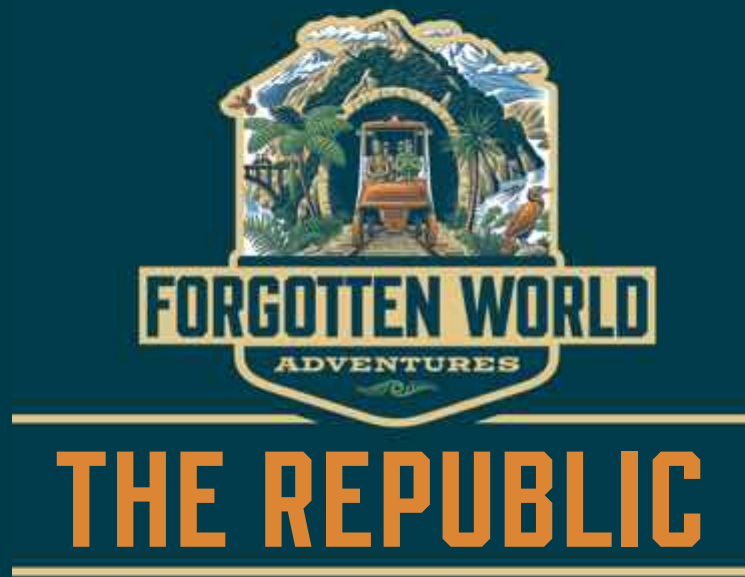




THE REPUBLIC



OUR ICONIC FULL-DAY GUIDED RAIL CART ADVENTURE BETWEEN TAUMARUNUI AND THE UNIQUE SELF-PROCLAIMED REPUBLIC OF WHANGAMŌMONA

Journey 82km along the line through breathtaking scenery and 21 hand-cut tunnels including the longest at 1.5km. Traverse impressive hand-made bridges and pass through the back-country townships of Matiere, Ōhura, Tokirima, Haeo and Tāngarākau before pulling into the Republic. Visit the Whangamōmona Hotel, one of New Zealand's most remote country hotels and the embodiment of the community's rich and quirky history. Uncover the Māori ancestry and pioneering heritage that have shaped this remarkable region.

With two departure options choose to travel from Okahukura to Whangamōmona or do the trip in reverse from Whangamōmona to Okahukura.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Unique 82km rail cart journey through the Forgotten World
- ◆ Jaw-dropping scenery steeped in fascinating history
- ◆ Pristine native bush, open hill countryside, back-country townships
- ◆ Guided stops at numerous settlements including Matiere, Ōhura, Tokirima, Haeo and Tāngarākau Gorge
- ◆ Go through 21 of the line's tunnels and traverse many bridges
- ◆ Venture through the line's longest tunnel at 1.5km
- ◆ Visit the Whangamōmona Republic and historic hotel
- ◆ Magnificent views of Mount Ruapehu on a clear day

INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Expert local guide
- ◆ Historical and cultural commentary and storytelling
- ◆ Rail-side picnic lunch with hot/cold beverages and home-baking
- ◆ Morning and afternoon tea with hot beverages and home-baking
- ◆ Shuttle bus transfers to/from Taumarunui and Whangamōmona

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; 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.

ITINERARY OPTIONS

REPUBLIC 1 (Taumarunui to Whangamōmona)

Duration: Full-Day
Check-in: 7am Forgotten World Motel
Returns: 5.30pm Forgotten World Motel approx.

- 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 at approx. 3pm
- Free time to explore the Republic of Whangamōmona and hotel (approx. 45 mins)
- Return shuttle bus from Whangamōmona Hotel to Taumarunui departing 3.45pm (1 hr 45 mins)
- Return to Forgotten World Motel at 5.30pm approx.

If you wish to stay at the Whangamōmona Hotel we won't book you on the return shuttle bus to Taumarunui.
See 'Optional Extras' below.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Book to stay at the Whangamōmona Hotel after your tour - we can arrange this for you (see note below);

Book a next day shuttle bus back to Taumarunui departing at 9.30am (duration 1hr 45 mins) for an additional charge;

Choose to return from Whangamōmona to Taumarunui after your tour and take the complimentary same day shuttle bus;

Request a vehicle shift to have your vehicle waiting for you in Whangamōmona for an additional charge;

Book to stay at the Forgotten World Motel the night before your tour.

Please note that at the Whangamomona Hotel, 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.



REPUBLIC 2 (Whangamōmona to Taumarunui)

Duration:	Full Day
Check-in:	9.15am Whangamōmona Hotel (or 7am at Forgotten World Motel)
Returns:	5.30pm Forgotten World Motel

- Check in at Whangamōmona Hotel at 9.15am – meet FWA team member in Reception and shuttle bus or walk to Whangamōmona Station (5 mins)
- OR Check in at Forgotten World Motel at 7am if taking the complimentary same day shuttle bus departing at 7am from Taumarunui to arrive at Whangamōmona in time for departure
- 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 at 5.30pm

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Stay at the Forgotten World Motel the night before your tour and take our complimentary same day shuttle bus to Whangamōmona at 7am in time for departure from Whangamōmona Station (duration 1hr 45 minutes);

Book a complimentary same day return shuttle bus from Taumarunui to Whangamōmona at the end of your tour;

Request a vehicle shift to have your vehicle waiting for you in Taumarunui when you arrive for an additional charge;

Book to stay at the Whangamōmona Hotel - we can arrange this for you. Please note that at the Whangamomona Hotel, 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.

