

MAGIC MOUNTAIN FOR CHRISTMAS

December 23 – 27, 2009



I have never done the Waimarino district before and decided it might be an interesting one to do. Ohakune and the surrounding areas have grown markedly in recent years so if you haven't been down this way for a while, or seen the local sights I am sure you will find it a most interesting and enjoyable trip.

Day 1 Wednesday December 23

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We leave Hamilton and head south through Te Awamutu, Otorohanga and Te Kuiti before heading up over the hills to our lunch stop in Taumarunui. After lunch we will board the train to take us up the popular 'spiral' (subject to availability) to our destination, Ohakune, where we will stay for the next 4 nights.

Day 2 Thursday December 24

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Today we head through Raetihi and on down the Pipiriki Road and follow the Whanganui river where we will eventually arrive in Wanganui, for lunch. While in Wanganui we will take a river cruise on the Historic Waimarie Paddle Steamer. We venture back to Ohakune through the scenic Parapara's.

Day 3 Friday December 25

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Christmas Day! A relaxed day of fine food and good company including a scrumptious Christmas Dinner that you not only didn't have to prepare, but more importantly, didn't have to clean up after either.

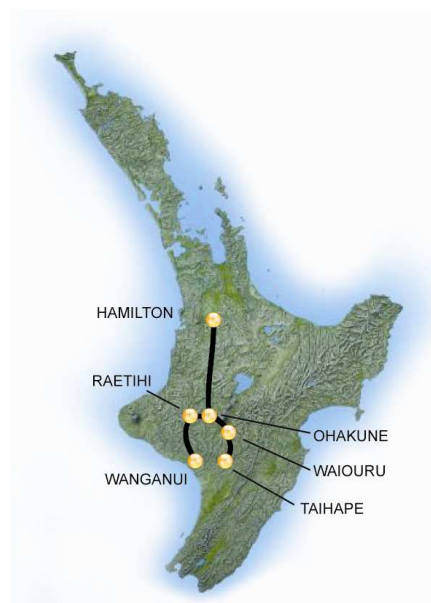
Day 4 Saturday December 26

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Today we head on down the back roads to the famous Rongopai Gardens. From here we head down the main highway to Taihape for our lunch stop and a look around this thriving country town. From here we make our way back up the main highway to Waiouru where we will visit the Army Museum. On our way home to Ohakune we will visit the Tangiwai Memorial and, weather and time permitting, a wander around the Karioi Lakes.

Day 5 Sunday December 27

Today we head back to National Park and a visit to the Chateau. Weather permitting we will have morning tea at the 'Top O the Bruce' on Mount Ruapehu. We will then head over the Watuhi Saddle through to Tokaanu and a welcome, relaxing hot swim before we head on to Turangi for lunch. We then head on through Taupo and down the main highway to arrive back in Hamilton around 5pm.



5 Days - 4 Nights

Our usual all inclusive, fully escorted package applies

TOTAL COST \$950

Deposit \$20 on booking, Balance of \$930.00 by November 23, 2009

Single Supplement \$200.00

Late bookings welcome subject to availability