

## **Cullinane College International Student Trip**

31<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

DAY 1. (Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March) Home - Taupo - Rotorua

Departing Whanganui, we head out and travel north on SH1 towards central North Island. We will stop for a refreshment break and a photo stop of New Zealand's largest lake, **Lake Taupo**.

You will be given time in Taupo to get some lunch or feel free to bring a packed lunch which you can enjoy lakeside. Next stop is the very impressive **Huka Falls** where you will be sure to get some great photos. Continuing north we call in to view some **muds pools** and learn about the geothermal activity that this region is famous for.

As we arrive into Rotorua we head to **Skyline Rotorua** (<a href="https://rotorua.skyline.co.nz/things-to-do/luge-rotorua/">https://rotorua.skyline.co.nz/things-to-do/luge-rotorua/</a> ) for some fun and laughter! Ride the **Gondola** to the top of the Adventure Centre and take in the best panoramic views in the region, before your chance to experience the three thrilling **Luge rides**. The part go-cart, part toboggan is gravity fuelled with full rider control over speed and direction using a unique braking and steering system.

We then head to our accommodation and get ready for the night ahead. Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park's relaxing park-like grounds is a great place to stay and a visit to Rotorua is not complete without soaking in the free **hot pools** onsite.

We then head out for the evening as we are collected by coach for the short drive to **Maitai Village** ( <a href="https://www.mitai.co.nz/mitai-maori-cultural-experience-nz/">https://www.mitai.co.nz/mitai-maori-cultural-experience-nz/</a>), where you will be given an authentic introduction to Maori culture and learn about the history of this area which was once flourished in villages. See fierce warriors in traditional dress and be captivated by songs, dances, and a fiery "Haka" Maori war dance.

Dinner tonight is an authentic **hangi**, cooked in the earth (Hangi Pit) which includes a hot selection of succulent New Zealand meats and poultry, delicious vegetables, and fresh salads, topped off with tempting dessert buffet style.

We then head back to camp to rest our heads before another great day of fun and adventure.



Accommodation: Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park <a href="https://rotoruathermal.co.nz/">https://rotoruathermal.co.nz/</a>

DAY 2. (Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April)

Rotorua - Hobbiton - Home

After breakfast we are then back on the road as we make our way north to the to the world famous **Hobbiton** (<a href="https://www.hobbitontours.com/experiences/hobbiton-movie-set-tour/">https://www.hobbitontours.com/experiences/hobbiton-movie-set-tour/</a>) Here you will experience the real Middle-earth as we are fully guided around the 12-acre Movie Set, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies.

It is then time to start the journey back home to Whanganui stopping along the way to get some lunch and to see some interesting New Zealand towns.

## Tour includes:

- 2 Maitai Village & hungi dinner.
- **2** Gondola & 3 Luge rides.
- Hobbiton guided tour.
- Accommodation (Dorms).
- All transport.
- Breakfast.
- Presh fruit basket.
- Experienced tour leader/driver.
- One teacher.
- 24/7 assistance.
- Tour Photos.
- ❖ Total cost per student: \$675.00
- ❖ Payment due by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

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