

Overview & Products



THE LIVING MĀORI VILLAGE
Whakarewarewa
ROTORUA NEW ZEALAND

Kia Ora - Welcome

One of New Zealand's most iconic destinations, Whakarewarewa - The Living Māori Village, is both a home, as well as a whanau (family) owned and operated tourist attraction.

Whakarewarewa, an authentic, real life, Māori village, is located in Te Whakarewarewa Valley on an active geothermal plateau. We offer an unforgettable day-time Māori cultural and geothermal experience for all ages, including the opportunity to see Pōhutu geyser, the largest active geyser in the southern hemisphere.

The Tūhourangi Ngāti Wāhiao people, who proudly call Whakarewarewa Village home, have been welcoming and sharing their enviable way of life, as well as history and heritage, with visitors, dignitaries and royalty for over 100 years. This includes visits from Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip, as well as Eleanor Roosevelt, the US First Lady.

Today, Whakarewarewa Village is home to over 20 families who are fourth to fifth generation villagers. Daily life for the villagers is fascinating: There's utilizing the geothermal pools and steam vents for cooking; Homes are heated by geothermal activity and then there's communal bathing in the geothermal waters. The village's resident baths provides a therapeutic and

relaxing experience - and well as a great way to catch up on local news!

Steeped in Māori culture, history and tradition, Whakarewarewa showcases an envious way of life that has changed little in hundreds of years. At our home you can experience the sweet sound of our resident Māori cultural performance group, Te Pakira, at their twice daily concerts (three times in summer), including of course, the world-famous haka.



An abundance of geothermal activity – In our backyard, we have bubbling mud pools, boiling waters and erupting geysers. There's see Pōhutu geyser, the largest active geyser in the southern hemisphere, she erupts once or twice every hour and sometimes reaches heights of 30 metres (100 feet). Pōhutu means 'constant splashing' in Māori. Other notable geysers include Prince Of Wales Feathers and Kereru.



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Cultural Experience

Guided Village Tour & Cultural Performance

The Tūhourangi Ngāti Wāhiao people have been sharing their home with visitors for over 100 years. Come and visit their home, learn about their lifestyle and hear stories from their past. A visit to Whakarewarewa – The Living Maori Village, is an insight into a unique culture with a fascinating history and traditions. Catch a glimpse into this distinct way of life.

Our cultural experience includes:

- Full guided Village tour (1 hour)
- Maori Cultural Performance with mihi (welcome), waiata (songs) poi display and the world famous haka. Audience participation welcomed (30 mins)
- Geothermal experience: Comes and see the beauty and intrigue of our hot pools and geysers
- Learn our history, including all about our War Memorial Arch and the famous tradition of penny diving
- Visit the Rahui, our shared communal area for cooking, cleaning and catching up on local news
- Learn about Māori Language and the Village's full name (Tewhakarewarewatangaoteopetauawahiao)
- Freedom to explore the many walking tracks around the Village after your tour
- Multilingual visitor maps available

Geothermal Hangi Experiences

Kai – Meals and add-on catering options

Our Geothermal Experience includes all the components of the Cultural Experience with the addition of either a full Hangi Meal or a Hangi Pie.

Hangi is a Traditional New Zealand Māori method of cooking food, either cooked buried in the ground with hot rocks or, cooked above ground.

Here at Whakarewarewa, our Hangi is cooked courtesy of the geothermal steam vents: Mother Nature provides us with a wonderful natural cooking heat source.

Our two Hangi options are:

Geothermal Hangi Meal

- Chicken, beef, potato, kumara, bread stuffing, carrots, cabbage and sweet corn topped with gravy
- Dessert is our famous steam pudding, fruit salad, custard and cream
- Water, tea or coffee

Or:

Exclusive Hangi Pie Meal

- Hangi food wrapped in crispy golden baked pastry served with fresh salad and sweet corn
- Dessert is our famous steam pudding, fruit salad, custard and cream
- Water, tea or coffee



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Arts packages, Marae Stay & Extras

Weaving Lessons

Learn about the process of this traditional craft and how it has developed over time. Weaving is a treasured part of Māori custom and culture dating back to when Māori first arrived in Aotearoa. Create your own treasure to take as a memento of your time at Whakarewarewa.

Allow up to 90 minutes for a weaving lesson – pre booking is essential.

Poi Making

Interact with our expert poi makers and learn the art and tricks of poi making. Here you will create your own miniature poi pendant to take home with you, along with poi making skills to dazzle your friends.

Allow up to 90 minutes – minimum of 2 people max 10.

Kapa Haka Lesson

Learn to dance with the best of them! Kapa Haka means to form a line (Kapa) and dance (Haka). With the guidance of our resident cultural performers, learn to twirl a poi to a local dancing tune, or learn the fierce and famous haka.

Allow up to 90 minutes – minimum of 2 people max 10.

Marae Stay

Our overnight Marae Stay Experience is the ultimate immersive Māori cultural experience. Here, authenticity is at the heart of everything we do and you'll leave your Marae Stay Experience feeling like you've had an unprecedented insight into Māori culture and traditions.

With one night's accommodation provided in an authentic carved sleeping house, with a delicious hangi feast for dinner and continental breakfast provided, you'll have the opportunity to engage with the local people and learn in depth about Māori culture and customs. There's an interactive element too involving a traditional whakatau (welcome), Maori greeting (hongi) as well as a hands-on element with performing arts: Learn the art of poi and Maori cultural performance.

This once in a lifetime opportunity is perfectly suited for groups of 10 to 50 or more (minimum of 10 people).

For more details contact us.

What to Bring

Camera/digital devices, good walking shoes and if it's wet, rain protection. On hot summer days don't forget to bring a hat and sun screen.

Our Cancellation Policy

For bookings (where food and/or special services are not required) a full refund minus any applicable service or transaction fees is provided, ensuring we get notice of no less than 48 hours prior to your confirmed date of visit.

We look forward to welcoming you. Kia ora!



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Guided Tour & Cultural Performance times



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Summer

Winter

Guided Tour times



**1 November ~
31 March**

9:00am, 10:00am,
11:00am & 11:45am*,
12:00pm, 1:00pm,
2:30pm*, 3:00pm &
4:00pm

**1 April ~
31 October**

9:00am, 10:00am &
12:00pm, 1:00pm,
2:30pm*, 3:00pm &
4:00pm

Cultural Performance show times



**1 November ~
31 March**

11:15am, 12:30pm &
2.00pm

**1 April ~
31 October**

11:15am & 2.00pm

* Tours begin from the performance centre in the Village
Hours of Operation: Mon-Sun 8.30am to 5pm
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY



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RATE CARD RETAIL

Valid to 30 September 2020



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PACKAGE		RETAIL RATE
Cultural Experience (includes guided tour & cultural performance show)	Adult Child	\$45.00 \$20.00
+ to add sweet corn cooked in our hot spring	Per Person	\$2.00 extra
Geothermal Hangi Meal Experience (includes guided tour & cultural show & hangi meal)	Adult Child	\$70.00 \$40.00
Hangi Pie Experience (includes guided tour & cultural show & hangi pie meal)	Adult Child	\$60.00 \$30.00
Private Exclusive Guided Tour (1 hour) Prices are additional to admission – Max 40 PAX	Price is per Group	\$80.00
Private Exclusive Cultural Performance Prices are additional to admission – Max 40 PAX	Price is per Group	From \$300.00*
Whakarewarewa Arts Packages Weaving, Poi Making, Kapa Haka lessons	Minimum 2 adults	Price available on application
Overnight Marae Stays Includes all catering and our Cultural Experience package	Minimum 10 people	\$195.00pp

Under 5 years free of charge - food additional. 5-15 years child rate. 16 years+ adult rate.

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*Cultural Performance prices will vary depending on the number of performers required. Please contact us for further pricing details.



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