



10th - 16th March 2027

Coromandel Escape

Rugged, raw and rustic on one side and beautiful, golden and full of New Zealand's most loved beaches on the other.

With mountainous ranges splitting the coastlines, the Coromandel simply has to be seen to be believed. Let us show you around.

This relatively isolated part of North Island New Zealand, is a favourite holiday spot for Kiwis and it's not hard to see why. Coastlines on the east and west of the Peninsula are vastly different, which makes for ever changing scenery and a real contrast of the way the locals live.

We explore the entire Peninsula in all its natural beauty discovering the fascinating history of gold and forestry in the region, while also visiting all the hotspots the area is famous for. From quirky number 8 wire waterparks, to glorious gardens and beaches, this tour has something for everyone and is sure to leave you wanting to come back time and time again.

DAY 1

Wednesday 10th March.

Home - Thames



Depart Whanganui Racecourse at 8.30am and travel north up SH4 to the National Park Village for morning tea at the Station Cafe.

We then take in the wonderful views of the **Central Plateau** as we make our way to **Otorohanga** for a lovely finger food lunch. We carry on our journey north until we hit the historic town of **Thames** on the southwestern end of the Coromandel Peninsula.

We arrive at our accommodation for the night with time for some R & R before we head out for dinner at one of the highly rated restaurants in town.

Departing from another destination

For those departing from another destination you have your own personal itinerary to get you to join the group. All details will be provided in your personal information pack, sent prior to travel.

Accommodation: ROLLESTON MOTEL



DAY 2

Thursday 11th March.

Thames - Coromandel Town



After a relaxed start to the day, we board the coach and make our way to the **Thames Goldmine Experience**. Here we take a guided tour through 19th century tunnels viewing the ancient gold processing machinery including a big stamper battery (rarely seen today) and you can pan for gold and keep any nuggets or specks you find. There is also a video and photo gallery for those who prefer to stay above ground.

We then carry on the coastal road north before heading into the hills to the beautiful **Rapaura Water gardens**. Upon our arrival, we are welcomed with a brief introduction followed by a delicious lunch. You will then be given time to explore at your own leisure the tranquil beauty of the gardens. After a relaxing visit enjoying the lovely surroundings we depart and resume our journey North.

Our final visit today is at the quirky **Waterworks** - a theme park with a difference. Set in 5 acres of native Coromandel bush where you'll find an array of water powered inventions, kiwi DIY contraptions and fun to discover at every turn.

We arrive in **Coromandel** Town and check in to our accommodation for the next two nights. You have time to relax and take a dip in the pool or spa before we gather for dinner at a highly rated local restaurant.

Accommodation: ANCHOR LODGE MOTEL (07 866 7992)



DAY 3

Friday 12th March.

Coromandel Town - Northern Reaches



A relaxed start to the day before we head out to explore the remote northern part of the Coromandel Peninsula and places such as **Colville** and **Port Jackson**. We will take a picnic lunch with us and have several stops on the way to enjoy the scenery of sea, bush and beaches and the various 'out of the way' little settlements. Please note a lot of today's drive is off the beaten track and we will be driving on gravel roads.

We will have an ice cream stop on the way back returning in time for you to wander the town before meeting for dinner at another lovely local restaurant.

Accommodation: ANCHOR LODGE MOTEL (07 866 7992)

DAY 4

Saturday 13th March.

Coromandel Town - Whitianga



This morning we enjoy an interesting train ride in the Coromandel hills as we take a trip on the iconic **Driving Creek Railway**, NZ's only narrow-gauge mountain railway. Enjoy the scenery as you travel through regenerating and replanted native kauri forest where unique pottery sculptures line the track.

Following this adventure, we travel across the Peninsula and down the East Coast to Whitianga. Visiting various beaches on the way, including



Matarangi where we will stop for lunch, and **Kuaotuna**. We arrive into Whitianga in time for a wander about town before heading out on the water with **Waterways** to cruise around the newly developed waterways in the area. Drinks and nibbles will be provided as we view historical landmarks, see a range of wildlife and gaze upon million dollar luxury homes and yachts.

Accommodation: MANA NUI MOTEL (07 866 5599)

DAY 5

Sunday 14th March.

Whitianga - Hot Water Beach



A relaxed start to the day and a chance to take a stroll down the beach before departing for a 'must do' activity! We board the **Glass Bottom Boat** and explore the breath-taking volcanic coastline, including the world-famous Cathedral Cove. See the stunning Champagne Bay plus a range of blow holes and sea caves. You will be amazed by all the marine life that can be seen through the glass panels in the Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve. After the great morning of exploring we board the coach and head south stopping for a picnic lunch at the **Whiti Farm Park**.

We have time to meander through over eight acres of mature park like surroundings and a short bush walk. Meet, hand feed, cuddle and interact with over 40 species of friendly farmyard and exotic animals, birds and reptiles.

We then have a short drive out to some of the most popular summer destinations in the country. We visit **Cooks Beach, Hahei Beach** and of course **Hot Water Beach**. We have timed our visit today well to partake in a truly unique Kiwi experience that every New Zealander should experience at least once in their lifetime! We dig our own little hot pool using the heated



water rising from beneath our feet at the certain spots on the beach. (Tide dependant) You can also spend time checking out the art galleries, cafes or simply enjoy this famous beach.

We head back to our accommodation and continue the true kiwi experience by having a Fish & Chip dinner and raising a glass to this great day of exploring.

Accommodation: MANA NUI MOTEL (07 866 5599)

DAY 6

Monday 15th March.

Whitianga - Whangamata



We depart Whitianga heading south to **Sailors Grave**, also known as Te Karo Bay, an uninhabited beach north of Tairua. We view the actual site of the Sailors Grave and the beautiful beach before making our way into Tairua. Here we view Mount Paku and have time to stroll the shops and get yourself some lunch.

It is then around to the purpose-built holiday community of **Pauanui** which lies across the harbour from **Tairua**. We check out the country's first canal housing development and surrounding beautiful beaches.

We carry on into the relaxed surf town of Whangamata, famous for its unique combination of beach and rainforest. We have a short tour around before settling into our accommodation for the night. You are given some free time to swim, play Pétanque or wander the town. We have a scrumptious **final group dinner** organised before resting our heads for the night at our great central accommodation.

Accommodation: PALM PACIFIC RESORT (07 865 9211)



DAY 7

Tuesday 16th March.

Whangamata - Home



A short drive south to start the day as we head to the famous Gold Town of Waihi. Here we join **Waihi Gold Mine Tours** that take you inside the fence to experience modern-day gold mining up close. You'll be fitted out with safety gear and given a safety briefing then taken to view the mine operations from the best available vantage points. You'll be shown every stage of the process from ore extraction and crushing, through to final processing. We then head back to the award-winning **Gold Discovery Centre** where you can experience the fascinating story through interactive activities.

It is then onto **Goldfields Historic Railway** where you travel back in time and enjoy a ride on a heritage train to Waikino at the eastern end of the spectacular Karangahake Gorge.

A lovely group **lunch** will be waiting at the Station Café when we arrive and then we will start to make our way home.

Continue south to Whanganui with comfort stops and a light afternoon tea en route, and we plan to get home in time for dinner.



Total cost

Departing from Whanganui:

\$2,995

\$1,000 deposit due by Oct 30th 2026.

Final payment due by 22nd Jan 2027.

Payment methods

✓ Cheque

✓ Cash

✓ Eftpos

✓ Online

Send online bank deposits to:
BNZ 02-0792-0090015-00

Please use your name and trip name
as code and reference.

What's included?



Transport

- All coach travel as stated in the itinerary.



Accommodation

- Great twin share accommodation.
(single supplement available)



Food and drink

- Includes 2 course dinner every night.
- All lunches except on day 5.
- All breakfasts.



Activities

- All activities as stated in **bold** in the itinerary.



How to book

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