

## **THE BEST DAY WALKS ON *THE CHATHAM ISLANDS***

**Saturday 22 November – Saturday 28 November 2026**

Chatham Islanders talk about New Zealand as if it's a different country, which is what it really feels like. The remote archipelago (group of islands) lies about 800 kilometres east of Christchurch, and sits on the edge of the international dateline, meaning its 700-odd people are the first to receive each day. The islands are New Zealand's second time zone, some 45 minutes ahead of the mainland. "Forty-five minutes ahead, and 50 years behind" is the standard joke, but there are real benefits in their remoteness.



They say you should see your own country before you rave about places you have visited around the world. The Chathams prove this to be true. When you arrive, you feel you are in the New Zealand of yester-year. The abundance of seafood (we are talking crayfish, paua, groper and blue cod) makes you wonder why you have to go so long between bites in other parts of the country.



The Chatham Islands resemble a country farm plopped in the middle of the Pacific. Fly direct with Air Chathams from Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch, and you'll arrive in an agriculture-dominated landscape covered in cows, quad bikes, and crayfish cages. The advantage is that on the fringes of the island — the cliffs, beaches, swamps and hills — you can find day walks with never-ending views that feel truly wild.

People who visit the island must accept without criticism the way of life on the Chathams. The bus may be late, the power may go off, Internet may stop, a vehicle may be unregistered, a door may not be able to be locked, there may not be a heated towel rack in your unit: it goes on. There is little or no tourist infostructure, but that is gradually changing.

The only certainty about a visit to the Chatham Islands is that everything changes – from weather to daily plans, from store hours to drink choices. The locals are used to a way of life where planning has "maybe" and timing has "ish" added on. Routine and rigidity are not part of the equation and visitors are advised to bring a flexible attitude and be prepared for the unexpected.

**Leader: Phillip Donnell**

**Price: \$5550pp (based on a minimum of 10 participants).**

**The price includes:**

- **Return air fare on Air Chathams.**
- **Airport transfers on the island.**
- **Daily excursions on the island.**
- **Sightseeing and entry fees.**
- **7 nights accommodation (twin share with ensuite at Hotel Chathams)**
- **All meals (continental breakfasts, packed lunches, buffet dinners)**
- **The services of an experienced Kiwi leader/guide throughout**
- **90-page "Discover the Chatham Islands" booklet and map on arrival.**

The only extra that you may have to pay for on the Chathams will be your "bar tab", souvenirs, a fishing trip, or an optional visit to Pitt island (see below).

**The price does not include:**

- **Travel insurance (highly recommended, as weather may disrupt plans!)**
- **Personal incidentals**
- **Optional excursions**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### A Typical Week on the Chatham Islands includes...

- HOTEL CHATHAMS Hotel Chathams is situated on the waterfront in the main township of Waitangi. The hotel has spacious upstairs executive rooms and standard ground floor, waterfront rooms - all with ensuites, tea and coffee making facilities and sky television. Single rooms have shared facilities and do not have sea views. Hotel facilities include a restaurant and bar, tea / coffee making, free laundry and pre-pay internet. Meals are at the hotel (unless otherwise specified) with local seafood and picnic lunches are provided most days. Sightseeing tours depart from the hotel which is also the only Pub on the island and a great place to meet the locals! Accommodation
- A visit to the beautiful Admiral Garden's, Craft and Art Studio hosted by Val Snr and Lois Croon
- Tour to the incredible hexagonal shaped Basalt Columns
- Visit the farm at the end of Waitangi West road, including a picnic lunch with the farm manager
- Moriori Rock Carvings (Petroglyphs) - high level of fitness required • Visit Wharekauri, Splattered Rock (the amazing volcanic formation on the beach), KMP endemic & NZ native plants nursery and heritage listed Punga Hut
- Awatotara Reserve to see the Parea Wood Pigeon and endemic plants
- Owenga Harbour and Village
- Visit the statue of Tommy Solomon
- Comb Blind Jims at Te Whanga Lagoon and search the shoreline for fossilised sharks' teeth
- Spend a day at Kaingaroa via the Ocean Mail Wetlands Reserve • Hapupu National Reserve - Moriori Tree Carvings (Dendroglyphs)
- Walk to the only accessible seal colony • Visit the site of Broughton Landing 1791 (early whaling village)
- See the Sunderland Flying Boat which is being restored.
- Visit Kopinga Marae
- Cliff walk to Tikitiki Hill.
- Town walk to include the Museum, Craft Shop, Waitangi Store
- Henga Reserve Bush walk opportunities.

*All these activities will help you appreciate the size, beauty and culture of the Chatham Islands. Most are weather dependent, will vary from day-to-day and subject to change! Every endeavour will be made to schedule all the activities. There are great photo opportunities*

## WALKING OPPORTUNITIES

There are publicly accessible nature walks all over these beautiful islands. The Department of Conservation maintains these to a very high standard and locals make good use of them. Being on an island means that many of the tracks are coastal, with endless expanses of sandy

beaches or mystical limestone outcrops to meander through. Some of these inland tracks pass through hidden gems of lush, regenerating, endemic Chatham Island forest, complete with the birdsong from the myriad of species that thrive here.

## **TEN WALKS ON THE EDGE OF THE WORLD**

Many are private and not maintained by DoC.

1. The wild swampy barrens of the southern tablelands are eerie and endless. Stop just before Owenga and hop a stile to begin. This wilderness is riven with tannin-blackened rivers and unique tarahinau peat bush. Walk an hour through a steadily rising landscape before you hit a remote junction taking you into the two-hour loop around the Rangaika-Thomas Tuuta Scenic Reserve. The Chathams' highest peak (a humble 299m) is 10km west from here, though impossible to access.

2. The Rangaika-Thomas Tuuta Scenic Reserve Track

After the stile, thick clifftop forest begins. Walkers immediately enter a gnarly forest straight out of Hansel and Gretel, complete with wild pigs and goats. The trees are bent over and curled, their growth stunted by peat bog and wind. Estimated walking time: five hours loop from the Owenga road.

3. Maunganui

Climb the stone mountain Maunganui above the category 1 heritage-listed stone cottage of Helen Bint at the northwest corner of the main island. You'll get fantastic northern coastal views. Estimated time an hour up, 30 minutes down.



Looking north towards Tonga from Maunganui. Helen Bint's stone cottage is below.

Photo / Michael Botur

4. Admiral Gardens, between the airport and the town of Waitangi, gives tourists access to private walking tracks through the dunes and karaka forests on the owner's property beside two sparkling dune lakes. You can get a garden tour and real Chathams fish and food, too — the owner is a local entrepreneur who, when telling you where the kaimoana came from, might mention casually that her son has been attacked by great white sharks "once or twice" — but it's okay. He knows now to punch them on the nose. Estimated walking time 40 minutes from Admiral Gardens to beach.

5. Pitt Island features the most remote walking you'll ever do. Expect wild shores covered in paua, bones of whales and sharks in the sand dunes, and Saxony merino sheep. Access: flight from Waitangi Airport or boat from Owenga; overnight stay at Flowerpot Lodge. Note that

the Chathams recently implored non-residents to take it easy on the wild seafood. It's a staple of their economy.

6. Tucked into the cliffs of a private property an hour southwest of Waitangi, the Awatotara Track follows tannin-blackened waterfalls down a steep valley and arrives at a wild cove covered in washed-up buoys and crayfish pots. Estimated time: three to four hours return. Koha suggested.

7. On the main island's northeast, 20 minutes before Kaingaroa, boardwalks around the wetlands on the fringes of the endless Te Whanga lagoon take you on 30-60 minute loops built by DoC. There are several to choose from.

8. See ancient dendroglyphs (tree carvings) on the Wharekauri trail at the main island's north end, an hour from Waitangi. These were carved by Moriori into the kopi (karaka) trees. Estimated time: one hour return. Add a beach walk.

9. Henga Scenic Reserve. Go east one minute to Blind Jim's Beach to collect fossilised shark teeth; go west for a two-hour return hike through volcanic rock, eerie forest and down the dunes onto a wild, featureless beach. Expect black swans, feral goats, wild horses, weka, dolphin bones, steer skulls and paua shells amongst the unmissable blue-flowered Chatham Islands forget-me-nots. Further on is the Nikau Bush Conservation Area, a tiny 30-minute return walk through regenerating bush.



10. Walk to see the seals at Point Munning on Chatham Island's northeast corner live on spears of sparkling white schist that looks straight out of Star Trek. Drive time from Waitangi: one hour. Walking: one hour return. On the way, stop at Manaua (Ocean Mail) Scenic Reserve for a short walk around more lagoons.

## **DoC INFORMATION ON PUBLIC WALKS**

All of the public walks are easy going, and require only a minimum of fitness.

- **Tikitiki Hill Conservation Area**

**10 min (return) EASY.**

A quick jaunt on Tikitiki Hill with great views over Petre Bay, towards the Red Bluffs. You can also look down over Waitangi township, with a bird's-eye view of the Waitangi Wharf.

This clearly signposted walk is suitable for all ages and abilities. On a nice day the lookout area is an ideal spot for a picnic – but be careful when the wind is up as the lookout and track are very exposed.

- **Henga Scenic Reserve**

The road to the lookout (return) is 1 hour 30 min; the full return walk is 2 hours 30 min. INTERMEDIATE

This 170-hectare reserve features a range of environments: coastal forest, a huge area of sand-dunes, remarkable regenerated vegetation, limestone outcrops and dramatic views over Petre Bay. Before European arrived the dunes were covered in a mosaic of herbfields, mingimingi shrublands, and mixed akeake forest, which are now in recovery. The dunes inland were almost entirely covered in kōpī, matipo and akeake coastal forest.

An area previously occupied by the Moriori taking shelter from the forest and using the ocean for food.



- **Nikau Bush Conservation Area**

1 Hour loop. EASY

19 hectares of lowland broadleaf forest, once common throughout the islands. On the north-western shore of Te Whanga Lagoon, this is the largest stand of nīkau remaining on main Chatham Island and when in flower is spectacular between December and January. The area was fenced in 1981 to exclude stock leading to rapid bush regeneration.

- **Ocean Mail Scenic Reserve**

Ocean Mail landscapes are a mixture of sandy beaches, rocky outcrops, dunes, akeake forests and peat wetlands.

The akeake reforestation project begins just below the picnic area, from where you can easily access the beach. While you're there look at the dune restoration work, where native pīngao is being planted to replace the introduced marram grass. There are a few walks to choose from:

\*Wetland Walk

15 min loop

Take in the views of the peat lakes and wetland areas and get a close look at endemic plants such as the Chatham Island speargrass and bamboo rush.

\*Aster Walk

20 min (return). EASY

Walk along ancient sand dunes reaching into the vast wetland. The Chatham Island swamp aster with its beautiful purple flowers can be enjoyed from November to March. There is a picnic table for a rest and a snack at the far end of this walk.

\*Lake walk

2 hours 30 min – 8 km loop track

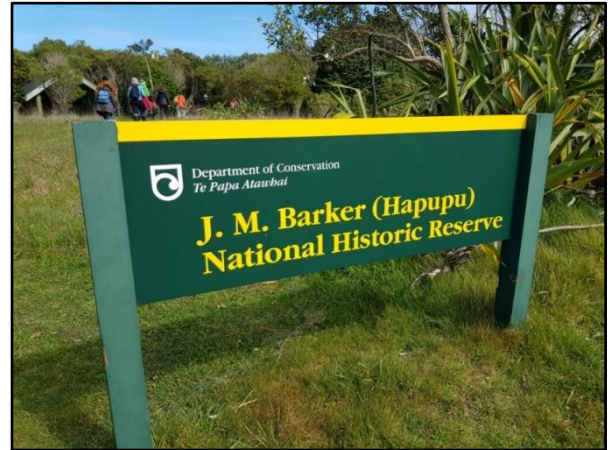
This continues on from the Aster walk and continues through the wetland along the shore of Lake Rangitai, and back to the road. Wear sturdy footwear and in winter parts may be inundated by water.

- **JM Barker (Hāpūpū) National Historic Reserve**

This reserve is one of only two national historic reserves in New Zealand.

The forest's health has declined in recent times and is accelerating so access is currently limited to try and increase the lifespan of the remaining carvings. Please ask your host for details or contact DOC, by phone, email [chathamislands@doc.govt.nz](mailto:chathamislands@doc.govt.nz) or at [www.doc.govt.nz](http://www.doc.govt.nz)

Hāpūpū is culturally and historically significant because of the Moriori carvings – rākau momori – on the kōpī (karaka) trees, and because of the Moriori archaeological landscape they sit within.



- **Point Munning Conservation Covenant**

15 minutes one way

A 47 hectare, conservation covenant owned by the Muirson family

A unique example of protected forest and shrubs over schist rocks. The track opens out onto strange, pock-marked peatland and then on to the seal colony. Take care to give these animals plenty of space.

- **Thomas Mohi Tuuta (Rangaika)**

The full walk is approximately 8 hours.

Peatland forest once covered most of the Southern Chatham Island – and this reserve is a great example of that legacy. Tarahinau forest dominates these regions where the gentle landscape favours peat formation. In contrast, tough native herbs, flax and mixed broadleaf forest or shrub cover the steep, thin-soiled coastal banks. These species have adapted to the full force of salt-laden winds.

- **Ellen Elizabeth Preece Conservation Covenant (Caravan Bush), Pitt Island**

Two short loop tracks.

Gain access by joining a guided tour with Flower Pot Lodge.

Both tracks stay inside the 53-hectare Caravan Bush area, which is surrounded by a predator-proof fence. Native birds like tomtits and tūi are abundant.

## A POSSIBLE SCHEDULE

Life on the Chathams is dictated by wind and tide rather than the clock. Things don't always go to plan, so be prepared. Although they do their best to operate to a schedule, it doesn't always happen that way – so any itinerary should be regarded as a guide only.

### Day One

- Check-in, Domestic Terminal at Airport, Open two hours before departure.
- All bags will be named and tagged at check-in to enable Hotel Chathams to place

them in your room awaiting your arrival. Please keep anything out of your bag that you may wish to use during the day, e.g. camera, shoes, jacket etc. You won't see your luggage until the evening.

- The Chathams are part of New Zealand so there are no border controls or formalities on arrival. You could however bring your passport (even an old one) in the hope of getting a CHATHAM ISLAND franking stamp from the hotel  
During the flight you may like to put your watches forward. The Chathams are 45 minutes ahead of NZ time.
- Arrive Chatham Islands (Tuuta Airport 19 km northeast of Waitangi Township). Upon arrival, we will assemble in front of the aircraft for a group photograph. We will be met at the airport by our host and tour guide.
- During your stay, we will visit the four corners of the Island and the special places in between.
- Due to our very changeable weather, please pack your day bags for four seasons in one day. Comfortable footwear is recommended as you will be crossing over farmland. The water is fine for refilling your water bottles.
- A notice board will be put up every night, with hints on your next day's adventure.
- At the hotel, check in and freshen up for dinner at 6:30 pm. Retire to the bar, mix with the locals and relax 'til the small hours.
- Wi-Fi code is available in your room and at the lounge bar.

### **Another Day**

- Continental from about 6.30am or full "English Cooked breakfast" from 7.00 am.

#### **Optional Activities (weather permitting)**

##### **1. PITT ISLAND**

- Day tour out to Pitt Island (\$450 per person).
- Please be mindful; if you go to Pitt Island you may forgo a day's activities on Chatham.

Pitt Island involves a lot of variables. We let the hotel look after this 100% as they are in constant communication with Pitt Island. After you arrive on the Chathams, mention your interest to your tour leader.

- You might get there.
- You might be able to fly.
- You might have to go by boat.
- The weather might allow it to happen.
- You might not get there at all.
- On the other hand, you might just strike it right.
- If you can't get there, you might just have to come back on another tour.
- Pitt Island is always a big MIGHT.
- It's a great place to visit if you can.



##### **2. FISHING**

(subject to minimum number and weather permitting).

The hotel has its own boat, the 40 ft *Nancy Kay*. Up to 10 people at a time can enjoy 2-3 hrs

of Chatham Island deep sea fishing, hand lining for blue cod and hapuka. Weather permitting, this option is complementary. All fish generally comes back to the hotel and frozen in packs for pax to take home on the last day. Additional charters are available for up to eight keen fisher- people @ \$200 pp for two to three hours. However, please note that five blue cod and one hapuka pp is the limit on these charters.

- Times for fishing are tide dependent and on number of pax going, we can do 3 trips on same day, each going for 2-3 hours
- Extra, fresh “free flow” blue cod can be bought at \$108 per 3 kg to bring home.
- We will have got numbers of persons going and arranged the fishing trip the night before.

### **3. TOWN WALK TO INCLUDE THE MUSEUM, CRAFT SHOP, WAITANGI STORE**

- Those who haven’t gone fishing will have had time to look around “Downtown Waitangi” with a visit to the museum and shop.

### **Another Day**

#### **Kaingaroa - Northern part of the Chathams.**

☐ Continental from about 6.30am or full “English Cooked breakfast” from 7.00 am.

Depart hotel by bus

☐ Drive out to Splatter Rock. These rocks on the western end of Wharekauri Beach are from “Middle Earth” and the metamorphic glass in them sparkles in the sun.

☐ To get access to the Splatter Rock, we drive over Wharekauri Farm Station. It is 28,000 acres in extent. There are 65km of fencing, 12,000 sheep and 105ha under crop.

☐ Ocean Mail Reserve. Continuing to Ocean Mail Scenic Reserve we take a boardwalk and wander through this wetland area.

☐ J M Barker Reserve (Hapupu) Tree Carvings, Dendroglyphs (tree carvings)

At Hapupu Historic Reserve we discover another unique archaeological site. Carved into the bark of kopi (karaka) trees within the reserve are Moriori tree carvings – known as dendroglyphs. They are among the little evidence of pre-contact Moriori culture remaining on the island. The last remaining trees are expected to die and disappear in the next year or two. However they are still there in sad shape.

☐ We also visit Broughton Landing, an old mission and whaling station, and the farm “Mission Station” owned by the late Jim Muirson. Jim had 1,400 hectares, running 3,000 ewes and 350 cows. This is where we will be able to view the remains of a wrecked RNZAF Short Sunderland, in the process of preservation. This particular Sunderland aircraft provided an aviation lifeline to the island until it was holed by a rock while taking off from the Te Whanga Lagoon in 1959.

☐ We travel across many paddocks to reach the huge fur seal colony at Point Munning.

☐ Back to the hotel, check in and freshen up for dinner at 6:30 pm.

Retire to the bar, mix with the locals and relax ‘til the small hours.

### **Another Day**

☐ Continental from about 6.30am or full “English Cooked breakfast” from 7.00am.

☐ Bus will leave the hotel with everybody on board.

☐ This morning we journey down to the **southwestern part** of the island where we visit Awatotorā Reserve. This is an area of regenerating native bush, and home of the Chatham Island wood pigeon (parea), which we hope to spot.

☐ Bus for Blind Jim's Creek (fossilized shark teeth)

On the shores of beautiful Te Whanga lagoon, near Blind Jim & #39's Creek, careful fossicking is likely to be rewarded by the discovery of fossilised shark teeth. Around 30 million years old, these incredibly ancient objects are almost as scarce as hen's teeth but can be found in the Chatham Islands. To find a tooth from a creature that was eating fish long before the first primate - let alone the first human - walked the earth is amazing. I am sure that by the time you leave Te Whanga Lagoon, you will all be in possession of one or many of these prized ancient fossils.

☐ Nikau Reserve.

Nikau Bush is a 19-hectare reserve located 1.5 km north of Blind Jim's. It conserves broadleaf forest with a fine stand of nikau palms, the best on the island. This is the only palm native to the Chatham Islands, an even more impressive sight when flowering and bearing fruit.

☐ BBQ picnic lunch and a cup of tea or coffee on the way

☐ Running southwest of Waitangi, the Tuku road provides views of rich farmlands and shoal coastal waters. The stunning Tuku Reserve lies in the valley, a great place for viewing parea, the Chatham Island pigeon, and other bird life

☐ Back to the hotel. Check in and freshen up for dinner at 6:30 pm.

Retire to the bar, mix with the locals and relax 'til the small hours.

### **Another Day**

#### **Southeast and the Owenga fishing settlement**

☐ Continental or Cooked breakfast 7:00 am.

☐ Short walk and familiarisation tour of "Downtown Waitangi" with a visit to the Museum and shop, and have your passport stamped.

☐ Depart for our journey out to the southeast and fishing settlement of Owenga.

☐ The first stop is the Moriori Kōpinga Marae, sited on the hilltop at Te Awatea. This is the only Moriori marae in New Zealand sited on the hilltop at Te Awatea. Kōpinga Marae, shaped like an albatross when viewed from the air, continues to amaze visitors. Learn the culture, learn about the History of the first inhabitants of the Island. Panoramic views across Lake Huro to Waitangi and across Te Whanga to its entrance at Te Awapatiki

☐ Tommy Solomon Statue at Manakau, Owenga

Tommy Solomon (7 May 1884 to 19 March 1933), is believed by most to have been the last full-blooded Moriori, the indigenous people of the Chatham Islands.

☐ Return to the hotel for a day's de-brief at the bar.

### **Another Day**

#### **Waitangi West**

☐ Continental from about 6.30am or full "English Cooked breakfast" from 7.00am.

☐ A bus will leave the hotel with everybody on board. We travel "out west" to Waitangi West. Here we will enjoy a packed lunch and a cup of tea or coffee.

We travel over part of the Waitangi West Station, consisting of 3,412 hectares carrying 10,000 sheep. Recently the station was bought by a Chinese buyer for \$5,000,000.

Stone Cottage (under renovation and possibly not open) and Maunganui Bluff

☐ The cottage was built between 1866 and 1868 for the Moravian missionaries who arrived in the Chathams in 1843. These German missionaries made no converts, but had a significant input into the history and lifestyle of the Chathams. They introduced large-scale horticulture, sheep farming, shipbuilding and literacy. The cottage was built largely of local stone and timber, reflecting the missionaries' attitudes. They were committed to the idea of being self-reliant in their own lives and, as an example to others, used only local materials.

☐ We then visit the safest fishing harbour with the most shipwrecks on the island, at Port Hutt.



☐ Our next stop is the amazing Basalt Columns at Ohira Bay.

At Ohira Bay, lie massive basalt columns, part of lava flows dated nearly 80 million years ago. They comprise an interesting geological formation a series of pentagonal-shaped volcanic rock columns on the shoreline. They are not found anywhere else on the island and in only a few other places in the world - Giant's Causeway, one in Northern Ireland and one in Scotland and also Iceland.

☐ From the Columns we travel to the Wharekauri Farm Station homestead. Here we visit the heritage site of the Punga Whare built in 1867 and still in existence. We also have the opportunity of purchasing some plants including forget-me not and small trees from the nursery operated by the owners.

☐ We stop on the way home at Admiral Farm, named after the abundant butterfly. This is a fourth-generation Chathams property, owned by the Croon family, with a gorgeous garden featuring the eerie skeletons of dead kopi trees and great drifts of the stunning Chatham Island forget-me-not. Lois and Val Croon will be in attendance. Complimentary drinks and wine will be provided.

☐ Return to the hotel for a day's debrief at the bar.

### **☐ Day 8 Departure Day**

☐ Continental from about 6.30am or full "English Cooked breakfast" from 7.00 am.

☐ Your bus will leave the hotel at 8:30am for the airport.

☐ Check in at 9.15am

☐ Depart Chatham 9.30am - arrive mainland 10:45am

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**Booking conditions, registration and waiver forms are below...**

# FOOTSTEPS WALKING & TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

## CHATHAM ISLANDS 2026

### Booking Conditions

1. Participants agree to all terms and conditions by signing the Registration Form.
2. Phillip Donnell and *Footsteps Walking and Travel Club* are not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may arise from weather, pandemic, defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, or through the acts or default of any person or company engaged in carrying out any of the arrangements of the trip. Everyone participates entirely at their own risk. The separate waiver form must be completed.
3. We reserve the right to cancel the trip if minimum numbers don't eventuate. In such an event, all monies paid will be refunded. The minimum number for this trip is ten.
4. *Footsteps* reserves the right to make any modifications to the trip that may be necessary. The walks undertaken each day are determined by group consensus, but as far as possible we endeavour to meet your personal preferences.
5. The trip fee includes subsidisation of the leader/driver administrative and travel expenses, as well as a gift of appreciation/gratuity.
6. Registrations should be sent *as early as possible* in order to obtain optimal outcomes. Once we reach "critical mass" the trip moves from "orange light" status to "green light" status and the earlier that happens the better because people can then book flights and make arrangements with confidence. The deadline for registrations is **1 May**, or earlier if fully subscribed.
7. Registrations are accepted in good faith on a first comer's basis on receipt of the Registration Form and passport scan. A deposit of \$250 per person is paid at the time of registration. The balance of the trip fee is due to be paid by **31 July 2026**.
8. Our preferred method of payment is internet banking to Kiwibank Footsteps P J Donnell 38-9002-0435674-03. Please write your surname and the name of the trip ("Chathams") in the reference box.
9. Cancellations: If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, you must advise Phillip in writing as soon as possible. An email is acceptable, a phone call alone is not. Full refunds are given up to 90 days prior. Following that, refunds are by negotiation, with the aim of refunding the maximum amount possible. Travel insurance can cover you for unexpected changes of plan that have a valid reason. If you find a suitable replacement person, cancellation fees MAY be waived.
10. Personal travel insurance is recommended.

**FOOTSTEPS WALKING & TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**

***Chatham Islands 2026: Trip Registration Form***

Complete and send this (along with a passport scan and the waiver form) to our postal address (see base of page) or scan and email. The deposit required is \$250 per person. Our preferred payment method is internet banking into Kiwibank Footsteps P J Donnell 38-9002-0435674-03 (with covering email please, or your surname/name of trip in reference column).

Your full name(s) and please underline or highlight your preferred first name(s):

Postal Address:

Day/Night phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Date(s) of birth:

Are you comfortable in close contact with like-minded travellers with all the give and take needed for harmony? Please extend your answers overleaf or on separate paper, or by email.

Specify any dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions

Contact person in NZ for any emergencies : name, address, contact phone numbers, email and the relationship to you. In the event of any emergency, this is the sole person you are authorizing us to liaise with

I/We have read the trip information and booking conditions. I / We enclose the deposit of \$250pp. I / We agree to pay the remainder of trip costs by the due date.

(signed and dated by each person registering)

***Send (with waiver form) to :***

Footsteps, 3/B Te Arawa Place, Welcome Bay, Tauranga 3112. Email: [footstepsanz@gmail.com](mailto:footstepsanz@gmail.com)  
(scanned or photographed documents are acceptable)

**FOOTSTEPS WALKING & TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND**

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM**

**PROVIDER:** Footsteps Walking and Travel Club (Phillip John Donnell)("Footsteps")

**PARTICIPANT:**

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("the Participant")

I, the Participant, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Footsteps from all and any liability, claims, demands and damages, of whatsoever kind or nature, whether foreseeable or otherwise, either at law or in equity, which arise or may arise from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps.

I understand and acknowledge that this Release and Waiver discharges Footsteps from any liability or claim that I may have against Footsteps in respect of personal injury, illness, medical treatment, death, property loss or damage, and otherwise howsoever, resulting from the services and activities provided and arranged by Footsteps. I hereby waive all such rights and remedies.

I accept that I participate in the services and activities entirely at my own risk.

I acknowledge and accept that this Release and Waiver:

- (a) Extends to and covers all contractors, agents, volunteers and employees of Footsteps; and
- (b) Binds the executors, administrators, successors, attorneys and assigns of both parties.

Signed by the Participant:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_