

9 December 2025 | 4 Day Full Hosted Small Group Tour

**FORGOTTEN WORLD &  
BRIDGE TO NOWHERE**





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### Explore New Zealand's Hidden Treasures!

Step back in time and experience the untouched beauty of two of New Zealand's most remote and forgotten destinations. This incredible 4-day journey takes us through historic railway tracks, scenic highways, and deep into the heart of the Whanganui River by jet boat, offering a rare glimpse into landscapes where time has stood still.

### Discover the Forgotten World by Rail

Travel along a century-old railway line as you journey through the legendary Forgotten World aboard a rail cart adventure like no other. Experience the thrill of tunnel-hopping through 10 hand-carved tunnels, winding through a landscape shaped by pioneers but reclaimed by nature. As you traverse from Tokirima to Okahukura, listen to fascinating stories of early settlers, historic communities, and the once-thriving railway that served them. This is a journey through history, a landscape where the past echoes through every turn.

### Whanganui River & The Bridge to Nowhere

A true highlight of this journey is a scenic jet boat ride along the middle reaches of the Whanganui River, one of New Zealand's most stunning and historically significant waterways. Departing from Pipiriki, your jet boat will glide upstream through a landscape of towering gorges, lush ferns, waterfalls, and hidden caves. At Mangapurua Landing, you have the option to take a guided 2.7km bush walk (approx. 40 minutes each way) to the famous Bridge to Nowhere, an eerie and beautiful structure that stands as a silent tribute to the WWI servicemen who once attempted to farm this remote land. If you prefer, you can remain on the boat and soak in the tranquil surroundings.



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9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## TUE 9 Kapiti - Ohakune

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Our adventure begins this morning as we depart from Kapiti, journeying up the scenic Kapiti Coast and through the picturesque Rangitikei region. Along the way, we'll pause for a relaxing lunch break (own cost) before continuing north toward the charming mountain village of **Ohakune** - our base for the next two nights.

This evening, we gather for a welcome dinner at our accommodation, setting the stage for the incredible experiences ahead.

## WED 10 Forgotten World Adventure

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Today, we embark on an unforgettable journey through the **Forgotten World**, one of New Zealand's most breathtaking North Island destinations. As we explore this hidden gem, we uncover the stories of resilient pioneers and remote communities, all set against a backdrop of ever-changing landscapes. From **Taumarunui**, we board a shuttle bus to **Lauren's Lavender Farm**. Nestled alongside the serene **Whanganui River**, this charming haven invites us to breathe in the calming scent of lavender and browse the delightful range of lavender-infused products in the gift shop.

From here, we continue deeper into the Forgotten World, arriving at **Tokirima**, where a delicious lunch and homemade treats await. After refueling, we step aboard our **rail cart**, ready to journey along 40 kilometers of the **Forgotten World Railway**. As we roll down the line, we travel through **10 historic tunnels**, including the longest at an impressive **1.5 kilometres**. The beautifully hand-built brick tunnels, scenic hill country farms, and lush native bush create a truly mesmerising experience.

Our journey concludes in **Okahukura** before returning to **Taumarunui**. From here, we make our way back to **Ohakune**, where we will gather for a well-deserved dinner at our hotel's restaurant, reminiscing about our incredible day in the Forgotten World.

## THU 11 Ohakune to Whananui

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This morning, we set off for **Piripiki**, where an exhilarating **jetboat adventure** awaits. Travelling 30 kilometres upstream into the heart of the **Whanganui River**, venturing deep into this remote and untouched wilderness.

Upon reaching **Mangapurua Landing**, we embark on a 40-minute walk (each way) through lush native bush, leading us to the iconic **Bridge to Nowhere** - a fascinating remnant of New Zealand's pioneering past, now standing as a symbol of resilience and history.

After taking in the serenity of this secluded location, we return via jetboat and continue our journey along the scenic Whanganui River Road, soaking in the ever-changing landscapes. By late afternoon, we arrive in the charming riverside city of Whanganui, where we settle in for the night.

This evening, we gather for a **special Farewell Dinner** at a local restaurant, reminiscing about our unforgettable adventures and sharing stories from our time together.

## FRI 12 Whanganui - Kapiti

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Today, we spend a delightful day exploring Whanganui, beginning with a leisurely stroll around **Virginia Lake** and the **Winter Gardens**. The tranquil setting, vibrant floral displays, and serene waters make for a refreshing and picturesque start to our morning.

Next, we step into Whanganui's history with a visit to Durie Hill, home to one of New Zealand's most unique attractions - the **Durie Hill Elevator**. Built in 1919, this remarkable piece of engineering is New Zealand's only earthbound elevator and one of just two in the world. To reach it, we pass through a 205-metre pedestrian tunnel carved into the hillside, before ascending 66 metres to the top, where panoramic views of Whanganui and beyond await.

After soaking in the stunning scenery, we begin our journey south toward home. As our adventure comes to an end, we hope you take with you wonderful memories of your time exploring the Forgotten World, Whanganui River, and beyond.

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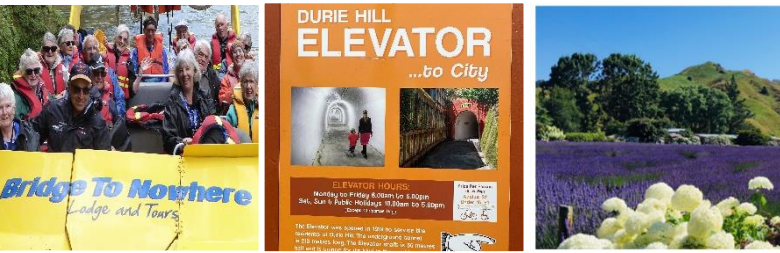
**REGIONS: Ohakune, Taumarunui, Whanganui**

**DEPARTS 9 December 2025**

- Fully Hosted within New Zealand with a YOURTours Host
- Quality accommodation & Air-Conditioned Coach
- All excursions and activities as per itinerary
- All Meals as per itinerary
- Departs 9 December 2025
- Price from \$2,895 pp twin share or double room
- Single Price from \$3,295 pp

## Trip Highlights

- 40km Rail Cart Journey Through the Forgotten World
- Visit Lauren's Lavender Farm
- Jet Boat Ride Up the Whanganui River
- See The World-Famous Drop Scene and The Dress Circle on The Whanganui River
- Stop At Mangapurua Landing
- Visit The Historic "Bridge to Nowhere" – Gateway to The "Valley Of Abandoned Dreams"
- Visit Virginia Lake & Winter Gardens in Whanganui
- Visit To Memorial Tower on Durie Hill



**You are invited to join us on our fully hosted small group tour, with a maximum number of guests is 18.**

Based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand, we believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

You can be reassured that your tour host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours Hosts, ensuring everything is taken care of from start to finish, allowing you to relax and enjoy your tour.



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*This tour includes a moderate walk of approximately 5 km return (around 1.5 hours) to reach the Bridge to Nowhere. The track is well-formed but includes uneven surfaces and gentle inclines. A reasonable level of mobility and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.*

