

Northern Coromandel Secluded Secrets - itinerary

Please Note: There has been an itinerary change from what was advertised in Issue 19 of the catalogue we are now staying in Coromandel Township not Port Charles.

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'll stop for morning tea before following the Thames Coast north. We'll 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. Here we'll enjoy a whimsical lunch surrounded by unique water-themed attractions, allowing time to explore and marvel at the interactive displays. From here we'll continue our scenic journey to the Coromandel Oyster Company, where we'll savour the freshest oysters and appreciate the local aquaculture. From here we'll enjoy a short scenic drive offering coastal vistas before arriving at our accommodation for the next few nights, The Anchor Lodge Motel in Coromandel Township. We'll take our time to settle in before heading out for a delightful dinner at one of the charming restaurants in the township, perfectly capping off a day filled with coastal exploration and scenic vistas.

DAY TWO

B, MT, L, D

Our day begins with breakfast in our rooms, today we'll enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque landscapes of the Northern Coromandel Beaches. Today we'll 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.

DAY THREE

B, L, D

Our tour begins with a cozy breakfast in our rooms at Anchor Lodge before we depart for an exciting adventure. Arriving at Driving Creek Railway we'll check in for the Eyefull Tour, a captivating 75-minute train ride through lush native forest, offering breathtaking views and fascinating history. Afterward, we'll have a quick stop in Coromandel to enjoy a coffee or look around this will be your choice. From here we'll head to The Dunes Matarangi Golf Club for a delicious catered lunch, followed by a leisurely drive around the picturesque Matarangi Subdivision. Along the way, we'll take the opportunity to stop for a photo at Monty's View, capturing the stunning scenery, and continue to Otama Beach & Reserve for a refreshing walk. If you would like to you can indulge in the summer tradition of a delicious ice cream from the Kuaotunu Store before arriving in Whitianga. Once here we'll settle into our comfortable rooms at Beachside Resort. Tonight, we will dine offsite in one of the local restaurants that Whitianga has to offer.

DAY FOUR

B, L, D

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 we'll 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.