



Welcome to Great Barrier Island, New Zealand's answer to Paradise.

With its white, sandy beaches and thermal hot springs; its crystal-clear waters for snorkelling and diving; and its verdant forests for fabulous nature walks, Great Barrier Island offers everything for the independent traveller who wants to get away from it all to a simpler way of life. In keeping with this, Manuka Lodge offers affordable self-contained accommodation. Set among tranquil gardens and utilising solar power and rainwater, Manuka Lodge is just the place for you to relax in.

The Lodge

Manuka Lodge is a small owner/operated establishment with two self-contained studio units. Each unit has a private balcony with views of the harbour and gulf and is suitable for two guests.

- Modern Decor
- Ensuite with fully equipped kitchens
- Wonderful sunsets
- Close proximity to shops / restaurants / cafes
- 200m from safe swimming beach

Rates

\$100 per unit/per night minimum 2 nights

Each room is available from midday and the checkout time is 10am.

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Notes On Great Barrier Island

To arrive on Great Barrier is like stepping back in time. Although the main roads from Claris to Tryphena are now paved, there isn't any mains power, or piped water. Residents either have solar panels and/or generators or do without. There are some private dams, but the majority of people collect rainwater and store it in tanks.

For these reasons Great Barrier Island is the place to go when you want to slow down and enjoy life.

There are a few things to remember:

- Back in time, cash was the way to go and there are no banks on the island. However, transactions can also be done through online banking. Or if you have an NZ bank account, some places accept EFTPOS. A very few places accept credit cards, but only Visa or MasterCard.
- It's great to get away from ringing phones, but, if you do need to stay in touch, remember that there is very little coverage for cell phones. Telecom has the best coverage, with Telstra coming next. 2^o piggy-backs Vodafone, but this coverage is poor.
- Because everything must be transported to the island, food and drink is expensive. If you are coming to stay for any length of time, it is best to bring what you can with you. However, on flights your luggage (total checked and cabin) is restricted to 15kgs.
- You can bring your vehicle over by ferry but, depending on your length of stay, it may work out cheaper to hire a car. There are plenty available, and one is only 200m from Manuka Lodge. Both diesel and 91 octane are available.
- Get into the spirit of the island by not bringing anything that needs electricity.

How To Find Us

By sea: there are 2 ferries which come to the island — [Sealink](#) and [Fullers](#).

A transfer from the wharf can be arranged with [Great Barrier Travel](#) or Great Barrier Island Tours.

By air: there are 2 companies which fly to the island — [Fly My Sky](#) and [Great Barrier Air](#).

To get to Manuka Lodge in Tryphena a transfer can be arranged with [Great Barrier Buses](#) (Phone +64 9 429 0062).

There are other tours and transport around the island. A good overview can be found at [Great Barrier Island Tourism](#)'s web site.

What To Bring... Or Not!

- Manuka Lodge provides all linen, towels, cooking necessities and complimentary tea and coffee — max out your weight allowance with basic food items, so your expenses are limited to fresh veg and meat.
- Manuka Lodge has a book exchange so you don't have to use too much of your weight allowance on reading material.
- Great Barrier Island is all about the simple life. Manuka Lodge has electricity, but you can save luggage space by leaving at home all those electrical items such as hair driers and Playstation!
- Do remember to pack your camera, though — and extra film if it's not digital.
- Don't forget your sunblock, and bring any special medications you may need. There is a pharmacy on the island, but unusual items have to be ordered in.
- Cash to pay your way.