

Taranaki – Whanganui Discovery Tour

Join us as we make it possible for you to retrace the steps of land and river pioneer settlers. Discovery Tour is a fully catered 2 night getaway in a land largely left to return to the bush

Day One: Leave Stratford 7am to travel to Pipiriki via Whanganui River Road, stop at Jerusalem on the way. After a muffin and hot drink board your jetboat to Blue Duck Station with a stop and lunch at the Bridge To Nowhere. This section of the river has been described as the “heart of the river” with towering cliff faces, gorges, caves and waterfalls. You will also pass by the mouth of the Whangamomona & Tangarakau Rivers. Arrive at Blue Duck Station, late afternoon to settle into your accommodation.



River reflections



Jerusalem



Jetboat Operator

Day Two: After a leisurely breakfast we join a tour (as pictured) of Blue Duck Station. Learn how Dan Steele had the vision to set up this tourism operation. His passion for conservation is incredible. The million dollar views are to die for – there will be time in the afternoon to relax or take a stroll. Even a swim in the river if your chosen season allows. *(the tour is optional, you can just relax for the whole day if you wish - \$100pp cheaper to deduct tour but must be decided prior to trip) Other options like horse trekking, clay bird shooting in lieu of tour is also possible, enquire on price difference.*



The Station Tour



Morning mist in the hills



Blue Ducks (Whio)

Day Three: Depart the station at 10am as we travel through the Owhango Valley towards SH4 and Taumarunui. After lunch in Taumarunui we then make our way back to Stratford via the Forgotten World Highway. Stopping at the Heritage Trail points of interest on the way. These include Joshua Morgan's Grave, Mt Damper Falls and a well deserved refreshment stop at the Whangamomona Hotel.



Joshua Morgan's Grave



Mt Damper Falls



Whangamomona Hotel

Price 4-5 people \$1050.00 per person

Price 6-8 people \$850.00 per person

Highlights include:

- Whanganui River Road and Whanganui River
- 4-5 hours jetboat trip including Bridge To Nowhere visit
- Blue Duck Station
- Forgotten World Highway

All inclusive of transport from and return to Stratford, jetboat, 2 nights accommodation (full linen and towels provided) in twin or double rooms (triple or quad available at a *slightly* cheaper price). All meals from lunch Day 1 to Breakfast Day 3. Lunch in Taumarunui own cost. Drink at hotel is own cost.

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