

## DIVE TUTUKAKA

Washed by warm currents sweeping south from the Coral Sea, the Poor Knights Islands are an international icon 23km off the Tutukaka Coast. The island's volcanic origins provide a myriad of spectacular drop offs, walls, caves, arches and tunnels, all inhabited by an amazing array of underwater life including seals, dolphins and whales.

The complex underwater landscape is a unique environment and a complete marine reserve. With extraordinary diversity, beauty and density, over 125 species of fish share this environment with soft corals, encrusting sponges, vibrant anemones, ecklonia kelp forests, mating sting rays, gorgonian fans and myriad other life forms. A dive at the Poor Knights is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Above the tide line, the islands are equally impressive. Isolated from the mainland for thousands of years a unique blend of plants, animals and insects has evolved, with the world's largest sea cave, the largest insect, and the tuatara, the world's only surviving dinosaur. This is Middle Earth in the Middle of the Ocean. A dramatic Maori history adds to the experience.

Day trips include snorkeling, sightseeing, kayaking, diving and dive training for all levels.

Dive Tutukaka is New Zealand's largest dive charter operator, Qualmark endorsed, and an elite PADI Centre with National Geographic, operating 7 purpose-designed dive boats that ensure small groups and personal service from professional crew. Multiple industry award winners including Supreme NZ Tourism Award Winners 2006, PADI Member Awards 2005.

### PACKAGE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

- Poor Knights Islands Wonderland is a full day excursion including a cruise to the islands, a dive briefing, full equipment and two dives
- Full day Twin Wrecks Steel Adventure takes divers to the Navy wrecks of HMNZS Tui and HMNZS Waikato. Guiding is an important part of a Twin Wrecks Steel Adventure
- For the non-divers, there is Poor Knights Sightseeing Cruise. Relax on board your modern vessel or snorkel the clear waters or kayak the many caves and bays of the Islands
- Dive Tutukaka also provide a full range of Dive and Speciality Courses to suit all levels and interests

