

The Coromandel Explorer Walk



**Summits, Shores and
Secret Trails.**

4 Days, 3 Nights

Graded Challenging



Tour Cost (NZD)

2026 / 2027

Tour Cost: \$2,100

Single Supplement: \$300

Tour Highlights

- Rugged Pinnacles
- Panoramic views
- Historical goldworks
- Ancient kauri forest
- Glistening beaches



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The Tour at a Glance

Experience parts of this stunning region most visitors never see. Hike through native forest, climb sacred peaks, explore abandoned gold mines, and relax on white sandy beaches. You'll visit the iconic Pinnacles, take in panoramic coastal views, and walk among ancient kauri trees. Along the way, enjoy rich history, glistening bays, and great company. Stay in charming boutique cabins, travel with a small group and your guide who brings the Coromandel's stories to life.

Trip Grading: Challenging

Ideal for anyone comfortable walking over 20km on partially formed tracks and roads with some steep inclines and possibly some easy stream crossings. Distances are not always an accurate measure of the effort required, as a number of the walks involve hill climbs.

Pre-tour

We'll collect you from your central Rotorua accommodation between 8.00am and 8:30am or from your central Matamata accommodation around 9:30am. To avoid a rushed start after a flight, we recommend you arrive a day early and enjoy exploring the city at leisure.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1	Rotorua to Coromandel, via Matamata	5km
Day 2	The Legendary Coromandel Coastal Walkway	12km
Day 3	The Kauaeranga Kauri Trail: The Pinnacles	16km
Day 4	Epic East Coast	5kms

About your guide

Our guides are very experienced, friendly walkers and bikers who love to share their knowledge of New Zealand's flora and fauna and local history.

They all hold current first aid certificates, passenger driving licences and are the very best people to ensure your experience will be one to remember.



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Day 1 Rotorua to Coromandel, via Matamata (5km, 3-4hrs)

We'll collect you from central Rotorua (8:00–8:30am) or Matamata (around 9:30am) and start our adventure with a 5km hike to the top of Wairere Falls—an old Māori trail leading to the North Island's tallest waterfall, with sweeping views over the Waikato Basin.

Then it's north along the stunning Coromandel coast, past mussel farms and sea views, to the lively charm of Coromandel Town. Time permitting, we'll stroll among ancient kauri trees at Long Bay Scenic Reserve.

Settle into our peaceful accommodation—perfect for a sunset platter and something chilled in hand.

MEALS INCLUDED: L D

Day 2 The Legendary Coromandel Coastal Walkway (12km, 6-7hrs)

Kick off the day with a hearty breakfast in the lodge's alfresco setting, surrounded by native bush and birdsong. Then we're off to the northern tip of the Coromandel for one of the country's best coastal hikes.

Starting at the stunning Fletcher Bay, we follow a historic gold miners' trail with epic views of the Pacific, Great Barrier Island, and Mt. Moehau.

The track winds through farmland and bush to the remote Poley Bay, an ideal spot for a scenic picnic and classic Coromandel views.

MEALS INCLUDED: B L D

Day 3 The Kauaeranga Kauri Trail: The Pinnacles (16km, 6-7hrs)

We head south into the hidden gem of Kauaeranga Valley, home to the dramatic Pinnacles range, remnants of ancient volcanic peaks shaped by time.

The trail winds through regenerating kauri forest, past a historic kauri dam, and up to Pinnacles Hut. From there, a short scramble leads to jaw-dropping 360° views across the entire Coromandel Peninsula.

Prefer a slower pace? Stay back and explore Coromandel Town, visit the Driving Creek Railway, browse artisan shops, and soak up local colour in its vibrant cafés.

In the evening, we come together for dinner at an award-winning local restaurant—think fresh, regional flavours and great local wines.

MEALS INCLUDED: B L D

Day 4 Epic East Coast (5km, 2-3hrs)

This morning, we're off to one of the world's top beaches, New Chums Beach. With its white sand, crescent shape, and lush fringe of pōhutukawa and nīkau palms, it's a true slice of paradise. No roads, no buildings just nature at its finest. (Tide dependent walk.)

After a café recharge nearby, we head to sunny Whitianga for a relaxed picnic lunch with views over beautiful Buffalo Beach.

On the way back, we'll take a short, easy stroll to the towering kauri trees on the 309 Kauri Walk—an inspiring finale to the trip.

We'll have you back in Thames (3–4pm), Matamata (4–5pm), or Rotorua (5–6pm) in time for your onward journey.

MEALS INCLUDED: B L



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What's Included



Accommodation in a comfortable cabin with a native bush setting, all rooms with ensuite facilities



All meals during the tour—great local cuisine



Matamata & Rotorua Transfers



Fully qualified, knowledgeable guide



DOC concession fees



Please Note:

Rooms are double or twin, either one queen bed or two separate beds. If you have a preference for a twin room please let us know when you make your booking. Solo travellers can choose to share or pay a single supplement for a private room.

Dietary needs? We're happy to cater for gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian diets—just let us know at time of booking.

What's Not Included

Alcohol - We provide a complimentary glass of local wine or beer with your evening meal at the lodge. You are welcome to bring a small amount of alcohol for personal consumption.

Pre- and post-tour accommodation



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Your travel check list:

The following is a list of recommended items. Please also use your own experience to supplement this list. If you're unsure about anything, feel free to contact us. Raincoats, back packs, and hiking poles can be organised for you at no cost but these need to be pre booked.

Avoid walking in cotton, jeans, or silk — they dry slowly and can leave you feeling damp and cold. Instead, dress in three layers: a moisture-wicking base (merino or polypropylene), an insulating middle layer, and a waterproof outer layer for wind and rain protection. You can handwash at the accommodation if necessary.



✓	Waterproof rain jacket with hood (a must) and waterproof over trousers (if you have them)
	Boots or sturdy walking shoes with ankle support, spare laces
	Thermals (top and bottom) merino or polypropylene are recommended
	Polar fleece jacket or top (mid layer)
	Gloves, warm hat
	Woolen or thermal hikers socks 3-4 pair
	Hiking shorts or zip off long trousers (quick-dry fabric-no jeans). Gaiters, if you have them.
	Drink Bottle
	Medium size (35-40l) day pack with waterproof liner
	Camera/ phone and charger/ torch
	Sun hat , sun glasses sun block,
	Swimsuit and small towel
	One set of casual wear for the evening, including casual shoes or sandals
	Personal toiletries and essential medications, a small personal first aid kit, insect repellent
	Hiking Poles (if you normally use them)



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Frequently asked questions:

How do I book a tour?

A deposit of \$300 per person confirms your place and can be paid via credit card (Visa or Mastercard, no surcharge) through our website: <https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/make-a-payment/>, or by bank transfer to Tuatara Tours NZ Ltd: 01 0797 0308837 00.

When is the balance due?

The final balance is due 90 days prior to departure. A reminder will be sent via email. You're welcome to pay in instalments, as long as the full amount is received by the due date.

What if I need to cancel?

Our cancellation policy for the Coromandel Explorer Walk is:

- Outside 60 days, Non refundable deposit, date changes are possible but deposits are non-refundable
- 60-31 days, 30% cancellation fee
- Within 30 days 100% cancellation fee

These terms are non negotiable so we strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance in case of unforeseen events. This tour is operated in conjunction with a local tour operator, Walking Legends.

How big are the groups?

Our tours typically accommodate up to 12 people, though we can cater to larger groups on request.

Do I have to share a room?

Tours are priced on a twin-share basis (two people per room). Let us know if you prefer a queen bed or two singles. Solo travellers will be paired with another solo of the same gender, or you can opt to pay a single supplement for your own room.

Am I fit enough?

The Coromandel Explorer Walk is graded challenging, suited to walkers with an above average fitness level. You should feel confident walking over 20km on partially formed tracks and roads with some steep inclines, stairs and some small stream crossings. Trails can be uneven underfoot with rocks and tree roots. Not sure if it's right for you? Just give our team a call — we're happy to chat.

How much luggage can I bring?

Space is limited, so we ask that you bring one small day pack and one overnight bag or suitcase (maximum 20kg).

Complimentary hire of raincoats, backpacks, and hiking poles is available by prior arrangement.

When is the best time to do the tour?

Our season runs from October to April. Tours run in all weather, so come prepared. Please refer to our gear list for what to bring.

Can you pick me up for the tour?

We offer pick-ups and drop-offs from selected locations in central Rotorua and Matamata. Unfortunately, we cannot collect guests from Airbnb properties or private homes in residential suburbs.



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What time do we return to Rotorua?

On the final day, we aim to drop you back in Matamata between 4–5pm, and in Rotorua between 5–6pm—perfect timing for your onward travel or a relaxed evening back in town.

Is breakfast included on the first day?

Please have breakfast before your pick-up on the first day, as the tour begins immediately afterward. From then on, all meals are included as per your itinerary.

What kind of meals are provided?

You'll enjoy nourishing meals crafted from local ingredients, packed picnic lunches with tasty sandwiches or wraps, trail snacks, chocolate, fresh fruit, and plenty of hot drinks to keep you going. Start your day with a delicious continental breakfast, and each evening, unwind with a complimentary glass of local wine or a refreshing local craft beer.

What facilities are available at the lodge?

All three nights are spent at the same comfortable lodge, so you can really settle in. Each cabin has its own ensuite bathroom, along with bath towels, linen, and cozy blankets. Set in native bush, the lodge is a little oasis of calm, surrounded by bush and birdsong. Wi-Fi is available in your room, though speeds may slow down a bit during peak times.

Is there a drying room at the Lodge?

There are no drying rooms available but plenty of wide, covered verandas for hanging wet gear.

Is alcohol included?

A complimentary glass of local wine or beer is included with your evening meal and you are also welcome to bring your own alcoholic beverages for personal consumption at the lodge if you wish.

Do I need hiking boots?

We strongly recommend well-fitting walking boots with good tread and ankle support. After periods of rain certain sections of trail can be muddy, so hiking boots will be best to tackle this. On the day where we do the Kauaeranga Kauri Trail/The Pinnacles track, hiking boots are a must-have as the trail has tree roots, rocks and patches of uneven terrain.

Do I carry a full pack?

No! You'll only carry your day pack with essentials: wet weather gear, lunch, drink bottle, sunhat, etc. Since you return to the same lodge each night, there's no need to bring your full luggage on the trail. We have raincoats, day packs and pairs of hiking poles that you are welcome to borrow for the trip, just let us know in advance if you need to hire any equipment.

Are the tours guided?

Yes, the Coromandel Explorer Walk is a fully guided experience. Your guide will bring local knowledge to enhance your journey, and ensure your safety and comfort along the way.



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Pickup Points

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Prince's Gate Hotel
Central Rotorua

The Prince's Gate is a centrally located, mid-range hotel—perfect for a pre- or post-tour stay. We're happy to meet you there, or at another central Rotorua hotel or motel of your choice. Just let us know where you'll be staying, and we'll confirm your pickup time.

Tuatara Conservation

We're proud supporters of tuatara conservation. We've adopted "BP"—a juvenile tuatara at Orana Park in Christchurch, helping ensure the future of this amazing native species.



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Contract

This contract is between Tuatara Tours and you, the client—defined as any person travelling or intending to travel on a tour operated by Tuatara Tours. The contract, including all matters arising from it, is governed by New Zealand law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts. Only employees or directors of Tuatara Tours have the authority to vary or omit any of the terms stated herein.

Cancellation Policy Due to Travel Restrictions

If your trip is impacted by travel restrictions imposed by the New Zealand government or any other government, Tuatara Tours will either work with you to transfer your trip to a future date at no additional cost, or provide a full refund.

Price

All prices are quoted in New Zealand dollars and include 15% GST. Prices are based on rates current at the time of publishing. Tuatara Tours reserves the right to modify prices without notice if deemed necessary or appropriate.

Accommodation on organised tours is based on twin or double share. Solo travellers will be paired with another traveller of the same sex. A single supplement is available upon request.

Confirmation of Booking

Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of the full tour price, which is due 90 days prior to the start of the tour. Tuatara Tours and its agents reserve the right to decline any booking at their discretion.

Cancellation

If a client wishes to cancel a Tour the following charges will be applied: (Unless stated otherwise)

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Travel Insurance

Tuatara Tours strongly recommends that clients take out travel insurance, including tour cancellation cover and any other relevant insurances. It is the client's responsibility to ensure adequate coverage. Tuatara Tours cannot be held liable for any failure to obtain appropriate insurance.

Medical Conditions

You must inform us at the time of booking of any medical condition, history, or medication you are currently taking.

Changes to Tours

Tuatara Tours will make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. However, reasonable changes to the itinerary may be made if deemed necessary or advisable. Clients will be informed of any changes as soon as reasonably possible. Where a tour service must be substituted, a service of similar quality and standard will be provided.

Weather

Adverse weather may prevent planned activities from proceeding as scheduled. The tour guide may decide to alter the itinerary based on weather conditions, prioritising group safety. Tuatara Tours and its contracted suppliers are not responsible for changes resulting from weather-related circumstances.



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In any adventure activity, there is an element of risk involved. Risks in undertaking this activity include (but are not limited to): hypothermia, heat exhaustion, physical injury caused by environment i.e. rock falls, and physical injury caused by self, i.e. falling over.

The staff and management of Tuatara Tours and any of its agency partners take all practicable steps to identify and minimise potential dangers. The Operator makes all arrangements for all tours on the condition that it shall not be liable for any sickness, injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, either directly or indirectly, by reason of any defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, by weather, by any other cause, or through acts of default of a company or person engaged in conveying the passengers, or in carrying out arrangements for these activities.

We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance prior to your trip.

By participating in this activity, you are expressly assuming those risks and responsibilities and are, to the maximum extent permitted by law releasing the Operator, its officers, employees, directors, agents and any other person associated with us, from any liability, claims, loss, damages or expenses (whatsoever and irrespective of whether direct, indirect or consequential) caused by any event including but not limited to: personal injury or death; property loss or damage; acts which may be construed as negligible or accidental; any other loss, damage, suffering, emotional or nervous disorder suffered by you or any other person in relation to this activity. You accept that you have been advised to obtain adequate travel insurance for all persons named on the booking.

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- My successors, executors and administrators are bound by the Terms and Conditions;
- I agree not to commence any litigation proceedings in any country in relation to the risks and liabilities set out above and to indemnify the Operator against any claims;
- I confirm and warrant I am physically fit and suffer no medical conditions, which may affect my ability to participate in the activity;
- I confirm I am aware that professional medical assistance may be difficult and/or take some time to access due to the remote areas in which we are travelling;
- I consent to receive medical treatment in the case of injury, accident or illness during the activity and to indemnify the Operator against any claims, costs or expenses in respect of the treatment;
- I agree that any film, sound, video or other recordings taken of or during the activity will not be used in any production, or advertising without prior consent of the Operator, however the Operator may use such recordings itself at its complete discretion without any prior approval; and
- I agree to listen to my driver/guide/host, follow their instructions and make sure any children in my care do the same. Furthermore, the Operator will not be responsible for any personal injury and or property damage caused by you and any costs for such injury / damage will be your responsibility.



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Custom Tours Available

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Tuataka Tours is proud to be in an official partnership with Ngā Haerenga The New Zealand Cycle Trail.

The objective of the partnership is to create a nationwide network of cycle trails that connect the Great Rides with the rest of New Zealand.



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