

Coromandel & the Bay of Plenty

The most beautiful places in Coromandel

The Coromandel Peninsula has much to offer and to make the most of it, take the time to stroll along the coast and stop to admire the views. CampingCar-Online/Ramble Campervans can offer you an itinerary to explore Coromandel and the Bay Of Plenty by motorhome.

Once you have picked up your **motorhome**, take the South Highway from Auckland at the junction of the National Highway 2 to reach Thames, the gateway to the Coromandel Peninsula.

Along the way, take a detour to **Miranda Hot Springs** and enjoy the **biggest thermal pools** in the southern hemisphere. The Coromandel region is an ideal vacation spot for New Zealanders and overseas travellers alike, due to its beautiful beaches and panoramic views. Enjoy **surfing, snorkeling, kayaking, fishing, and almost all, the many available water sports.**

Follow the coastal route north through Thames and Coromandel and then down eastwards towards Waihi, located at the southern end of the peninsula. The **discovery of gold at Driving Creek** in 1852 allowed the city of Coromandel to soar, while still retaining much of its history. There are many Victorian buildings.

Whitianga is a great **place for fishing** and the local restaurants specialize seafood. For those who love the simple life, Waihi is your city with its old, wooden buildings. The spectacular Waihi Beach, one of the most popular surfing beaches, is nearby. It offers 9 km of white sand where you can enjoy fishing and collecting shells.

Southeast of Highway 2 from Coromandel is **Tauranga**, famous for being **one of the three sunniest towns in New Zealand**. Holiday makers enjoy its climate and various activities, including nature walks and scenic cruises. Take a guided kayak tour through Glow Worm Canyon or explore Tauranga Harbour. Try **snorkeling** and **swimming with dolphins**.

The **Bay of Plenty** is a perfect place to camp for a day or two due to its **exceptional climate**, stunning beaches and clear blue Pacific Ocean. It's a real paradise. Trout fishing and deer hunting in the Urewera National Park are available for the sports fans and you can try your luck at some big game fishing.

An hour's drive away along Highway 30 takes you to Rotorua. **Rotorua** is the home of the Arawa people who lived and worked here for over six centuries. Their traditions have been passed down from generation to generation. Take advantage of the warm spirit of this vibrant culture. You can also walk through the spectacular Waimangu volcanic valley.