

Directions to and from Legs 5 & 6, 2024

Leg 5 - 2024

You can either drive or fly from Auckland Airport (AKL) to [Bay of Islands-Kerikeri Airport](#) (KKE). The drive is 3.5 hrs and 266km.

[Budget](#), (least expensive) Hertz and Avis have one-way rentals with drop off at Kerikeri Airport. You'll need to take a [taxi](#) from the airport to Paihia, where I recommend [Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands](#).

[Air New Zealand](#) has at least three direct flights daily from Auckland to Kerikeri and flight time is under one hour. Flights depart from Auckland Airport's domestic terminal, a short walk from the international terminal.

We will meet for safety orientation at 6pm on November 8 at [Pahia Pacific Resort Hotel](#). This orientation will last 30 minutes, and I can take any unneeded bags to the boat at that time.

I will pick you up from [Pahia Pacific Resort Hotel](#) at 4pm November 9 and take you to the boat.

Bay of Islands is a gorgeous sub-tropical area with few shops or services, so if you need to purchase any sailing clothes, Auckland or Whangarei are best. Even better, bring everything you'll need with you!

Leg 5 ends November 18 at 8 am in Whangarei, and the [Whangarei Airport](#) (WRE) is a 10-minute (8.5 km) taxi from the marina where we'll be berthed. You can either fly with Air New Zealand to Auckland International Airport (40 minutes) or rent a car from Budget, Hertz or Avis at Whangarei Airport for the 2.5-hour, 190 km scenic drive to Auckland Airport.

Leg 6 - 2024

Leg 6 departs from Whangarei Town Basin, 10 minutes, 8.5 km from [Whangarei Airport](#) (WRE). You can either drive or fly from Auckland to Whangarei. The scenic drive is 2.5 hours and 190 km and Budget, Hertz and Avis have one-way rentals with drop-off at Whangarei Airport.

Air New Zealand has at least two direct, 40-minute flights daily from Auckland to Whangarei.

In Whangarei I recommend the [Distinction Whangarei Hotel](#) where we'll have a 30-minute safety briefing on November 19 at 6pm. The hotel is across the street from where we'll be moored.

Leg 6 ends November 29th a taxi ride from [Bay of Islands-Kerikeri Airport](#) (KKE). From this airport you can either fly with Air New Zealand (3 direct flights daily, under 1 hour), or rent a car from Budget, Hertz or Avis for the 3.5-hour, 266 km scenic drive to Auckland Airport.

[Intercity Bus](#) is a less expensive option (from US\$30) for each expedition www.intercity.co.nz.

Please email me if you have any questions: sailing@mahina.com.

See you soon!