

Te Puia

Rotorua, Central Plateau

Maori Arts & Thermal Valley



Te Puia in Rotorua's Whakarewarea Valley, is home to the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, kiwi enclosure and 60ha of geothermal wonders.

Wander at your leisure or take a guided tour through the beautifully preserved native bushland of this geothermal valley, past over 500 bubbling mud pools and boiling springs amidst a steaming landscape. The spectacular Pohutu geyser, the largest natural geyser in the southern hemisphere, erupts up to heights of 30metres on a roughly hourly cycle. The nocturnal kiwi enclosure is a chance to see native kiwi birds and participate in the breeding program which Te Puia supports.

Near the entrance to Te Puia are two Maori arts and crafts schools for wood carving and flax weaving. Talk to the artists working in our national school of wood carving, Pounamu (greenstone) carving and and weaving to gain an understanding of the importance of these crafts in Maori culture and society.



Te Rā Day Pass

Te Puia is a must-do activity in Rotorua, and a day tour of Te Puia is the best way to experience this top visitor attraction in New Zealand.

A Day Pass allows you to explore Whakarewarewa geothermal valley, visit New Zealand's native kiwi birds, and learn about Maori history & culture.

Book a guided tour with one of our friendly guides, or experience Te Puia at your ease. Tours depart on the hour.

Departs 9am - 5pm | Duration 60-90 minutes

Te Rā Day Pass + Kai Ng?wha Steamboat Experience

Experience the taste of our culture with a hangi meal prepared using ancient geothermal cooking techniques. Also includes a flax weaving workshop where you will learn the skills of our traditional craft. One Steambox guided tour daily (subject to availability). Bookings prior to 9am on the day is essential. Includes steambox lunch.

Departs 11am - 1:30pm | Duration 60-90 minutes

Te Rā Day Pass + Te Pō Evening Experience

The ultimate way to experience Maori culture. Includes the Te Ra Daytime Pass, an exclusive guided tour, plus a banquet of storytelling, entertainment and authentic Maori kai (indigenous food) under lights. Te Ra + Te Po starts at 4:30pm

Departs 4:30pm | Duration 4 hours 30 minutes

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Directions

Turn onto Hemo Rd, enter through the gate with the large billboard saying “Te Puia”

Terms

GROUP SIZE Public Access or Small Group and Private Tours

CHILD POLICY Child rates apply 5-15 years

CANCELLATION Contact operator

SEASON Open All Year

Accommodation in this area

- [Koura Lodge](#)