



## 2020 / 2021 Mitiaro Homestays



Every island in the Cook Islands in some way is distinctive. In Mitiaro's case it lies with the two inland lakes of Rotonui (Big Lake) and Rotoiti (Small Lake). Rotonui is half the size of the island and with Rotoiti, between them make up a large part of Mitiaro. The lakes teem with eels (*itiki*). Itiki is like caviar to the Islands inhabitants. When wrapped in leaves & baked in the umu (earth oven) it vanishes in a flash at any feast.

Mitiaro was once a volcano that sank into the ocean becoming a coral atoll. On the island you'll find some of the most stunning subterranean limestone caves & pools to be found in the Pacific. The volcanic soil of the interior supports the growing of kumara (sweet potatoes), coconuts, bananas, and citrus fruits. The island has an airstrip located on the northern coast. Air Rarotonga flies from Rarotonga to Mitiaro, 3-4 times a week. It's a short flight of 50 minutes.



At just 200, its population is one of the smallest in the Cook Islands and with less than twenty cars on the island, the pace of life – languid and lovely – is something to be cherished in a world propelled by machines and money.

Cook Islands Tours gives you the opportunity to live like a local on Mitiaro and venture where very few have. However it was the expressed wish of its people to have a low key, unobtrusive tourist industry that will bring benefit directly to the people. A unique type of home-stay was designed which gives visitors and hosts alike the most comfortable experience on the island. So far three families have built traditional purpose built thatched huts for three host families to cater for visitors.



Mitiaro is a lifestyle experience holiday which you can have snippets of just a few days or a total getaway of a week or more !

### **3 NIGHT PACKAGE**

Travel 01 September 2020 – 31 March 2022

**NZ\$799**

Includes

- ✓ 3 nights Mitiaro accommodation in a traditional hut with private facilities for 2 people
- ✓ Return airport transfers on Mitiaro Island
- ✓ 3 meals a day

Extra nights **NZ\$300**

Airfares Rarotonga – Mitiaro – Rarotonga are additional.

