

ROTORUA EDUCATION NETWORK

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Who is Rotorua Education Network?

Rotorua Education Network (REN) is the premier education travel specialist, providing support and enhancing taura (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 taura 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 taura 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
4. 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 the 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 New Curriculum 2024

REN is here to help geography teachers and have the following documents available on their website.

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 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. With a focus on volcanic and geothermal processes.

AS 91935 (1.4): Demonstrate understanding of decision-making in response to a geographic challenge in the wider Pacific region

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 91933 (1.2) Explore an 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 covering 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 Waimarino Education Trust (generic tour covering can be organised)

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

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

Geography Level 2

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 91241 Demonstrate geographic understanding of an urban pattern. <i>Credits: 3</i>	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 Katoa Jet Polynesian Spa Rotorua Duck Tours Rotorua Museum Skyline Rotorua Te Puia Velocity Valley Waimangu Volcanic Valley Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland 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, Coromandel) (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 (SP,W) Katoa Jet (SP,W) 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) Waimangu Volcanic Valley (SP) Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (SP,W) ZORB (SP)
	Assessment: Collect information on how the cultural process of tourism development has shaped the Coromandel environment. Worksheets & resources: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.	Waka Tours (Whitianga, Coromandel) (SP)

Geography Level 3 continued

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 91430 Conduct geographic research with consultation.	<p>Assessment 1: How Green is Rotorua</p> <p>Assessment 2: Generic: Conduct geographic research with consultation.</p> <p>Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources (adapted from St Cuthbert's courtesy of AGTA).</p>	General Rotorua task – not applicable to any specific operator.
AS 91431 Analyse aspects of a contemporary geography issue.	<p>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 that are needed to keep tourism in Rotorua sustainable.</p> <p>Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.</p>	Agrodome (SP,W) Kaitiaki Adventures (SP,W) Katoa Jet (SP,W) Polynesian Spa (W,SP) Rotorua Duck Tours (W,SP) Rotorua Museum (W,SP) Skyline Rotorua (SP,W) Te Puia (SP,W) Velocity Valley (SP,W) Waimangu Thermal Valley (SP,W) Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland (SP,W) ZORB (SP,W)

Tourism Level 2

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

Tourism Level 2 continued

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

Physical Education Level 1

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 90968 Demonstrate, and show understanding of, responsible behaviour for safety during outdoor education activities.	<p>Worksheets: Choose from sea kayaking skills session or sea kayaking student lead.</p>	Waimarino Education Trust
AS 91330 Perform a physical activity in an applied setting.	<p>Worksheets: Sea kayaking skills session.</p>	Waimarino Education Trust

Science Core, Chemistry & Biology Level 1

Achievement Standard	Activity	Provided by
AS 92020 Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between a microorganism and the environment.	<p>Worksheets: Available through REN's Curriculum Resources.</p>	Whakarewarewa – The Living Māori Village



Agrodome

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427, AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Agrodome is an excellent example of a tourist attraction with a 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)

New Curriculum: Explore an environment using data.

Visit the Ngongotahā Trout Hatchery to learn about the first stages of rearing trout for the Rotorua lakes and rivers. Level 1 students can complete a Task on AS 91933 on "Trout growth over time in Lake Tarawera". Explore the grounds and bush walks. Toilets and picnic tables on site.



Kaitiaki Adventures Mt Tarawera

Achievement and/or Unit Standards to be confirmed

Kaitiaki 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 kōrero (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:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.



Katoa Jet

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427, AS 91431

Tourism: US 24728, US 24730

Blast across Lake Rotorua with Katoa Jet as their expert drivers provide a mix of adrenaline-fuelled 360-degree spins with an educational package that includes many aspects of the elements of tourism. You'll visit iconic landmarks around the lake, and hear the history of the area, the iwi of Te Arawa waka, events and stories such as the famous love story of Tūtānekai and Hinemoa.

Katoa Jet can also include a visit to Manupirua Hot Springs on Lake Rotoiti.

Also available upon request when booking:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.



Mitai Māori Village

Achievement and/or Unit Standards to be confirmed

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.



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:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.



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.

Also available upon request when booking:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.



Rotorua Duck Tours

Geography: AS 91241, AS 91427, AS 91431

Tourism: US 24730

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.

Also available upon request when booking:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.



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.

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 view and sketch the Rotorua caldera. Combine student learning with the thrill of the Luge, Skyswing or Zoom Zipline.

Also available upon request when booking:

- Meals are available on site at Stratosphere Restaurant.
- 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 rare New Zealand 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

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:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.



Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland

Geography: 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.



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, and 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:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.



Waimarino Education Trust

Geography: AS 91934 (1.3)

New Curriculum: Demonstrate understanding of how natural processes shape an environment.

Tourism: US 24728 – Demonstrate knowledge of work roles in tourism.

Physical Education: AS 91330 – Perform a physical activity in an applied setting.

Physical Education: AS 90968 – Demonstrate, and show understanding of, responsible behaviour for safety during outdoor education activities.

- Sea Kayak – Skills Session
- Sea Kayaking – Student Lead

Waimarino Kayak Tours showcases some of the best waterways in Rotorua including Lake Rotoiti, where students board sea kayaks at the Otaramarae boat ramp and cross the lake to visit the natural thermal hot pools and a glow worm cave.



Whakarewarewa – The Living Māori Village

Geography: AS 91933 (1.2)

New Curriculum: Use data to understand an environment.

Science Core, Chemistry & Biology:

AS 92020 – Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between a microorganism and the environment.

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

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.

Also available upon request when booking:

- Curriculum-based student talks and worksheets.

Other options available during your visit



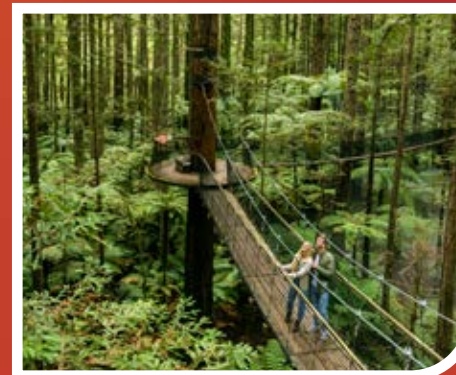
Buried Village of Te Wairoa

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



Motion Entertainment

Strike Zone ten pin bowling, Laser Tag, Xtreme Air Indoor Tramp Park, Chipmunks Playland, Timezone Arcade, Hologate VR, and more are on offer at New Zealand's largest indoor entertainment centre.



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

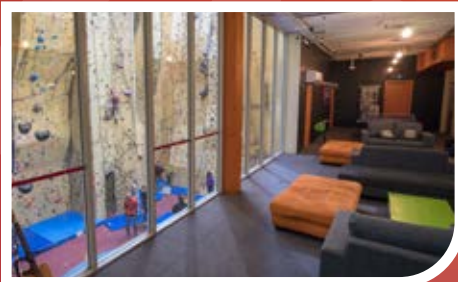
This ziplining activity in an ancient forest is an incredible experience for many reasons: adventure, nature, ecology and more. It's also a great way to actively learn about conservation and native forest restoration.

Accommodation and transport 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 even can provide packed lunches and dinners when organised in advance.



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.



Keswick Christian Camp

The lakeside Keswick Christian Camp has spacious grounds, fabulous food, great facilities and excellent accommodation. Cabins and dorm-style accommodation available with a games room, kitchen and bathroom facilities. Keswick can accommodate any size group with rooms sleeping 4-5 per room as well as double and single rooms.



Pavlovich 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.

Book your Coromandel itinerary with REN



Waka Tours (Whitianga, Coromandel)

Geography: AS 91427

Waka Tours takes students to sites of significance in the Whitianga area. Visit the pā at Wharekaho, tūrangawaewae (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.



Sea Cave Adventures (Hahei, Coromandel)

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, Coromandel)

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 taurira 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 taurira 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.



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