



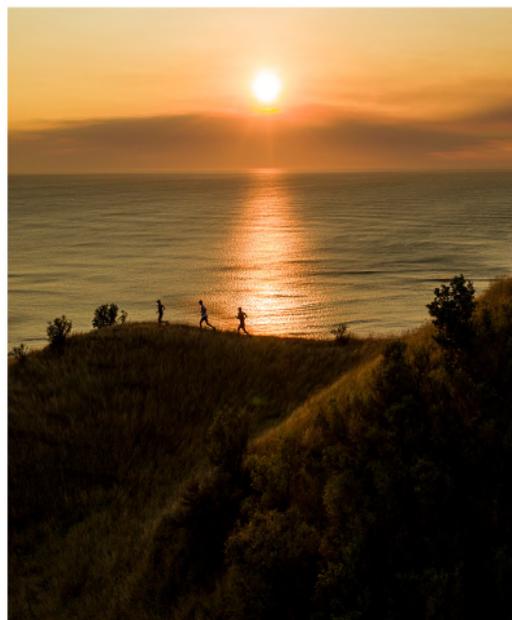
First Light Marathon

26 February 2022

The First Light Marathon takes place in Tairāwhiti Gisborne, Aotearoa New Zealand, which is known for being the first city in the world to see the sun each day. Its spectacular coastline and the steep green hills provide a magical backdrop to this unique race. Runners will herald in the sunrise as they crest the many hills and race along the white sand beach.

Furthermore, Tairāwhiti Gisborne is known as the "Chardonnay Capital" of Aotearoa New Zealand - home to countless wineries, excellent food, and world-class beaches, there is plenty to enjoy after the race is run.

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PACIFIC HARBOUR MOTOR INN PACKAGE – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$1767 AUD	\$2247 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$1538 AUD	\$2018 AUD

PORTSIDE HOTEL PACKAGE – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$1912 AUD	\$2426 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$1684 AUD	\$2198 AUD

EMERALD HOTEL PACKAGE – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$1961 AUD	\$2498 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$1733 AUD	\$2269 AUD



PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- Guaranteed Race Entry (runners only)
- 4 Nights Accommodation in Gisborne. Check in 24 Feb | Check out: 28 Feb
- Arrival and departure transfer between the Tairāwhiti Gisborne airport and hotels
- Pōwhiri (Māori welcome)
- Guests staying at Emerald Hotel & Portside Hotel have daily breakfast included
- Continental breakfast on race day at all hotels
- Māori Hāngī lunch
- Guided shakeout run with a beer
- Celebration dinner at Matawhero Winery
- Personalised Travelling Fit Running Top
Exclusive to Travelling Fit clients
- Invite to Travelling Fit's First Light Marathon Closed Facebook Group
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NOTE: Refer to separate flyer for optional excursions and extended multi-day tour.

To book or for more information contact Travelling Fit... Your Marathon and Travel Specialists
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Day 1: 24 February 2021 - Arrival in Tairāwhiti Gisborne

All participants will arrive in Tairāwhiti Gisborne either by a domestic flight or by bus. Tairāwhiti Gisborne is about a 6-7 hour drive or a 1 hour flight from Auckland. Alternatively, guests might consider renting a car if you plan on doing a bigger tour around the island. If participants choose to fly to the local Tairāwhiti Gisborne airport, transport to the hotel is included.

Around 6pm, all runners will gather for a short shakeout guided run. The run will be a maximum of 5km at a relaxed pace, perfect for starting to get familiar with the beautiful surroundings. After the run, we will gather for complimentary beer, where you can get to know your fellow marathon participants and raise a glass to the beginning of our Aotearoa New Zealand adventure.

Later in the evening, an optional excursion is offered, "Gisborne Astro Tours," where you will get to admire the celestial wonders of the Southern Hemisphere. An accomplished astronomer will be your guide to the starry constellations above.

Meals: Not included this day.

Day 2: 25 February 2022 – Traditional Pōwhiri and Hāngī

Early this morning, another optional excursion is on offer - "Stingray Encounter," in Tatapouri. During this excursion, you will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with stingrays and other reef dwellers on a reef ecology tour. You will be back to the hotels in time for the rest of the day's activities.

All participants will get together in the late morning for a traditional Māori welcome ceremony, known as a pōwhiri. A pōwhiri is a special ritual of encounter and the perfect way for us to experience Māori traditions. It usually takes place at the Māori meeting grounds, called a marae. The ceremony involves singing, dancing, speeches and hongi (pressing of noses in greeting). After the ceremony, you will enjoy a hāngī, the traditional way of Māori cooking using heated rocks buried in an underground oven. Race bags will be handed out during lunch. The rest of the afternoon is yours to soak in the cultural attractions of the city, hit the beaches, or go hiking.

Meals: Breakfast (not included if staying at Pacific Harbour Motor Inn) and lunch included this day.

Day 3: 26 February 2022 – Race Day and Celebration Dinner

Today's the big day! After an early breakfast at the hotel, you will make your way to the start line, just a short walk away. At the start line, a group of Māori will herald in the new day with Taonga pūoro, traditional Māori instruments. As the first light of day crests the horizon, you'll set off with music and excitement. Both the marathon and half-marathon begin at 6.30am and end 1:30pm.

After you've had a chance to shower and rest from the tough exertions of the morning, all participants will be driven out to the Matawhero Winery for a truly special celebration dinner. The vineyards are 100% naturally dry-farmed, meaning that they grow their grapes using only natural rainfall - never irrigation. You will enjoy a delicious meal while the sun sets over the vineyard.

Meals: Breakfast and Celebration Dinner included this day.

Day 4 – 27 February 2022 – Optional Excursions

Today, you will have the day free to explore Gisborne at your own pace, or you might opt to join one of the exciting excursions such as the morning "Stingray Encounter" excursion in Tatapouri, a tour to Maunga Hikurangi, a walking tour of Tolaga Bay and Cooks Cove. Also, two "Learn to Surf" classes will be offered - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Whether you're a complete beginner or you just need to refresh your skills. Refer to the separate excursion flyer for full details.

Meals: Breakfast (not included if staying at Pacific Harbour Motor Inn) included this day.

Day 5 – 28 February 2022 - Farewell Gisborne or hello Extension Tour

Sadly, it is time to say goodbye to Tairāwhiti Gisborne. After check-out, you'll bid farewell to Aotearoa New Zealand - transfer to the domestic airport is included. Alternatively, if you're not quite ready to say goodbye, join us for an exciting 6-day extension!

For full details on these extension tours please refer to separate flyer.

Meals: Breakfast (not included if staying at Pacific Harbour Motor Inn) included this day.

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