

Northern Coromandel Secluded Secrets - itinerary

DAY ONE

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Join us today as we make our way to Northern Coromandel. Our adventure begins with a scenic drive through the picturesque countryside, where we will stop for morning tea before following the Thames Coast north. We will experience a stretch of coastline interspersed with coastal villages, garden retreats, and classic old dairies. Our next destination will be The Waterworks located along the historic 309 Road. We will enjoy lunch and can explore a wide range of water-based activities and whimsical sculptures. After this unique experience, we will make our way to Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat, a tranquil oasis nestled in the heart of nature. Dinner will be onsite at the Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat Restaurant. Following on from our busy day we will retire to our comfortable accommodation and rest up for another exciting day exploring the beauty of the Coromandel.

DAY TWO

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Today we will take the time to explore this less populated area and discover some of the beautiful natural vistas unique to Coromandel. We will enjoy morning tea and lunches along the way. Highlights will include secluded beaches, including Port Jackson and Fletcher Bay. This evening, we will dine at the Retreat.

DAY THREE

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This morning we'll farewell Port Charles and make our way back to Coromandel Township. We will take some time to explore this quirky small town and visit Driving Creek Railway taking the 1-hour train trip through the native kauri forest. The rail line includes two spirals, three short tunnels, five reversing points, and several large viaducts as it climbs up to the mountain-top terminus, called the Eyeful Tower. We then make our way over to the East Coast to Whitianga tonight. We will be staying at 'The Beachside Resort', one of NZ's most popular holiday hot spots over summer. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

DAY FOUR

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We take a short drive to the Wharf with breakfast behind us to meet the Glass Bottom Boat. Sit back and watch the prolific marine life through the glass panel within minutes of leaving the Wharf. Visiting Shakespeare Cliff, the beautiful surroundings of the Cooks Beach Blowhole getting up close to the world-famous Cathedral Cove and explore in the bays on each side. Learn how the Cathedral Cove was formed and witness the beauty of the Cove itself and surrounding beaches. We also visit one of the largest sea caves in New Zealand along the way. On our return, we will disembark at Cooks Beach, enjoy a local lunch before taking a scenic drive to lookouts before returning to Whitianga. You are in for a treat tonight with dinner at the Lost

Spring. Dine tonight within a stunning setting and enjoy beautiful lagoon views like no other.

DAY FIVE

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Wake up in the scenic town of Whitianga for a delicious breakfast delivery. The day begins with pottery-making demonstrations at Alan Rhodes Pottery, where you will learn about transforming clay into art. Next, visit the Artists House to see more local pottery and the passion of artists Gary and Julie Burns-Nevin. In Hahei, The Lawnmower's Son Art Gallery highlights vibrant local art, immersing you in the stories and visions that inspire the culture. Walk along Hot Water Beach, soaking your feet in the warm sands and embracing the natural beauty. For lunch, dine at the Old Mill Waterfront Cafe in Tairua along the marina, delighting all your senses with food and views. Take a catamaran tour of Tairua Harbour and Pauanui Waterways with Bell Air to witness the stunning coastline from the water. See the harborside way of life up close, a blend of nature and luxury. With a brief stop in Whangamata for exploration, the day ends with return trips to your respective homes, having experienced the creativity and craftsmanship of the Northern Coromandel region.