

about Tiritiri Matangi Island



Surrender your senses to the beauty and magic of Tiritiri Matangi Island, situated in the Hauraki Gulf and only a 75 minute ferry trip from Auckland via Gulf Harbour. From the moment you step onto the island to the moment you leave, you will be entranced by the serenade of gentle birdsong and the lush native bush. Tiritiri Matangi is one of the world's most successful volunteer conservation projects. It has been re-vegetated with around 300,000 native trees and consequently 12 of New Zealand's endangered birds and 3 reptile species have been re-introduced.



Tiritiri Matangi, meaning "tossed by the wind", is an open scientific reserve managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC) in partnership with the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Inc. The "open sanctuary" status allows 150 ferry visitors daily, from Wednesday to Sunday, onto the island. Here they can witness first hand some of New Zealand's rarest inhabitants in a natural and protected environment. Visitors can have the opportunity to stay on the island overnight by booking through the Department of Conservation. This experience is truly unique, observing New Zealand's nocturnal wildlife emerging as the sun goes down, wildlife such as the little blue penguin (the world's smallest penguin) and the little spotted kiwi.



TO BOOK YOUR CRUISE:

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timetable and prices

Duration: Full Day

Departs*: Every Wednesday to Sunday
(and public holidays)

	Pier 4 Quay St Auckland	Pier Z Gulf Harbour Marina
Departs	9.00am	9.50am
Departs island at 3.30pm. Arrives back	4.50pm	4.00pm
Prices	From Auckland	From Gulf Harbour
Adult	\$66.00	\$49.00
Senior	\$59.00	\$44.00
Child (5-15 years inclusive)	\$29.00	\$24.50
Family (2 adults + 2 children)	\$161.00	\$125.00
Guided walk - adult	\$5.00	\$5.00
Guided walk - child	\$2.50	\$2.50

Timetable and prices are effective from October 2010 however remain subject to change without notice. Please confirm details when making your booking.



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TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS

★ **Wharf** - Ferries arrive/depart here.

1 **Penguin Nesting Boxes** are situated above the beach and are used by the little blue penguins during breeding and moulting season.

2 **Hobbs Beach** is a leisurely 10 minute walk from the wharf and is a sandy beach idyllic for swimming and picnicking.

3 Along the **Kawerau Track** you will find one of the island's oldest **Pohutukawa** trees, estimated to be 800-1000 years old.

4 **Stitchbird (hihi)** are the only member of a family whose closest living relatives are the saddleback and kokako. Until recently, they were only found on nearby Little Barrier Island.

5 **Takahe** from the same family as the Pukeko, are extremely inquisitive and rare. They were once thought to be extinct. Be careful that you don't end up sharing your lunch with them!

6 **The Tiritiri Lighthouse**, built in 1864, is one of New Zealand's oldest Lighthouse settlements still in its original condition.

7 **The Souvenir Shop** and interactive **Visitor Centre** are managed by the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi, and are a focal point for the island. All profits from the shop go back to the Island.

8 **Kokako (blue wattled crow)** are very rare and one of the main reasons bird watchers visit the island. Their song is reputedly the most beautiful in the world. If you are lucky you will see and hear them as they forage in the trees, often at eye level.

9 **Brown Teal (pateke)** one of the world's rarest ducks, can be found on the island's dams.

10 **North Island Saddleback (tieke)** are poor fliers and can be seen bouncing from branch to branch on their strong legs. They rarely fly more than 50 metres at a time.

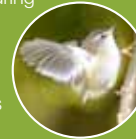
11 **The Tree Planting Project:** 283,000 trees were planted on Tiritiri Matangi between 1984 to 1994, regenerating 60% of the island's forest.

12 **North Island Robin** are curious little creatures, bold and fearless. They are known to approach humans with interest and are also one of the easiest birds to photograph on the Island.

13 **Whitehead** have a variety of calls (a buzzing or background chatter) which can be heard while they busy themselves in the canopy.

14 **Rifleman (titipounamu)** measuring only 8cm, is New Zealand's smallest bird and is the newest addition to the Tiritiri family. The Maori name, titipounamu means 'little piece of greenstone.'

15 **Kakariki** can be heard by their loud chatter, "ki-ki-ki-ki-ki" as they fly speedily above the forest canopy.



exploring the island

There are numerous walking tracks throughout the island which vary in length and demand different fitness levels. Forested walking tracks are well established with board walks meandering through coastal forest. Other walking tracks skirt the perimeter of the island and pathways and roads weave through the island's interior. All are clearly signposted. Please stay on the pathways and walking tracks as even the most delicate of steps could disturb a ground-nesting bird or damage the natural ecosystem that has developed.



For more information about Tiritiri Matangi walking tracks please ask for the brochure produced and sold by the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi, or visit www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz. Guided tours are \$5 per person; a worthwhile spend for the wealth of knowledge you are guaranteed to receive from your guide.

help look after the island

Tiritiri Matangi Island is a wildlife sanctuary; it is vital that it remains pest-free. Before you depart on the vessel please check your bags for rodents and insects and ensure your footwear, clothing and bags are clean and free of seeds. Please ensure your lunch is packed in a rodent proof container, preferably hard plastic. If you have any doubts or questions about your packed items, please ask sales staff or boat crew to advise. On arrival at the island, you will be met by one of the friendly DOC Rangers, who will outline the rules and regulations to ensure the Island remains pest-free and the wildlife remains unharmed. Please respect and obey these rules at all times.



Tiritiri Matangi is free of harmful pests like mice & rats.



Remember! A packed lunch (no food can be purchased on the island), suitable walking shoes, light rain jacket, sun-screen, hat, towel and swimwear. Pop into the Visitor Centre for a complimentary cup of tea or coffee. The shop has cold drinks, gifts, clothing, books and island mementos. Shop profits are invested in the Island through the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Inc.

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