



For travellers not tourists

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Foris Eco-tours – Authentic Eco-tourism Experiences

- Foris Eco-tours provide rich, high-quality small-group experience and help customers understand more about the quirks and bizarre subtleties of New Zealand's natural history
- **We hike, birdwatch and educate people about New Zealand nature**
- **We visit stunning places (Whirinaki Forest, Tongariro National Park, Otanewainuku, and beyond)**
- **We work with Todd Couper an internationally regarded contemporary Maori carver**
- Our tours are about a great day out in stunning places, not physical challenges
- Delicious deli lunches are provided
- Booking essential and minimum numbers apply

Where?

We operate primarily in Rotorua and the Central North Island.

-**Whirinaki Forest** is one of the world's premier rainforests – one of the world's biodiversity hot-spots, barely changed since dinosaurs lived in the undergrowth. Tall trees, rare birds and stunning scenery!

-**Tongariro National Park.** We offer a range of walks in less busy parts of the park as great alternatives to the Tongariro Crossing.

-**Birding in the Bay of Plenty**

and

-**Nationwide private tours, hiking and birding** options from 1-8 days including:

Auckland, Tauranga, Rotorua, Tongariro, Arthurs Pass and Kaikoura.

Who? [Tom Lynch](#) runs the tours and he has many years' experience in conservation education - he's a secondary teacher; he ran award-winning [Zealandia's](#) education programme for five years, teaching over 40,000 students in that time; and he's got over 20 years' experience as a senior raft guide. He knows how to give customers a great day. We are supported by a team of experienced guides with collectively over 100-years' experience in the outdoors.

What? Foris Eco-tours are aimed at the 25-60+-year-old professionals, small group tours, family groups, education groups, educated and environmentally-aware travellers. The company is a **Qualmark Gold** business, holds **Department of Conservation** concessions.



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Foris offers a range of products tailored to different groups.

Our primary products are our “**Full-day walks Whirinaki forest walks**”, “**Birding Tours**”, “**Private tour options**” and “**Tongariro Guided Hikes**”.

We also do significant work in the education market and offer a range of products suitable for international students. All prices are retail and include GST. (Please note minimum numbers).

Products

Full-day Whirinaki walk: Adult \$499, under 16's \$99

This tour takes in a full day of the world famous Whirinaki Forest. Think stunning scenery, waterfalls, rare birdlife and giant 1000-year old trees. Whirinaki is regarded as NZ's most complete canopy and ranks as one of the world's great rainforests. This walk is regarded by hikers as one of New Zealand's best one-day walks. (Minimum 2 pax), (Taupo Pick up extra \$100).

Full-day Tongariro hike \$499, under 16's \$99

We will craft a day walk to suit the clients, including the best scenery, stunning waterfalls and spectacular geology. We go to places off the beaten track, avoid the Tongariro Crossing and enjoy New Zealand's first National Park. (Minimum 2 pax)

Private Tours: (\$1850 for up to six people)

We'll work with you and clients to develop meaningful, authentic experiences. (options from five hour experiences.) We use late model hiace vans & a Prado four wheel drive for transport.

One day Bird watching tours (\$499)

Full day birding tour targeting rare birds and endemic NZ species clients have never seen. Lunch and transport included. (Minimum 2 pax)

Nature Meets Culture (\$2250)

Foris eco-tours has created a day tour for the discerning client who wants an intimate nature experience and wants to experience a genuine cultural exchange.

Our nature and culture experience starts with a short walk in Otanewainuku forest (between Rotorua and Tauranga). This is a stunning forest, home to giant trees, a fantastic community organisation that has established a strong kiwi and kokako population in the forest. We lunch at Mount Maunganui and check out Mount Drury and of course New Zealand's favourite beach at the Mount.

After this we have a private studio visit with Todd Couper. Todd is a Contemporary Māori artist who specialises in wood carving and sculpture and has forged his own style and direction in carving, with commissioned pieces residing in collections both locally and internationally. Todd shares his story of how Maori culture inspires his art practise.



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Education Groups: \$199 per student (conditions apply: minimum 10 people, lunch provided, Transport negotiable). Special Education rate for "Rafting and Rainforest". Foris Eco-tours offers tailored educational tours for secondary schools, international schools and tertiary institutes. We work with tutors to ensure we meet educational objectives. Other Education options include: Farm, Forestry, Geothermal, Conservation Programmes, Marae Stay and Rafting are all available on request.

Custom options (POA)

We are flexible and if you have a group interested in nature, farming, conservation and educational experiences we will endeavour to meet your needs (options from 5 hours duration to fully through guided multi-day New Zealand experiences). Our guides are exceptional and we are often asked by our exclusive clients if our guides could host their entire NZ Journey.

8-Day Bird watching Adventure (\$7500 per person)

New Zealand Nature at its finest. For the serious birder. 100 species, North and South Islands, 2 pelagic trips, 3 chances to see wild kiwi. Detailed information available. (Scheduled departure dates or minimum 4 pax, maximum 10 pax).

8-Day hiking Adventure (\$7500 per person)

A spectacular adventure for avid hikers. We do fun day walks up to 4 hours, stay in comfortable 4 star+ accommodation, eat yummy food and visit stunning sites from Auckland to Arthurs Pass. Details information available. (Scheduled departure dates or minimum 4 pax, maximum 10 pax).





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The details

- Foris Eco-tours is primarily operates from Rotorua
- All Day tours are approximately 7 hours in duration
- Hikes are easy options in stunning places, not gut busters!
- Delicious lunch provided and dietary requirements catered for.

Booking Phone or email contacts above. We offer quick turn around on all bookings.

Pick up/drop off Tours depart Rotorua @9.00am, returning around 4pm. Foris Eco-tours can pick up and drop off from Rotorua accommodation or customers can choose to meet us outside the Isite. Pick up from other locations are by arrangement (Auckland, Tauranga, Taupo).

What to bring Customers should bring along sensible shoes, a warm jumper and a raincoat. Storage is available in our vehicles but this is at the customer's own risk.

Safety We are a Qualmark Gold certified business and hold licences from NZTA for Transport and concessions from DOC. Safety is our number one priority.

Children Children are welcome on our tours.

Payment Foris Eco-tours accepts cash, Visa, MasterCard and online bank transfers. We will accept TECNZ member's vouchers.

Cancellation policy We offer full refunds for cancellations up to 14 days prior to departure. For cancellation within 14 days we retain a 15% deposit, within 48 hours no refunds. No refunds will be made for failure to turn up or if you are late and the trip has left for the day. We reserve the right to cancel any trip due to adverse river, road or weather conditions, or insufficient bookings - in these circumstances trip payments are refunded in full.

