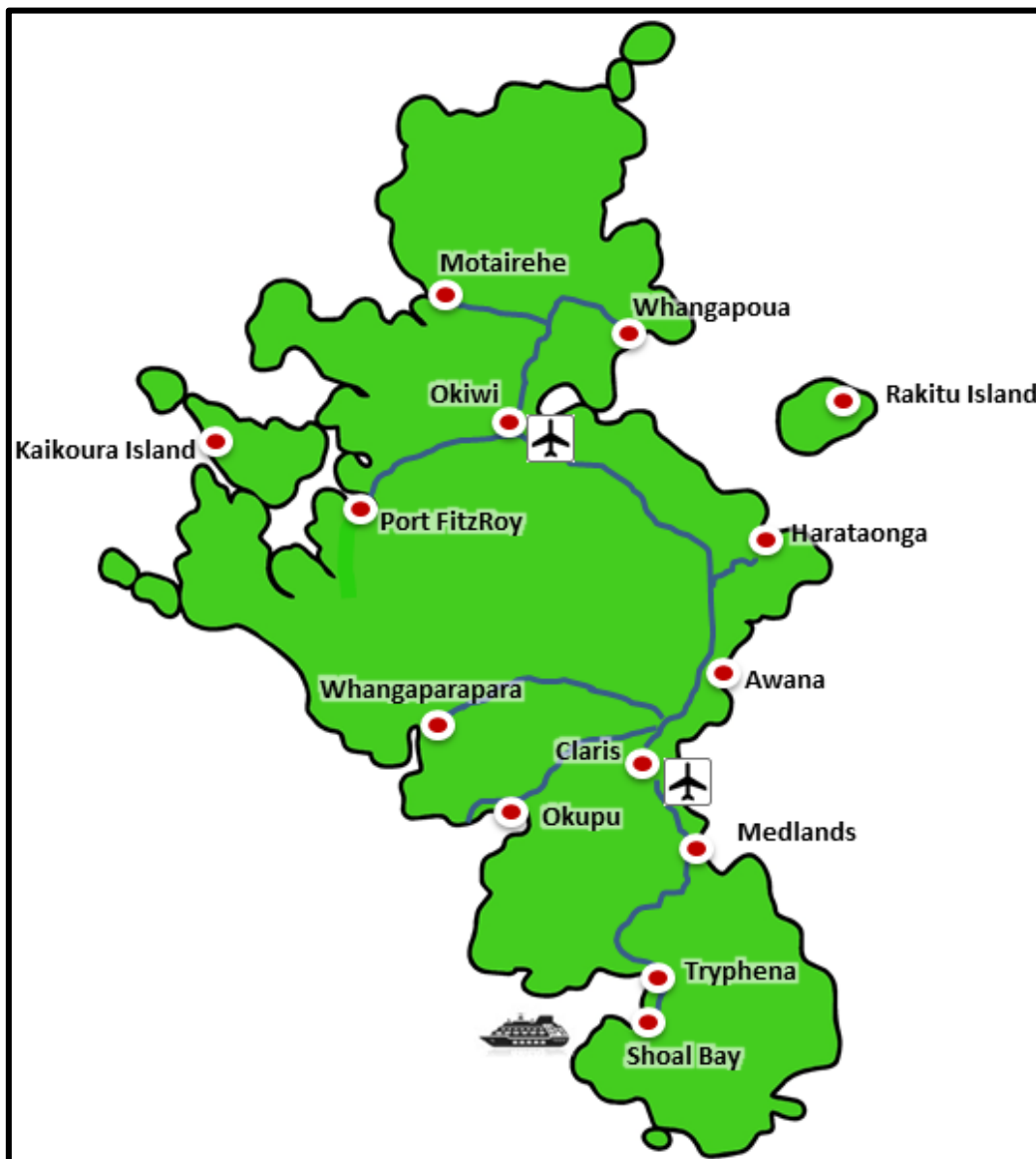


## ***THE BEST DAY WALKS ON GREAT BARRIER ISLAND***

**Saturday 31 October – Saturday 7 November 2026**

**Leader: Phillip Donnell**

Aotea/Great Barrier Island is a hiker's paradise. The walks are mostly on public land owned by the people of Aotearoa/New Zealand and managed by either the Department of Conservation (Aotea Conservation Park) or the Auckland Council. The Aotea Conservation Park covers more than 12,000 hectares and has multiple walking tracks for novice and experienced walkers.




**Price: \$1750pp (based on a minimum of 6 participants).**

**The price includes:**

- **Transport on the island (12-seater van)**
- **7 nights accommodation (in comfortable Air BnB houses or motels in Tryphena)**
- **Breakfasts (continental)**
- **The services of an experienced Kiwi leader/guide throughout**

**The price does not include:**

- **Flights or ferry to and from the island (return airfare is generally less than \$400)**
- **Lunches and dinners**
- **Travel insurance**
- **Personal incidentals and excursions**

DATE	POSSIBLE WALKS
<b>Days 1 and 2</b> Saturday 31 October Sunday 1 November	Fly from Auckland to Claris (Great Barrier Air) (morning flight recommended) <b>Whangaparapara/Okupu Walks</b> selected from: Old Mill Track (2h return), Tramline Track to Forest Road (1h), Kaitoke Hot Springs Track (1h30m return), French Road/Harpoon Hill (20m return), Te Ahumata Track (9km, 3h), Te Ahumata Summit (2h return), Iona Mine Walk (15m), Whangaparapara Peak (2h return)
<b>Days 3 and 4</b> Monday 2 November Tuesday 3 November	<b>Tryphena Walks</b> selected from: Station Rock Lookout (20m), Dolphin Bay/Ross Bay Track (3h return), Ross Bay (2h return), Johnsons Bay and Ruahine Lookout (3-4h return), Whaler's Lookout Track 30m return), Millers Hill Walk (15m), Island Bay Track (2h return), Te Rangitawhiri Reserve, Kowhai Valley Track (2h), Tryphena Path (1h30m) 
<b>Day 5-7</b> Wednesday 4 November Thursday 5 November Friday 6 November	<b>Port Fitzroy and Whangapoua Walks</b> selected from: Old Lady Track (45m), Motu Kaikoura Track (2h30m), Windy Canyon (30m return), Mt Hobson Summit (via Windy Canyon and Palmer's Track, 5h return), Coopers Castle Track (4h return), Warrens and Bridle Track (1h30m loop), Harataonga Walkway (11km, 4h30m for loop), Glenfern Sanctuary Tracks, Wairarapa Graves (Tapuwai Site 1h return, Onepoto Site 1 h return), Forest Road (5h), Kaiaraara Hut (2h return), Bush's Beach Track (1h return).
<b>Day 8</b> Saturday 7 November	Trip concludes after breakfast. Travel from Tryphena to Claris (20 minutes) Fly from Claris to Auckland.

## FOOTSTEPS WALKING & TRAVEL CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND GREAT BARRIER ISLAND 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 September, 2026**, 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 October 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 ("Great Barrier") 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.

***Registration and Waiver forms are below...***

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

***Great Barrier Island 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: \_\_\_\_\_