

## **DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO CLOUD 9 VILLA RUSSELL**

### **Instructions from AUCKLAND AIRPORT to RUSSELL: approx. 3hrs 30mins**

Take Auckland City exit from airport, which becomes SH1 towards Whangarei. There is a Northern Toll Gate on the road past Auckland (current car toll \$2.00) which can however be avoided if desired by a well sign-posted alternative before the toll gate – this is more scenic and will add only 15 mins to the journey time. Continue on SH1 past Whangarei to Kawakawa, then branch off on SH11 – direction Russell/Pahia & Opuia. Turn right at Opuia to the car ferry – cash only fare around \$20, no prebooking – which operates a shuttle across to Russell every 20 minutes or so 0640 – 2200. The ferry takes 10 mins and on arrival you will enter Russell on Matauwhi Rd. Drive north toward Robertson St (0.4km). Continue on Baker Street 0.2km) and then turn right at Chapel St (0.2km). Chapel St turns slightly left and becomes Oneroa Rd (0.4km). Turn right at Russell Heights Road. Cloud 9 Villa is at the top of the hill and clearly signposted.

**IMPORTANT:** if you are using a GPS navigation device program it for OPUA not Russell otherwise you will be taken by road all the way to Russell via a circuitous, and in parts winding, route adding about an hour to the travel time. However if you have time to spare this alternative is more scenic!

### **Instructions from KERIKERI AIRPORT (several daily flights from Auckland) to Russell: approx 1 hour**

Take left turn on leaving airport and after 3km turn right at the roundabout heading to Pahia – SH10, then at Puketona turn left onto SH11 continuing towards Pahia. At the shoreline turn right at the roundabout; carry on for approx. 8kms, through Pahia township to signage for Opuia and downhill to the ferry (then see above). Again if using a GPS device program for Opuia not Russell. Drive north toward Robertson St (0.4km). Continue on Baker Street 0.2km) and then turn right at Chapel St (0.2km). Chapel St turns slightly left and becomes Oneroa Rd (0.4km). Turn right at Russell Heights Road. Cloud 9 Villa is at the top of the hill and clearly signposted.

