

ABOUT RANGITOTO

Sitting majestically just off the Auckland coast, this unique volcanic island boasts a fascinating landscape of rugged lava crops, lush native bush and sandy coves. Rangitoto is a public reserve, managed by the Department of Conservation.

GEOLOGY: Rangitoto Island erupted from the sea in a series of dramatic explosions around 600 years ago. This makes it the youngest island in the Hauraki Gulf, and the last and largest volcano to be formed in the Auckland volcanic field.

FLORA & FAUNA: Famed worldwide as a botanical gem, Rangitoto is home to New Zealand's largest Pohutakawa forest. There are now more than 200 species of native plants including 40 species of fern. Many of the plants are unusual hybrids and very rare.

PEOPLE: Today Rangitoto has no permanent population, but in the early 20th century there was a small community living in 'baches' (simple holiday houses) scattered along the shoreline. Further building was prohibited in 1937, and many of the original baches have disappeared over the decades leaving just the few you see today.

For more information on Rangitoto baches, please visit www.rangitoto.org.



Rangitoto literally means 'bloody sky' in Maori, but it is derived from the phrase "Te Rangi i totongia a Tamatekapua" – "the day the blood of Tamatekapua was shed", a reference to the injury of a chief during a battle fought on the island.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

- A sun hat and sun screen.
- Plenty of water. Snacks/lunch (there are no shops on the island, but you can buy provisions on the ferry).
- Sturdy walking shoes.
- A torch if you wish to explore the lava caves.

LOOKING AFTER RANGITOTO

- Rangitoto is undergoing pest eradication. To help the cause, please make sure all your bags are rodent and insect free, and ensure all footwear is free of seeds.
- Dogs and bikes are not permitted on the island.
- Open fires are forbidden as they can easily get out of control.
- Please take all your rubbish off the island with you.
- Do not remove or disturb any plants or historic artefacts.
- Keep to the tracks so you don't disturb plant life or endanger yourself on the lava.
- Allow vehicles to pass and stand aside.

RANGITOTO FERRY TIMES & RETURN FARES

AUCKLAND	-	DEVONPORT	-	RANGITOTO
DEPARTS AUCKLAND		DEPARTS DEVONPORT		DEPARTS RANGITOTO
7.30 am*		-		9.45 am
9.15 am		9.25 am		12.45 pm
10.30 am		-		3.30 pm ¹
12.15 pm		12.25 pm		4.00 pm ²

* Operates on weekends and public holidays only. 'Early Bird' same day return fare applies.

¹ Operates weekdays only.

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**RETURN FARES: ADULT \$25 | CHILD \$12.50 | SENIOR \$22.50 |
FAMILY \$59 | EARLY BIRD ADULT* \$15 | EARLY BIRD CHILD* \$7.50**

RANGITOTO VOLCANIC EXPLORER TOUR

GUIDED ROAD-TRAIN TRIP OF THE ISLAND WITH FULL COMMENTARY

DEPARTS AUCKLAND	DEPARTS DEVONPORT	
9.15 am*	9.25 am*	Tour duration including ferry travel is 4 hours. Bookings advisable.
12.15 pm	12.25 pm	

* This additional tour time operates on weekends and public holidays only.

FARES (INCLUDES FERRY): ADULT \$55 | CHILD \$27.50

DON'T GET STRANDED!

Please check the time of the last ferry at the start of your trip – a clock on the wharf will indicate the last departure each day.

ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS:

09 367 9111 enquiries@fullers.co.nz www.fullers.co.nz

TICKET DEFINITIONS

CHILD: 5-15 years inclusive.

INFANTS: Under 5s travel free on the ferries.

SENIOR: 65+ years.

However if a seat is required then a child fare must be paid.

FAMILY: 2 adults and 2 children.

Advance bookings are advisable for all tours. All departures are subject to change or cancellation due to weather, marine or operational requirements. All prices in this brochure were correct at the time of printing and are inclusive of GST. Fullers reserves the right to change all departure times without notice. Full terms and conditions are available from all Fullers Ticket Offices on request. Fullers gratefully acknowledges the support of the Department of Conservation in its role as custodians of the island destinations in the Hauraki Gulf.

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EXPLORING THE ISLAND

Rangitoto Island can be explored either on foot or by vehicle on a Fullers guided tour. There are many bush walks you can do or the Volcanic Explorer road-train will take you to the island's key sights.

The recommended walk to the summit takes about an hour at an easy pace, where spectacular 360° views of Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf islands await you. Lookouts along the way provide some stunning views as you climb, and a short detour will find you exploring the island's lava caves. Other tracks that skirt the coastline are signposted from the wharf.

RANGITOTO VOLCANIC EXPLORER TOUR

Combine your ferry trip to Rangitoto with a guided tour of the island on our 4WD road-train. On arrival, you will make your way to the parked explorer tour vehicle nearby, where your ranger guide will greet you. You will journey through the unique volcanic landscape, whilst your guide talks to you about the history and geology of the island. The tour vehicle will take you to the base of the summit cone, where there are approximately 300 boardwalk steps which lead you to the very top. After taking in the panoramic views, you rejoin the tour vehicle for the return trip to the wharf, which takes in the western side of the island.

FERRY AND TOUR



POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 BLACK BACK GULL COLONY**
The largest NZ colony of this species. Breeding from October to late January.
- 2 KIDNEY FERN WALK**
A cool bushy glen of the rare Kidney Fern.
- 3 KOWHAI GROVE**
Native trees which have lovely yellow flowers in spring and summer.
- 4 MCKENZIE BAY & BEACON LIGHTHOUSE**
Ideal swimming, fishing and picnic spot.
- 5 CRATER RIM TRACK**
This 15 minute walk circles Rangitoto's large crater at the summit.
- 6 SUMMIT LOOKOUT 260M**
Breathtaking views of the harbour.
- 7 LAVA CAVES**
Narrow caves originally formed from flowing lava. Take a torch!
- 8 CONTROLLED MINE BASE SITE**
Site of WWII buildings from which the harbour's minefields were operated.
- 9 ISLINGTON BAY**
Popular anchorage for local yachties.
- 10 MOTUTAPU CAUSEWAY**
Cross the causeway for further walks on Motutapu.
- 11 BOULDER BAY**
Site of old shipwrecks.
- FERG'S KAYAKS**
Casual kayak hire / guided trips. Ph: 09 529 2330