



COROMANDEL EXPLORER

ITINERARY



Jagged mountain peaks, stunning coastal views, waterfalls, abandoned gold mines and glistening white sand beaches make this a uniquely “kiwi” walking holiday. The trip involves four to seven hours hiking each day with a variety of grades from easy to hard. You will carry a daypack only; your guides take care of the rest. Hike the Kauaeranga Kauri Trail, “The Pinnacles” and Coastal Walkway. Small groups staying in boutique, 3-4 star (and super friendly) lodge accommodation near Coromandel Town.

LENGTH	4 days
GRADE	C (Moderate to hard walking))
START	Rotorua 8:30am or Matamata 9:30am (approx.). From accommodation or Info Centre
FINISH	Matamata - 5:00 pm or Rotorua - 6:00 pm (approx.)
DEPARTURES	2024: Sept: 30 Oct: 28 Nov: 11, 25 Dec: 9 2025: Jan: 7, 20 Feb: 3, 17 Mar: 3, 17 Apr: 7, 21
PRICE	1 May 2024 – 30 April 2025 Adult NZ\$1,950 Child NZ\$1,300 Adult + Single Supplement NZ\$2,250

“WELL WORTH YOUR TIME!”

I recently was on the Coromandel Explorer four day hike, our guide was Brad and the walks were awesome. There were only six of us on the tour all together and as we all got along really well it was such a positive and friendly environment. The boutique accommodation was unbelievable, as was the dinners that were prepared every night, and the lunches that were packed for the day.

~ Lucy B - October, TripAdvisor

“AN INSPIRED IDEA”

We booked this trek as part of our holiday to New Zealand and we where not disappointed. Our guide Brad was fantastic and also a really nice guy. The accommodation at Coromandel was to a very high standard would recommend paying get extra for en suite. The walks are well paced and include some awesome coastline views. If you want to do some trekking in New Zealand that is not to hard then this is the one to go for. We met some really nice people in our group.

~ Carisle - UK, March, TripAdvisor

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DAY 1 COROMANDEL WALKS

Approx. 3-4 hours hiking / 5kms

Your trip begins in Rotorua where you'll be picked up around 8:30am. If you're beginning your trip in Matamata, you'll be picked up around 9:30am.

Warm up with a 4km hike to the top of Wairere Falls, and view the verdant Waikato basin from two lookouts over hanging 90 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. Make a brief stop at Waionu for refreshments before exploring the Waionu Kauri Grove - this little known trail heads deep into a protected ecological reserve scattered with majestic Kauri trees - New Zealand's very own forest giants that grow up to 50 metres tall. Drive further up the Coromandel Peninsula in the late afternoon to reach your lovely accommodation, and watch the sunset from the verandah with a glass of wine or ice cold brew.

DAY 2 THE COASTAL WALKWAY

Approx. 6-7 hours hiking / 12kms

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

Head north to the tip of the Coromandel Peninsula to hike one of the best coastal walks in the country. Beginning at Stony Bay, the track passes through native bush and onto coastal cliffs, stopping for lunch at the remote and beautiful Poley Bay. This stretch of coastline offers all the dramatic views that encapsulate the Coromandel.

Return to the lodge for another relaxing dinner and drinks.

DAY 3 THE PINNACLES

Approx. 5-7 hours hiking / 16kms

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, short walks, cafes, and colourful Coromandel culture. Take the time to relax in paradise.

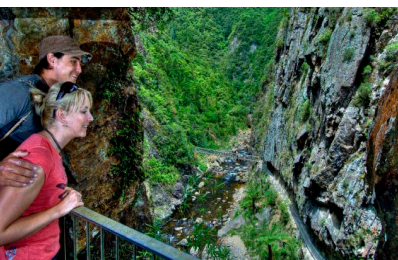
A fabulous day of walking is topped off with a celebratory meal at one of Coromandel town's fine restaurants.

DAY 4 EPIC EAST COAST

Approx. 2-3 hours hiking / 5kms

Travel east around the Peninsula towards Whitianga. Hike to the golden sand beaches and azure green waters of one of the top 20 best beaches in the world, New Chums Beach (tide dependent). Relax and absorb the natural beauty amidst the bird and marine life that thrives within this precious ecosystem.

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.



LIFE ON THE TRAIL

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- Up to 7 hrs of physical activity per day.
- Daypack only.
- Tracks generally in good condition.
- Altitude gains of up to 600m on harder days.
- No hiking experience necessary.
- Reasonable standard of fitness required

The track surfaces vary from well-formed paths to rough terrain broken by tree roots, rocks and mud. Walkers need a reasonable level of fitness, agility and sense of adventure! You are encouraged to walk at your own pace and the daily schedule allows ample time for slow walkers. The guides offer support and advice, and you can take plenty of rest and refreshment breaks each day.



GUIDES AND SAFETY

The guides are trained outdoor enthusiasts who take pride in providing a safe and friendly service. They will explain the natural and human history of the area you are walking in, and provide everything from a hot cup of tea or coffee to advice and support for your walk. Your guide will give you briefings on each day's walk, and demonstrate their culinary skills in the kitchen. All guides are trained in first aid and carry extensive first aid kits.



FOOD

Breakfast offers a selection from fruit, cereal and toast, to a warm breakfast of bacon and eggs, pancakes or porridge. Just what you need to start a great day in the outdoors!

Picnic lunches are made fresh daily and include delicious sandwiches, fresh fruit of your choice, and energy snacks to keep you sustained for the day. Hot and cold drinks are also available throughout the day. Dinner is comprised of an authentic New Zealand main; seasonal vegetables or fresh garden salad; and no kiwi meal would be complete without pudding (dessert), and tea or coffee. Enjoy a selection of fine wines with your evening meals.

Any special dietary requests or requirements are easily provided for. Please let us know at the time of booking.

TRANSPORT

You are transported to the start of the track by mini coach. Pick up from central Rotorua accommodation or from Matamata. Your return transport to Matamata or Rotorua is also by mini coach.



ACCOMMODATION

For this trip we stay in boutique studio cabins in an idyllic, private setting, all with ensuite rooms. Single supplement is available. All meals, snacks, pre-dinner drinks and nibbles are included.

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Minimum group size: 4, maximum 15.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Single Supplement upgrade available on request for NZ\$300.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Payment

For bookings four or more months before the departure, a 25% deposit can be paid with the remainder due 95 days before your trip. For bookings within four months of the departure, full payment is required.

Cancellations

31 days or more: Full refund.

30 – 15 days: 50% of tour price forfeited.

14 days or less: 100% of tour price forfeited.

Bookings can be transferred to another date (subject to availability) for the following charges:

31 days or more: no penalty. 30 - 15 days or less: \$200 fee per person. 14 days or less: booking cannot be transferred. Transfers beyond the existing season may be subject to new season's rates. The maximum number of transfers per person is two. Transferred bookings can be carried over from the current season to the next calendar season, but must be completed within 18 months of the original date of tour departure. If a transferred booking is cancelled outside the new 60-days prior to departure point, cancellation fees will be calculated using the original date of departure.

Please note that due to circumstances out of our control, itineraries may change at any time. The operator will always endeavour to ensure that where changes are made, clients are notified as soon as possible.

Travel Insurance

It is suggested that clients take out comprehensive travel insurance.

Notes

This trip is run in conjunction with another operator.

PACKING LIST

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED AND REQUIRED

You may borrow a 40-litre daypack, waterproof raincoat or you can use your own. Weather conditions are highly variable so it is essential to have clothing that keeps you warm, even when wet. For this reason polypropylene or wool clothing is recommended to walk in, and not cotton.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- ☐ Daypack approx. 40 litres
- ☐ Raincoat, waterproof with hood
- ☐ Strong broken-in hiking shoes, preferably hiking boots
- ☐ Day pack
- ☐ Light shoes or sandals for evenings
- ☐ Warm hat & gloves
- ☐ Drink bottle 600mls plus
- ☐ Camera, plus spare film/memory cards & batteries
- ☐ Sunhat & sunscreen
- ☐ Small torch
- ☐ Personal toiletries and medications
- ☐ Blister kit
- ☐ Bathing suit and towel

ESSENTIAL CLOTHING FOR WALKING

Shorts or light weight trousers. Preferably quick dry fabric

- ☐ Short sleeved shirt (merino is ideal)
- ☐ Long sleeved shirt or light sweater
- ☐ Thermal underwear, long sleeved and long legged, polypropylene or wool
- ☐ Socks, at least 3 pairs, preferably wool
- ☐ Warm wool or polar fleece jersey

CASUAL CLOTHING

- ☐ Warm wool or fleece jersey/sweater
- ☐ Trousers
- ☐ Warm long sleeved shirts
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Sleepwear

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Walking sticks, gaiters, waterproof overtrousers, book, walking sandal or croc's, insect repellent, lunch box to protect your sandwiches.