

# The Coromandel



Known for its natural beauty, green valleys, misty forests and pristine golden beaches, The Coromandel is blessed with a long 400km coastline and hundreds of hideaways,

making it an ideal place to escape.

Travel to the region where Kiwis love to holiday and discover why this destination is good for your soul.

Most famous is Cathedral Cove, where a short walk brings you to a white sand bay and volcanic cathedral arch. The tranquil waters here are a marine reserve, teeming with wildlife. With many places only accessible by boat, it's best explored from the water. At nearby Hot Water Beach, within two hours of low tide you can dig a hole in the sand and create

your own natural spa.

The Coromandel has some of New Zealand's best quality fishing within a relatively small area. Surfcasting, sitting among mussel farms, live baiting or chasing elusive big game, you have plenty of choice.

The forested mountainous backbone of the region is home to great nature walks and hikes. A popular day hike to The Pinnacles rewards with a view to the coast; and trails in the deep Karangahake Gorge take you through tunnels in rugged hills and across swing bridges.

## TOP 10 MUST DOS

1. Explore the famous cove with Cathedral Cove Kayak
2. Discover caves and blowholes with Hahei Explorer
3. Uncover relics and history in the Karangahake Gorge
4. Hike the scenic Coromandel Coastal Walkway
5. Enjoy hot cars, bikes and rock'n'roll at the Beach Hop
6. Taste the flavours of the sea at Whitianga Oceans Festival
7. Take it easy cycling the Hauraki Rail Trail
8. Venture to the Aldermen Islands with Dive Zone Whitianga
9. Dig a thermal spa at Hot Water Beach
10. Summit The Pinnacles for a wilderness panorama

## TOP 5 for COUPLES

### Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Relax and reconnect at Sunlover Retreat
2. Venture into Sleeping God Canyon with Canyonz
3. Cruise in style on Boom Sailing's catamaran
4. Take a luxurious time out at Mercury Ridge
5. Discover Whenuakura Wildlife Sanctuary with Surfsp

## TOP 5 for OLDER TRAVELLERS

### Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Cruise the Hauraki Rail Trail with Jolly Bikes
2. Enjoy dramatic sea views from Paku Palms B&B
3. Explore with Kiwi Dundee Adventures' nature guides
4. Take guided tours with Coromandel Adventures
5. Elegance and service at Grand Mercure Puka Park Resort

## TOP 5 for FAMILIES

### Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Beachfront camping, villas and baches at Hahei Beach Resort
2. Discover the marine reserve with Glass Bottom Boat Whitianga
3. Crank handles and rattle drills at the Gold Discovery Centre
4. Ride the train and zipline over Driving Creek
5. Farm animals, nature, and history at Bullswool Heritage Farm

## Getting There

Located just 90 minutes from Auckland Airport, and a short drive from Hamilton, Tauranga and Auckland, The Coromandel is an ideal region to explore by road. It is easy to navigate with one route around the peninsula taking in the highlights.

Fullers 360 operates a scenic ferry in the summer months from downtown Auckland into Coromandel Town, making a short break easy to organise.



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