

# Raukumara Traverse | 5 Days | Itinerary



DAY	RIDE	KM	KAI
1	Opotiki to Toatoa	36	D
2	Toatoa to Motu via Motu Falls	38	B,L,D
3	Motu to Te Wera via Matawai	34	B,L,D
4	Te Wera to Eastwoodhill via Rere Rockslide & Falls	41	B,L,D
5	Eastwoodhill to Gisborne via wineries	35	B,L

## Highlights

- One of the great rides of Nga Haerenga, The New Zealand Cycle Trail, including the Dunes Trail and Motu Road Trail (both Motu Trails) and Rere Falls Trail.
- Spectacular coastal views.
- The majestic Motu Falls.
- Rere Rockslide, where you can slide down a 60m-long natural slope (*free of charge but you need something to slide on and will do so at your own risk, or you can just watch others*).
- Rere Falls, one of the most charming waterfalls in New Zealand, surrounded by farmland located on the Wharekopae River. A perfect picnic spot.
- Overnight stay at Eastwoodhill Arboretum, the National Arboretum of New Zealand. This attraction offers 135 hectares of stunning exotic and native trees, fantastic walking routes and vistas.
- A guided jeep tour, the best way to enjoy the Arboretum.
- Fine Gisborne wineries and brewery.

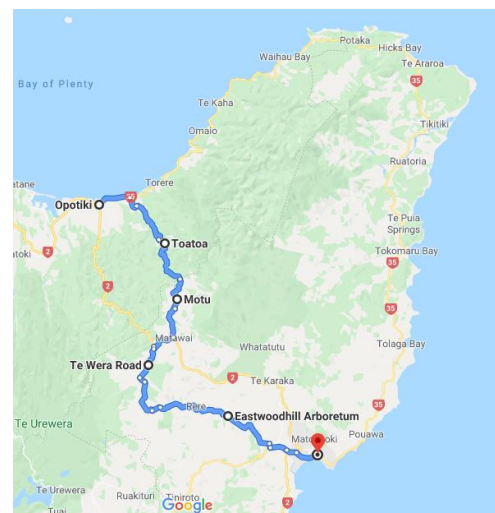
## Description

Tour available guided, supported or for independent travel.

Suitable for year round travel | Spectacular in autumn and spring

Grade 3 – Intermediate | Phone coverage limited

This five day escape traverses the Raukumara Ranges via the Nga Haerenga, New Zealand Cycle Trail, Motu Trails and Rere Falls Trail. Stunning scenery, and nature abound on this remote journey. The tour takes you over 175 kilometres of quiet rural roads towards Gisborne. There are many spectacular waterfalls such as Motu Falls, Champagne Falls (*guided excursions only*), Rere Rockslide and Falls on route. Eastwoodhill Arboretum, the National Arboretum of New Zealand is a highlight, as are some of Gisborne's finest wineries. The tour is slow paced to enjoy the cycling and walking opportunities along the trail.



## Pricing

Tour Type	Price	
	2 Pax	3 or more Pax
Independent	\$1199p.p	\$999p.p
Supported	\$2299p.p	\$1699p.p
Guided	\$3299p.p	\$2399p.p

\*single supplement may apply

## Market

Confident cyclist | Reasonable fitness | Age range 16+ male/female | Groups of 2 or more.

## Itinerary

### DAY 1 Gisborne to Toatoa

KM 36

MEALS: D

Meet for a 9:30am departure and transfer from Gisborne to Opotiki. We will drop you in town where you can fuel up at one of the many cafes for lunch before heading off. Cycle along the easy grade 2 Dunes Trail with views of Moutohora/Whale Island, Whakaari/White Island and the Raukumara Ranges which you head into up the Motu Road Trail. It is a long, steady climb up the Meremere hill to your Toatoa accommodation for the night.



### DAY 2 Toatoa to Motu

KM 38

MEALS: B, L, D

After a hearty breakfast, pack your picnic lunch and enjoy the spectacular Motu Road, a grade 3 gravel road ride through incredible native bush, enjoy the breathtaking views back to Motouhora/Whale Island and into the valleys along the ride. After arriving in Motu, take a short 10 km return ride to view the spectacular Motu Falls, and wander into the Whinray Scenic Reserve (a return walk of 30 mins to 2 hours)



### DAY 3 Motu to Te Wera

KM 39

MEALS: B, L, D

A leisurely breakfast before you head to Matawai for coffee. There is a short stretch along SH2 before you reach the beautiful Hinetauparau (a seven-metre-tall steel pou reflecting the history from Te Aitanga a Mahaki), and the continuation of the Rere Falls Trail. The trail takes you through rolling hill country to a farm stay where you will be warmly welcomed. This is your resting spot for tonight.



### DAY 4 Te Wera to Eastwoodhill

KM 40

MEALS: B, L, D

Your ride continues over rolling high country, mostly sheep and beef country but also through pockets of forest. There are some climbs of 1-2 km long, but overall, the ride today is downhill. In all, there is 27 km of gravel road on the Rere Falls Trail. Visit the Rere Rockslide, where you can slide down a 60m-long natural rock face (*free of charge but you need something to slide on and will do so at your own risk, or you can just watch others*). Travel a further 2 km and you will come across Rere Falls a great spot for a picnic lunch. After relaxing at the Rere Falls it is a hilly ride to Eastwoodhill Arboretum, the National Arboretum of New Zealand and your accommodation for the night.

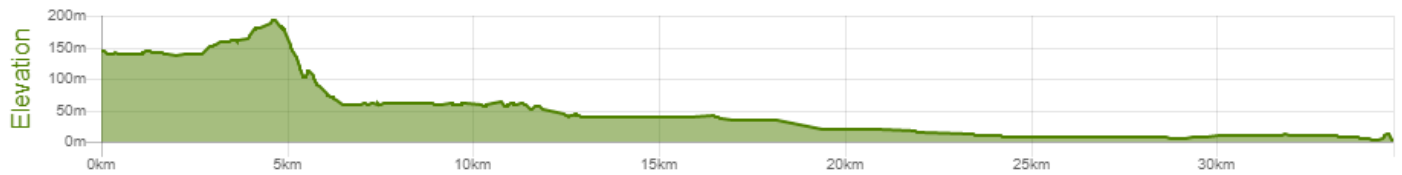


### DAY 5 Eastwoodhill to Gisborne

KM 35

MEALS: B, L

Start the day enjoying breakfast in the lodge or under the trees. Jump on board for a guided jeep tour, the best way to enjoy Eastwoodhill and discover amazing facts about the Arboretum and its 25,000 resident plants and trees. Your guided jeep tour takes about one hour and can be adjusted to accommodate your schedule. We encourage you to allow extra time to enjoy the gardens. Today's ride takes you down Ngatapa Hill, an exhilarating downhill. Wind your way back to Gisborne through the productive Poverty Bay Flats, home to quality vineyards and wineries. Enjoy a vineyard platter and wine tasting at one of our lovely Gisborne cellar doors. From there make your way to Gisborne city where you will visit Sunshine Brewery, Gisborne's iconic craft brew house.



### Inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Vineyard lunch with wine tasting
- Beer tasting at Gisborne's iconic craft brew house
- 4 nights' accommodation in farm stay and lodge accommodation on bunkroom basis (*twin room or studio available on request as optional extra*)
- Transfer as per itinerary | Professional qualified driver
- Knowledgeable guide (*if choosing the guided option*)
- Admission to Eastwoodhill Arboretum
- Jeep tour at Eastwoodhill Arboretum
- New Zealand Goods and Services Tax (GST)

### Exclusions

- International or domestic flights and taxes
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Meals and beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
- Water bottle (*we encourage clients to bring their own refillable water bottles*)
- Personal expenses (*e.g. phone calls, internet, laundry, shopping etc.*)
- Travel insurance visa (*if required*)

### Optional extras

- Bike hire (electric or non-electric) and helmet
- Bag transfers for independent travellers
- Accommodation either side of your visit