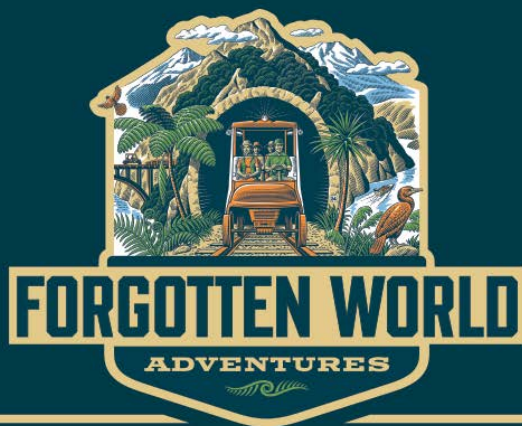


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A 2-DAY GUIDED RAIL CART ADVENTURE INCLUDING SPECTACULAR HELICOPTER FLIGHT AND JET BOAT RIDE

Ride the rails through 21 hand-built tunnels from Okahukura (near Taumarunui) to the self-proclaimed Republic of Whangamōmona, helicopter over the Whanganui National Park, enjoy a guided return bush walk to the Bridge to Nowhere and journey back up the majestic Whanganui River on the longest commercial jet boat ride in the Southern Hemisphere.

Duration:	2 days
Check-in:	7am Forgotten World Motel
Welcome Briefing:	7.15am
Returns:	5pm Forgotten World Motel (Day 2)

NB: Maximum number of guests permitted on Day 2 (helicopter and jet boat) is 15 - you will be part of a small, select group at the height of your adventure. We can accommodate more for group bookings.

NB: Departure and arrival locations for jet boat ride will depend on river levels and can impact on timings.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Unique 82km rail cart journey through the Forgotten World
- ✦ Scenic helicopter flight over spectacular Whanganui National Park
- ✦ 120km jet boat ride along the Whanganui River; longest commercial jet boat ride in the Southern Hemisphere
- ✦ Guided 6km return bush walk to the iconic Bridge to Nowhere
- ✦ Jaw-dropping scenery steeped in fascinating history
- ✦ Pristine native bush, open hill countryside, back-country townships
- ✦ Venture through 21 of the line's hand-cut tunnels and traverse many of the bridges
- ✦ Dinner, bed and breakfast at the Whangamōmona Hotel

INCLUSIONS

- ✦ Expert local guides
- ✦ Rail-side picnic lunch with hot/cold beverages and home-baking (Day 1)
- ✦ River-side picnic lunch at John Coull Hut (Day 2)
- ✦ Morning and afternoon tea with hot beverages and home-baking both days
- ✦ Historical and cultural commentary and storytelling
- ✦ Shuttle bus transfers to tour start and end points, Taumarunui
- ✦ Return transfer of your overnight luggage

ITINERARY

DAY 1

- ✦ Check in at Forgotten World Motel Reception at 7am
- ✦ Shuttle bus from Forgotten World Motel to Okahukura (10 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Tokirima with stops at Matiere and Ōhura
- ✦ Morning tea at Matiere (20 mins)
- ✦ Lunch at Tokirima – opportunity to purchase souvenirs at ‘The Shed’ (30 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Tāngarākau Gorge via Heao
- ✦ Afternoon tea at Tāngarākau Gorge (20 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Whangamōmona Station arriving approx. 3.30pm
- ✦ Walk or shuttle bus to Whangamōmona Hotel (5 mins)
- ✦ Dinner, bed and breakfast at Whangamōmona Hotel



DAY 2

- ✦ Breakfast in Dining Room from 8am to 8.30am
- ✦ Leave luggage in hotel Reception for transfer and meet FWA team member in Reception at 9am
- ✦ Walk or shuttle bus to helicopter landing area (5 mins)
- ✦ Helicopter flight to Tangahoe Landing (15 mins)
- ✦ Meet jet boat and ride 5km upstream to Mangapurua Landing to commence the bush walk (10 mins)
- ✦ Guided 3km bush walk to Bridge to Nowhere through Whanganui National Park (40 mins)
- ✦ Light refreshments at the Bridge to Nowhere (20 mins)
- ✦ Return 3km bush walk back to Mangapurua Landing (40 mins)
- ✦ Short jet boat ride to river-side lunch spot at John Coull Hut
- ✦ Lunch (30 mins)
- ✦ Jet boat to Nga Huinga - ‘Cherry Grove’ Landing via Kirikiriria, Whakohoro, Kirikau and Te Maire (2 hrs 45 mins)
- ✦ Arrive Nga Huinga at approx. 5pm
- ✦ Shuttle bus to Forgotten World Motel (5 mins)
- ✦ Return to Forgotten World Motel at 5.15pm



LEVEL OF FITNESS - BUSH WALK

Please note that a reasonable level of fitness is required to complete the approximate 6km return bush walk. Although this is a well-formed track, it can be slippery at times so please wear appropriate footwear.

WHAT TO BRING

Sturdy footwear (no jandals), sunglasses, sunblock, sun hat, camera, water bottle, snacks, layers/warm clothing (gloves, beanie hat, scarf - we often experience four seasons in one day), waterproof jacket, warm jacket, insect repellent and allergy medications. A waterproof storage container for bags/belongings is available on the rail carts.

Day 2: Active wear, comfortable walking shoes, warm layers for bush walk, waterproof trousers for jet boating - optional. Day pack - optional. Belongings can be left on the jet boat while walking.

STAY AT OUR FORGOTTEN WORLD MOTEL

Stay the night before or after your experience at the Forgotten World Motel in Taumarunui for your comfort and convenience; all adventures leave from our front door. Cooked and continental breakfasts available (plus GF, DF, vegan and vegetarian alternatives) – enquire on check-in.* Centrally located, it's the ideal base from which to explore the region's activities and is within easy walking distance of the town's cafés, restaurants and shops.

*Please note there is an additional charge for breakfast which can be pre-ordered and served in our dining room or your own room for convenience.

