

VW Surf & Soak Tour - April 2011

Day 1 Monday 25th - ORERE POINT

70km south east of Auckland state highway 2 located on the Firth of Thames rocky surf beach great river actives, visit Tapapakanga Regional park to the world of the early settlers rich in Maori & European history great tramping, mountain biking and light bush walks and only 6.5 km from camp

Day 2 Tuesday 26th -MIRANDA In camp **thermal hot pools**, visit Miranda Shore Bird Centre, High Valley Horse Treks, book at office, try the fish n chips from Kaiaua

Day 3 Wednesday 27th -“Welcome to the Coromandel” H/Way 25 On arrival at Thames take time to visit some of the local attractions Historical museum, School of mines War Memorial Monument a great viewpoint then a scenic drive along the Pohutukawa Coast to Te Puru, Waionu, Tapu then onto **COROMANDEL** Visit Driving Creek Railway over 1hr train ride mountain narrow-gauge stunning views 2km drive, the Water Works Entertaining theme park (kids will love it prepare to get wet) Gold Stamper Battery over 100yr old quarts stamper get some gold ? Arts & Crafts Studios & Shops of some of NZ's finest artists Wide variety cafes bars & restaurants in Coromandel Township 5km to the south of camp

Day 4 Thursday 28th - FLAXMILL BAY

Nearby restaurant, café & store 1 km from passenger ferry to Whitianga also visit Hot Water Beach, Hahei and Cathedral Cove on way to Whangamata if you have time on your side

Day 5 Friday 29th - WHANGAMATA home of the Beach Hop on the drive to Whangamata stop at Tairau, turn off to Pauanui, Opoutere & Onemana all worth the visit Famous for unique combination of beach and rain forests and some of the best surf breaks in NZ try mountain biking, visit Luck at Last mine, walk the Wentworth valley old mines and waterfalls, Go surfing

Saturday 30th “Welcome to the Bay of Plenty”

Via Kopu Hikuai highway to Paeroa on through Karangahake Gorge don't forget to stop at Waikino historic pub, then Waihi “heart of gold town’ make sure to take in the open cast mine below the Martha mine structure seen at the very top of the main street, then onto Waihi Beach and travel the Athenree Gorge H/w 2 to **OMOKOROA** In camp Thermal pools relax after today's long drive

Day 7 Sunday 1st - MT MAUNGANUI

One of NZ most popular holiday spots, the climb to the top of Mauro 232m takes aprox 2 hours but what a view, if you want it easier take a stroll on trail around the base. **Hot salt water pools on edge of camp**, Take a relaxing stroll on the ocean board walk, enjoy refreshments at one of the many bars & cafes go surfing?

Just relax at this beautiful part of the Bay of Plenty

Day 8 Monday 2nd - OHIWA

info to follow

Day 9 Tuesday 3rd - ROTORUA thermal pools
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Day 10 Wednesday 4th - TAUPO

In camp thermal pool, The regions magnificent thermal activity can be seen at Wairakie Thermal Valley & Orakei Korako to the north of town, view the Huka Falls the largest on the Waikato river, take a jet boat ride or a bungy jump or tandem sky dive,try a quiet canoe on the lake ?

Farewell Dinner at 7.30pm in camp Conference Centre

Day 11 Thursday 5th - Farewell - Safe Journey Home