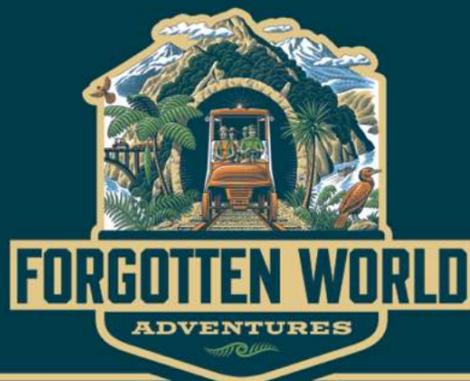


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## A 2-DAY GUIDED RAIL CART ADVENTURE INCLUDING SPECTACULAR HELICOPTER FLIGHT AND JET BOAT SAFARI

Ride the rails through 21 hand-cut tunnels 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.

<b>Duration:</b>	2 days
<b>Check-in:</b>	7am Forgotten World Motel
<b>Returns:</b>	5.30pm Forgotten World Motel (Day 2)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Unique 82km rail cart journey through the Forgotten World
- ✦ Scenic helicopter flight over the spectacular Whanganui National Park
- ✦ 120km jet boat safari along the Whanganui River; longest commercial jet boat ride in the Southern Hemisphere
- ✦ Guided 5.4km 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

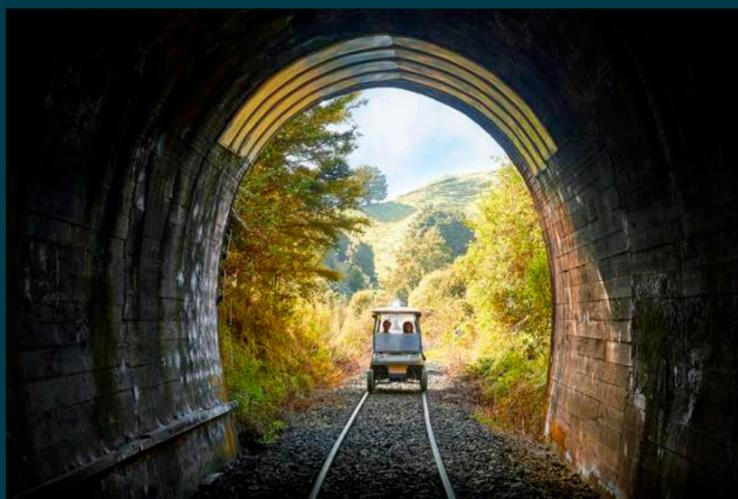
### INCLUSIONS

- ✦ Expert local guides
- ✦ Rail-side picnic lunch with hot/cold beverages and home-baking at Tokirima (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 8.45am
- ◆ 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 min walk)
- ◆ Helicopter flight to Tangahoe Landing (15 mins)
- ◆ Meet jet boat and ride 5km upstream to Mangapurua Landing to commence the bush walk
- ◆ Guided 2.7km bush walk to the Bridge to Nowhere through the Whanganui National Park (45 mins)
- ◆ Light refreshments at the Bridge to Nowhere (20 mins)
- ◆ Return 2.7km bush walk back to Mangapurua Landing (45 mins)
- ◆ Short jet boat ride to river-side lunch spot at John Coull Hut
- ◆ Lunch at John Coull Hut (30 mins)
- ◆ Jet boat safari to Nga Huinga (‘Cherry Grove’) Landing via KiriKiroa, Whakahoro, Kirikau and Te Maire (2 hrs 45 mins)
- ◆ Arrive Nga Huinga at 5pm approx.
- ◆ Shuttle bus to Forgotten World Motel (5 mins)
- ◆ Return to Forgotten World Motel 5.30pm approx.



## ACCOMMODATION AT WHANGAMŌMONA HOTEL - PLEASE NOTE

Ensuite bathroom facilities are only available in the 5 exterior lodge rooms. The bedrooms located inside the main hotel building have shared bathroom facilities due to the year in which the hotel was built - 1912.

## 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 and DF options) – 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.

