

## ABOUT THE SHIP

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The traditional gaff-rigged schooner, R. Tucker Thompson was started by Robert Tucker Thompson in the late 1970s as a project to embody the best features of a traditional design, married to the materials of today.

She was built using computer generated calculations for stability and carries a loadline certificate to this effect. She boasts 18 tonnes of fixed steel ballast. The interior is a mixture of oregon and kwila with 2 double cabins and 11 single berths. The galley is designed to cater for 15 crew with a gas stove and boiling water on demand. There is a hot shower and 2 hand basins.

The engine is a 160 HP Ford diesel, which drives the generators for ship's power. The bilge pumping system is connected to each water-tight compartment and is big enough to deliver 20 tonnes per hour out of the ship. She carries sufficient fuel for 2000-mile range and water for 6 weeks at sea with careful use. Her navigation equipment includes GPS, radar, Furono depth sounder and we have a Kodon HF 4000 radio for long range communication. She carries a 4.2 metre Zodiac Class rescue inflatable with a 20 HP outboard.

The ship's current survey is class seven foreign vessels, which means that she can carry passengers around the coast of New Zealand as well as off shore. She has been built and maintained to the highest standards and is professionally manned and equipped to go anywhere in the world at any time.

The R. Tucker Thompson has a very high reputation in the traditional sailing world and is considered a perfect example of a working Tall Ship, with the advantage of being new and safe.



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## R. TUCKER THOMPSON

### HISTORIC NORTHLAND CRUISE

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*Bringing history to life!*



# EXPLORE HISTORIC NORTHLAND!

In the late 18th Century, European explorers arrived in New Zealand and discovered a land that was rich and fertile – the last place on earth to be settled by man: these shores welcomed Maori around a thousand years ago, and were discovered only in the late 18th century by Europeans. On board the R Tucker Thompson you can recreate the first arrivals on a tall ship. The Far North's East coast, with its rich volcanic soil, abundant produce and sheltered harbours became a destination for explorers, traders, whalers and then missionaries. From 1769, when James Cook weighed anchor in the Bay of Islands, events over the next sixty years shaped New Zealand as a nation; culminating in the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and finally the transfer of power from the Bay to Auckland in 1840.

The Historic Northland Cruise provides an opportunity to explore this area, so rich in history, from a tall ship similar to those arriving in those days. Like them, you will view these shores from the sea, and learn about significant encounters that took place between early visitors and local tribes. Some of these events led to bloodshed and tragedy through misunderstandings between cultures; others led to working relationships and lasting friendships between the different races.

Our voyage of discovery takes place on board Northland's own tall ship, the R. Tucker Thompson and will take you from the Bay of Islands, via the Cavallis to the secluded and remote Whangaroa Harbour. On board a guest historian will share the fascinating events and

stories that took place as we make our way up the coast. At sheltered anchorages (subject to weather) we will stop to go ashore and explore. Returning back to the Bay, our final port of call will be Waitangi, the place where our Nation's founding document was signed.



## SCHEDULES & LOCATION

The five-day voyage departs early Friday morning returning late on Tuesday afternoon. Voyage dates are available from our website or by calling us.

Our port of departure is Opuia, Bay of Islands, a short three-hour drive from the centre of Auckland and easily accessible by plane (Whangarei or Kerikeri), coach or boat.

Thursday 30 April – Monday 4 May 2009

Friday 22 May – Tuesday 26 May 2009

Thursday 15 – Monday 19 October 2009

Friday 11 – Tuesday 15th December 2009

## HOW TO BOOK

A completed booking form, medical questionnaire and deposit is required for each passenger. This is available from our website or by calling us. On receipt of these completed documents, Joining Instructions explaining more detail about life on board will be sent out.

## CONDITIONS

Life on board is considerably more comfortable than it would have been in the 1800s, however a reasonable standard of mobility is required as accommodation is bunk style with communal facilities. Passengers over 70 should have their GP's approval.

## SAILING

The voyage is manned by experienced crew, however it provides an opportunity for those interested, to learn how to sail a tall ship and participate with sailing. Watch systems will not be compulsory but passengers wishing to take part will be able to learn the ropes, literally!

## PRICING

The voyage price of \$1200 inc GST includes:

- All meals (breakfast, morning tea, lunch and dinner)
- Accommodation on board
- Historical handout and log book of voyage
- Professionally crewed vessel with historian commentator

*So join us and find out more about the fascinating history of New Zealand*