



Field Trip Options

Field trips will be held on Thursday afternoon, 17 September. Five fabulous options are available. They are described below.

1. Waimangu Volcanic Valley

Out of the Ashes “*The world’s newest geothermal ecosystem*”

FREE
(Admission sponsored by Waimangu Volcanic Valley)

1.00–5.00pm

www.waimangu.co.nz

For those who want an active field trip after hours in conference sessions, Waimangu Volcanic Valley is the place to go. Waimangu evolved after the 1886 eruption of Mount Tarawera: it is the only geothermal system in the world completely created within written history. An experienced guide will lead you on a 4-kilometre walking tour of silica terraces, geysers and other geothermal highlights. The valley supports native regenerating vegetation and many unusual geothermally-adapted plants. Part of the trip is the Mount Hazard Trail, which uses the path taken by tourists who visited Waimangu Geyser in the early 1900s. There will be time after the guided walk to purchase afternoon tea at Café Nature before returning to Rotorua.

Your field trip includes bus transfers and a packed lunch.

2. Whakarewarewa

In the Footsteps of the Ancestors “*Building on a legacy of tourism excellence*”

\$20.00 per person

1.15-4.45pm

www.whakarewarewa.com

Your visit to Whakarewarewa Thermal Village will provide an opportunity to meet the people of Tuhourangi-Ngati Wahiao, who have lived in harmony with their awe-inspiring natural environment for over 300 years. You will see how the thermal wonders of this place are used on a daily basis. You’ll be entertained by cultural performers and you’ll learn about the traditions of the local people. You’ll hear how Tuhourangi-Ngati Wahiao have developed their legends and lifestyle into an independent tourism experience – a living village which continues to be a way of life. Learn why Whakarewarewa is the home of guiding, and find out about plans to interpret and celebrate 100 years of guiding in 2010. The field trip will cover tourism, iwi and community development, land and resource management and sustainability.

Lunch at Distinction Hotel before departure. Whakarewarewa is within walking distance of the hotel.

3. Mokoia

The Sacred Island “*The green jewel of Te Takiwa Waiariki*”

\$40.00 per person

1.15–5.30pm

www.mokoiaisland.co.nz

The people of Te Arawa welcome you to this special island on Lake Rotorua. Not only does Mokoia feature in stories of great importance to local Maori, but it is also a significant wildlife sanctuary – home to kiwi, saddleback and kokako. Your field trip will include boat transfers to and from the island, a guided tour with experienced guides, and a chance to taste some of the indigenous foods familiar to the local people. There will be time to learn about Mokoia’s cultural significance as well as the special flora and fauna of the island. Your guides will provide opportunities to discuss interpretation and storytelling approaches, and the role of guides in the visitor experience.

Your field trip includes bus transfers. Lunch at Distinction Hotel before departure.

4. Rotorua Museum of Art and History

Cellars and Attics “*Where great stories begin...*”

FREE

1.15–5.15pm

www.rotoruamuseum.co.nz

A gentle afternoon of stories and exploration, hosted by Greg McManus, director of Rotorua’s Museum of Art and History. The museum has operated for forty years in the historic Bath House building in the Government Gardens. This field trip begins with a presentation on the history and development of the museum and art gallery. You’ll be taken on a guided tour that includes two extraordinary audiovisual experiences. After time to revisit the displays and stories and to enjoy a latte at the café, the group will leave on foot for the lakeside settlement of Ohinemutu, the region’s original Ngati Whakaue village. Ohinemutu, imbued with the spirit of those who first settled here, retains the character and significance of its past. Historian Dr Don Stafford will speak about this special place.

Your field trip includes bus transfers. Lunch at Distinction Hotel before departure.

5. Buried Village

Heritage Uncovered “*Te Wairoa – history alive today*”

FREE

1.00–4.45pm

www.buriedvillage.co.nz

Experience the events of the Tarawera eruption in history unearthed, through the stories told by your guide as you tour the excavations. The Bay of Plenty changed forever on 10 June 1886, when Mount Tarawera erupted. The quiet tourist village of Te Wairoa suffered the horror of hours of volcanic fury. More than 150 of the area’s settlers died. The village lay buried until the 1930s, when the Smith family dedicated themselves to preserving its physical, spiritual, cultural and heritage values. Now, guided tours and an extensive museum help visitors to understand what happened here almost 125 years ago.

Your field trip includes bus transport, a packed lunch and an opportunity to purchase afternoon tea at the on-site café.

