

ABOUT THE SHIP

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. 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.

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.

TRUST OVERVIEW

The R. Tucker Thompson was built in Te Tai Tokerau Northland and transferred into a Charitable Trust for the benefit of all on 4th June 2006. The ship now provides a platform for a wide range of learning experiences for all ages.

Our commercial activities (day sails, evening charters, teambuilding and film work) help to fund the Trust's operations throughout the year. Profits from these are used to fund maintenance and other administration costs and as a result, allow us to offer affordable youth programmes over the winter months.

PRICING & HOW TO BOOK

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

To book, phone 0800 TUCKER, email info@tucker.co.nz, or visit our [website](#) for an application form.



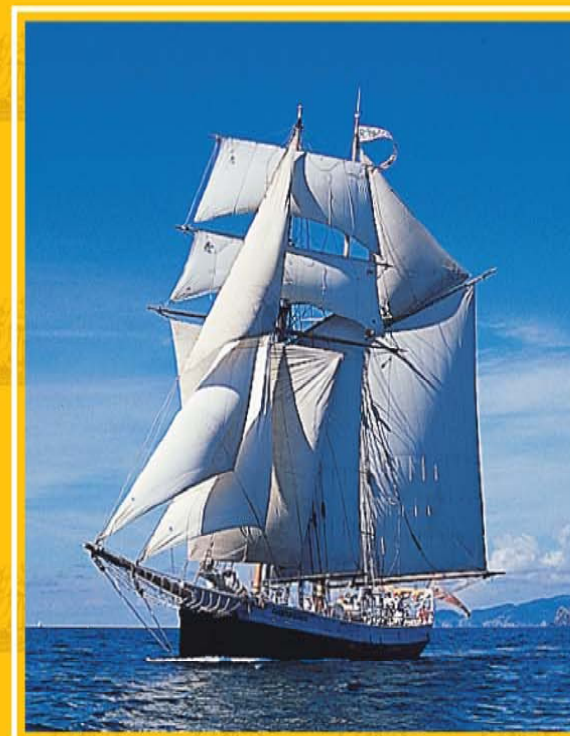
PO Box 42, Opua 0241, Bay of Islands, New Zealand
Phone: 09 402 8430 Fax: 09 402 8431
Freephone: 0800 TUCKER (882 537)
Email: info@tucker.co.nz www.tucker.co.nz

The Good Ship
R•TUCKER•THOMPSON
BAY of ISLANDS ★ NEW ZEALAND

Sail Training Trust

**HISTORIC NORTHLAND
VOYAGE**

*Learning for life
through the sea*



EXPLORE HISTORY

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.

Northland's tall ship the R. Tucker Thompson, in partnership with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, has developed an interactive voyage that explores these events and key Treaty stories in the land and seascapes where they actually occurred. Through the experience of literally sailing into the historic context of the Treaty of Waitangi, of living on board and sharing these narratives from deck and on shore, an insight like no other is gained.

Our voyage of discovery takes place on board Northland's own tall ship, the R. Tucker Thompson. The 5-day voyage of discovery will take you to places redolent with our nation's keystone stories, from Kupe to the present: through Pehhairangi, the Bay of Islands, up the coast past Matauri Bay to Whangaroa and back. On the sea we sail in their wake, on the land we tread in their footsteps. 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 around 0900 in the morning returning around 3.15 pm in the afternoon. Dates for the 2010 year are given below but may be subject to change, so please check our website or contact 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.

Friday 16 – Tuesday 20 April 2010

Saturday 9 – Wednesday 13 October 2010

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!

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.

