

# A Forgotten World Adventure - Rail Carting - itinerary

## DAY ONE

D

As we leave Tauranga, we embark on an exciting journey full of scenic beauty and adventure. After a quick stop for morning tea, we head to Huka Falls and the Taupo Bungee Lookout. The awe-inspiring views of the falls and the adrenaline-pumping activities leave us feeling invigorated and energized. We then have some free time in Taupo to explore and enjoy lunch before a leisurely tiki tour of Kuratau Village. Our day ends with a warm welcome at the Central Park Motor Inn in Taumarunui, where we enjoy a social hour and a heartwarming dinner at the Central Park Restaurant.

## DAY TWO

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Today we will rail cart from Taumarunui to Whangamomona enjoying the day on the rails and completing the Twenty Tunnel East Tour. The rail carts await you at the old Taumarunui Station ready for your journey down the line to the Republic of Whangamomona to be met by the shuttle back to our accommodation. The Stratford-Okahukura railway line is rich in history, enterprise, and tenacity. The history of this iconic railway captures the spirit of the people who opened New Zealand's remotest areas. The carts are self-driven and very easy, as there is a brake and a go pedal; of course, no steering is involved. All the tours have a guide cart in the front that is with the group for the full trip. Each cart has a guidebook with points of interest marked for each station. The guide stops the group to give informative talks along the way.

## DAY THREE

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We start our day with a leisurely breakfast at our own pace, preparing ourselves for the adventure that awaits. We then board the bus and depart from Taumarunui, ready to explore the beautiful Aramatai Gardens. Jill Mouat, our guide, takes us on a journey of discovery through the stunning flora and fauna that surrounds us. After our time at Aramatai Gardens, we head to Whakamaru Dam for lunch at the

local cafe. From here, when we are ready, we'll make our way back home after a few days filled with fun memories.