fare, including the freshest produce and a great selection of local wines.

OUTDOORS

Outside decks on both levels offer comfortable chairs and tables to take advantage of weather conditions, the tranquility and of course the stunning scenery the Waikato Riverland has to offer.

KITCHEN (GALLEY)

"Discovery 1" has a fully equipped kitchen constructed to the highest quality, where all meals are prepared for or by you... the ultimate experience in river cruising!



BOOK A SINGLE CABIN OR THE BOUTEL FOR ONE NIGHT OR MORE

Accommodation

PRIVATE LUXURY SUITES

“Discovery 1’s” four cabins are reverse cycle air-conditioned, have their own luxurious private en-suites, offer a choice of a Queen size bed or twin singles. The panoramic floor to ceiling windows with private opening onto the deck, dual wardrobes, under bed storage for suit cases, LCD Tv’s with built-in DVD players, fully filtered water system have been provided to offer complete privacy, comfort, relaxation and enjoyment.

Relax in your private suite.

Twin Beds are available if required.

“Discovery 1” provides the highest level of luxury.

An extra bed can be provided for guests if one has trouble sleeping. Ask the crew to make available one of the sofa beds in the rear lounges. We are only too happy to ensure that your holiday is as perfect as we can possibly make it.

For larger groups, additional overnight accommodation can be provided by linking in with close local shore based accommodation. All guests would spend the day on board “Discovery 1”. Simply request this service when making enquiries or reservations, and we will gladly make all the necessary arrangements for you!



A UNIQUE WEDDING & CORPORATE CONFERENCE VENUE...

UNIQUE FUNCTIONS

Considering a unique location for a wedding and reception, product release or a sales meeting?

Day Cruises up to 40 guests. Overnight conferencing up to 20 guests – close to river luxury on shore accommodation is used as extra static accommodation.

“Discovery 1” offers luxurious surroundings and is a dynamic and exciting venue which will be remembered by all attendees for years to come.

The tranquility of the river combined with electronic projectors, whiteboards, 42” LCD television and video facilities make our vessel “Discovery 1” the perfect venue.

Our Chef offers the very best in cuisine available anywhere.

CORPORATE CONFERRING IN A UNIQUE LOCATION!

Tired of all the usual venues?

Bored with the normal locations?

Want to achieve the best outcomes?

**STIMULATE THE SENSES - SPOIL YOUR TEAM!
REWARD THEM WITH A “BOUTIQUE RIVER
CRUISING” EXPERIENCE**

The perfect venue - cruising the Waikato Riverlands in luxury - ideal for small conference groups 8 - 20. Top quality cuisine, luxury accommodation and breathtaking scenery - each conference is individually tailored to suit your needs.

Activities can include:

- Water sports - including kayaks, speedboats, wakeboards and jet skis
- Abseiling, fishing, paintball skirmish, optional tours
- Menus and itineraries can be pre-selected or individually planned for you
- Electronic whiteboards, flip charts etc. available on request

RIVERLAND BOUTIQUE WEDDINGS

Ever dreamed about a stunning New Zealand wedding venue that is small, private and unique? If so, our “Boutique River Cruise” in the Waikato “Riverlands” just South of Auckland, is the perfect location. This natural area is secluded and offers wonderful scenery and tranquility making it the ideal location.

The Waikato Riverland has remained in an almost natural state for the past 80 years and is unknown to most. Our Boutel “Discovery 1” can accommodate up to 40 wedding guests for the wedding and reception and 12 people overnight in 4 cabins with en-suites and two rear lounges that convert to cabins.



Cruises Available

As “Discovery 1” cruises past ancient towering bluffs, abundant birdlife and fantastic scenery, our clients can enjoy the ultimate in luxury accommodation featuring lounge, dining and recreational areas on both decks, Queen size beds, private en-suites, large outside deck areas and Jacuzzi on the upper level.

OVERNIGHT CRUISES

Travel 90 km through some of the “Waikato Riverlands” most spectacular river scenery with its ancient towering gorges, historic battle sites, abundant birdlife, magnificent native bush and enjoy the many onshore activities.

The following guide outlines the cruise circuit followed by our “Boutique River Cruise”. Guests are able to book for the desired number of days, (one or more) joining or disembarking the Boutel at any one of the overnight stops. We will transport you to a local pick-up/set down point and our support boat will ferry you to or from there to the Boutel.

DAY CRUISES

All cruises are subject to availability, and must be booked in advance. Estimated cruise time - four hours. All examples below are based on a minimum of 25 guests and a 3 course luncheon. Prices will vary according to the number of guests, menu and beverages requested.

LUNCHEON CRUISES

Four hours cruising on the magnificent Waikato Riverlands whilst enjoying the very best of wines and food.

Food and beverage packages can be provided, or BYO can be arranged - corkage fee may apply. Large selection of all courses available to suit the individual choices of each group.

DAY ONE: Depart Tuakau at 3.00 pm. cruising downriver before mooring at Kaiwaka No2 Island. Just below the location where Cameron Town was in 1863/64 and next to the forests grown to fuel the old paddle wheelers of the early 1900's.

DAY TWO: Explore around the island in the onboard kayaks before cruising on to the old whitebait factory. After lunch, experience the “Riverlands Adventures” Maori Culture and Quad bike Safari. This includes a visit to a local working Maori Marae and some very spectacular views of Auckland city. Marvel at the technology and history of the old whitebait factory and the views down river of the many whitebait stands on the banks of the river.

DAY THREE: Depart 10.00 am cruising down past the very attractive Tauranganui Marae, through the Maori Cut into the very large River Delta where your Boutel will moor for the night. After lunch explore the Delta region (with 15 large islands and many channels) in a supervised kayak expedition with a knowledgeable guide. Well known as the “Sunset Coast” end the day with a cool drink watching the sun set. The night is spent in this extraordinary location.

DAY FOUR: Travel on to the historic river port of Port Waikato cruising through the River Delta past many small accommodations through into the harbour at Port Waikato where your Boutel will moor. In the late 1800's the British army were based here and later the port was busy with both river and coastal shipping. Spend the day relaxing on the boat or take a shore visit to “Sunset Beach” (great surfing location), Nikau Lime stone caves, go caving or abseiling.

DAY FIVE: Depart Port Waikato for a short cruise up the harbour to a location East of the North Head for our next overnight mooring point. Here you are able to spend many relaxing hours mountain bike riding through the Waiuku Forest. (A guide can be available if required.) This covers the North head so you are able to ride through to the ocean beach on the West Coast of New Zealand.

DAY SIX: Depart Port Waikato and cruise to Tuakau, a very historic location. One of the major areas where the Maori Wars were fought between the British and the Maori Tribes back in 1863/64. Close to our mooring is the Alexandra Redoubt where the British 65th Regiment was located. The original stone pathways that ran between the ten lines and earth fortifications are still present in this well maintained historic site. Members of today's 65th Regiment will visit in full dress, with their muskets. There are many other historic sites and a museum that will make this a very interesting stop.

DAY SEVEN: Depart for a day visit to Mercer up river where you are able to enjoy a true Irish Pub, and see the remains of two of the old Paddle wheelers, Rawhiti 11 and Free Trader. “Discovery 1” returns down river to our Tuakau mooring.



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Transfers

GETTING TO YOUR BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISE...

Transfers to "Discovery 1" can be arranged to suit your specific requirements whether from your home, hotel or airport.

Prices for groups in excess of 6 persons and transfers by limousine, Float Plane or Helicopter are available on request.

A flight to, or from "Discovery 1" by float plane (departs/arrives at the stern of the vessel) saves many precious hours of your holiday, provides an exhilarating experience and wonderful aerial views.

For example, from or to Taupo or Rotorua, is just 1 hours flying time. A fraction of the drive time or flying by scheduled airlines.

CRUISE REVIEW

90 kilometres of fantastic scenery, history, activities and wildlife

- Breathtaking viewing from the upper level lounge
- Superb cuisine
- Sumptuous sofas and chairs for all guests
- Luxurious facilities inc. Queen size beds and private en-suites
- Many onshore tours are included in the price.
- Optional tours, golf, wineries, Kayaking, Quad Biking, Maori Culture, early riverlands and Maori War history etc.



Where is the Boutel?

The Waikato Riverlands are made up of the final 50 Km of New Zealand's longest river.

The Waikato River begins in the snow covered mountains in the central North Island and descends 2,797m (9090 feet) through powerful waterfalls, many Hydro power stations, lakes and towns to end up meandering through rich farmland from Cambridge to its mouth on the coastline at Port Waikato. Here it pours 800,000 cubic feet a minute into the Tasman Sea.

Totalling over 250 miles (425 kilometres) in length, the Waikato River has a very colourful history and now is the delight of a wide and varied range of interests and activities. Bird watching, most water sports, duck shooting in season, exploring and fishing to mention a few.

Just 35 minutes drive south from Auckland city, on highway 1, the Boutel is perfectly located for both local and international guests.



A LITTLE ABOUT THE *Waikato* RIVERLANDS

For those wishing to take in surrounding attractions, special day tours can be arranged. You may wish to experience Maori Culture, take a quad bike safari, go mountain biking, kayaking or perhaps a V8 super car ride, explore the wineries or play a round of golf.

This is New Zealand's greatest river which offers scenery and tranquility that has to be seen to be believed. Cruising through this rich farmland and native bush, there is so much to discover and experience. The Waikato Riverland has an abundance of bird and fish life from fresh to salt water species. Swans, geese, and ducks to mention a few. Your cruise on this peaceful river also enables you to learn about the secrets of the past at the historic battle sites, museums and the remains of paddleboats on the river's bank.

The river is also spiritually significant to the "Tainui people" as well as being a water supply for Auckland city and the lifeblood to the vast market gardens and dairy farms that line the banks.



GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

- The Delta Region (below) is made up of a series of small islands, that eventually lead to the Tasman Sea.
- To experience this area personally "Discovery 1" is equipped to navigate through G Channel (The Maori Cut) a narrow causeway that takes you into the heart of these islands.
- Havelock Bluff towers above "Discovery 1" and as you can see is host to wonderful bush and native trees.
- The Tauranganui Marae can only be seen from the Waikato Riverland area, and is truly a beauty to behold.



A GOLFERS PARADISE...

Tours can be arranged to transport you to one of seven beautiful country Golf Courses close to the "Waikato Riverland" to enjoy a game of golf. Or perhaps a visit to Maxwell's Golf Retreat which offers a variety of packages from coaching tips to half or full day packages and a round on the 9 hole course. Quality club hire is available as is morning tea and lunch.



WATER SPORTS...

The river lends itself to a variety of water sports - jet skis', ski boats and dinghies are all available for hire on request. Alternatively, you may prefer to have the jet skis', ski boat and instructor provided for a days water sport on the river.

Pick-ups can be arranged to take you on tour through the various local wineries where you can sample the fine wines that have growing reputations. Many of the wine tastings are free but for more exclusive wines a fee may apply.

Lunch can be arranged at a restaurant of your choice or can be pre-arranged and included in your package. After visiting a number of wineries you will be dropped back to "Discovery 1" to continue your Boutique River Cruise experience.



WINERY TOURS...

GOT A TASTE FOR ADVENTURE...

RIVERLAND ADVENTURES offer one, two or five hour quad bike safaris, across incredible scenery, allowing you to take in the river from a perspective you will not see from the boat, with views of river, farmland and forest right out to the Tasman Sea.



Time for some action on a Quad bike tour with Riverland Adventures



The Taurangani Marae can only be seen from the Waikato Riverland area

Whether you're looking for a fun day out, a team building exercise or simply a unique way to enjoy New Zealand's diverse countryside, Riverland Adventures offers a fun, safe and exciting selection of quad bike safaris. Experience authentic Maori culture and hospitality, enjoy New Zealand's beautiful landscapes and take in spectacular 360 degree views. All this can be enjoyed minutes from a special landing place we have identified.

Riverland Adventures offer three main safaris of one hour, two hour and five hour duration, but we can also customise a safari adventure to suit the needs of any group or team. Of course full training and refreshments are provided. Riverland Adventures pride themselves on providing a culturally authentic, fun and safe quad biking experience. They have over 350 years of Maori ancestry in the area and look forward to sharing their history, culture and beautiful New Zealand countryside with you.

ADVENTURES IN THE WAIKATO RIVERLAND

Let us arrange a guided adventure. Activities vary, from scenic kayak trips to hot laps on a racing circuit, mountain biking, caving, abseiling and guided bush walks through beautiful native bush.



Mountain biking through one of the local forests.



A guided tour makes all the difference, their level of knowledge is incredible.

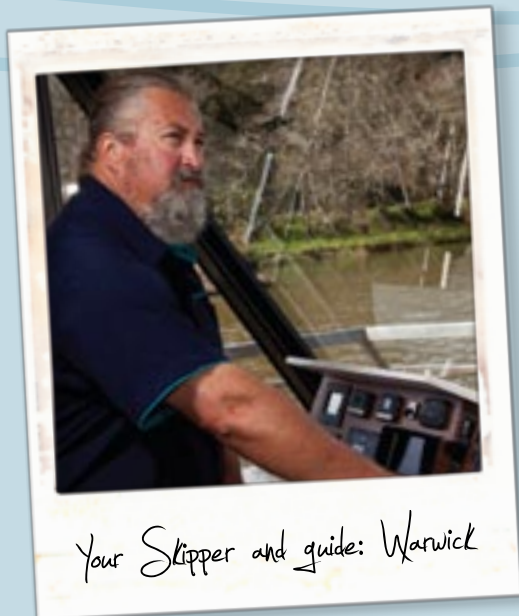
They meet you literally at the stern of "Discovery 1" if you want to explore the Delta Region of the Waikato Riverland. Here you can paddle quietly between the islands and even get out and explore a few. This sheltered area of slow moving streams is home to many species of duck and shags (cormorants) plus native fantails, kingfishers, pukeko, and the Australasian bittern. These islands hide the dozens of duckshooters' maimais and whitebait stands that are inhabited by many keen locals during the open seasons. Rest at a maimai for lunch.

There are a number of opportunities for photo stops throughout the trip – bring your camera (we can supply waterproof bags).

If kayaking is not your thing, perhaps mountain biking through one of the local forests, or a guided walk through beautiful native bush or why not go underground and explore the local caves.

You can find more about exploring the Waikato Riverland area by kayak, mountain bike or on foot when you book your holiday onboard "Discovery 1".

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CREW

The professional crew of your Boutique River Cruise ensure that guests have the ultimate in memorable experiences while aboard.

On a catered cruise our crew comprise a Skipper, Chef and Housekeeper.

On a self cater charter our crew will comprise a Skipper.

Relax and enjoy, that is all that you need do aboard your Boutique River Cruise!

The Discovery Cruises Team strive to exceed their guests expectations, ensuring they leave with lasting memories of their cruise in the "Waikato Riverlands".

YOUR HOSTS: JUDY AND IAN SIMPSON

Judy and Ian Simpson have lived in Auckland since the early 60's both having served in New Zealand's defence forces where they met.

They have travelled to many countries around the world and in recent years have cruised much of the Australian coast line, the Pacific, Greek Islands and several river cruises in Australia.

Following experience with a houseboat in the "Unforgettable" fleet in South Australia, they found to their surprise that although the lower Waikato River was ideal for a river cruising operation, there were no tourism or commercial activities of any sort. So they set about seeking the necessary approvals from the Tainui people, Franklin Council and Environment Waikato, to introduce a luxury river cruising operation. Once these had been obtained, they started building a suitable vessel for the operation. This involved an Australian design modified to suit the New Zealand environment.

To overcome the rivers reputation of constantly moving sand bars and ensure the safety of the vessel and its guests, they had an extensive marine survey carried out and later converted to GPS software to provide a track down the river.

Judy and Ian are both proud New Zealanders and are relishing the change of lifestyle from Auckland to a rural setting in Tuakau over looking the river where they meet and greet their guests.

How to Book

So you've decided a holiday on a luxury boutel in the Waikato Riverland region sounds like something quite special. "Discovery 1" owners Ian and Judy Simpson would love the opportunity to tailor make a package that covers all your needs, from self-catering to full service bookings. Planning your special time aboard "Discovery 1" is easy, start by contacting us.

Judy or Ian can be contacted via email on:

sales@discoveryrivercruises.co.nz or phone 64 9 357 6105 and fax 64 9 357 6107

Further information and current pricing for many options are available on our website:

www.discoveryrivercruises.co.nz

There is a special enquiry form on our website and all questions will be answered personally within 24 hours.



ON THE BOUTEL

"Discovery 1" Offers...

- Reverse Cycle Air-conditioning throughout the main deck
- TV's with built-in DVD players in all cabins and lounges
- VHS, DVD and Blue Ray players in the main lounge
- SKY TV
- Sound system in the main lounge that can play IPODS, USB's and CD's
- Additional sound system with CD player for the convenience of guests on the upper lounge area
- All linen, books, video's, DVD's, hairdryers, personal soaps, shampoos, tissues, and of course full laundry facilities
- Fully filtered water system

SAFETY FEATURES

"Discovery 1" is a commercially designed and approved vessel and has been built to stringent safety standards.

- The Skipper of the vessel holds a Maritime Commercial license
- "Discovery 1" was launched in 2008 and features many aspects of new technology
- An advanced electronic system and whisper-quiet generator provide 240 volt power at all times
- Powered by two 90 HP Honda outboard engines
- Length - 21 metres
- Width - 8.5 metres
- Tonnage - 53 tonnes

