

Get on the waka – be part of an unprecedented national event

Tuia 250 Voyage Trainees



Application Overview

An overview of the application process for the *Trainee Berths*.



Background

This year Aotearoa New Zealand will acknowledge 250 years since the first onshore meetings between Māori and Europeans. *Tuia – Encounters 250 (Tuia 250)* is the national commemoration that recognises this moment in our history and places the encounters in the context of thousands of years of Te Moananui a Kiwa (Pacific) voyaging and migration. This is also a time to share, debate and reflect - to enable a more balanced telling of our stories of Pacific, Māori and European settlement in Aotearoa New Zealand so that we speak openly and respectfully about our history. *Tuia 250* is an opportunity to hold some honest conversations to guide us as we go forward together. Community and iwi led events in regions right around the country will help New Zealanders to join the discussion.

Your opportunity to be part of the *Tuia 250 Voyage*

A major part of this event is the *Tuia 250 Voyage* which will occur from 26 September – 22 December. There will be a flotilla made up of six core vessels:

- Two waka hourua - Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti and Haunui
- One va'a Moana - Fa'afaite (from Tahiti)
- One Youth Ship- Spirit of New Zealand
- Northlands' Tall Ship R. Tucker Thompson
- The HMB Endeavour (replica)

The *Tuia 250 Flotilla* will be visiting historically and culturally significant sites around Aotearoa New Zealand.

Each vessel will provide opportunities for members of the New Zealand public to gain experience alongside a vessel's working crew for one of the voyage legs. These opportunities will be funded by Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH), and applications are open to New Zealand citizens, residents and working visa holders. Applicants should note that there will be a limited number of opportunities available to New Zealanders between the ages of 16 – 18; the majority of involvement for that age group will be available through the secondary school system.

Tuia 250 Voyage Trainee Application Overview

For the *Tuia 250 Voyage*, New Zealanders can apply to be a ***Tuia 250 Voyage Trainee***. *Tuia 250 Trainees* will gain sailing experience on board one of the vessels in the *Tuia 250 Flotilla*. There are 450 ***Trainee berths*** (spaces on board a vessel for a voyage leg) available for New Zealanders from throughout the country. 230 of these are exclusively for secondary schools and their students, 220 are available to members of the New Zealand public 16 years and older.

The following information contains details on how members of the New Zealand public can apply for one of the 250 *Trainee* berths.

Selection Process

Tuia 250 Trainee berths are open to all New Zealand citizens and residents 16 years and older. To ensure nationwide inclusion, each region has been allocated a certain number of *Trainee* berths for people from those regions.

Each allotted *Trainee* berth will be for a specific leg of the voyage on a specific vessel, so, applicants need to provide information about themselves and their availability to assist selectors in making their decisions. Applicants will have the opportunity to express their vessel



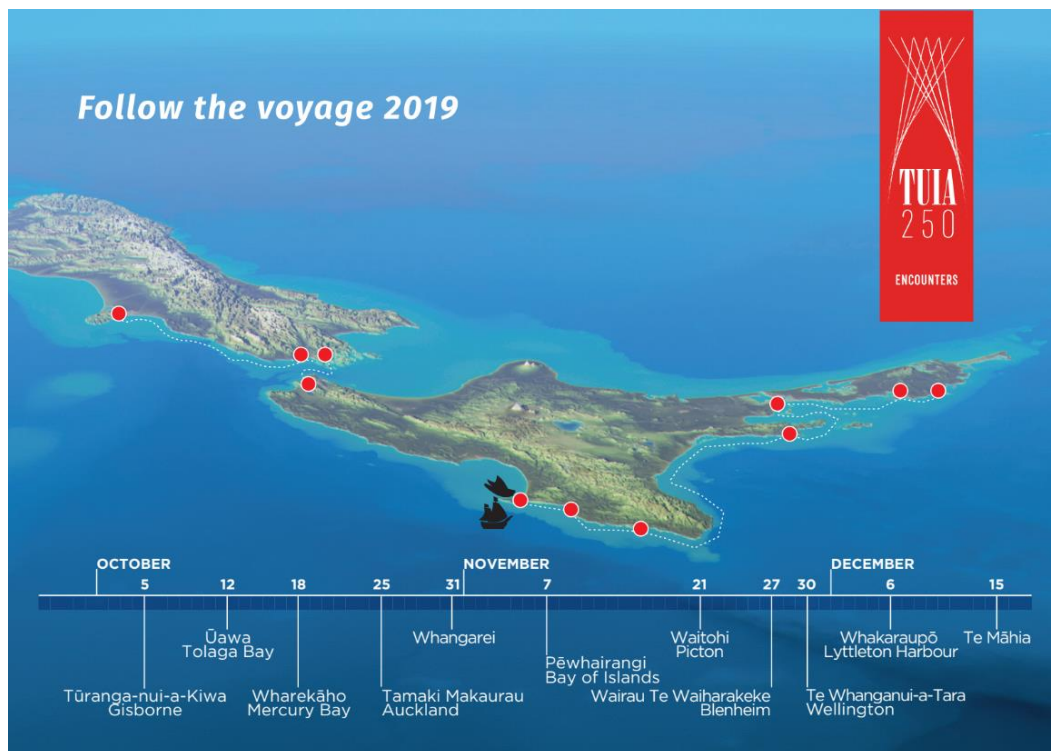
preference, but ultimately, the decision will depend on the *Trainee* berths allocated to the applicant's region, the applicant's suitability for those spots, and other applicants applying within their region.

The Voyage

The *Tuia 250 Voyage* will take place between **26 September and 22 December**. The vessels will depart on different days; the *waka hourua* and *va'a Moana*, departing first, will stop in at Whangaparaoa and Anaura Bay en route to Tūranganui-a-Kiwa/ Gisborne, and will arrive there on **5 October** for a welcome and event called *Tuia i Hawaiki Mai*. The three tall ships will depart at a later date and will head directly to Tūranganui-a-Kiwa / Gisborne, arriving on **8 October** for the *Tuia 250 Opening Ceremony*. From there, the *Flotilla* will visit the following sites:

- Ūawa – Tolaga Bay
- Wharekāho – Mercury Bay
- Maraetai; Tāmaki Makaurau – Auckland
- Whangarei;
- Pēwhairangi – Bay of Islands
- Doubtless Bay
- Waitohi – Picton
- Wairau
- Te Whanganui-a-Tara – Wellington
- Whakaraupō – Lyttleton Harbour;
- Te Māhia.

Each voyage leg will vary in difficulty and length – ranging from 1 to 15 days. To assist the selection process, each applicant needs to indicate the maximum length of time they would be comfortable at sea.



Submitting an Application

All applicants must read this overview document to gain a firm understanding of the application process for their region's allotted *Trainee* berths.

Applicants must then submit an application which should be done by completing a web form on the *Tuia 250* website – www.tuia250.nz. If an applicant is unable to do so, they have the option of filling in a copy of a *Tuia 250 Voyage Trainee* Application Form and sending it as a PDF or scanned attachment via email to tuia250.trainees@mch.govt.nz

If an applicant wishes to send in an application via email they must provide the following information in the 'Subject' line of their email using the format shown:

Format: *Tuia 250 Voyage Trainee* Application – Region, City or District, Name

Example: *Tuia 250 Voyage Trainee* Application – Wellington, Porirua, Sarah Rangi

Failure to do so may impede the submission of your application. Applicants will also need to send in a sufficient form of identification (instructions on *Tuia 250* website or in the *Tuia 250 Voyage Trainee* Application Form). Be sure to only send in the application form and identification, and not the *Tuia 250 Voyage Trainee* Application Overview document. Applications received after 5pm on **Sunday 16 June** will not be processed.

Important Dates

28 May - Applications Open

16 June - Applications Close

29 July – 9 August - Outcomes sent out to all applicants

Privacy Statement

MCH will keep all personal information you provide secure. We will only use it to assess your application and communicate with you, and will not disclose it to anyone else without your consent.