



The Coromandel

8 nights | Nov 2021

a guided adventure for active women

Sat 27 Nov Auckland - Thames

Our adventure starts this morning, with a pickup in Auckland (city or airport) before journeying south across the Bombay Hills and on to the Coromandel. Our first two nights will be spent in the southwestern end of the Peninsula in the town of **Thames**. Surrounded by impressive bush-clad ranges and the Firth of Thames, a heritage rich in gold and kauri and some interesting shops to poke around in, Thames is the ideal place to begin roaming. This afternoon we'll explore the township, visiting some unique craft stores and taking in the historic buildings and landscape. After dinner we will take a stroll along the foreshore and hopefully witness one of Thames' legendary sunsets (weather permitting of course!)

Sun 28 Nov Thames

Today we will enjoy some of the shorter **walking** tracks near **Thames**. Native bush, Kauri forests, the singsong of birds, chattering crickets, gold mining history, tunnels and scenery awaits us. For those who like a more strenuous hike, you are welcome to take on The Pinnacles. Later relax by the pool at our accommodation.

Mon 29 Nov Hot Water Beach – Cathedral Cove - Whitianga

We say *haere ra* to Thames and begin our circumnavigation of the Coromandel Peninsula. Along the way we will make a stop at **Hot Water Beach** and partake in a unique Kiwi experience – digging ourselves a little hole in the sand to find hot spring water to relax in. A short drive further north brings us to the popular seaside village of Hahei where we put on our walking shoes and take a one hour walk to iconic **Cathedral Cove**. We'll detour along the way for cliff top views and then drop down into the Cove where there will be time to take in the gorgeous surroundings and have a swim. Just like the postcards depict, you will find golden sand, soft waves, creamy cliffs, and that well photographed rock rising out of the sea. A scenic ride by water taxi brings us back to Hahei and we continue on to Whitianga.

Tue / Wed Whitianga and surrounds

Over the next couple of days, we will explore the area walking along stunning white sand beaches and through native bush, boating to remote bays, snorkelling, swimming, shopping, eating, wine tasting and relaxing.



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Thu 02 Dec New Chums Beach – Coromandel Town

Departing Whitianga this morning, we head north east to Whangapoua and begin our walk along a rocky shoreline and across the headland to the famed Wainuiototo aka *New Chums Beach*. Voted amongst the best deserted beaches in the world and only accessible by foot or boat – some describe it as “feeling like you’re inside a postcard”. A golden sand beach fringed by Pohutukawa and native forest awaits us, and we’ll have time to relax and enjoy a picnic lunch and a swim. Later this afternoon we reach Coromandel town and spend some time soaking up its unique character. Time for a look around the shops before settling into our accommodation.

Fri 03 Dec Coromandel Town

This morning we visit **Driving Creek** and ride New Zealand's steepest railway and the only narrow-gauge mountain railway in the country. Be entertained with stories as we wind our way up 2.7km of native forest and past unique pottery and sculptures to EyeFull Tower. Later you have the opportunity to join a pottery making class or go zip-lining (additional cost and subject to availability – early booking essential).

A little further up the 309 Road is **The Waterworks** where we'll have lunch followed by a roam around the extensive grounds and lots of laughs over the quirky water powered gadgets. We'll stop for refreshments at the popular **Mussell Kitchen and MK Brewing Co** on the way home later this afternoon. If you've still got some energy there is an optional **sunset walk** in the **Kauri Block** where native bush, sweeping vistas and history await us.

Sat 04 Dec Coromandel Coastal Walkway

Described as “the last frontier” and “like walking through a film set” the **Coromandel Coastal Walkway** is guaranteed to be a pleasure for everyone today. A scenic drive up to the top of the Peninsula guarantees wonderful views from our vehicle but once on foot this 10km track, from Fletcher Bay to Stony Bay, provides dramatic vistas.

For those who don't want to walk so far, you have the option to stay in Coromandel town. You might like to book on a fishing trip on a Mussel Barge, do some shorter walks nearby or just relax.

Sun 05 Dec Coromandel Town - Auckland

After breakfast, we head south to explore the award-winning water gardens of **Rapaura**. Take your time to roam through the 64 acres of native and exotic plantings all interspersed with garden art. Lunch in the garden café located within this private estate before continuing back to Auckland where the tour ends this afternoon.

Price:

\$2580 per person Twin share *

\$450 Single supplement

** if you would like us to find you a room-mate let us know*

Includes

- 8 nights accommodation (good quality apartments and motels)
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Wine & Food Tasting
- Tour navigator / walking guide
- Transportation in modern air-conditioned mini-coach
- Sightseeing/Entry Fees as specified



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Excludes

- Meals and refreshments (unless specified in inclusions)
- Items of a personal nature and optional activities, eg. zip-lining

Group Size

Minimum 7 / maximum 12

How fit do I need to be

Expect to walk on average 5 km per day. Some days may be longer (eg. Coastal Walkway is approx 10 km) and some may be shorter, some easy and some harder. There is lots of variety. The pace will be leisurely with ample time for a breather and photos. **The tour is aimed at leisure walkers who enjoy the outdoors, discovering, meeting new people and socialising.**

Pre & Post Tour Accommodation

Available on request

Auckland arrival & departure

Day 1 – Auckland city pick up approx 10am, airport pick up approx 11am.

Day 9 – Auckland airport drop off by 3pm, city drop off by 4pm.

About Your Tour Navigator

Marie Coles is a born & bred Kiwi and grew up in a village in the South Island. She now resides in Cambridge with her husband and twins and is the Founder of Roam Travel Adventures. Marie has explored many nooks & crannies of her beloved homeland and with her local knowledge and passion for walking and exploring, Marie has carefully crafted this itinerary to include some iconic walks and sights only suitable for active small groups.



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Hauraki Rail Trail

Ask about adding a 3, 4 or 5 day Hauraki Rail Trail Cycle Tour to this itinerary.