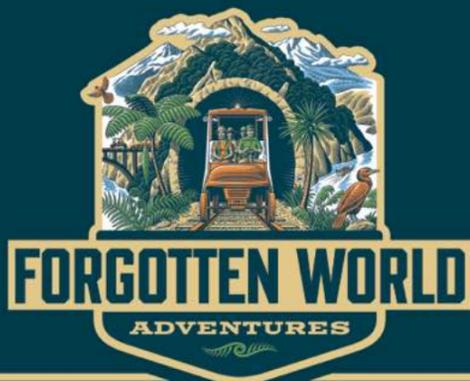


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## A REMARKABLE 2-DAY GUIDED RAIL CART ADVENTURE BETWEEN TAUMARUNUI AND STRATFORD

Travel along the entire railway; through all 24 hand-cut tunnels, across its 90 plus hand-made bridges and see remnants of original settlements and once-thriving towns whilst being fully immersed in spectacular scenery, Māori history and stories of the region's hardy pioneers. Overnight in the self-proclaimed Republic of Whangamōmona staying at one of New Zealand's most iconic and remote country hotels.

With two departure options, choose to travel from Taumarunui to Stratford or do the trip in reverse from Stratford to Taumarunui.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Unique 2-day 142km rail cart journey – travel the full length of the heritage line
- ✦ Venture through all 24 tunnels and over 90 plus bridges
- ✦ Immersive experience - spectacular scenery, stories and history of the Forgotten World
- ✦ Pristine native bush, open hill countryside, back-country townships
- ✦ Guided stops at Matiere, Ōhura, Tokirima, Heao and Tāngarākau Gorge, Te Wera, Douglas and more
- ✦ Magnificent views of Mount Taranaki on a clear day
- ✦ Dinner, bed and breakfast at the Whangamōmona Hotel

### INCLUSIONS

- ✦ Expert local guides
- ✦ Rail-side picnic lunch both days with hot/cold beverages and home-baking
- ✦ Morning and afternoon tea both days with hot beverages and home-baking
- ✦ Historical and cultural commentary and storytelling
- ✦ Local transfers to/from start and end points (return transport on Day 2 not included but can be arranged for an additional charge). Shuttle bus transfers to/from Forgotten World Motel
- ✦ Transfer of overnight luggage



# ITINERARY OPTIONS

## ULTIMATE 1: TAUMARUNUI TO STRATFORD

**Duration:** 2 days  
**Check-in:** 7am Forgotten World Motel  
**Returns:** 3.30pm Stratford (Day 2)

### Day 1

- ✦ 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 take 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 at hotel Reception and meet FWA team member in Reception at 9am
- ✦ Walk or take shuttle bus to Whangamōmona Station (5 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Te Wera
- ✦ Morning tea at Te Wera (20 mins)
- ✦ Visit Avonstour Organic Farm, Te Wera (20 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Douglas
- ✦ Lunch at Douglas (30 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Stratford arriving approx. 3.30pm

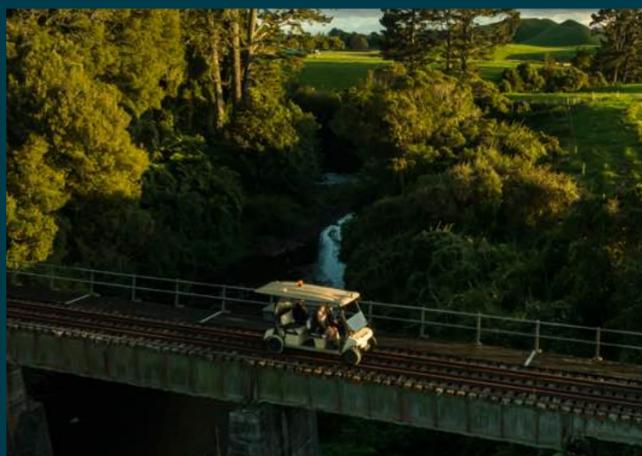
(Book to return to Forgotten World Motel via shuttle bus or book a vehicle shift to have your vehicle waiting for you in Stratford - both for an additional charge. We can also drop you back to Amity Court Motel).

## 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.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Stay at the Forgotten World Motel the night before or after your trip. Request a vehicle shift to have your vehicle waiting for you in Stratford at the end of Day 2 for an additional charge. Book a return shuttle bus transfer from Stratford to Taumarunui after your experience on Day 2 (duration 3 hours) for an additional charge.



## ULTIMATE 2: STRATFORD TO TAUMARUNUI

<b>Duration:</b>	2 days
<b>Check-in:</b>	10am Amity Court Motel (or 7am check in at Forgotten World Motel if taking shuttle bus to Amity Court Motel)
<b>Welcome Briefing:</b>	10.15am
<b>Returns:</b>	5.30pm Forgotten World Motel (Day 2)

### Day 1

- ✦ Meet at Amity Court Motel Reception at 10am (leave luggage, and keys if having vehicle shifted, at Reception)
- ✦ Shuttle bus to start of the line at Stratford
- ✦ Rail cart to Douglas
- ✦ Morning tea at Douglas (20 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Te Wera
- ✦ Lunch at Te Wera (30 mins)
- ✦ Visit Avonstour Organic Farm, Te Wera (30 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Whangamōmona arriving approx. 3pm
- ✦ Walk or take 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 at hotel Reception and meet FWA team member in Reception at 9am
- ✦ Rail cart to Tokirima with stops at Tāngarākau Gorge and Heao
- ✦ Morning tea at Tāngarākau Gorge (20 mins)
- ✦ Lunch at Tokirima – opportunity to purchase souvenirs at ‘The Shed’ (30 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Matiere via Ōhura
- ✦ Afternoon tea at Matiere (20 mins)
- ✦ Rail cart to Okahukura
- ✦ Return shuttle bus to Forgotten World Motel (10 mins)
- ✦ Return to Forgotten World Motel via SH43 at approx. 5.30pm

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Stay at the the Forgotten World Motel the night before or after your trip, or at the Amity Court Motel. Request a vehicle shift to have your vehicle waiting for you in Taumarunui at the end of Day 2 for an additional charge. Book a shuttle bus to take you from Taumarunui to Stratford on the morning of your experience for an additional charge. Book a return shuttle bus transfer from Taumarunui to Stratford after your experience on Day 2 (duration 3 hours) for an additional charge.



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## 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.

## 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. 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.

