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4 Days, 3 Nights

Challenging Grade



# tour highlights

- Historical goldworks
- Glistening beaches
- Ancient kauri forest
- Great company
- Experienced attentive guide

This tour is operated by another operator.



Single Supplement:

tour cost:

NZD\$300

2025 / 2026

NZD\$1950

**tours run:** The Coromandel Explorer Walk departs Rotorua and Matamata every second Monday, from late October to April.









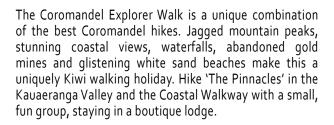
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# the tour

35 - 45km (21 - 27 miles)

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- 4 day / 3 night New Zealand guided walking tour
- 4-7 hours hiking each day over varied terrain
- Carry a day pack only
- · Enthusiastic and experienced guides
- Complementary gear hire on request
- Includes: cooked or continental breakfasts; generous packed trail lunches, snacks & hot drinks; delicious 2-course dinners with NZ wine or beer, including a meal at an award-winning local restaurant; return transfers from Rotorua or Matamata; 3-star boutique lodge accommodation with ensuites; Whitianga ferryboat ride.



at a glance

Day 1 Coromandel Walks 3-4 hours walking
Day 2 Coastal Walkway 6-7 hours walking
Day 3 The Pinnacles 6-7 hours walking
Day 4 Eastern Epic 2-3 hours walking

# trip grading

To determine the grade of a particular adventure we consider a number of factors. These include the condition of the terrain, the altitude, the number of pass crossings and the length of the trip.

**The Coromandel Explorer Walk** is graded Challenging: An above average level of fitness: Challenging: An above average level of fitness, Walk 20+km, on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times.

# about your guides

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 and are the very best people to ensure your experience will be one to remember.











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# itinerary

# Day 1 Rotorua to Coromandel, via Matamata

We'll collect you from your central Rotorua accommodation between 8.00am and 8:30am or from your central Matamata accommodation around 9:30am.

First we warm up with a 5km hike to the top of Wairere Falls, an old Māori pack trail leading to the North Island's highest waterfall, where we can view the verdant Waikato Basin from two lookouts over-hanging 153 metres of thunderous waterfall.

As we continue north, enjoy views out over the mussel farms of the Hauraki Gulf from one of New Zealand's classic coastal drives, the Coromandel West Coast. We arrive in Coromandel Town, a charming seaside settlement rich in pioneering history and a bustling wee village in the summer months. If time allows, we'll call in at Long Bay Scenic Reserve – this little-known trail circuits a grove of magnificent 330 year old Kauri trees – New Zealand's very own forest giants that grow up to 50 metres tall.

At last we reach our lovely, peaceful accommodation where we can watch the sunset from the verandah, graze over a platter of fresh fruits and cheese with a glass of wine or ice-cold brew.

3-4 hours walking (Lunch, Dinner)

# Day 2 The Legendary Coromandel Coastal Walkway

Enjoy a hearty breakfast in the alfresco dining area of the lodge, surrounded by native bush and birdsong.

We then head north to the tip of the Coromandel Peninsula to hike one of the best coastal walks in the country. We begin our hike at Fletcher Bay, a picture-perfect isolated beach flanked by green hills and white sand. This historic trail follows an old bridle path once used by gold miners who populated the Coromandel region in colonial times.

The views from the track of the Pacific Ocean, Great Barrier Island and Mt. Moehau are well worth the climb.

The track passes through farmland and native bush to reach the remote and beautiful Poley Bay – a fantastic beach for a picnic! This stretch of coastline offers all the dramatic views that encapsulate the Coromandel..

6 - 7 hours walking (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)









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# itinerary continued

# Day 3 The Kauaeranga Kauri Trail: The Pinnacles

This morning we head south and enter the hidden world of the Kauaeranga Valley, home to the majestic Pinnacles range. The entire length of the Coromandel Peninsula was once a chain of volcanic cones. This chain has since been eroded and weathered to form the spectacular series of outcrops you see today.

The Pinnacles trail climbs through re-generating kauri forest, passing one of NZ's best-preserved kauri dams, eventually cresting the top of the range to reach the Pinnacles Hut. From the hut, a scramble to the top of the Pinnacles rock formation rewards you with 360° views of the entire Coromandel Peninsula and beyond.

If the Pinnacles isn't your style and you would prefer a more relaxing day you have the option of staying in and exploring Coromandel Township. Highlights include the Driving Creek Railway, local artisan workshops, colourful cafes, and Kiwi culture.

Tonight we dine in an award-winning local restaurant, where we'll have a chance to sample some of the region's best local food and wine.

6-7 hours walking (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

# Day 4 Epic East Coast

This morning we visit one of the top twenty beaches in the world, New Chums Beach. An unforgettable white sand, crescent moon-shaped beach, fringed by pohutukawa and nikau palms. Finding a secluded beach with no signs of man is an experience not to be missed! (Please note that this walk is dependent on tides)

After a restorative café pit-stop nearby, we'll carry on around for a refreshing picnic lunch overlooking Buffalo Beach in sunny, vibrant Whitianga. Continuing around the east coast, we'll visit the 309 Kauri walk, an easy 30 minute stroll to a beautiful grove of majestic kauri trees, then have you safely back to either Thames between 3 – 4pm, Matamata between 4 – 5pm or Rotorua between 5 – 6pm to meet your onward travel connections.

2 - 3 hours walking (Breakfast, Lunch)









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# what is included

### Accommodation

We stay in boutique accommodation just outside of Coromandel township with lovely bush views and delightful alfresco dining areas.

Twin, double and triple studio cabins with ensuite bathrooms. Single supplement is an extra \$300 per person.

Twin configuration consists of a queen bed below and a single bunk bed above.

## Food

You will enjoy great local cuisine; continental breakfasts and hearty packed lunches during the day, and either restaurant meals or wholesome home-cooked fare prepared by your host/hostess in the evenings.

If you have any dietary issues or food allergies, we are happy to cater for these, please advise the office of details when you make your booking.

All meals, snacks are included. Wine and other beverages are available to be purchased during dinners.

## Luggage

Transport of all your luggage for the duration of the tour.
All you carry is a small day pack with your personal gear, drink and lunch. We do the rest

## An experienced and fully qualified guide

## All transport

## Access and Concession fees paid to the Department of Conservation

## NZ Goods and Service Tax (GST)

### Safety and Risk Management

To ensure maximum safety for all, our guides are certified first aiders and fully qualified drivers. Tuatara Tours operate under a Safety and Risk Management Plan which is regularly audited and approved by a qualified and independent auditor.

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# what is not included

- pre and post tour accommodation
- personal expenses
- gratuities, tipping is not expected in NZ but gratefully received. It is at your discretion whether or not to reward for excellent service









# pre tour checklist

Please ensure you have the following items for your walking tour.

Essential Items
Day pack
Warm hat & gloves
Drink bottle or camel bak – 2 litre capacity
Personal toiletries, shampoo, and any essential medications
Sunscreen, sunglasses & sunhat
Camera & charger
Clothing
Hiking Boots (sturdy boots, preferably with ankle support, worn in please!)
Waterproof rain coat with hood (we lend raincoats by prior arrangement)
Socks (about 3 pairs, wool is best)
Shorts or light weight trousers for walking
Thermal leggings or long-johns to wear while walking
Thermal long sleeved shirt (polypro or wool)
Short-sleeved shirts (preferably polypropylene or wool: merino wool is ideal
Long-sleeved shirt or light sweater
Warm wool or polar fleece jersey
Smart/Casual clothes for the evenings
PJ's / sleepwear
Optional Items, these are highly recommended but not essential
Swimsuit & towel (river and hot-pool swimming opportunities may exist)
Walking poles (highly recommended)
Light running/walking shoes or sandals for easy walks
Mobile phone
Book, trip journal etc
Water-proof over trousers
Down or windproof jacket
Blister kit
Head torch or small hand held torch
We Supply

- All meals, snacks, hot & cold drinks
- Linen & bath towels
- Toilet paper & soap

# Please Ensure....

- Ensure you have plenty of warm clothing be prepared for cold mountain weather.
- To prevent the spread of noxious weeds and plant diseases, please clean your boots and walking poles thoroughly before the hike.

We do not recommend you walk in cotton garments, jeans or silk. These fabrics take much longer to dry after perspiration or wet weather and you may feel damp and cold, even inside the best raincoat.

Plan around three layers of clothing, your inner or core layer which should be wool (merino) or polypropylene to trap warmth against the skin, a middle layer, and a top waterproof layer to protect from rain and wind.









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# FAQ's - frequently asked questions

How do we book a tour? The deposit is \$300 per person to confirm your place and can be paid with a credit card through our website at <a href="https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/make-a-payment/">https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/make-a-payment/</a> (we accept Visa or Mastercard with no card surcharges) or by internet banking or bank transfer (New Zealand bank account holders only) to Tuatara Tours NZ Ltd account: o1 0797 0308837 oo. Please use your surname or tour booking number as a reference when making a payment so we can identify it as yours.

When is the balance due? Your final balance is due 90 days prior to departure. We will email you a reminder when this is due. You are welcome to pay in instalments as long as your tour is paid in full by the due date. Please email us each time you make a payment so we can confirm receipt.

What if I need to cancel? Please see our Terms and conditions for our cancellation policy: <a href="https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/terms-conditions/">https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/terms-conditions/</a>. We do recommend you purchase travel insurance to cover you in the case that something unexpected happens and you cannot proceed with your tour.

**How big are the groups?** Normally we take a maximum of 12 people on a tour but are happy to cater to larger groups on request if you are planning to get a group together.

Do I have to share a room? The tours are priced on a twin share basis (2 people to a room), please let us know at the time of booking if you prefer a queen room (one queen bed) or a twin room (2 separate beds). If you are a solo traveller we will room you with another single person of the same gender, or you may wish to pay an additional single supplement to reserve a private room to yourself.

Am I fit enough? As a general guideline we suggest the following activity level guide for our tours:

# Walking Tours:

Easy/Mild: An average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 12km on well-formed tracks and roads with a small amount of incline.

Moderate: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 20km, on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times.

Challenging: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 20+ km, on partially formed tracks and roads, some steep inclines, some easy river and creek crossings.

## **Cycle Tours:**

Previous cycling experience is necessary to comfortably complete a multi-day cycle tour.

Easy/Mild: An average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 25km on well-formed tracks and roads with a small amount of incline.

Moderate: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 45km on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times.

Challenging: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 50+km on partially formed tracks and roads, some off-road, some steep inclines, some easy river and creek crossings.

If you have any concerns about your fitness level, or ability to complete a tour, please call our office staff and we can discuss this further with you.

Can you pick me up for the tour? Yes, if your tour starts in Nelson, Christchurch, Queenstown or Rotorua pickups and drop offs are available at most central city hotels and motels. Pick-ups are not possible at Airbnb properties or in residential suburbs. Please check with our office before you book accommodation if you are not sure about the location of your stay. If your tour departs from Picton we ask you to make your own way to the meeting point on the wharf for the tour departure.





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## Do I have breakfast on the first day or is this included?

Your tour starts after we pick you up on the first day so please come having had breakfast. After this all meals on tour are included for you as per the trip inclusions in your itinerary.

# What sort of food do you provide?

We provide continental breakfasts, either café or packed lunches, and an evening meal either in-house at your accommodation, or dining out at a local restaurant. We can cater for most dietary requests however these need to be advised at the time of booking.

## Do you provide alcohol?

No but this can be purchased each evening with your meal, or you are welcome to bring a small amount for your own personal consumption. BYO is not available when dining at licensed premises.

## Do I need to come ready to walk or cycle?

Yes, please come dressed ready to walk or cycle with your overnight bag packed ready for the transport. During the day you will not have access to your overnight bag so please make sure to have all the items you require for use during the day packed separately. For some of the tours there is a ride of up to several hours in the bus to get to your start location, if you are not comfortable travelling in full walk or cycle gear, please have this readily available to change into before the walk /ride starts.

# Can I fly in/fly out the same day?

Ideally, we recommend you arrive the day prior to your tour and depart the morning after the tour finishes just in case there are any unexpected delays or cancellations to your flights.

## Can I bring my own bike for the cycle tours?

Yes, please make sure it has been serviced and is fit for purpose for the trail you are undertaking. If you are not sure, please check with our office staff on booking.

## What comes with the hire bikes?

Our hire E bikes, and standard bikes all come with a comfortable gel-tech saddle and a rack bag for carrying your jacket, phone, and a drink bottle. Helmets and hi-vis garments are issued with each bike, and as helmets are required by law in New Zealand, we ask riders to wear these at all times while riding. The support vehicle is never far away if you need access to other items of your clothing or equipment.

## How much luggage can I bring on tour?

Space is limited so we would appreciate if you could please keep your luggage to one hand carry and one overnight bag or suitcase. On some of the tour's luggage is transported by boat for you and there are restrictions on the size and weight of bags that can be transported, please check your trip notes for details if you are on the Abel Tasman or Queen Charlotte tours. On some of the hiking tours you may be required to carry your own pack, this is specified in the packing list for your trip.

## Are all your tours quided?

Our walking tours, with the exception of the Queen Charlotte Boat stay tour, are all guided by a knowledgeable local guide, they provide information on the terrain you are passing through as well as logistical support.

On a cycle tour you do not bike with a guide but there is a support vehicle and Tuatara staff with you throughout to help with any bike issues, first aid, trail instructions and to set up for meal breaks. On occasion they will bike part of the trail with you to highlight places of interest or point out directions. If anyone needs to take a break from the riding, you are welcome to make use of the vehicle at any stage.

If there is something we have not covered in these FAQ's please feel free to call **o8oo 377 378** or email our office team for further assistance.

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making an enquiry

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### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Tuatara Tours NZ Limited accepts bookings subject to the following conditions: Contract

This contract is between Tuatara Tours and you the client being any person travelling or intending to travel on a tour supplied by Tuatara Tours as the operator. The contract, including all matters arising from it, is subject to New Zealand law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts. Only Employees and Directors of Tuatara Tours have authority to vary or omit any of the terms.

Cancellation Policy due to travel restriction that is imposed by either the New Zealand government or any other government. Should your trip be impacted by a travel restriction that is imposed by either the New Zealand government or any other government, we will either work with you to transfer your trip to a future date at no additional cost, or provide you with a full refund.

#### Price

The price is quoted in New Zealand dollars and includes GST of 15%. The price is based on prices at time of publishing and Tuatara Tours hereby reserves to modify without notice those prices in any way considered necessary or desirable.

Organised tour accommodations are based on a twin/double share accommodation. Individual travellers will be placed in rooms together with other individual travellers of the same sex. A single supplement is available on request.

#### Confirmation of Booking

Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of the full tour price which is payable 90 days prior to the commencement of the tour. Tuatara Tours or their agents reserve their 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) Non refundable deposit
Outside 60 days, date changes are possible but deposits are non-refundable
31-60 days, 30% cancellation fee
Within 30 days 100% cancellation fee

These cancellation fees are not negotiable, therefore we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance.

### Travel Insurance

Tuatara Tours recommends that the client take out tour cancellation insurance together with all other necessary travel insurances. Obtaining all necessary insurances is the responsibility of you the client and Tuatara Tours can not held liable for any failure on your part to get insurance.

### Medical conditions

When you book you must notify us of any medical condition, medical history or medication that you are on.

### Changes to Tours

Tuatara Tours will use its best endeavours to ensure that all tours are operated as advertised. It may be that reasonable changes in the itinerary may need to be made where is deemed necessary or advisable by Tuatara Tours. Changes will be advised to the client as soon as is reasonably possible. Where a tour service needs to be changed, a substitute or similar quality or standard will be provided.

## Weather

Adverse weather conditions may mean that planned activities cannot proceed as intended. A decision to change an advertised tour based on the weather conditions will be made by a tour guide at the time and is made in the best interest of the group and their safety. Tuatara Tours and or their contracted suppliers can not be held responsible to any changes as a result of the weather.

### General conditions

Tuatara Tours, its agents, contractors and guides do not accept responsibility or liability for loss, damage to, or theft of personal belongings (owners risk) or for any expenses, including medical and transport expenses arising from a personal accident, injury, illness, or hospitalisation. Tuatara Tours and their guides reserve the right to make any alterations to the itinerary in the interest of safety, or unforeseen circumstances due to causes such as weather, illness or misadventure. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to keep to published schedules but no guarantee is given. Tuatara Tours will not be held liable for costs incurred by change, delay or the missing of connecting services. Tuatara Tours reserves the right to exclude a person from a tour at any time, if in the opinion of the guide or operator, that person may be likely to risk the health, safety or comfort (including unsociable behaviour) of other clients, him or herself or the environment. In such circumstances, Tuatara Tours will not be obliged to offer any refund or transfer ticket. These terms and conditions apply to each participant including in a group booking. Where a booking is made on behalf of a group or two or more people then each participant in the group must be made aware of and accept these terms and conditions.









### RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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.

Tongariro National Park is an active volcanic area, and eruptions from any of the volcanoes can happen at any time. Early warning systems and alarms are in place that indicate times of increased volcanic activity, however events can occur without any warning.

The staff and management of TuataraTours 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.

In participating in the activity, the customer agrees to be bound by the following conditions:

- 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;
- 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. You shall indemnify the Operator in relation to such costs.

# **NZ Walking Tours**

The Akaroa Walk
The Queenstown Ben Lomond Walk
The Queen Charlotte Walk
The West Coast Trail
The Hump Ridge Track Walk
The Coromandel Explorer Walk
The Tongariro Crossing Walk
The Waikaremoana Discovery
Great Barrier Island Escape
The Abel Tasman Walk - 3 Days
The Abel Tasman Walk - 5 Days
The Abel Tasman Walk/Kayak - 3 Days
The Abel Tasman Walk/Kayak - 5 Days
Bucket List Walk

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The West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail
The Queenstown Cycle Trail
The Otago Rail Trail
The Tasman Great Taste Trail and
Golden Bay Explorer

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