

The Spiral Express

Explore the beauty of Waimarino by train.



Experience the Central Plateau by rail on your very own exclusive Heritage Train!

Friday, 16th October 2020

Departing:

- ⇒ Ohakune
- ⇒ National Park

Journey Highlights Include:

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| Exclusive Heritage Train | Historic Taumarunui |
| Raurimu Spiral | Makatote Viaduct |
| Hapuawhenua Viaduct | Highest rail elevation in NZ |

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Relax and enjoy a leisurely day out in convivial company travelling on your very own exclusive heritage train across the magical Waimarino.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the company of friends or family as you depart Ohakune or National Park to begin your rail adventure through the magical Waimarino. Your journey starts as you are greeted by one of our friendly hosts before the train smoothly sets off along the famed North Island Main Trunk.

Departing Ohakune, we begin climbing northbound, crossing the Hapuawhenua viaduct, spot the old Hapuawhenua viaduct out the side of your carriage. As we continue to climb, we pass through Horopito where you will see the famed Smash Palace. From Horopito, we make our final ascent to the highest elevation on the New Zealand rail network, 832 metres, near Pokaka.

Pokaka marks the location of the “Last Spike”. This is the location where the two railheads, from the North and South, connected and where the North Island Main Trunk was official opened by the driving in of the “last spike” by Prime Minister Joseph Ward on the 6th November 1908.

Just north of Pokaka, we descend onto the mighty Makatote viaduct, built in 1908, it towers 79 metres above the Makatote stream and spans an impressive 262 metres long. As if this wasn’t spectacular enough, the view from your carriage window when crossing the Makatote viaduct frames Mt Ruapehu in all its glory.

After departing National Park, take in the rugged bush and scenery as we descend towards Raurimu. Enjoy your complimentary light refreshments as we begin to traverse the engineering masterpiece that is known as the Raurimu Spiral. Traveling nearly 7 kilometres, passing through two tunnels and descending just over 132 metres in a spiral, the Raurimu Spiral overcame the steep slopes between Raurimu and National Park. South of Raurimu, take in the rugged farmland and views of the Whakapapa river before we join the Whanganui River at Kakahi which will guide us for the final sprint into Taumarunui.

At Taumarunui, support local and enjoy a stroll along the historical main street during our hour and a half layover. Inspect the wares from the various local stores/ museum and enjoy a lunch at one of the town’s Cafés.

At 1.30pm we depart Taumarunui and begin on our journey south. Our friendly crew will be through your carriage with complimentary light refreshments as our train begins the hefty climb from Taumarunui to National Park. From Taumarunui, we climb an impressive 515 metres—the highest climb between two stations on the New Zealand rail network.

South of National Park, spot the mountain as we pass over the Manganui o te Ao bridge or see if you notice the giant boulder at the top of the waterfall at Mangatururu. Finally, we descend all the way from Horopito to Ohakune where we are scheduled to arrive just before 4pm. Our friendly onboard team will say goodbye to you here and hope that you enjoyed your experience with us!

Timetable:

Outward Journey

Ohakune dep. 10.15am
 National Park dep. 10.55am
 Taumarunui arr. 12.00pm

Inward Journey

Taumarunui dep. 1.30pm
 National Park arr. 3.20pm
 Ohakune arr. 3.55pm



BOOKING FORM—Trip No.G2003

Booking Ref: _____

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By completing this booking form, I acknowledge that I have read and accept the “Conditions of Travel”, contained on page 4, outlined in the brochure on behalf of myself and other passengers for whom this reservation/booking is made.

No. of Adult Passengers: _____ Return Train Journey to Taumarunui **\$60pp = \$** _____
 No. of Child Passengers: (Age 2-14) _____ Return Train Journey to Taumarunui **\$40pp = \$** _____
 No. of Infant Passengers: (Under 2) _____ Return Train Journey to Taumarunui **\$0pp = \$** _____
(Infants must travel on adult’s lap) **Grand Total Payable = \$** _____

Boarding Location—(tick applicable box for your boarding location)

Ohakune National Park

BOOKING DETAILS:

First Name: _____ Surname: _____
 Address: _____
 Town/City: _____ Post Code: _____
 Home Ph: _____ Mobile Ph: _____
 Email: _____ Signature: _____

Passenger Name 1: _____ Passenger Name 4: _____
 Passenger Name 2: _____ Passenger Name 5: _____
 Passenger Name 3: _____ Passenger Name 6: _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Please choose from one of the following two options. In both cases, PLEASE SCAN and RETURN by email, your completed booking form to: bookings@gvr.org.nz

BANK TRANSFER:

Direct Bank Transfer to:
 GVR’s ASB Bank Account # 12 3028 0561217 00

In the “**details**” section, please show the following:

Particulars: **(your) Surname** Code: **G2003** Reference: **SPEX**

CREDIT CARD:

Please debit my card: **VISA** **MASTER CARD** (circle one)

Expiry Date: _____ Amount: _____

Name on Card: _____

Conditions of Booking and Travel

By completing and signing the attached Booking Form relating to "The Spiral Express" and requesting that a booking be made on the basis of this brochure and related itineraries, intending passengers acknowledge and agree that when their booking is accepted by the Glenbrook Vintage Railway Charitable Trust Board ['GVR'] they, and all passengers included in their group covered by the booking are bound by GVR's Conditions of Booking and Travel as follows:

- The Glenbrook Vintage Railway Charitable Trust Board ['GVR'], The Railway Enthusiasts' Society (Inc), ['RES'] and all owners, employees and operators of any locomotives, carriages and ancillary vehicles, road coaches, ships or other equipment used on or in connection with this Excursion accept no responsibility for injury, medical expenses, loss or damage howsoever caused and whether insured or not, to passengers or their belongings travelling on any segment of this Excursion, including consequential claims or expenses.
- The GVR reserves the right to substitute the form and types of motive power that its Officers in their absolute discretion determine to be necessary, subject to availability and mechanical condition, and to vary schedules, including departure and arrival times and places, as may be required to meet operating requirements.
- The GVR accepts no responsibility for any consequences of late running or varied schedules, including missed connections, however efforts will be made to keep passengers informed of any such changes or variations, the reasons for them, and steps being taken to meet passengers' reasonable expectations.
- Each booking will only be accepted if the full fare(s) is paid when submitting the booking form.
- Subject to the 'Covid-19' Clause below no refunds of any part or all of any deposits or monies paid will be made if the refund request is received by the GVR within 10 working days prior to the departure date, or if for whatever reason passengers do not utilise the included tour arrangements.
- No refunds of fares paid or any other form of recompense will be given as a result of any person missing any aircraft, coach, train, riverboat etc on these Excursions and for whatever reason.
- No refunds of fares paid will be made in the event of breakdown en route, or the unavailability of the advertised means of conveyance.
- The same limitations on luggage size, quantities and weights as are applied by airlines for normal economy class travel apply to passengers travelling on these Excursions.
- Passengers will be responsible for their own luggage and possessions at all times, including moving these items to and from road vehicles, coaches, trains, hotel rooms, boats and airports.
- Passengers with disabilities requiring nursing or special attention must arrange for a companion attendant to travel with them. GVR Officers and other passengers must not and cannot be expected to undertake such responsibilities on a continuing basis.
- All the standard Conditions of Carriage/Accommodation/Service applied by airlines, railway operators, hotels, coach, riverboat and other service providers engaged by the GVR to provide passengers with services on these Excursions will apply to all passengers.

Covid-19 Exception Event: *In the event that the NZ government or its agencies prevent the operation of the Excursion taking place due to Covid-19, refunds of fares paid (net of outgoings made from those fares) may be made by GVR upon written application being received from booked passengers.*

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