



We are delighted to welcome your students to Tiritiri Matangi. We appreciate that there is a great deal of organising for this trip, so we've put together guides to make this easier. This Teacher Planning Information Sheet has the core information that you need to get your planning underway.

We ask that the Teacher planning this visit acts as the communicator with the Tiritiri Matangi Education Administrator (schoolbooking@tiritirimatangi.org.nz) and that all information is passed on to your teachers attending the visit. We will also provide you with an Information Pack for Attending Teacher.

School Programme:

Our School Education Programmes are run on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during school terms. A typical day on the motu starts with a guided walk through native forest with close up encounters with birdlife. After the lunch break, we provide engaging student-led activities for younger students or a targeted learning session for senior students. School visits are recommended for students Y3 and above.

Booking numbers per trip: Y3-4 = 55 students; Y5-13 = 65 students
First time school visits = 50 students
A minimum of a 1:8 adult to student ratio is required.

Costs:

Student: \$2 island guide + \$25 ferry;
Adult: 1 adult per 6 students free; extra adult: \$10 guide + \$37.50 ferry.

Growing Minds funding

Growing Minds funding offers free ferry travel and guiding for a maximum of 85 students from one school. Schools with an EQI of 430+ are eligible to apply. Click here to apply: [Growing Minds application form](#)

Booking

To book a visit, please complete our [School booking form](#). We recommend booking early to ensure your preferred dates are available. On confirmation of your booking, we will forward your details to the ferry operator, Explore Group, who will email confirmation and organise payment with you directly.

Explore requires a 50% deposit, with full payment required 7 days prior to departure. The Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi will send an invoice for the guiding fee after your visit. *(Student costs do not apply to Growing Minds funded schools.)*

Confirmation of numbers:

Please update us if you have changes to your group numbers after booking. We will contact you two weeks prior to your visit to confirm your student/adult numbers, these can also be updated up to 48 hours prior to your trip.

Ferry to Tiritiri Matangi

The Ferry departs from Auckland Viaduct Harbour and Gulf Harbour Marina. It is approximately an 80-minute journey from Auckland, and 20 minutes from Gulf Harbour. **You will need to arrive 30 minutes prior to departure** to collect tickets and clean shoes before boarding. For Auckland departures, provide the bus company and the driver on the day with a copy of our map to the Explore ferry departure kiosk.

Timetable:

Auckland Departure: The Explore kiosk is located on the inner Auckland Viaduct past the Maritime Museum from the entry on Quay Street, and before the lifting pedestrian bridge. Tickets are collected from the kiosk.

or

Gulf Harbour Departure: The Marina Ferry Terminal at the end of Laurie Southwick Parade. No tickets are issued, the TIC to advise Tiritiri Matangi Educator of school numbers when boarding.

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| Depart: Auckland City: 9:00 | Depart: Gulf Harbour: 9:55 | Arrive: Tiritiri Matangi: 10:20 |
| Depart: Tiritiri Matangi: 2:40 | Depart: Gulf Harbour: 3:05 | Arrive: Auckland City: 4:00 |

Day Programme

The school visit starts with a guided walk through native bush interacting with the abundant wildlife on the motu. Upon reaching the Visitor Centre there will be a lunch break followed by afternoon activities run by our experienced Educators. Our afternoon programme is for full time students attending New Zealand schools. International students will start the day with the guided walk and have the afternoon free to explore the motu.

Guided Walk

A reasonable level of fitness is required on all walking tracks on the motu. The track terrain varies from soil, gravel, board walks, steps and some paved areas. Suitable enclosed footwear is recommended, especially in wet periods. The guides will take your students on a slower-paced walk sharing information that will keep your students interested and engaged. There will be regular stops along the way highlighting wildlife, plants, and other points of interest. Let us know your visit focus and we can create a specialised guided walk for your school.

Tracks:

There are two main tracks for the guided walk, both tracks offer an amazing wildlife experience:

- Wattle Track: 90 mins
- Kawerau Track: 110 mins (*No Education Programme, weather and tide dependant*)

Groups:

- Primary/Intermediate: 7-8 students per group;
Secondary: 8-10 students per group;
Please allocate 1 adult per group (max 2 adults).
- There is a maximum of 8 guided groups per visit. Extra adults will be in their own guided group, leaving after the student groups.
- The week prior to your visit we will confirm the number of guides available for your guided walk so you can organise your total student group into even sized groups.
- Please inform us of any student/group that may require extra assistance or has health needs and make provision for supervision from an accompanying adult. A vehicle can be made available for transporting a limited number of students and caregivers directly to the Visitor Centre.

Afternoon Education Programme:

Educator Led Activities:

- Experiential learning activities at the Visitor Centre.
 - Conservation in action
 - Biodiversity
 - Introduced Pests
 - Genetic management (secondary students)
- Leave Visitor Centre at 2.05pm and walk to wharf via Road. (20 mins)

Due to the limited time frame on the motu it's helpful if there is one clear educational focus for secondary student programmes.

Educational resources

A wide range of resources can be found on our [website](#), or by clicking on the links below. Please let us know if you would like these or other resource materials emailed to you.

- [Primary/Intermediate Students Pre Visit Video](#)
- Check out the [Sanctuary](#), [Wildlife](#) and [Pests](#) pages on our [website](#).
- [Student Activities Resource](#)
- [Visiting Pest Free Islands](#)
- Our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts can be shared with your students (#TiritiriMatangiIsland)
- [Scavenger Hunt / Answer sheets \(short version\)](#) (*Backup activity only*)
- Feeding New Zealand Birds, by Josie Galbraith. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsNO1d77LA8>.

Extra Activities

Worksheets are available to print from our website and may be useful for down time on the ferry. Click to view activities for [Primary](#), [Intermediate](#) and [Secondary](#) students.

To protect our wildlife no ball or team games are allowed on the island. Students are encouraged to walk, not run. Climbing trees, and stone throwing at the beach is not permitted.

Food

We often find that students do not bring enough food for the day. Some food is available to purchase on the ferry, and there are limited snacks available on the motu in the Visitor Centre. The school may want to organise snacks for the return trip home.

Weather Cancellation:

The weather plays a crucial part in the journey to Tiritiri Matangi. We monitor weather conditions leading up to your visit and if the weather is not looking favourable, we will be in contact the day prior to your visit and, if necessary, provide you with an afterhours contact for Explore for ferry cancellation updates.

Please ensure that the attending Teacher in charge is contactable from 7.30am on the day of the visit. We strongly recommend that you have a phone/text tree in place.

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| On confirmation of your visit | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Confirm Ferry Booking and pay the 50% deposit to Explore Group. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Organise transport to/from ferry. Bus drop off: Explore Booking Kiosk, Quay Street, Viaduct, Auckland 1010. See map included in this pack. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete Internal RAMS (click here for a generic copy of RAMS completed for Tiritiri Matangi) Note the health and safety of the students and school adults on the Explore ferry and on Tiritiri Matangi Island is the responsibility of the school and their BOT. |
| Two weeks prior | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | We will email you a Booking confirmation to complete, sign and return: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of attending Teacher in Charge, student/adult numbers• Choice of Guided Walk and School Activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Confirm transportation to/from ferry. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Organise student medical notes; first aid kit; student/parent emergency contact numbers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ensure attending Teachers have copies of the Attending Teacher Information Pack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | We will confirm the number of guides available for your guided walk so you can organise your total student group into guiding groups. (max 8 even-sized groups/max 2 adults). |