

THE EPIC TOUR

itinerary & info pack



- Drive a Rail Cart across 142km through the Forgotten World
- Enjoy a stroll and spend a night in the Republic of Whangamomona
- Visit the Matahiwi Gallery in Whanganui and Lauren's Lavender Farm in Taumarunui
- Take in the stunning Whanganui River and stroll to the famous Bridge to Nowhere
- Spend the night at the Blue Duck Lodge and in Whanganui



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WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Three nights' accommodation in the Republic of Whangamomona, Whanganui and The Blue Duck Lodge and specified meals (2 x dinners, 4 x lunches, 3 x breakfasts, 4 x morning teas, 2 x afternoon teas)
- Two days Rail Cart adventure across the entire 142km of the SOL Rail Way
- Morning tea at Matahiwi Gallery in Whanganui
- Two days Jet Boat journey up the Whanganui River.
- Lunch at the Bridge to Nowhere
- Lunch at Lauren's Lavender Farm
- Specified meals
- Shuttle to Whanganui & Local knowledgeable guides

ADD TO YOUR EXPERIENCE

- Single room upgrades available
- Spend the night before or after your tour at the Forgotten World Motel



WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR 4 DAY TOUR

DAY 1 : TAUMARUNUI TO REPUBLIC OF WHANGAMOMONA

Meet your guide early morning at our Taumarunui base and get ready for a 4 day adventure. Board the shuttle to Okahukura Station where your Rail Cart into the Forgotten World is awaiting you.

On board the Rail Carts you will journey through 20 tunnels, including the longest tunnel (Tunnel 24 - 1.5km long). Enjoy morning tea at Matiere and a delicious ploughman's lunch in Tokorima.

After lunch, you will journey through the spectacular Tangarakau Gorge with views of Mount Ruapehu on a clear day. Afternoon tea will be served at a stop in the Tangarakau Gorge.

Upon your arrival in the Republic of Whangamomona, you can explore the town. Your luggage will await you in Whangamomona where you will enjoy a delicious dinner and spend the night.

DAY 2 : WHANGAMOMONA TO STRATFORD/WHANGANUI

After enjoying a delicious breakfast, you will board the Rail Carts for your journey to Stratford. You will experience the famous S-bend tunnel and enjoy morning tea in Te Wera and lunch in Douglas. After your arrival in Stratford you will board a shuttle to Whanganui, where you will spend the night. Dinner may be enjoyed at one of three recommended eating establishments.

DAY 3 : WHANGANUI TO BLUE DUCK LODGE

After breakfast you will venture off to the Matahiwi Gallery and enjoy some morning tea while immersing yourself in the beautiful art on display.

This will be followed by a Jet Boat journey up the Whanganui River to the Bridge to Nowhere with Ken from Whanganui River Adventures.

A short walk will take you through the Whanganui National Park to the infamous Bridge to Nowhere where you will hear the stories of the farmers who tried to settle there and enjoy a spot of lunch.

On your return to the river, you will be whisked off to the Blue Duck Lodge for some rest and relaxation.

DAY 4 : BLUE DUCK LODGE TO TAUMARUNUI

After breakfast you will depart via jet boat to Lauren's Lavender Farm to stroll through the beautiful lavender fields and enjoy a sumptuous lunch. There is also a lovely gift shop where Lauren's lavender wares can be purchased. After lunch, you will depart on the jet boat for the final leg to Taumarunui. A shuttle will fetch you from Cherry Grove. The tour ends at Forgotten World Motel.