

Rotorua Optional Extension – Sample Itinerary

Day One

Rotorua is the heartland of New Zealand, spiritual home to the Maori, nature's spa of the South Pacific, and host to some of the world's most incredible earth forces. It is a region of fascinating geothermal activity. Rotorua's reputation as a natural spa destination dates back 160 years. Traditional mineral pools, so relaxing after a day of sightseeing or adventure, are still firm favourites.



On arrival at Rotorua, the coach will make a surprise stop, where the group will receive a traditional Maori welcome (Powhiri). The Maori people have long been settled in Rotorua and it is one of the best places in New Zealand to see aspects of their culture.

Tonight our group will take part in a special cultural discovery, dining in a private, recreated Maori Village with a traditional hangi dinner (traditionally cooked Maori feast) and Maori entertainment. This spectacular evening will be sure to a highlight of our New Zealand incentive program!

Day Two

From the moment you enter Rotorua, you know you are somewhere like nowhere else. Lazy drifts of steam are emitted from cracks, crevices and culverts in parks, gardens, pathways and even residential streets. These constant steam drifts, together with the distinctive scent of sulphur, let you know you are in Rotorua, New Zealand - the centre of an active thermal area.

On our full day exploration of Rotorua, our group experience New Zealand's most colourful and diverse geothermal areas, viewing unique features which include naturally coloured hot and cold thermal pools, bubbling mud, steaming ground, expansive vistas, huge volcanic craters the awesome power of the regions geysers.

Our group will experience the unique lifestyle of the Maori people in a natural, village setting. Our local Maori guide will share the warmth and generosity of spirit known as manaakitanga, of caring and sharing.

Lunch today will be in the surrounds of the elegant Tea Rooms at the Blue Baths. The group will enjoy exclusive use of this venue and lunch. This New Zealand icon was the social hub of the city when it opened in 1933, and today offers a majestic Art Deco ambience.

Tonight the group will experience an unforgettable dining experience under the stars overlooking the natural boiling mud pools and geysers. Chefs will cook mussels, crayfish

and prawns in the boiling hot pools. Meanwhile, our guests can sit back and sip champagne while the sun sets over the valley. Upon dusk, the valley lights up and guests can feast beneath the stars just metres from the stunning Pohutu Geyser. A highlight of the evening will be a stirring Maori performance.

Day Three

Departure from Rotorua.