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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-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:	7.30am Forgotten World Motel
Returns:	5.30pm Forgotten World Motel (Day 2)

PLEASE NOTE

We can accommodate a maximum of 15 guests on Day 2 but are able to accommodate more for group bookings.

Departure and arrival locations for the jet boat safari will depend on river levels and can impact on timings.

The jet boat component of your tour will conclude either at Cherry Grove or Ohinepane depending on weather and river conditions.

A reasonable level of fitness is required to complete the 5.4km bush walk. It is possible to opt out of the bush walk and remain with the jet boat if you have mobility issues.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Unique 82km rail cart journey through the Forgotten World
- ✦ Scenic helicopter flight over 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 One

- ✦ Check in at Forgotten World Motel Reception at 7.30am
- ✦ Shuttle bus from Forgotten World Motel to Okahukura Station (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. 3pm
- ✦ Walk or shuttle bus to Whangamōmona Hotel (5 mins)
- ✦ Dinner, bed and breakfast at Whangamōmona Hotel



Day Two

- ✦ Breakfast in Dining Room from 7.30am to 8.15am
- ✦ Leave luggage in hotel Reception for transfer and meet FWA team member in Reception for 8.30am
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Guided 2.7km bush walk to Bridge to Nowhere through Whanganui National Park (45 mins)
- ✦ Light refreshments at Bridge to Nowhere (20 mins)
- ✦ Return 2.7km bush walk back to Mangapurua Landing (40 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 KiriKiriria, Whakahoro, Kirikau and Te Maire (2 hrs 45 mins)
- ✦ Arrive Nga Huinga approx. 5pm
- ✦ Shuttle bus to Forgotten World Motel (5 mins)
- ✦ Return to Forgotten World Motel at 5.30pm approx.



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.

ACCOMMODATION AT WHANGAMŌMONA HOTEL

Please note that ensuite bathroom facilities are only available in the 5 exterior lodge rooms at the Whangamōmona Hotel. The bedrooms located inside the main hotel building have shared bathroom facilities due to the year in which the hotel was built - 1912.

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.

