

# Whanganui Historic Homes



From \$1,595 per person

Wednesday 17 – Saturday 20 November 2021 (4 Days)

*For our guided tour of various historic homes around Whanganui we will be joined by a local historian to look at many aspects of New Zealand history, including settlement, lifestyle and design. We view private properties that are not open to the general public, hidden away in the beautiful New Zealand countryside and little changed since their period of construction, between 1880–1915.*

**Day 1      Wednesday 17 November 2021**

**JOURNEY TO WHANGANUI      (D)**

Today we travel south via the King Country making our first stop at Taumarunui for morning tea. We then continue south via National Park and the Parapara's, arriving into Whanganui. On our arrival we take a brief orientation tour and visit Durie Hill to experience some Whanganui history and a facility that is unique in New Zealand. The Durie Hill pedestrian tunnel, located opposite the Whanganui City Bridge, leads to the historic **Durie Hill Elevator**. Built in 1919, it is the only earthbound elevator in New Zealand and one of only two in the world. A pedestrian tunnel leads 205 metres inside the hill to the elevator which rises 66 metres to overlook the city. From here we check into our accommodation for the next three nights.

*Accommodation: Kingsgate Hotel The Avenue, Whanganui – 3 nights*

**Day 2      Thursday 18 November 2021**

**HISTORIC HOMES TOUR      (BL)**

This morning we **meet our local historian John Vickers who will guide us around and through some of the region's finest and historic homesteads**. All homes are privately owned and designed by English architects between 1880 to 1915 in styles concurrent with international trends. One hundred years on they are set in mature grounds, hidden away in the beautiful New Zealand countryside and little change since their construction, they provide a wonderful experience for the visitor. Today lunch is included at one of these homes. *Please note we are unable to provide you with a list of properties we are visiting to protect the privacy of the owners.* Tonight is at leisure so you can choose to dine from a variety of local restaurants and bars.

**Day 3      Friday 19 November 2021**

**HISTORIC HOMES TOUR      (B)**

Today we are re-joined by John to continue our tour of **Whanganui's historic homes**. We arrive back in Whanganui in the early afternoon, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. This evening is at leisure.

**Day 4      Saturday 20 November 2021**

**JOURNEY FROM WHANGANUI      (BL)**

Departing Whanganui this morning following breakfast we begin our return journey to Hamilton. Today we travel north via National Park stopping at the **Chateau Tongariro for lunch**. Chateau Tongariro was completed in 1929, when elegance was much in style and although it has been extensively refurbished over the years, it still retains many of its most endearing original features. After lunch we skirt the shores of Lake Taupo then return via Tirau to Hamilton.

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