

Cook Islands 2026 Logistics Offline Packet

A compact offline packet generated from the field guide site data: itinerary, basecamp logistics, contacts, payment status, permits, and equipment readiness.

Trip window	Team	Basecamps	Islands	Trip days
May 22 - June 13, 2026	7 people	7	5	23

Needs Closure

Basecamp	Open logistics item
1. Rarotonga arrival (May 22-25)	Confirm airport transfer pickup for the arrival block.
1. Rarotonga arrival (May 22-25)	Add the live GolfSeaView booking link once it is available.
2. Atiu basecamp (May 25-29)	Confirm whether the Mayor courtesy meeting is at 12:30 PM or 1:00 PM on May 25.
2. Atiu basecamp (May 25-29)	Confirm airport-arrival handoff from Atiu Airport to the Island Administration Chambers before going to Atiu Villas.
2. Atiu basecamp (May 25-29)	Confirm whether the follow-up Mayor meeting happens toward the end of the Atiu visit.
2. Atiu basecamp (May 25-29)	Confirm how much food can be bought locally before relying on self-catering.
2. Atiu basecamp (May 25-29)	Brief the crew on wet-road limits before using the pickup.
3. Rarotonga resupply base (May 29-Jun 1)	Decide whether the reset block needs a vehicle or can run on bus and shuttles.
3. Rarotonga resupply base (May 29-Jun 1)	Confirm Jacky's arrival handoff timing.
4. Mangaia basecamp (Jun 1-5)	Attach proof of Pickering Motors payment to trip notes.
4. Mangaia basecamp (Jun 1-5)	Send the mayor courtesy email through Mia Teaurima.
4. Mangaia basecamp (Jun 1-5)	Confirm the June 1 meeting with traditional leaders at Maruatanui Palace is still happening and keep the agenda ready.
4. Mangaia basecamp (Jun 1-5)	Track the unpaid Mangaia research fee (NZD 500) and decide on payment online or on arrival.
5. Mauke basecamp (Jun 5-8)	Confirm meal times with Ri's before arrival.
5. Mauke basecamp (Jun 5-8)	Confirm the arrival courtesy handoff with the Mayor or Executive Officer.
5. Mauke basecamp (Jun 5-8)	Keep the June 8 9:00 AM Mauke School visit clear before the Mitiaro transfer.
6. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder (Jun 8-12)	Replace the Mitiaro lodging placeholder with the actual accommodation, host contact, and map point.
6. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder (Jun 8-12)	Confirm Mitiaro vehicle or host transport for airport pickup, fieldwork, and airport dropoff.
6. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder (Jun 8-12)	Confirm meals, groceries, drinking water, and cash/card requirements.
6. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder (Jun 8-12)	Confirm the final room and start time for the June 8 Mayor and Island Council courtesy meeting.
7. Rarotonga final stop (Jun 12-13)	Confirm whether the final Rarotonga lodging booking has been shortened to June 12-13.
7. Rarotonga final stop (Jun 12-13)	Decide whether the final Rarotonga block needs a vehicle.

Basecamp Overview

Basecamp	Dates / team	Status snapshot
1. Rarotonga arrival	May 22-25 Blake, Billy, Tilli, Emalee, Roger, Oana	Lodging: Confirmed; Vehicle: Watch; Food: Confirmed; Access: Confirmed
2. Atiu basecamp	May 25-29 Blake, Billy, Tilli, Emalee, Roger, Oana	Lodging: Confirmed; Vehicle: Confirmed; Food: Watch; Access: Confirmed
3. Rarotonga resupply base	May 29-June 1 Blake, Billy, Tilli, Emalee, Roger, Oana, Jacky	Lodging: Confirmed; Vehicle: Needs confirmation; Food: Confirmed; Access: Watch
4. Mangaia basecamp	June 1-5 Blake, Billy, Tilli, Emalee, Roger, Oana, Jacky	Lodging: Confirmed; Vehicle: Confirmed; Food: Confirmed; Access: Needs confirmation
5. Mauke basecamp	June 5-8 Blake, Billy, Emalee, Jacky	Lodging: Confirmed; Vehicle: Confirmed; Food: Watch; Access: Confirmed
6. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder	June 8-12 Blake, Billy, Emalee, Jacky	Lodging: Needs confirmation; Vehicle: Needs confirmation; Food: Needs confirmation; Access: Confirmed
7. Rarotonga final stop	June 12-13 Blake, Billy, Emalee, Jacky	Lodging: Confirmed; Vehicle: Needs confirmation; Food: Confirmed; Access: Watch

Daily Itinerary

Date	Field focus	Flights / commitments	Team
Friday 2026-05-22	Rarotonga arrival / landing Arrival / landing Late-night Rarotonga arrival only; land, clear the airport, and get to lodging. Rarotonga arrival May 22-25	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman
Saturday 2026-05-23	Rarotonga Fieldwork Day 1 Fieldwork day Main logistics base with airport access, permit offices, groceries, and bus network. Rarotonga arrival May 22-25	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman
Sunday 2026-05-24	Rarotonga Fieldwork Day 2 Arrival + fieldwork Main logistics base with airport access, permit offices, groceries, and bus network. Rarotonga arrival May 22-25	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel
Monday 2026-05-25	Atiu Fieldwork Day 1 Arrival + fieldwork Mixed terrestrial and coastal work with strong need for local driving coordination and cave access advice. Atiu basecamp May 25-29	GZ-634 Rarotonga -> Atiu: 11:00-11:45 12:30 PM or 1:00 PM Courtesy meeting with Mayor Timaau Mokoroa Island Administration Chambers Time TBC Proceed from Atiu Airport to the Chambers before heading to Atiu Villas; accommodation host handoff still needs confirmation.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel
Tuesday 2026-05-26	Atiu Fieldwork Day 2 Fieldwork day Mixed terrestrial and coastal work with strong need for local driving coordination and cave access advice. Atiu basecamp May 25-29	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel
Wednesday 2026-05-27	Atiu Fieldwork Day 3 Fieldwork day Mixed terrestrial and coastal work with strong need for local driving coordination and cave access advice. Atiu basecamp May 25-29	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel
Thursday 2026-05-28	Atiu Fieldwork Day 4 Fieldwork day Keep the morning field plan clear enough to reach Apii Enuamanu School for the 1:30 PM session. Atiu basecamp May 25-29	1:30 PM Apii Enuamanu School session Apii Enuamanu School Confirmed Confirmed by Tua for Thursday, May 28.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel
Friday 2026-05-29	Atiu Fieldwork Day 5 Fieldwork day Morning fieldwork on Atiu before the midday return flight to Rarotonga. Atiu basecamp May 25-29	GZ-635 Atiu -> Rarotonga: 12:05-12:50	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel
Friday 2026-05-29	Rarotonga transfer / coordination Transfer Return to Rarotonga, reset lodging, and prepare for the Mangaia leg. Rarotonga resupply base May 29-Jun 1	GZ-635 Atiu -> Rarotonga: 12:05-12:50 Afternoon TBC Koroa Raumea / MMR meeting MMR conference room Scheduled Rarotonga-side meeting with Koroa Raumea in the MMR conference room after the Atiu return flight.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel
Saturday 2026-05-30	Rarotonga Fieldwork Day 3 Arrival + fieldwork Main logistics base with airport access, permit offices, groceries, and bus network. Rarotonga resupply base May 29-Jun 1	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel, Jacky Austermann

Date	Field focus	Flights / commitments	Team
Sunday 2026-05-31	Rarotonga Fieldwork Day 4 Fieldwork day Main logistics base with airport access, permit offices, groceries, and bus network. Rarotonga resupply base May 29-Jun 1	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel, Jacky Austermann
Monday 2026-06-01	Mangaia Fieldwork Day 1 Arrival + fieldwork Final field block with targeted sampling, summary notes, and pre-return packing checks. Mangaia basecamp Jun 1-5	GZ-672 Rarotonga -> Mangaia: 09:00-09:40 10:30 AM Mangaia traditional leaders meeting Maruatanui Palace Pending confirmation Meeting with traditional leaders on arrival before commencing Mangaia fieldwork; waiting for confirmation that the June 1 meeting is still happening.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel, Jacky Austermann
Tuesday 2026-06-02	Mangaia Fieldwork Day 2 Fieldwork day Final field block with targeted sampling, summary notes, and pre-return packing checks. Mangaia basecamp Jun 1-5	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Oana Dumitru, Roger Creel, Jacky Austermann
Wednesday 2026-06-03	Mangaia Fieldwork Day 3 Fieldwork day Final field block with targeted sampling, summary notes, and pre-return packing checks. Mangaia basecamp Jun 1-5	Time TBC Nukutere College session Nukutere College, Rarotonga Scheduled Rarotonga-side school commitment handled by the returning group.	Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Roger Creel
Thursday 2026-06-04	Mangaia Fieldwork Day 4 Fieldwork day Final field block with targeted sampling, summary notes, and pre-return packing checks. Mangaia basecamp Jun 1-5	Time TBC Mangaia School session Mangaia School Scheduled Coordinate with Principal Michael Papatua; keep the field plan clear enough for the school visit. Time TBC Korero O Te Orau meeting Korero O Te Orau, Rarotonga Scheduled Rarotonga-side youth and environment NGO commitment handled by the returning group.	Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Roger Creel
Friday 2026-06-05	Mangaia Fieldwork Day 5 Fieldwork day Morning fieldwork on Mangaia before the midday return flight to Rarotonga. Mangaia basecamp Jun 1-5	GZ-673 Mangaia -> Rarotonga: 10:00-10:40	Blake Dyer, Tilli Steadman, Emalee Ott, Roger Creel
Friday 2026-06-05	Mauke transfer / coordination Transfer Return to Rarotonga, regroup, and continue the four-person Mauke leg. Mauke basecamp Jun 5-8	GZ-656 Rarotonga -> Mauke: 13:30-14:20	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Saturday 2026-06-06	Mauke Fieldwork Day 1 Fieldwork day Focus on coastal exposures, DGPS control, and sample scouting near uplifted reef terraces before the June 8 Mitiaro transfer. Mauke basecamp Jun 5-8	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Sunday 2026-06-07	Mauke Fieldwork Day 2 Fieldwork day Focus on coastal exposures, DGPS control, and sample scouting near uplifted reef terraces before the June 8 Mitiaro transfer. Mauke basecamp Jun 5-8	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Monday 2026-06-08	Mauke Fieldwork Day 3 Fieldwork day Morning fieldwork on Mauke plus the confirmed 9:00 AM Mauke School visit before the afternoon GZ-6648 flight to Mitiaro. Mauke basecamp Jun 5-8	GZ-6648 Mauke -> Mitiaro: 14:40-15:00 9:00 AM Mauke School visit Mauke School Confirmed Confirmed by Tangimama Harry for Monday, June 8; Principal Mrs. Maria Aiturau was copied on the confirmation.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann

Date	Field focus	Flights / commitments	Team
Monday 2026-06-08	Mitiaro transfer / coordination Transfer Land on Mitiaro, settle the placeholder basecamp, and stage the June 9-12 survey block. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder Jun 8-12	GZ-6648 Mauke -> Mitiaro: 14:40-15:00 After 3:00 PM arrival Mitiaro Island Council courtesy meeting Mitiaro Island Administration / Island Council Scheduled Courtesy meeting with Mayor Tati Tutaka, the Island Council, and Executive Officer Anna Roi; final room and start time TBC.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Tuesday 2026-06-09	Mitiaro Fieldwork Day 1 Fieldwork day Placeholder Mitiaro field block for the June 8-12 extension; replace logistics details once lodging, vehicle, meal, and access plans are confirmed. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder Jun 8-12	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Wednesday 2026-06-10	Mitiaro Fieldwork Day 2 Fieldwork day Placeholder Mitiaro field block for the June 8-12 extension; replace logistics details once lodging, vehicle, meal, and access plans are confirmed. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder Jun 8-12	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Thursday 2026-06-11	Mitiaro Fieldwork Day 3 Fieldwork day Keep the Mitiaro field plan clear enough for the confirmed 1:00 PM Mitiaro School visit. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder Jun 8-12	1:00 PM Mitiaro School visit Mitiaro School Confirmed Confirmed by Tangimama Harry for Thursday, June 11; Principal Mrs. Maora Murare was copied on the confirmation.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Friday 2026-06-12	Mitiaro Fieldwork Day 4 Fieldwork day Final Mitiaro fieldwork and packing before the afternoon GZ-649 return to Rarotonga. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder Jun 8-12	GZ-649 Mitiaro -> Rarotonga: 15:20-16:10	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Friday 2026-06-12	Rarotonga transfer / coordination Transfer Return from Mitiaro, re-establish the Rarotonga closeout base, and stage departure logistics. Rarotonga final stop Jun 12-13	GZ-649 Mitiaro -> Rarotonga: 15:20-16:10	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann
Saturday 2026-06-13	Rarotonga departure Departure Manage arrivals, handoffs, inter-island travel, and coordination without losing field records. Rarotonga final stop Jun 12-13	No fixed transfer or schedule lock.	Billy D'Andrea, Blake Dyer, Emalee Ott, Jacky Austermann

Basecamp Logistics

1. Rarotonga arrival | May 22-25

Team: Blake, Billy, Tilli, Emalee, Roger, Oana

Area	State	Summary
Lodging	Confirmed	Two arrival bookings are in place.
Vehicle	Watch	No rental vehicle; use airport pickups and the island bus.
Food	Confirmed	Groceries are easy, airport transfer pickup still needs closure.
Access	Confirmed	Permit pickup and agency meetings run from this base.

Lodging	Separate Airbnbs booked for the two arrival groups - Billy, Blake, and Tilli are in the 3-bed arrival Airbnb for May 22-25. - Roger, Oana, and Emalee use the golf-course apartment for the May 24-25 overlap night.
Vehicle	No rental vehicle for the arrival block; use airport pickups and the island bus - Clockwise and counterclockwise buses cover the ring road if airport transfers slip.
Food	Plenty of grocery and restaurant options; airport transfer pickup still TBA - CITC is the main first-day resupply stop.

Payment status

- Lodging: Check status. Separate Airbnbs are booked, but payment status is not recorded.
- Rental car: No item. No rental vehicle is planned for the arrival block.
- Meals: Card available. Grocery and restaurant options are available.
- Airport transfer: Check status. Arrival airport pickup is still TBA.

Needs closure

- Confirm airport transfer pickup for the arrival block.
- Add the live GolfSeaView booking link once it is available.

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Korero O Te Orau	Environmental NGO korerooteorau@gmail.com +(682) 73560 Avatiu Valley
Notes	- Permit pickup, agency meetings, and first gear sort happen from this base.
Key places	- CITC Supermarket - Rarotonga International Airport - Ministry of Marine Resources - Nukutere College - Korero O Te Orau

2. Atiu basecamp | May 25-29

Team: Blake, Billy, Tilli, Emalee, Roger, Oana

Area	State	Summary
Lodging	Confirmed	Atiu Villas rooms are held.
Vehicle	Confirmed	Electric pickup confirmed with wet-road limits.
Food	Watch	Dinner is arranged, grocery depth is still uncertain.
Access	Confirmed	Mayor approval is granted; the May 25 courtesy meeting and May 28 school session are now scheduled.

Lodging	Family villa plus standard villa held at Atiu Villas - Dinner service usually starts at 7 PM, with flexibility if the team is the only group dining. - Villas have enough kitchen space to prepare our own meals, unclear how much food we can buy at a grocer.
Vehicle	Electric pickup confirmed; wet-road limits noted - In wet weather, keep the van and pickup to sealed roads and firm makatea surfaces. - Vehicle rate is NZD 60 per 24 hours.
Food	On-site dinners plus a nearby cafe for breakfast and lunch - Areora Cafe is the fallback breakfast and lunch stop. - Starlink wifi is available at the villas.

Payment status

- Lodging: Check status. Atiu Villas rooms are held, but payment status is not recorded.
- Rental car: Check status. Electric pickup is confirmed at NZD 60 per 24 hours, but payment method is not recorded.
- Meals: Check status. On-site dinners and Areora Cafe are planned, but payment method is not recorded.
- Airport transfer: Check status. Airport pickup and dropoff payment status is not recorded.

Needs closure

- Confirm whether the Mayor courtesy meeting is at 12:30 PM or 1:00 PM on May 25.
- Confirm airport-arrival handoff from Atiu Airport to the Island Administration Chambers before going to Atiu Villas.
- Confirm whether the follow-up Mayor meeting happens toward the end of the Atiu visit.
- Confirm how much food can be bought locally before relying on self-catering.
- Brief the crew on wet-road limits before using the pickup.

Contacts

Contact	Details
Mayor Timaau Mokoroa	Atiu Mayor May 25 courtesy meeting at Island Administration Chambers; coordinate final timing through Tua.
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Syaka Tairi	Principal, Apii Enuamanu School info@enuamanu.edu.ck +(682) 33264
Notes	- Approval already granted by Mayor Timaau Mokoroa. - May 25 courtesy meeting with the Mayor is confirmed for the Island Administration Chambers after airport arrival; target time is 12:30 PM or 1:00 PM, final time TBC. - May 28 Thursday 1:30 PM session with Apii Enuamanu School is confirmed. - Roger Malcolm is the main science/local knowledge contact if field access questions come up.
Key places	- Atiu Villas restaurant - Areora Cafe - Island Administration Chambers - Apii Enuamanu School - Atiu Airport - Atiu Villas

3. Rarotonga resupply base | May 29-June 1

Team: Blake, Billy, Tilli, Emalee, Roger, Oana, Jacky

Area	State	Summary
Lodging	Confirmed	Seven-person reset Airbnb is booked.
Vehicle	Needs confirmation	Vehicle booking is not confirmed.
Food	Confirmed	Grocery and restaurant options are close at hand.
Access	Watch	Use the reset for fieldwork and the Jacky arrival handoff.

Lodging	Seven-person Airbnb booked for the inter-island reset - 3-bedroom, 5-bed Airbnb held for the May 29-June 1 return block.
Vehicle	Vehicle booking not yet confirmed - Fall back to bus plus airport shuttles if no island vehicle is needed during the short reset.
Food	Plenty of grocery and restaurant options - Use this period for resupply, fieldwork, and the Jacky arrival handoff.

Payment status

- Lodging: Check status. The reset Airbnb is booked, but payment status is not recorded.
- Rental car: Check status. Vehicle need and booking are still undecided.
- Meals: Check status. Grocery and restaurant options are available, but payment method is not tracked.
- Airport transfer: Check status. Airport shuttle or pickup payment status is not recorded.

Needs closure

- Decide whether the reset block needs a vehicle or can run on bus and shuttles.
- Confirm Jacky's arrival handoff timing.

Contacts

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Korero O Te Orau	Environmental NGO korerooteorau@gmail.com +(682) 73560 Avatiu Valley
Notes	- This is the main reset window before Mangaia. - May 29 MMR meeting is attached to this base; June 3 Nukutere College and June 4 Korero O Te Orau remain date-level schedule locks.
Key places	- CITC Supermarket - Rarotonga International Airport - Ministry of Marine Resources - Nukutere College - Korero O Te Orau

4. Mangaia basecamp | June 1-5

Team: Blake, Billy, Tilli, Emalee, Roger, Oana, Jacky

Area	State	Summary
Lodging	Confirmed	Babe's Place rooms are held.
Vehicle	Confirmed	Pickering Motors pickup is confirmed and paid.
Food	Confirmed	Three standard meals are included.
Access	Needs confirmation	June 1 meeting with traditional leaders is planned for Maruatanui Palace, pending confirmation.

Lodging	One single plus three double rooms held at Babe's Place - Airport transfers are included with the stay. - Card payments add a 4% surcharge; overseas transfers add a NZD 7.50 inward fee.
Vehicle	Pickering Motors pickup is confirmed and paid. - The manual pickup is the best fit for the seven-person crew and field gear. - Pickering Motors pickup is confirmed and paid.
Food	Babe's catering is the easiest option; one small shop is the fallback - The room rate already includes three standard meals daily. - Prepaid Vodafone wifi is available on island.

Payment status

- Lodging: Card available. Babe's Place can take card payment with a 4% surcharge, but paid status is not recorded.
- Rental car: Paid / included. Pickering Motors pickup has been paid.
- Meals: Paid / included. Three standard meals are included with the room rate.
- Airport transfer: Paid / included. Airport transfers are paid for and included with the stay.
- Mangaia research permit fee: Unpaid. Research permission for Mangaia is NZD 500 and is currently unpaid. Payment can be made online or on arrival.

Needs closure

- Attach proof of Pickering Motors payment to trip notes.
- Send the mayor courtesy email through Mia Teaurima.
- Confirm the June 1 meeting with traditional leaders at Maruatanui Palace is still happening and keep the agenda ready.
- Track the unpaid Mangaia research fee (NZD 500) and decide on payment online or on arrival.

Contacts

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Junior Harry	Chairman of the High Chiefs juniorhrr@gmail.com assists during the King's absence
Makitua Tutai	Mayor courtesy email can route through the Island Executive Officer.
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Anthony Whyte	Mangaia Island Administration / Executive Officer contact anthony.whyte@cookislands.gov.ck +(682) 34289 / +(682) 76397
Michael Papatua	Principal, Mangaia School info@mangaia.edu.ck / principal@mangaia.edu.ck +(682) 34022
Notes	- On arrival, hold the meeting with traditional leaders at Maruatanui Palace before commencing work on the island, pending confirmation. - Send a courtesy email to Mayor Makitua Tutai through Island Executive Officer Mia Teaurima. - June 4 Mangaia School session is a schedule lock; keep the field plan clear around the school visit. - Research permission fee for Mangaia is NZD 500 and is currently unpaid; payment can be made online or on arrival.
Key places	- Mangaia small shop - Mangaia Airport - Babe's Place - Mangaia Island Administration / Aronga Mana - Mangaia School

5. Mauke basecamp | June 5-8

Team: Blake, Billy, Emalee, Jacky

Area	State	Summary
Lodging	Confirmed	Ri's Retreat is reserved.
Vehicle	Confirmed	Suzuki Carry 4WD pickup is arranged through Ri's.

Area	State	Summary
Food	Watch	Meals are arranged, timing still needs confirmation.
Access	Confirmed	Mayor Joanne Stephens has granted access; the June 8 Mauke School visit is confirmed.
Lodging	Ri's Retreat reserved - One 2-bedroom house plus one unit covers the four-person team. - Tiare Cottages is the fallback if the Ri's booking slips.	
Vehicle	Suzuki Carry 4WD pickup through Ri's - Current transport quote is NZD 90 per day.	
Food	Meals arranged with Ri's for breakfast, lunch, and dinner - Confirm meal times before arrival. - Two small shops and a limited-hours cafe are the food fallback.	

Payment status

- Lodging: Check status. Ri's Retreat is reserved, but payment status is not recorded.
- Rental car: Check status. Suzuki Carry pickup is arranged through Ri's, but payment status is not recorded.
- Meals: Check status. Meals are arranged through Ri's, but payment status is not recorded.
- Airport transfer: Check status. Airport pickup and dropoff payment status is not recorded.

Needs closure

- Confirm meal times with Ri's before arrival.
- Confirm the arrival courtesy handoff with the Mayor or Executive Officer.
- Keep the June 8 9:00 AM Mauke School visit clear before the Mitiaro transfer.

Contacts

Contact	Details
Mayor Joanne Stephens	Mauke Mayor field access permission granted by note; route admin follow-up through the Executive Officer if needed.
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Maria Aiturai-Tereia	Principal, Mauke School info@mauke.edu.ck / principal@mauke.edu.ck +(682) 35050
Notes	- Mayor Joanne Stephens' permission note confirms field access for the planned Mauke work. - Mauke School visit is confirmed for Monday, June 8 at 9:00 AM with Principal Maria Aiturai copied on the confirmation.
Key places	- Ri's Retreat - Mauke Airport - Mauke Island Administration - Mauke School

6. Mitiaro basecamp placeholder | June 8-12

Team: Blake, Billy, Emalee, Jacky

Area	State	Summary
Lodging	Needs confirmation	Placeholder only; lodging name and room plan still need to be entered.
Vehicle	Needs confirmation	Ground transport is not yet recorded.
Food	Needs confirmation	Meal plan and grocery fallback still need confirmation.
Access	Confirmed	Mitiaro survey permission is approved; June 8 Mayor and Island Council courtesy meeting is scheduled.
Lodging	Mitiaro lodging placeholder; replace with the booked basecamp as soon as it is confirmed - This placeholder is intentionally visible so the team knows Mitiaro lodging still needs real data. - The temporary map marker is pinned to Mitiaro Aerodrome until lodging coordinates are confirmed. - Add room split, host name, check-in details, and booking link when available.	

Vehicle	Mitiaro rental vehicle or host transport placeholder - Confirm whether the team needs a rental vehicle, host pickup, or other ground transport. - Add pickup/dropoff timing and whether cash is required.
Food	Mitiaro meal and grocery plan placeholder - Confirm breakfast, field lunch, dinner, drinking water, and any grocery fallback before arrival. - Mark cash/card status in data/payment_status.yml once known.

Payment status

- Lodging: Check status. Mitiaro lodging is a placeholder and still needs real payment data.
- Rental car: Check status. Mitiaro vehicle or host transport is not confirmed yet.
- Meals: Check status. Mitiaro meal, grocery, and drinking-water payment details are not confirmed yet.
- Airport transfer: Check status. Mitiaro airport pickup and dropoff payment details are not confirmed yet.

Needs closure

- Replace the Mitiaro lodging placeholder with the actual accommodation, host contact, and map point.
- Confirm Mitiaro vehicle or host transport for airport pickup, fieldwork, and airport dropoff.
- Confirm meals, groceries, drinking water, and cash/card requirements.
- Confirm the final room and start time for the June 8 Mayor and Island Council courtesy meeting.

Contacts

Contact	Details
Mayor Tati Tutaka	Mitiaro Mayor June 8 Island Council courtesy meeting; coordinate logistics through EO Anna Roi if direct email is needed.
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Notes	- Mitiaro survey permission is approved; the June 8 courtesy meeting with the Mayor and Island Council is attached to the arrival day. - Booking DJ7XVV lists Mauke to Mitiaro on June 8, 2026, GZ-6648, 14:40-15:00 for Billy, Jacky, and Blake. - Booking OCEL8W lists Mitiaro to Rarotonga on June 12, 2026, GZ-649, 15:20-16:10 for Billy, Jacky, and Blake. - Emalee is included in the Mitiaro team per the updated itinerary, but her ticket source still needs to be attached if separate. - Mitiaro School visit is confirmed for Thursday, June 11 at 1:00 PM with Principal Maora Murare copied on the confirmation. - Prepared Mitiaro survey polygons are active for June 9, June 10, June 11, and June 12.
Key places	- Mitiaro Aerodrome - Mitiaro Island Administration / Island Council - Mitiaro School - Lodging placeholder - Food and water plan placeholder - Vehicle or host transport placeholder

7. Rarotonga final stop | June 12-13

Team: Blake, Billy, Emalee, Jacky

Area	State	Summary
Lodging	Confirmed	Final Rarotonga stop now starts after the June 12 Mitiaro return.
Vehicle	Needs confirmation	Vehicle booking is not confirmed.
Food	Confirmed	Plenty of food options.
Access	Watch	Use this base for loose ends and departure staging.
Lodging	Airbnb booked for the final stop - Update the Airbnb booking source if the final stop is now June 12-13 only.	
Vehicle	Vehicle booking not yet confirmed - Use this block for any loose ends.	

Food	Plenty of food options. - Plenty of food options.
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Payment status

- Lodging: Check status. Final Rarotonga lodging is now listed as June 12-13; payment status is not recorded.
- Rental car: Check status. Vehicle need and booking are still undecided.
- Meals: Card available. Grocery and restaurant options are available, but payment method is not tracked.
- Airport transfer: Check status. Departure airport transfer payment status is not recorded.

Needs closure

- Confirm whether the final Rarotonga lodging booking has been shortened to June 12-13.
- Decide whether the final Rarotonga block needs a vehicle.

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Notes	- Final stop.
Key places	- CITC Supermarket - Rarotonga International Airport - Ministry of Marine Resources - Nukutere College - Korero O Te Orau

Team Travel Windows

Name	Institution	Arrive	Depart
Billy D'Andrea	Columbia University-LDEO	2026-05-22	2026-06-13
Blake Dyer	University of Victoria	2026-05-22	2026-06-13
Tilli Steadman	Columbia University-LDEO	2026-05-22	2026-06-05
Emalee Ott	University of Florida	2026-05-24	2026-06-13
Oana Dumitru	University of Florida	2026-05-24	2026-06-03
Roger Creel	Texas A&M	2026-05-24	2026-06-05
Jacky Austermann	Columbia University-LDEO	2026-05-30	2026-06-13

Permits

Item	Agency	Status / expires	Notes
Permit to undertake research in the Cook Islands	Cook Islands National Research Committee	Permission granted Expires: 2026-08-31	Reference number 28-25
Research application form	Cook Islands National Research Committee	Submitted support document Expires: N/A	Jacqueline Austermann and Billy D'Andrea application form
Response to questions on initial application	Cook Islands National Research Committee	Submitted support document Expires: N/A	Converted from the staged DOCX submission
RPAS drone permit	Cook Islands Civil Aviation Authority	Permission granted Expires: 2026-06-12	Reference RPAS-2026-054; approval followed by the submitted RPAS request package

Equipment Readiness

Personal packing	- Passport, wallet, and travel documents - Field notebook and pencils - Hand lens - Headlamp - Sunscreen - Mosquito repellent - Reusable water bottle - Electrolyte tablets - Floppy hat - Long-sleeved sun shirts and field pants - Water shoes - Swimsuit - Mask and snorkel - Field pouch and/or small day bag - Personal rock hammer - Personal camera if bringing one - Dry bags or waterproof stuff sacks - Books/kindle
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Shared field equipment	- Satellite messenger (maybe not coming?) - First aid kit - EOS Arrow Gold GNSS kit - GNSS pole, bipod, tripod, batteries, and charger - Ground control points - Tide gauges and logger-reader - Sample bags and labels/sharpies - Phantom 4 Pro drone - Drone batteries - Drone charging hub - Drone backpack - Olympus waterproof camera and case - Spare SD cards and adapters - Extra field hammers and chisels - Duct tape
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Open equipment and document checklists

List	Items
Procurement and confirmation	- Confirm sample bags and who is bringing them. - Buy or bring mini SD cards for cameras/drones. - Buy or bring micro SD adapter. - Buy Type I plug adapters. - Confirm the EOS antenna tripod. - Confirm the EOS spare battery and charger. - Confirm the Phantom 4 charging hub. - Confirm the tide-gauge kit: 3 gauges plus 1 logger-reader. - Confirm the Olympus TG camera and protective case (is this a LDEO item?). - Confirm field hammers and chisels. - Decide whether Starlink/ATLAS is needed. - Decide whether a field iPad is coming.
Documents and printing	- Print the research permit. - Carry proof of onward travel from the Cook Islands. - Carry proof of accommodation. - Print a few copies of the key LIG papers. - Print island field maps (Not yet made). - Confirm the EOS subscription. - Confirm the CU trip registration is complete. - Double-check the drone and Olympus SD-card requirements.
Handoffs and decisions	- Confirm the Billy-Tilli gear handoff at LDEO. - Confirm the paleoclimate corer is not traveling.