

## Dive! Tutukaka: Risk Disclosure

There is some important information we are required to share with you about your excursion.

Firstly, all our trips involve an element of time onboard one of our boats, and although our staff hold first aid qualifications, and all our vessels are equipped with first aid kits, oxygen, and a defibrillator, only limited medical treatment is available onboard if required. To help ensure your safety, please disclose any medical issues and follow all crew instructions.

We will always cancel trips if current or predicted weather conditions are unsuitable, but the ocean is rarely completely still, so please treat the boat like an unstable platform. Decks may be slippery when wet, and the vessel may make sudden movements; please take care while boarding, disembarking, and moving around, particularly if using the stairs.

All our boats adhere to rigorous Maritime New Zealand standards, but certain moving parts and heavy equipment can still present dangers. Crew will explain onboard safety procedures, including what to do if an emergency arises. Please pay attention to all signage, stay away from out-of-bounds areas, and do not interfere with crew activity e.g. anchoring, launching the tender.

Although all our vessels have covered areas where you can shelter from the elements, for most people the principal reason for joining one of our trips is to experience the natural beauty of this unique location. NZ is famous for its *'four seasons in one day'*, so please take precautions to manage your sun exposure, while also ensuring you have some warm, dry clothing available.

Once we arrive at our activity site for the day, you are encouraged to enjoy the marine environment, both on top of and below the surface.

Please note that this is an ocean environment, with water too deep to stand in. Your skipper will conduct a risk assessment before selecting a suitable site, but it is impossible to eliminate all hazards and risks from adventure activities. Current, surge, waves, rocks and/or white water may be present in the wider area, and water temperature varies during the year. Typical summer highs are 22 C, while winter temperatures can drop to 15C; for this reason, we provide a wide range of exposure suits for both adults and children. The Poor Knights Islands are a marine reserve, and you will be able to observe many different species of fish and other aquatic life but treat everything you encounter as wild and untamed. Potential serious harm can be caused by bites or stings.

The islands themselves are stunningly beautiful, and home to several species not commonly found on the mainland. They have been classified as a nature reserve for over 100 years, and landing on the islands without a permit is strictly prohibited. While on or below the water, please stay within the boundaries identified by the skipper, and do not climb onto any rocks, or enter caves, cracks or other areas noted by the crew. If conditions allow, your skipper will likely take the boat through one or more archways and enter a large sea cave as part of your time at the islands.

Unless you have booked a sole charter, you will be sharing your day with other customers. Please be kind and courteous to each other. If you are bringing your family, please remember that boats are not playgrounds, and that you are expected to actively supervise all children in your care at all times. Additionally, there may be other vessels enjoying the marine environment. During all water-based activity your crew will be maintaining a watch, and a dive flag will be displayed, but please ensure you also keep a look out for other boats, jet-skis or alike, as serious harm can be caused through impacts or by spinning propellers. Misusing activity equipment can be hazardous, so if you are using snorkelling gear for the first time or wish to try one of our kayaks or SUPs, please listen to the safety advice provided by the crew. If you are engaging in unguided scuba diving, please stay within the limits of your certification. If you are trying scuba diving for the first time, or joining us for a guided dive, your experienced dive guide will provide a specific safety briefing.

There is a lot we do, and there is a lot we have to tell you, and sometimes it is best to do it in a way you can remember. The photo below aims to do just that!

Trust us. We are trained. Always ask. Always disclose.

Disclose Risk

DONT

NAIVE RISK



# Stuff

WE NEED YOU TO KNOW  
YOU NEED TO KNOW

You CANT breathe underwater without proper equipment. Training & gearless use a snorkel - or scuba equipment

We go if it is sometimes uncomfortable - NEVER UNSAFE

Follow Weather Protocols...  
Rogue waves

Stay seated in tough weather follow skipper & crew instructions

Grumpy sharks - Stay away Be wary But they can pass us by without us noticing

Stingy Jellies Jelly Report Rash Vest Avoid marine life Wetsuit

Vomit & Sea Sickness wear PPE Watch the horizon Medication Don't join us in rough conditions Ginger

Drowning Training Safety equipment Flootation device Inform a crew member learn to swim honesty about your abilities Only do tasks you feel confident in

Caves - knooks - crannies - inlets - overhead Listen to crew instructions - keep out of BOUNDARY Restricted areas watch tides/currents/swell/surface conditions

Boat traffic - Follow crew instructions use dive flags - go 5 knots or less watch out for bubbles - have protocol & follow it for engines off - sternies set & Back deck ready

Bleaching whales Follow the rules, Watch out for Remember they don't have our rule book. Be aware. Be prepared. Acceptable risk - what is your limit?

Be kind. Be tolerant. Other people with different points of view than yours. That's ok. Be accepting. Listen. Understand. Be calm. Love Yourself. Be graceful.

Don't make them angry 😊 Keep a bit away...

Pre-existing medical conditions

inform the crew, follow medical advice. \* Be honest \* Disclose to us \* Some things you can't do today - but with Dr's ok maybe tomorrow. BE PREPARED.

Knocks & Bumps

Be mindful of deats, boat's are not like land - unstable - different foot holds. Walk carefully, stay seated in rough water Follow crew instructions

COVID-19 : DELTA POOBAY OMNI UBAH

Stay at home Sanitise Social Distance Use PPE wear masks get vaccinated At some point, activity will commence with high risk awareness

There is an element of risk in some of the things we do. We minimise, disclose, mitigate, eliminate, & sometimes we just stop doing those things. We will let you know. 😊

Marine Activities All Around You. Even if you do not partake - others will be. It is an outdoor environment - and a "high spit zone."

You will be outside & on an unstable platform. A boat moves unpredictably. Water is wet & can be cold, ☹️ Bring something warm & dry.

Falling rocks (movement underwater) particularly following cyclonic swells & heavy rain. Keep aware - stay away from cliff edge & island white water

Angry sting rays Don't annoy marine life Be aware. Be sensible.

Unstable platform one hand for you one for the boat... 😊

Sun burn wear a hat Slip-slop-slap : marine friendly SunScreen