

About the island

Tūhua / Mayor Island is the ancestral home of Te Whānau A Tauwhao ki Tūhua. It is privately owned and is administered by the Tūhua Trust Board on behalf of its beneficiaries.

Tūhua is also the Māori name of obsidian, a jet black glassy stone. Tūhua is one of the few places in Aotearoa where this important resource can be found. Te Whānau A Tauwhao consider themselves the guardians of the island's resources and prohibit the unauthorised removal of obsidian or any other mineral, plant or animal specimen.

Kaitiakitanga or guardianship is a concept that is deeply embedded in Māori lore. The Trust takes this responsibility seriously and is actively involved in maintaining the island's natural character as much as possible. Manaakitanga or hospitality is another important concept that aligns with guardianship. The Trust welcomes visitors to share the unique experiences associated with the island. Its pristine waters and rugged natural landscape are available for everyone to share and enjoy.

Marine treasure

Tūhua is the largest island in the Bay of Plenty. The seas in the area were once famous for sport fishing. Since 1993 a marine reserve and restricted fishing area have protected this natural bounty. These treasured seas can be freely enjoyed by boaties, snorkellers and divers. Fishing, netting and other activities are banned or restricted. For more information contact Department of Conservation (DOC) in Tauranga.

Wildlife hotspot

A special partnership is in place between the Tūhua Trust Board and DOC to maintain the pristine environmental conditions. The Trust allows access, so that the general public can enjoy the beautiful forest and beaches on the island. DOC monitors and maintains the rare wildlife including kiwi, tuatara and kākāriki amongst others.

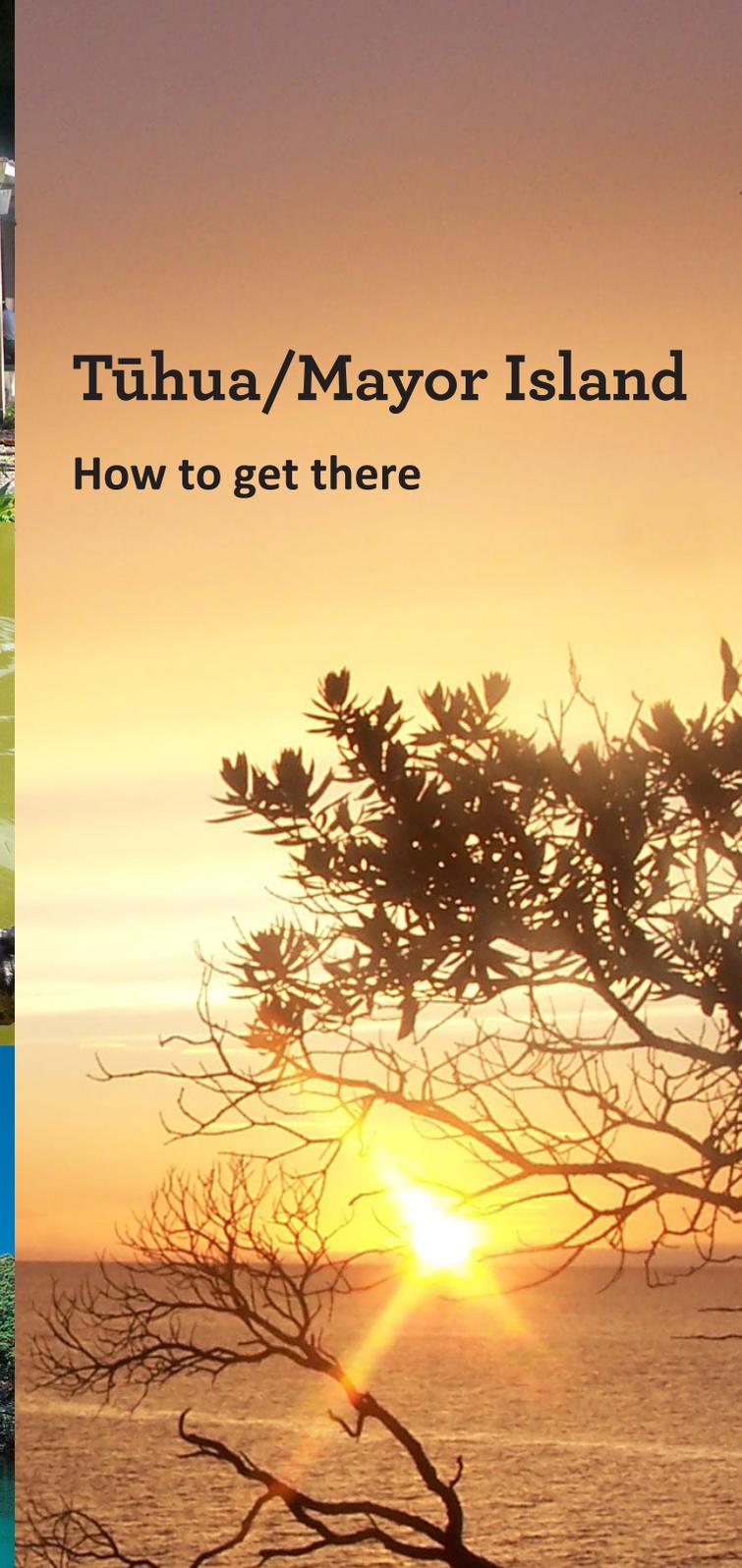
Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement and are asked to follow a few rules and biosecurity precautions. The island's natural beauty, pest-free status and unique inhabitants must be protected for all.



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Booking accommodation

The Tuhua Trust Board is managing the booking process from this season.

Tent sites and cabins are available at Opo / South East Bay from Labour Weekend to Easter (bookings outside this time available on request), with access to shower facilities and an ablution block included in the accommodation fee. Bookings outside this time can be available on request.

An additional 10% non-refundable booking fee is payable upfront. The balance of accommodation fees are required in the four weeks leading up to your trip.

Nightly rates (including landing fees), GST inclusive:

Prices quoted per night:

	Tent site - per person	Cabin (4 berth)	Cabin (6 berth)
Individual	\$15 -15+ years \$10 - 5-14 years Under 5 - free <i>Camping only</i>	\$35	\$45
Couple	-	\$45	\$65
Family (3+)	-	\$55	\$80

Finding out more, and to book

To make a booking to land and/or stay on the island, please contact:

Tuhua Trust Board

Tuhua

Ph: 07 579 0580

Email: tuhuakaitiaki@gmail.com

All visitors who have not made a booking or made prior invoice arrangements through Tuhua Trust Board, must pay in full upon arrival at Tūhua.

If no prior booking is made then accommodation is not guaranteed.

Getting There

Landing on the island is only permitted at South-East Bay during daylight hours .

Vessels may only land on the island when a caretaker is in residence, and must land at South East Bay.

A number of private charter operators offer trips to Tūhua, a list of operators is available (email tuhuakaitiaki@hotmail.com).

A landing fee of \$5 per person per visit applies (included in accommodation costs if booked through Tuhua Trust Board).

Quarantine

On landing, all persons must report immediately to the island kaitiaki / caretaker and go through a quarantine process.

No stores, luggage or equipment are to be unloaded without prior permission from the kaitiaki.

Planning your trip

Tūhua is a remote island with only limited backcountry facilities. There is no electricity, shop or store on the island.

Visitors must supply their own linen, cooking and camping equipment, food, personal items and medicinal supplies (especially allergy medication, e.g. for bee/wasp stings). Take an extra day's supplies in case weather delays your departure from the island.

All water must be boiled prior to drinking, for your own comfort you should carry your own water supply.

German wasps are prevalent on the island, especially from January to March. Visitors are advised to prepare for potential stings and bring any necessary allergy medication with them.

Respecting the island

Continued access to the island depends on persons acting responsibly. A kaitiaki will be available on weekends, public holidays and some weekdays. This person is responsible for the safety and security of the island.

- If no caretaker is present, entry is forbidden.
- All visitors must observe the quarantine rules.
- Open fires are not permitted on the island. You may bring gas cookers (there are none on the island).
- Our water supply is limited and we ask that you conserve water at all times.
- Do not collect or remove specimens.
- The consumption of alcohol on Tūhua is restricted, and requires the prior consent of the kaitiaki. The use of non-prescription drugs is prohibited.
- All non-combustible rubbish, including plastics, must be removed from the island at your expense. All other material must be burnt in the incinerator located next to the cookhouse.
- All visitors must see the kaitiaki to check-in and check-out, whenever coming or going from South East Bay by boat or on foot. This is for your own safety in case you get lost or have an accident.

The kaitiaki retains the right to terminate your stay for any serious breaches affecting your own or the safety of others, or matters detrimental to the island flora and fauna.

Bad behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in the requirement that you and/or your group leaves immediately.

Costs associated with removal can be great, and it is likely that a landing ban will follow such an order.