

# **FORGOTTEN WORLD & BRIDGE TO NOWHERE**

**KAPITI – OHAKUNE - TAUMARUNUI – WHANGANUI – KAPITI**

**19 March 2023**

**4 Day Fully Hosted Tour**

**Pickups from Manāwatu, Horowhenua, Kapiti and Wellington**



A dark, atmospheric photograph of a tunnel entrance. The tunnel walls are made of rough, textured stone or concrete, with a series of concentric, circular patterns or ripples on the upper part of the wall. A single wooden plank lies on the ground in the foreground, leading towards the tunnel's opening. The lighting is dim, creating a sense of mystery and depth.

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This 4-day journey takes us to two of New Zealand's most stunning "forgotten" destinations.

Beginning on the Kapiti Coast we journey to Ohakune a small town at the southern end of Tongariro National Park.

We experience the sights of the Forgotten World as we head by rail cart through 10 unique tunnels deep in a region where both civilisation and glory have long faded. Travel a century-old railway line from Tokirima to Okahukura, through the heart of the Forgotten World. Explore epic landscapes and changing scenery and hear the stories of hardy pioneers and off the beaten path communities in this amazing adventure.

We then continue our journey from Ohakune to Whanganui, via Pipiriki, travelling upstream by jetboat into the middle reaches of the Whanganui River. Walk the Bridge to Nowhere and feel as if time has stood still. Pristine native bush cloaks the banks and you will see deep gorges covered with ferns, caves, rapids and other unique and amazing scenery.



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19<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

### SUN 19 Kapiti – Ohakune (D)

Departing our hometown this morning, we travel up the scenic Kapiti Coast to the Rangitikei region. Time here for lunch (own cost) before continuing north to Mountain Village of Ohakune and our base for the next 2 nights. We enjoy a welcome dinner together at our accommodation this evening.

### MON 20 Forgotten World Adventure (B)(L)(D)

This morning we travel along the Forgotten Highway to Tokirima, arriving in time for our delicious Plougman's Lunch. After lunch we start our Forgotten World Adventure taking a rail cart journey through the amazing 10 tunnels and see breath taking landscapes steeped in history and stories. We experience the line's longest tunnel at 1.5km and other beautiful hand-built brick tunnels. Along the way we stop in the historical villages of Ohura and in Matiere for afternoon tea. Tonight, we dine together.

### TUE 21 Ohakune – Whanganui (B)(L)(D)

This morning we travel to Piripiki, where we join our fabulous jetboat ride to the Bridge to Nowhere. Travelling 30km upstream into the middle reaches of the Whanganui River and continue on deeper into this wilderness area, we arrive at the Mangapurua Landing and walk to the Bridge to Nowhere. On our return this afternoon, we continue our journey on the scenic Whanganui River Road before arriving in the riverside city of Whanganui for the night. We have Farewell Dinner together tonight at a local restaurant.

### WED 22 Whanganui – Kapiti (B)(L)

Today we venture for a day out in Whanganui as we enjoy a stroll around Virginia Lake and the Winter Gardens which is sure to delight. We then head to Durie Hill to experience some Whanganui history and a facility that is unique in New Zealand. The Durie Hill pedestrian tunnel, located opposite the Whanganui City Bridge, leads to the historic **Durie Hill Elevator**. Built in 1919, it is the only earthbound elevator in New Zealand and one of only two in the world. A pedestrian tunnel travels 205 metres inside the hill to the elevator which rises 66 metres to overlook the city. Afterwards, we take a short journey South as we head towards home. We hope you leave with many happy memories of your tour.

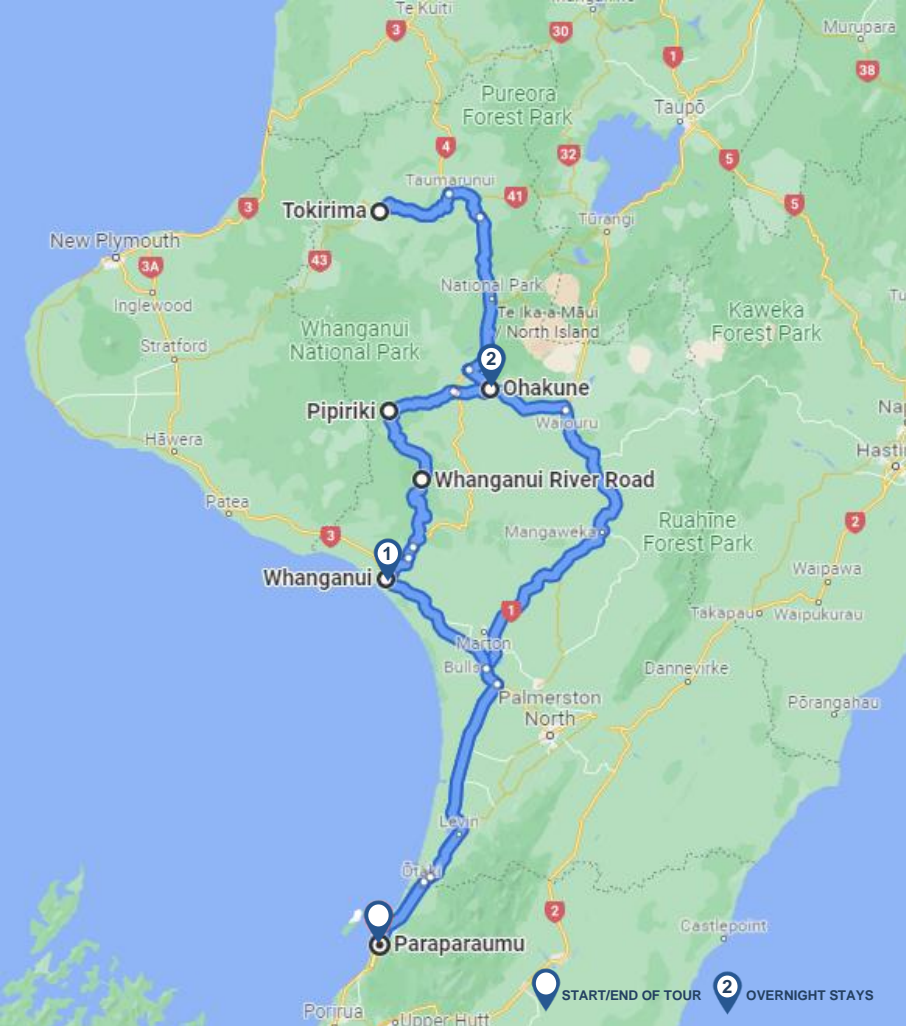
### *Trip Highlights*

- 40KM RAIL CART JOURNEY THROUGH THE FORGOTTEN WORLD
- VISIT LAUREN'S LAVENDER FARM
- VISIT HISTORICAL VILLAGES OF MATIERE AND OHURA
- 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

Meals included.

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner





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## 4 Day Tour Includes

Fully hosted by a YOURTours Host

Quality Accommodation & Coach

Sightseeing & Entrance Fees as indicated on itinerary

Meals as per itinerary

Departs 19 March 2023

Price \$2,495 pp twin share

Price \$2,825 pp single

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

We are 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 Team Members, ensuring you can just sit back and relax your holiday, as everything is taken care of from start to finish.

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