

## Urewera Discovery Tour Information



**Duration:** 3 days / 2 nights. Trips depart Rotorua by 8:30am and return by 6pm. We pickup from all central Rotorua accommodations.

**Fitness Required:** People of all ages and fitness levels can enjoy the Urewera Discovery Tour. The flexible nature of the tour caters for all levels of physical ability. In some cases you will need to carry a small pack containing your lunch, drinking water and raincoat. A vast network of walking trails of varying length and difficulty make this a New Zealand walking holiday paradise. The itinerary is a basic outline. Flexibility enables groups to select from numerous other walks and activities including kayaking, fishing and scenic boat cruises, thus ensuring everyone's abilities and interests are catered for.

**Group Size:** Maximum group size is 14 walkers and 2 guides. Minimum number required to run a trip is 4 walkers. Small groups enable us to provide a personal and friendly service with plenty of scope for flexibility. Larger groups may be accommodated on a custom tour. Please contact us to discuss this. Our trips tend to attract likeminded people, so the small groups provide a very enjoyable social environment.

**Food:** From the time you are picked up in Rotorua all your food and drinks are provided. Picnic lunches are made fresh daily and include delicious sandwiches, fresh fruit of your choice, and energy snacks to keep you sustained throughout the day. At most of the lunch stops you will also have the comfort of a hot or cold drink. After an exhilarating day outside you will have worked up an appetite. Scrumptious nibbles and pre-dinner drinks will greet you when you return to your accommodation. A hearty dinner follows: a traditional New Zealand main; seasonal vegetables or fresh garden salad; and no Kiwi meal would be complete without pudding (dessert), and tea or coffee. Enjoy a selection of NZ wines to purchase with your evening meals. Breakfast offers a selection from fruit, cereal and toast, to a warm breakfast of bacon and eggs, pancakes or porridge. Just what you need to start a great day in the outdoors! Any special dietary requests or requirements are easily provided for. Please let us know at the time of booking and we will be more than happy to cater for your needs.

**Accommodation:** During the Urewera Discovery Tour we stay in an old lodge (2 star), which is run by local iwi (Maori tribe). These character facilities are fairly basic but provide hot showers, comfortable beds and linen, kitchen facilities, and are located in a tranquil setting in a small Maori community. Rooms are twin share. Singles may be available on request. Bathrooms are shared between 2 or 3 rooms. World-class trout fishing is on offer in the lake at the front door step, with world record brown trout caught recently.



**Guides & Safety:** Your safety is of paramount importance to us. Our guides are trained outdoor enthusiasts, who take pride in providing a safe, efficient and friendly service. All guides are trained in first aid, and carry first aid kits and emergency radios. Guides provide everything from a warming cup of tea or coffee to an evening briefing on the next day's walk. If circumstances require, your guides have the skills and expertise necessary to adapt your day's walk to suit fitness, weather or track conditions. Your New Zealand guides will enhance your journey by using their local knowledge to help select appropriate walks, provide company, interpret the features you encounter, and take care of all your meals, transport, accommodation and other logistics.

**Weather:** It is essential to be well prepared when walking in New Zealand, as the weather can change rapidly. Although you may be walking in our summer season, rain, cold and wind can occur at any time of year. Lake Waikaremoana is located in a rainforest, so it is likely to rain for some of the time you spend there. We provide good raincoats and recommend wearing hiking boots so you will be comfortable in any weather conditions.

**What to bring:** You do not need any specialist gear for this walk, except for a good pair of hiking boots or shoes, and some warm non-cotton clothing (polar fleece, polypropylene or wool). We lend raincoats or you can use your own. A detailed equipment list will be supplied on confirmation of booking.

**Fishing:** There are ample opportunities to try your luck at catching one of Lake Waikaremoana's elusive trout! Both spin and fly-fishing is allowed in Lake Waikaremoana and different lakes and rivers in the area. Fly-fishing only in the lake at the lodge. Please bring your own fishing gear. You must have a fishing license, which can be bought in Rotorua or at Waikaremoana.

**Bookings:** We require a NZ \$250 per person, non-refundable deposit to confirm a booking, with the balance due one month prior to trip departing. Please use our online booking form or phone us to make a reservation.

**Cancellation Fees:** 50% if cancelled between 30 and 8 days prior to departure. 100% if cancelled within 7 days of departure.

Walking Legends assumes no responsibility for any injury, damage, loss or delay. We reserve the right to cancel or alter any trips and departure dates for any reason. We recommend that you take out travel insurance. This standard precaution does not reflect any likelihood of any incident occurring during your walk.

In the unlikely event that Walking Legends cancels a trip before departure due to insufficient numbers, extreme weather conditions, or any other circumstance, a full refund of all payments will be given.

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