

# RAIL REPUBLIC PICNIC

## itinerary & info pack

8 hour tour - 60km return journey by Rail Cart to NZ's first Republic. Pack your own picnic for lunch or enjoy a meal at the Whangamomona Hotel (extra cost). Departs at 08:30 from Douglas. Shuttle from and to Stratford available at extra charge.

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### RAIL REPUBLIC PICNIC TOUR SUMMARY

Experience a total of 60km travelling from Douglas to the Republic of Whangamomona and back on the rails.

Unlock the secrets of the land as you wind your way through the changing landscapes, through 3 tunnels and over 18 bridges to the rugged hills that frame the Republic of Whangamomona.

Stop for morning tea and home baking at TeWera Station siding and visit an organic farm with the opportunity to sample and buy locally made produce.

Arrive in Whangamomona and have time to stroll around the Republic, enjoy either your packed picnic lunch, or hearty Republic fare at the Whangamomona Hotel (additional cost).

Return on the rails to Douglas to round off a perfect day out.

Bonus: See the almost symmetrical volcanic cone of Mount Taranaki in the backdrop on your return to Douglas. The dormant volcano stands at 2,518m and last erupted in 1775.

### WHAT TO EXPECT ON YOUR RAIL REPUBLIC PICNIC

#### 08:30 AM START IN DOUGLAS

##### 08:15 - Meet at Douglas Station

- Check in
- Safety briefing

##### 08:30 - Board Rail Carts to Republic of Whangamomona

##### Morning Tea at Te Wera Station

Visit an Organic Farm where produce can be purchased

##### 11:30 - Arrive in the Republic of Whangamomona

- Buy lunch at the Whangamomona Hotel or enjoy a picnic

##### 13:00 - Board Rail Carts to Douglas

- Take in the views on your return journey, travel through the S-shaped tunnel and admire the redwoods and farms.

##### 16:00 - Arrive at Douglas Station

### WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- **Sturdy footwear** - no jandals or stilettos
- **Sunglasses & Sunblock**
- **Windproof light coat**
- **Allergy medications** (if required)
- **Camera**
- **Picnic lunch, water bottle & snacks**
- **Rainproof coat & over trousers** (if rain forecasted)
- **Warm clothing** (it may get cold in the tunnels)
- **Cash** (optional) to support local artisans

