



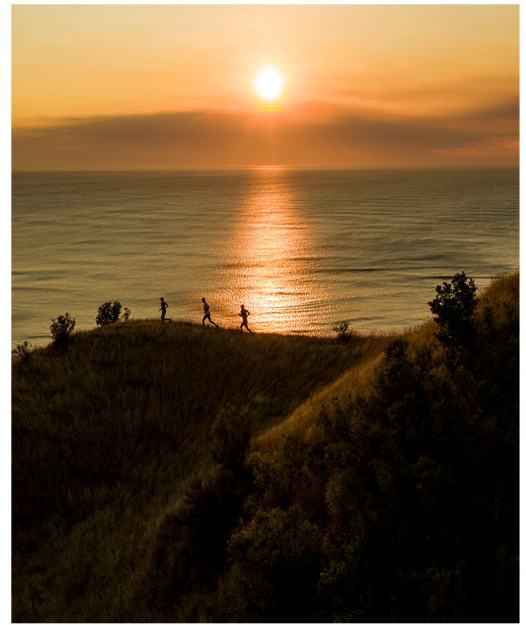
# First Light Marathon

23 January 2027

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 3 different excursions. There is also the opportunity to add a 5 Day / 4 Night Hobbiton & Coastal Wonders pre-marathon extension tour or a 6 Day / 5 Night post-marathon extension tour to visit Rotorua and the majestic Tongariro National Park. Contact us for details.



## PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- Guaranteed Race Entry (runners only)
- 4 Nights Accommodation in Tairāwhiti Gisborne  
Check in: Thu 21 Jan 2027  
Check out: Mon 25 Jan 2027
- Guided shakeout run with a beer and fingerfood
- Pōwhiri (Māori welcome) including lunch
- Pasta Dinner
- Celebration dinner at a local winery
- Personalised Travelling Fit Running Top  
*exclusive to Travelling Fit clients*

## NOTES:

- For the Half Marathon, deduct \$68 from the package price.
- Refer to separate flyer for optional excursions and extension tours.

## PACIFIC HARBOUR MOTOR INN PACKAGE – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$2339 AUD	\$2968 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$2077 AUD	\$2705 AUD

## SENATOR MOTOR INN – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$2437 AUD	\$3110 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$2174 AUD	\$2848 AUD

## PORTSIDE HOTEL – PRICES FROM

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE ROOM
RUNNER	\$2631 AUD	\$3373 AUD
SUPPORTER	\$2368 AUD	\$3110 AUD

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Please Note: All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and are based on a per person basis.  
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# First Light Marathon Itinerary

21 to 25 January 2027



## Day 1: 21 January 2027 - Arrival in Tairāwhiti Gisborne and Warm Up Run

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, the local airport is Tairāwhiti Gisborne airport (GIS). You can also join the pre-tour starting in Auckland – contact Travelling Fit for details or refer to our separate flyer.

Around 6pm, all runners will gather for a short warm up run guided by a local runner from Gisborne. 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 gathers for a complimentary beer and some finger food, where you can get to know your fellow marathon participants, meet the organisers, and raise a glass to the beginning of your Aotearoa New Zealand adventure.

*Meals: Finger food after the warm up run.*

## Day 2: 22 January 2027 – Traditional Pōwhiri

All participants will get together in the morning for a traditional Māori welcome ceremony, known as a pōwhiri. A pōwhiri is a special ritual of encounter and the perfect way for you to experience Māori traditions. It usually takes place at the Māori meeting grounds, called a marae. The ceremony involves traditional singing, dancing, and speeches. After the ceremony, lunch at the marae will be served.

The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Gisborne's beaches, take a scenic hike or join an optional excursion - *Stingray Encounter*, in Tatapouri. On this excursion, you will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with stingrays and other reef life on a reef ecology tour.

In the evening, all participants will gather for a carb-filled pasta dinner to fuel up for race day!

*Meals: Lunch at the Powhiri & pasta dinner.*

## Day 3: 23 January 2027 – Race Day

This morning you will make your way to the start line, just a short walk away. As the first light of day crests the horizon, you'll set off with music and excitement drumming through your body. Both the marathon and half-marathon begin at 5.40am and will end at 1.40pm, whilst the 6km event will start at 6.10am.

If you're still up for adventure, end the night under the stars with an optional astronomy tour - *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: Light lunch at the finish line.*

## Day 4 – 24 January 2027 – 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 the exciting excursion to *Tolaga Bay*. This is a walking tour of Tolaga Bay and Cooks Cove. Cooks Cove is named after Captain James Cook, who stopped here in 1769 during his circumnavigation of New Zealand.

In the late afternoon all participants will be driven out to a local winery for the Celebration Dinner. Everyone gets together to celebrate yesterday's achievements with a festive dinner.

*Meals: Celebration Dinner.*

## Day 5 – 25 January 2027 - 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. Alternatively, if you're not quite ready to say goodbye, you can join an exciting 6-day extension to explore beautiful natural landscapes, trek one of the famous day hikes in the world and see the geological remnants of seismic activities with your own eyes. Contact Travelling Fit for details or refer to our separate flyer.

*Meals: Not included this day.*

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