



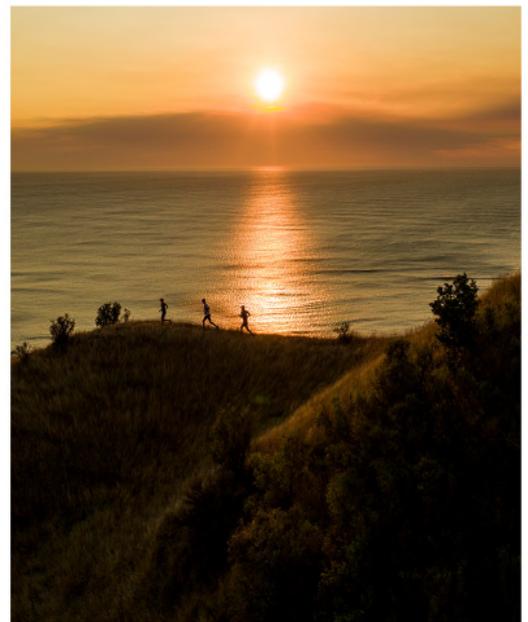
# First Light Marathon

28 January 2023

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. There is the option to participate in the Marathon or Half Marathon distance where 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.

Travelling Fit is delighted to offer you a 5 Day / 4 Night Package with the option to choose from 5 different excursions and a 6 Day / 5 Night extension tour to visit Rotorua and the majestic Tongariro National Park.



## CAPTAIN COOK MOTOR LODGE PACKAGE – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$1672 AUD	\$2126 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$1468 AUD	\$1922 AUD

## PACIFIC HARBOUR MOTOR INN PACKAGE – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$1771 AUD	\$2272 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$1567 AUD	\$2068 AUD

## PORTSIDE HOTEL PACKAGE – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$1919 AUD	\$2478 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$1716 AUD	\$2275 AUD

## EMERALD HOTEL PACKAGE – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$1969 AUD	\$2516 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$1765 AUD	\$2312 AUD

## PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- Guaranteed Race Entry (runners only)
- 4 Nights Accommodation in Gisborne. Check in 26 Jan | Check out: 30 Jan
- Arrival and departure transfer between the Tairāwhiti Gisborne airport and hotels
- Pōwhiri (Māori welcome)
- Continental breakfast (brought to your room) except at Emerald Hotel where full breakfast is served on Day 2, 4, & 5
- Māori Hāngī lunch
- Guided shakeout run with a beer
- Celebration dinner at Vines 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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## NOTES:

- For the Half Marathon, deduct \$74 from the package price.
- Refer to separate flyer for optional excursions and extension tour.

To book or for more information contact Travelling Fit... Your Marathon Travel Specialists  
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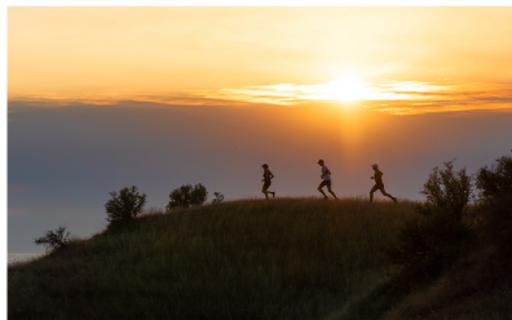
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## ITINERARY



### Day 1: 26 January 2023 - 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, everyone will gather for a 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: 27 January 2023 – 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 and lunch included this day.*

### Day 3: 28 January 2023 – Race Day

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.

In the evening you can meet other runners at Sunshine Brewery, a boutique brewery from the East Coast, and share your winnings and impressions of today's run while tasting local top-quality beer. The first beer is complimentary.

*Meals: Breakfast and a light lunch at the finish line.*

### Day 4 – 29 January 2023 – Optional Excursions and Celebration Dinner

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 – you can choose to go in the morning or the afternoon. Please refer to our separate excursion flyer for full details.

In the evening all participants will be driven out to the celebration dinner at a local vineyard. This is the time to toast to everyone's accomplishments and enjoy a delicious meal while the sun sets over the vineyard.

*Meals: Breakfast included this day.*

### Day 5 – 30 January 2023 - 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 an exciting 6-day extension to visit Rotorua and the majestic Tongariro National Park. For full details on these extension tours please refer to our separate flyer.

*Meals: Breakfast included this day.*

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