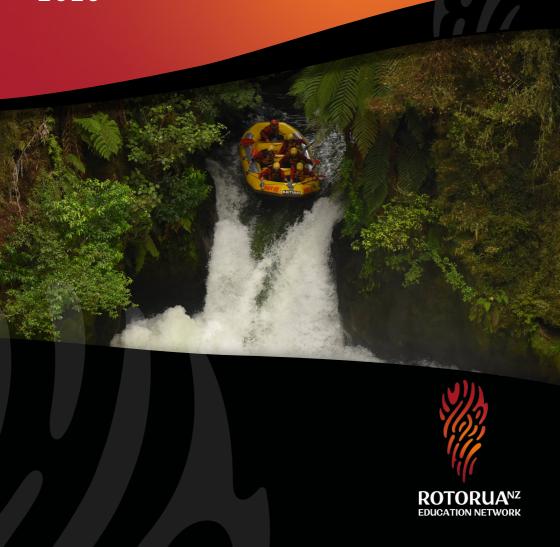


Enhancing teaching with practical, hands-on learning

2026







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Who is Rotorua Education Network?

Rotorua Education Network (REN) is the premier education travel specialist, providing support and enhancing ākonga (student) learning by providing informative and engaging hands-on experiences with tourism operators. We work with a diverse range of high-quality operators, most of which are Rotorua based, to ensure your visit is of the highest standards.

What can we do for you:

- Our team will provide the relevant resources and information for kaiako (teachers) and ākonga that is up to date and directly linked to your curriculum.
- We'll create customised itineraries and arrange bookings for all activities, accommodation and transport needs.
- We'll coordinate speakers from the tourism industry.
- We can also arrange sporting activities for kaiako and ākonga on request.

We offer:

- Customised itineraries
- Affordable trips
- One easy payment
- RAMS on request

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How to book a trip through REN

- Complete the online booking form found on our website and select the accommodation, transport, operators/activities you would like to visit, including any speakers available.
- REN will respond to your enquiry with a suggested itinerary and a FREE quote.
- 3. When you are happy with the itinerary and associated costs, REN will book the transport, accommodation and activities that you've confirmed.
- You will receive an email with your itinerary and a code to gain access to our online curriculum resources for the achievement and unit standards.
- 5. You will receive an invoice two weeks prior to your trip, or by other arrangement, following confirmation of your attendee numbers. New Zealand schools are required to make payment no later than seven calendar days after the trip. All other groups are required to make payment seven calendar days prior to the trip.



Cancellation policies and procedures

The notice period for cancellations of REN itinerary bookings varies for each operator, therefore, any requests to change or cancel your itinerary that is made less than seven calendar days from the scheduled commencement of your itinerary may be invoiced for the full amount.

Invoices are sent by REN on behalf of the operator.

We understand that unexpected events may necessitate changes to or cancellation of your itinerary. We ask that if you find yourself in this position then please contact the REN team as soon as possible.

After your trip

Please complete the trip evaluation form online here: www.rotorua-education.co.nz/evaluation-form or scan the QR code below.



Free curriculum-based resources and assessments

On booking your trip through Rotorua Education Network, you will gain access to our online resources, including the following curriculum-based assessment activities and worksheets.

Geography Level 1

Level 1 Geography Year Unit Plan

This covers the following topics:

AS 91932 (1.1): Demonstrate understanding of the spatial distribution of a phenomenon and its impacts on a place with a focus on volcanic and geothermal phenomena in Rotorua.

AS 91933 (1.2): Explore an environment using data.

AS 91934 (1.3): Demonstrate understanding of how natural processes shape an environment.

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 91932 (1.1) Demonstrate understanding of the spatial distribution of a phenomenon and its impacts on place.	PPT and Talk: Students collect information on the spatial distribution of native forests in New Zealand	• ZORB (SP, W)
	Talk: Students collect information on the spatial distribution of exotic forests in New Zealand	• NZ Timber Museum (SP, W)
AS 91933 (1.2) Explore as environment using data.	Explore an environment using data. Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	Fish and Game Whakarewarewa - The Living Māori Village (Generic tour can be organised for these operators)
AS 91934 (1.3) Demonstrate understanding of how natural processes shape an environment	Demonstrate understanding of how natural processes shape an environment, with a focus on volcanic and geothermal processes. Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	Rotorua Education Network Hidden Experience Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (SP, W)

SP Indicates speakers are available at this operator for the achievement standard. Please ensure that you request a speaker at the time of booking.

W Indicates a worksheet or assessment task is available at this operator for the achievement standard.

Geography Level 2

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 91241 Demonstrate geographic understanding of an urban pattern. Credits: 3	Assessment: Students collect information on the urban pattern of tourism during a visit to a tourist attraction in Rotorua. Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	Agrodome Kaitiaki Adventures - Mt Tarawera Kaitiaki Adventures - Rafting & Sledging Polynesian Spa Rotorua Duck Tours Rotorua Museum Skyline Rotorua Te Puia Velocity Valley Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland Waimangu Volcanic Valley ZORB

Geography Level 3

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 91426 Demonstrate understanding of how interacting natural processes shape a New Zealand geographic environment.	Students travel by boat to collect data on the coastal processes of the coromandel, learning about tectonic, volcanic and coastal processes.	Sea Cave Adventures (Hahei) (SP)
AS 91427 Demonstrate understanding of how a cultural process shapes geographic environment(s).	Assessment: Collect information on how the cultural process of tourism development has shaped the Rotorua environment. Worksheets & Resources: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	Agrodome (SP, W) Kaitiaki Adventures - Mt Tarawera (SP, W) Kaitiaki Adventures - Rafting and Sledging (SP, W) Mitai Māori Village (SP) Polynesian Spa (SP, W) Pure Cruise (SP) Rotorua Duck Tours (SP) Rotorua Museum (SP) Skyline Rotorua (SP) Te Puia (SP, W) Velocity Valley (SP, W) Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (SP, W) Waimangu Volcanic Valley (SP, W) Syn W) ZORB (SP)
	Assessment: Collect information on how the cultural process of tourism development has shaped the Rotorua environment. Worksheets & Resources: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	• Waka Tours (Whitianga) (SP)

Geography Level 3 continued

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 91430 Conduct geographic research with consultation.	Assessment 1: How Green is Rotorua. Assessment 2: Generic: Conduct geographic research with consultation. Assessment 3: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources (adapted from St Cuthbert's courtesy of AGTA).	General Rotorua task - not applicable to any specific operator.
AS 91431 Analyse aspects of a contemporary geographic issue.	Operator will talk on the issue of sustainability of tourism in Rotorua, focusing on their product, but also with views on the wider issue and the actions needed to keep tourism in Rotorua sustainable. Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	Agrodome (SP, W) Kaitiaki Adventures - Mt Tarawera (SP, W) Kaitiaki Adventures - Rafting and Sledging (SP, W) Polynesian Spa (SP, W) Rotorua Duck Tours (SP, W) Rotorua Museum (SP, W) Skyline Rotorua (SP, W) Te Puia (SP, W) Velocity Valley (SP, W) Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (SP, W) Waimangu Volcanic Valley (SP, W) ZORB (SP, W)
	Operator will talk on the issue of sustainability of plantation forestry in New Zealand.	NZ Timber Museum (SP, W)

Tourism Level 2

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
US 24728 Demonstrate knowledge of work roles in tourism.	Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	Agrodome (SP, W) Kaitiaki Adventures - Mt Tarawera (SP, W) Kaitiaki Adventures - Rafting and Sledging (SP, W) Polynesian Spa (SP, W) Pure Cruise (SP, W) Skyline Rotorua (SP, W) Te Puia (SP, W) Velocity Valley (SP, W) Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (SP) Waimangu Volcanic Valley (SP) ZORB (SP)

Tourism Level 2 continued

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
US 24730 Demonstrate knowledge of the business of tourism.	Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	Agrodome (SP, W) Kaitiaki Adventures - Mt Tarawera (SP, W) Kaitiaki Adventures - Rafting and Sledging (SP, W) Polynesian Spa (SP, W) Pure Cruise (SP, W) Skyline Rotorua (SP, W) Te Puia (SP, W) Velocity Valley (SP, W) Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (SP) Waimangu Volcanic Valley (SP) ZORB (SP)

Science Core, Chemistry & Biology Level 1

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 92020 Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between a microorganism and the environment.	Self-guided tour.	• Whakarewarewa – The Living Māori Village

Business Studies Level 2

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 90843 Demonstrate understanding of the internal operations of a large business	Talk and Student Worksheet	Motion Entertainment

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W Indicates a worksheet or assessment task is available at this operator for the achievement standard.

Teacher's Famil 2026

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Rotorua Education Network's ANNUAL TEACHER'S FAMIL 12-14 November 2026

Please join us in a fun-filled FREE twoday event to thank you for supporting us, and to welcome those who are yet to experience what REN has to offer.

What's included:

- All meals
- Twin share accommodation
- Activities & transport
- A fun opening night to enjoy mixing and mingling with your colleagues and tourism operators.

Spaces are limited and fill up quickly.

RSVP:

school.groups@rotoruanz.com by Wednesday, 30 September 2026



Agrodome

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Agrodome is an excellent example of a tourist attraction with its cluster of activities on one site. Both the indoor Farm Show, and the Farm Tour around the 350-acre working farm provide opportunities for students to gather information for both tourism and geography standards.

Also available upon request when booking:

- Lunch is available on site at the Farmyard Café.
- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.





Fish and Game Rotorua Trout Hatchery

Geography: AS 91933 (1.2)

Visit the Ngongotahā Trout Hatchery to learn about the first stages of rearing trout for the Rotorua Lakes and rivers. Explore the grounds and bush walks. Toilets and picnic tables on site.

Hidden Experience

Geography: AS 91934 (1.3), AS 91240 (2.1), AS 91426 (3.1)

A self-guided, interactive treasure hunt in Kuirau Park. Students use WhatsApp to navigate, solve challenges, and explore bubbling mud, steaming vents, and geothermal pools, uncovering the hidden forces shaping Rotorua. Curriculum-aligned and team-based, this 1- to 2-hour experience brings geological processes to life in a fun, competitive outdoor adventure.





Kaitiaki Adventures Mount Tarawera

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Kaitaiki Adventures is the only operator with a licence to guide manuhiri along the summit of majestic Mt Tarawera. Gain an up close and personal view of the evidence left behind during the 1886 Tarawera eruption such as volcanic bombs, pyroclastic flow deposits and the awe-inspiring crater. On the mountain, guides share korero (stories) about the eruption from a Māori perspective.

Students are also given an informative workbook to complete.

Kaitiaki Adventures Rafting and Sledging

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Enjoy the thrilling adventure of white water rafting or sledging on one of Rotorua's renowned rivers. Kaitiaki Adventures' expert guides will inspire every step of the way while sharing their knowledge of the awa and the people of the area.

Also available upon request when booking:





Mitai Māori Village

Geography: AS 91427

Mitai Māori Village offers an authentic cultural experience. Students will watch a hāngī uplifted from the traditional earth oven and witness traditionally dressed warriors paddling an ancient waka.

The cultural performance shares stories of this sacred land and how our indigenous people thrived in the villages once located there. Students will be educated on ancient past times, tā moko (tattoo), Māori weaponry, poi, haka and arts of warrior training, and more. The guided bush walk teaches students about traditional and contemporary medicinal uses of the flora and fauna.

Also available upon request when booking:

• Curriculum-based student talks.

Motion Entertaiment

Business Studies: AS 90843

Motion Entertainment can offer a talk on the curriculum-based Business Studies AS Demonstrate understanding of the internal operations of a large business. Students can also have fun and relaxation enjoying Strike Zone (ten pin bowling), Laser Tag, Xtreme Air Indoor Tramp Park, Chipmunks Playland, Timezone Arcade, Hologate VR, and more on offer at New Zealand's largest indoor entertainment centre.





New Zealand Timber Museum

Geography: AS 91932, AS 91431

The New Zealand Timber Museum is a must-visit attraction in Putāruru. Set on a beautiful six-hectare reserve in South Waikato, the museum is home to 11 historic buildings, interactive exhibits, ancient native trees, and New Zealand's largest model railway display, TrainWorld. Explore the original Tuck and Watkins sawmill, walk through a 45-year-old native forest grove, and step into a fully restored 1911 pioneer schoolroom and see real vintage forestry machinery in action.

Polynesian Spa

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Polynesian Spa is New Zealand's original, iconic geothermal bathing experience. Established in 1972, Polynesian Spa offers 28 pools for manuhiri to indulge in both acidic and alkaline natural mineral springs renowned for their healing properties.

Students will enjoy the relaxing hot pools and learn about the history of Rotorua's geothermal landscapes and tourism development, and Polynesian Spa's role in the tourism industry.

Also available upon request when booking:





Pure Cruise

Geography: AS 91427

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Lake Rotoiti provides a stunning backdrop for a fun, adventurous activity exploring hot water beaches, historic sites, and remote geothermal pools aboard a private launch. Pure Cruise activities include study material for various types of projects appealing to students of all ages.

Rotorua Duck Tours

Geography: AS 91427, AS 91431

Rotorua Duck Tours offers a unique and exciting opportunity to explore Rotorua lakes in an authentic WWII amphibious landing craft. Enjoy the beautiful scenery en route and learn about the history of the land and people who have shaped Rotorua. With up to 56 seats available, the Ducks are very flexible when it comes to groups and can pick up from inner city locations. The Amazing Duck Race offers a team building fun activity.

Also available upon request when booking:





Rotorua Museum - Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427, AS 91431

The Rotorua Museum - Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa education team offers a wide range of geography, tourism and history programmes for New Zealand school groups in years 1 to 13.

As well as NCEA talks they also offer fun, curriculum-linked programmes for all year levels. Popular programmes include an Amazing Race-style activity around Government Gardens and art programmes with an emphasis on te ao Māori. For more details visit www.rotoruamuseum.co.nz/learning

Also available upon request when booking:

• Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.

Skyline Rotorua

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Skyline Rotorua offers the most spectacular views of Rotorua from the extinct volcanic dome of Mt Ngongotahā, enabling students to learn, view and sketch the Rotorua caldera. Combine student learning with the thrill of the Luge, Skyswing or Hyfly Zipline.

Also available upon request when booking:

- Meals are available onsite at Stratosfare Restaurant or Market Kitchen Café.
- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.





Te Puia

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Set in the 70-hectare Whakarewarewa geothermal valley, Te Puia is home to the Southern Hemisphere's largest natural geyser, Pōhutu, which erupts more than 15 times a day.

The New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute (NZMACI), home of the national schools of carving (including pounamu and bone) and weaving, is located at Te Puia as well.

Groups visiting Te Puia are welcomed onto Te Aronui a Rua Marae to enjoy a 45-minute cultural show. They can also explore the geothermal valley, mud pools and geysers, and visit the Kiwi Conservation Centre to see kiwi in their nocturnal enclosure.

Also available upon request when booking:

- A hāngī buffet lunch, featuring a fusion of Māori and international flavours.
- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.

Velocity Valley

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Velocity Valley can arrange tailor-made sessions for your group, with presentations about geography, tourism, local culture and the history of Velocity Valley.

Combine education with fun by selecting from the iconic adventure activities including Swoop, Freefall Xtreme, Agrojet, Shweeb racing monorail, and Vertigo.

Also available upon request when booking:





Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland

Geography: AS 91934, AS 91241,

AS 91427, AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland is a spectacular showcase of New Zealand's most colourful and unique geothermal elements sculpted by thousands of years of geothermal activity.

Wai-O-Tapu provides an outstanding opportunity for students to experience a natural volcanic area, bringing the learnings in the classroom to life.

Also available upon request when booking:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.
- Lunch/catering options.

Waimangu Volcanic Valley

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Experience the world's youngest geothermal valley and hear about the history and legacy of the area through a real time tour or interactive app.

Enjoy walking amongst spectacular volcanic craters, enormous hot water springs, beautiful geothermal features, rare and unusual plant life.

Be immersed in the story of the Mt Tarawera volcanic eruption, the people who lived in the valley, and the resulting dramatic landscape changes. Waimangu Volcanic Valley can tailor an education package to meet your needs.

Also available upon request when booking:





Whakarewarewa — The Living Māori Village

Geography: AS 91933 (1.2) Science Core, Chemistry & Biology: AS 92020

Take a guided tour of the village to view bubbling mud pools, mineral springs where the residents have bathed for generations, and natural steam vents where food gets cooked.

ZORB

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427,

AS 91431, AS 91932

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Superman dive into a giant inflatable ball and roll down Mt Ngongotahā with ZORB, where the fun will have your group laughing uncontrollably. Combine this exciting experience with an educational activity. ZORB's talks and packages can be tailored to your group's needs.

New PPT and talk on New Curriculum AS 91932 "Demonstrate understanding of the spatial distribution of a phenomenon native forests and its impact on place."

Also available upon request when booking:

Other options available during your visit



3Mirage

The first in New Zealand to pioneer the integration of the latest audio-visual technologies within the world of art, 3Mirage has created a 4D, interactive, transformative and multi-sensory experience that challenges how we see and feel creative expression. Located in the city centre, it features seven themed rooms filled with vibrant light, sound, and motion, including dreamlike clouds, cosmic skies, exotic landscapes, and a forest of wonder.



Buried Village of Te Wairoa

Buried Village of Te Wairoa is New Zealand's most-visited archaeological site, where stories of the 1886 Mt Tarawera eruption come to life.



Redwoods Treewalk

Walk along a series of 28 bridges eco-suspended between 120-year-old California redwood trees. Feel the spirit as you walk high amongst these gentle giants.



Rotorua Canopy Tours

This ziplining activity in an ancient forest is an incredible experience for many reasons: adventure, nature, ecology and more. It's also a great way to actively learn about conservation and native forest restoration.

Accomodation options



Distinction Rotorua Hotel & Conference Centre

Distinction Rotorua Hotel is located within minutes from the city centre and the complimentary guest car parking makes the hotel a great base for exploring Rotorua. Groups love the onsite pool, as well as the included buffet breakfast. The hotel can even provide packed lunches and dinners when organised in advance.



Rotorua marae stays

Now available as an accommodation option are marae stays. Options for these stays can include catering and workshops such as weaving, haka and history.



Rock Solid Backpackers & Group Accommodation

The four-star Rock Solid Backpackers and Group Accommodation is conveniently located in the city centre and close to cafés, restaurants and the Thursday Night Market. It's a great solution for groups as a variety of rooms are available from private ensuite rooms to dorm rooms and more.

Accomodation options continued



Haka House

Haka House combines friendly, laid-back vibes, convenience and affordability, without skimping on style and comfort. Haka House Rotorua, located near the city centre and across the street from the geothermal Kuirau Park. Several breakfast options from warm pretzel pockets to vegan and sweet treats are available for school groups.



Marsden Stay Rotorua

The newly renovated Marsden Stay Rotorua is conveniently located just blocks from the city centre. With 56 double, twin and triple rooms, two outdoor pools soon to re-open, a restaurant serving continental breakfast, laundry, free parking, and meeting and events facilities, you'll have everything you need for your group stay.

Transport options



Paylovich Coachlines

Pavlovich Coachlines has vehicles based in Auckland and Hamilton. With a strong focus on safety, vehicle quality and outstanding service, their helpful drivers will ensure your journey is not only a safe one but also a delight for your staff and students alike. Top quality, cost-effective transport through Rotorua Education Network.

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Waka Tours (Whitianga)

Geography: AS 91427

Waka Tours takes students to sites of significance in the Whitianga area. Visit the pā at Wharekaho, turangawaewae (home site) of the Ngāti Hei people and where the first friendly encounters between Māori and Europeans occurred in New Zealand. The history and stories shared by Waka Tours illustrate what it was like for Māori adjusting to a new way of life, bringing awareness to how this community was shaped.

Also available on request when booking:

Tours and talks

Sea Cave Adventures (Hahei)

Geography: AS 91426

Experience the coastline between Whitianga and Hot Water Beach, exploring the hidden blowholes and natural beauty of the incredible sea caves along the way. Students will learn about and collect data on the tectonic, volcanic, and coastal processes which have formed this amazing coastline of the Coromandel.



Hahei Beach Resort (Hahei)

Located 3.5 hours from Auckland and 2.5 hours from Hamilton, Hahei Beach Resort has a range of accommodation options available and is conveniently located for your group to explore and experience the stunning Coromandel. Your group will be spoilt for choice, with the best Coromandel beaches to discover, including Hot Water Beach, a 10-minute drive away.

Frequently asked questions

If we book directly with the operators can we still get REN rates?

If you book directly with operators, you will pay normal kaiako and tauira rates. Booking through REN, you will secure the lowest rates.

Why should we book through REN?

Booking through REN makes your life easier and your school trip more affordable.

REN will:

- provide the relevant resources and information for kaiako and tauira that is up-to-date and directly linked to your curriculum;
- create customised itineraries and arrange bookings for all activities, accommodation and transport needs;
- coordinate speakers from the tourism industry; and
- set up one easy payment to cover everything in your itinerary.

Can we book other activities or operators who are not featured on your website?

Yes. Simply let us know what you would like to do and we'll source the most affordable rate for you.

Can our vouchers be delivered to our accommodation/ activity if we arrive late?

Yes. Just let us know and we'll arrange that for you.

Do cancellation fees apply?

There is no fee for making changes to or cancelling your itinerary if you notify us seven or more calendar days prior to the commencement of your itinerary.

If you do need to make any changes, please get in touch with the REN team as soon as possible.

Do you organise trips for overseas schools?

Yes. Please contact us at School.Groups@rotoruanz.com for more information.

Do you have RAM (Risk Analysis Management) Reports?

Yes. All operators have up-to-date RAM Reports that can be downloaded from the Rotorua Education Network website.

Is it possible to book activities outside of Rotorua?

Yes. We can arrange activities and accommodation outside of Rotorua.

