

# Northern Explorer train journey to the gems of Ruapehu and Tāmaki Makaurau 12-16 May 2024

## Sunday 12 May

- Depart Wellington at 07:55AM on the [Northern Explorer](#) and arrive in Ohakune 12:45PM
- Welcome pōwhiri at Maungārongo Marae with Ngāti Rangi Pōwhiri (welcome), Pakimaero (stories), Waiata-ā-Ringa/Ngāhau (Singing Action Songs, Entertainment), Manaaki Kai (Food/Refreshment)
- Cultural visit to Mt Ruapehu Maunga Ruapehu@Tūroa - Te Kāhui Maungā Pakimaero (The Ngāti Rangi Mountain Clan Story)
- Hīkoi to Rotokura - Walk to the healing waters of Ngāti Rangi

## Monday 13 May - Tuesday 14 May

- Guided jetboating and canoeing on the Whanganui River – a sacred river and the first river in the world to be granted personhood and recognised as a living entity
- Guided sunset hike in Tongariro National Park – a UNESCO Dual World Heritage Site of cultural and natural significance
- Experience award-winning Blue Duck Station
- One of a kind rail cart tour with Forgotten World Adventures

## Wednesday 15 May

- Guided tour at National Army Museum Te Mata Toa
- Depart Ohakune at 12:45PM on the [Northern Explorer](#) and arrive at Auckland Strand 07:00PM

## Thursday 16 May

- Guided tour at Auckland Museum with Māori Cultural Performance
- All Blacks Experience
- Wētā Workshop Unleashed

