Conference and Events at Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

WAITANGI
TREATY GROUNDS

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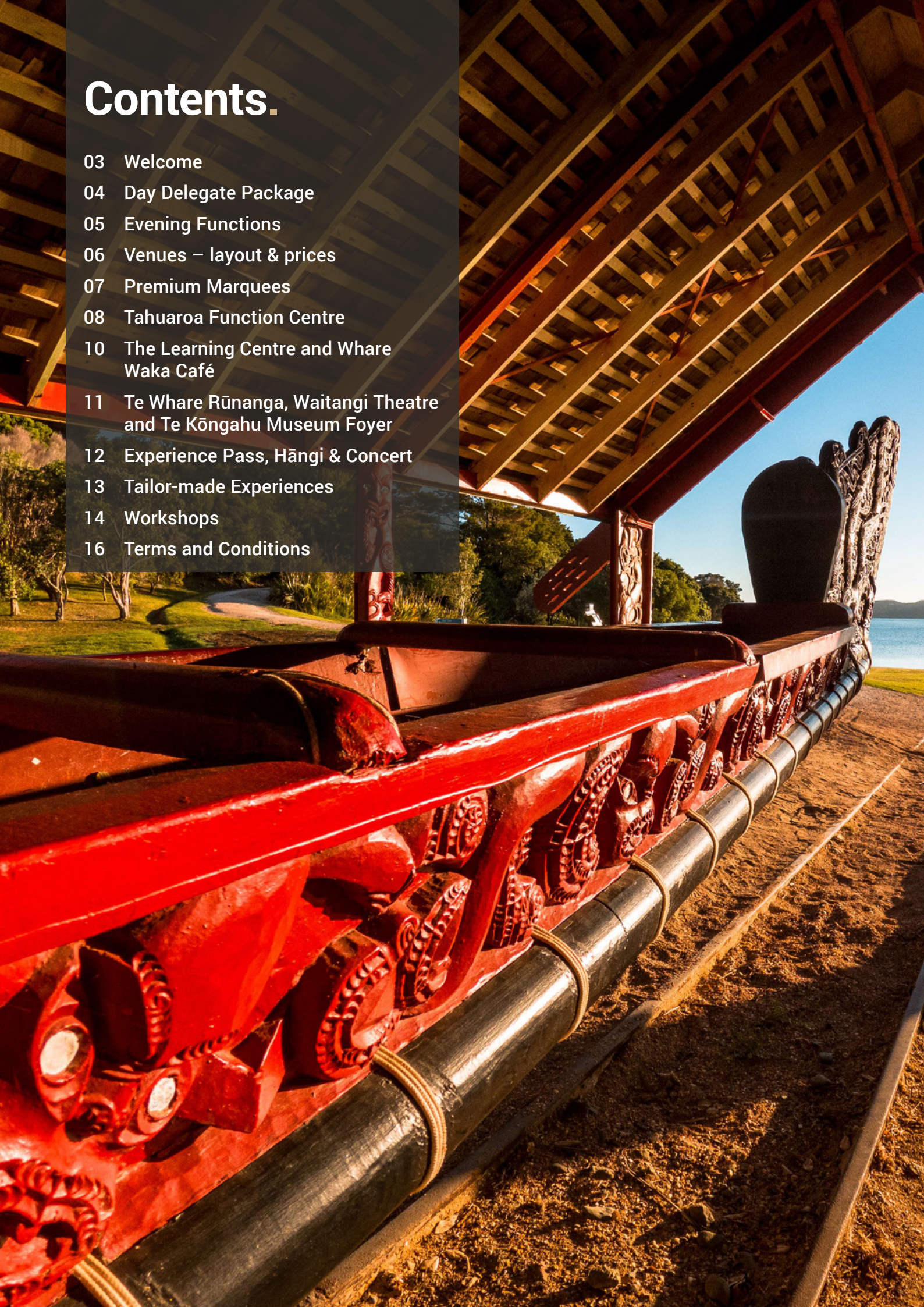

Welcome to Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

Located in the heart of the Bay of Islands only a 3 hour drive north of Auckland, Waitangi is the perfect year-round destination for conferences and events.

The stunning golden beaches and range of activities make the Bay of Islands one of the most prominent tourist destinations in New Zealand, offering a wide range of accommodation, activities and experiences.

Waitangi is a place of cultural, spiritual, and historical significance for Aotearoa New Zealand and has been a place of gathering for hundreds of years. With panoramic sea views, park-like grounds and lush native bush, Waitangi is the ideal site for your next gathering.

Waitangi Treaty Grounds features a variety of venues to suit conferences, corporate functions, meetings, weddings, and other special events. Tahuaroa, the modern and purpose-built function centre that opened in early 2020, transformed the Waitangi venue portfolio. The purchase of a premium marquee in 2022 enables Waitangi to cater for larger events.

Paired with an excellent on-site hospitality team, Waitangi Treaty Grounds can accommodate your next function. But remember, Waitangi is more than just a venue. It offers the opportunity to add unique experiences such as a private pōwhiri, workshops, and tailor-made cultural experiences.

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Day Delegate Package.

$85pp – minimum 30 delegates

Your conference made easy. Choose our all-inclusive conference package or we can tailor-make an event package suited to your needs. We can add a private pōwhiri, workshops and tailor-made cultural experiences to make this a very memorable conference.

Day Delegate conference package includes:

- Venue hire
- Morning & afternoon tea
- Carvery or seasonal hot lunch
- Water
- Projector screen, whiteboard (tech support not included)
- Built in audio with microphone
- Free WiFi

Day Delegate sample menu

Morning or afternoon tea

A selection of quality local teas / freshly brewed coffee / two catering options from the light refreshment menu

Light Refreshment Menu

Savoury

Cheese & jalapeño or cheese & sundried tomato scones (VG)

Pork & fennel sausage rolls

Spinach & feta tart (VG)

Ham & scrambled egg croissant

Spanish style potato & caramelised onion frittata (VG, GF)

Bacon & egg tart

Sweet

Blueberry muffin

Pain au chocolat

Hummingbird cake with cream cheese

Salted caramel brownie (GF)

Honey oat slice (GF, V)

Fruit salad & yoghurt (GF, V)

Seasonal Hot Lunch

One option from the main menu / a selection of quality teas / freshly brewed coffee

Seasonal Hot Lunch Menu

Orzo pasta salad / roast cauliflower / mushrooms / spinach / truffle dressing (VG, GF, DF, V)

Baked beef lasagna / green salad with vinaigrette dressing

Pot roast pork shoulder / barley stew / bread rolls (DF)

Smoked fish pie / steamed greens or green salad

Carvery Lunch

One selection from main menu / three sides / a selection of quality local teas / freshly brewed coffee

Mains (GF, DF)

Beef brisket with rub, slow cooked for 24 hours

Beef striploin with rub, slow cooked 120°C

Lamb shoulder with rub, slow cooked for 24 hours

Glazed champagne ham / honey & mustard

Sides – refer opposite page

Evening Functions & Events.

Catering options – sample menus

Carvery dinner

Standard

One selection from main menu
Three selections from side menu
Tea, coffee & water

$60pp – minimum 30

Platinum

Two selections from main menu
Three selections from side menu
One selection from dessert menu
Tea, coffee & water

$67pp – minimum 30

Mains

Beef Brisket with rub, slow cooked for 24 hours (GF, DF)

Beef Striploin with rub, slow cooked 120°C (GF, DF)

Lamb shoulder with rub, slow cooked 24 hours (GF, DF)

Glazed champagne ham / honey & mustard (GF, DF)

Hāngi buffet dinner

Sample Māori cuisine at its best

A selection of meat / potato / kūmara / pumpkin / cabbage / stuffing / homemade rēwana bread / gravy

Hāngi dessert: steamed pudding / butterscotch / cream custard

$85pp (minimum 30 people)

Plated gala-style dinner

Menus are developed in consultation with our chef

Three course menus start at $85pp

Sides

Roast carrots / honey & fennel (GF, DF, V)

Braised red cabbage / clove & star anise (GF, DF, V)

Steamed seasonal mixed greens (GF, DF, V)

Lyonnaise potatoes / onions & thyme (GF, DF, V)

Beetroot salad / couscous / walnuts / dill / balsamic dressing (DF, V)

Roast vegetables / couscous / baby spinach / wholegrain mustard vinaigrette (GF, DF, V)

Halloumi / roast broccoli / dates / red sauerkraut / walnuts / pumpernickel croutons (GF, VG, V)

Kale slaw salad / radish / daikon / carrot / coriander / sweet chili dressing (GF, DF, V)

Desserts

Chocolate brownie / vanilla ice cream / blueberry compote (GF, VG)

Sticky date pudding / butterscotch / vanilla ice cream (VG)

Doris plumb sponge crumble / vanilla ice cream (VG)

Venues.

CAPACITY (GUESTS)

	Theatre	Classroom	Cabaret	Banquet	Rectangle	Cocktail	Boardroom	Venue cost half day	Venue cost full day
Tahuaroa 200 m² (Pg 8)	180	100	130	150	150	190	60	**$620**	**$1150**
Hokianga 140 m² (Pg 9)	120	60	75	90	90	120	40	**$470**	**$790**
Taumārere 60 m² (Pg 9)	50	30	30	40	40	60	20	**$250**	**$420**
Learning Centre (Pg 10)	90	50	–	–	60	90	30	**$310**	**$590**
Theatre (Pg 11)	60	–	–	–	–	–	–	**POA**	**POA**
Whare Waka Café (Pg 10)	–	–	–	–	60	100	–	**$450**	–
Te Whare Rūnanga (Pg 11)	120	–	–	–	–	–	–	**POA**	–
Te Kōngahu Museum Foyer (Pg 11)	–	–	–	–	–	80	–	**POA**	–
Premium Marquee (Pg 7)	–	–	250	300	300	500	–	**POA**	–

Premium Marquees.

With a variety of venues across the Estate we can tailor your experience and venue to suit your needs. From gala dinners and cocktail functions to film screenings and award nights, Waitangi is your bespoke destination.

Waitangi offers a premium state-of-the art marquee with clear walls and roofing capturing the views and ambiance of the Treaty Grounds. The 15m x 30m premium marquee has black flooring and can seat 300 people. The marquee can be separated into two medium sized marquees, creating break-out spaces or extended to suit larger groups.

Waitangi also has stretch marquees that can be attached to our venues, and a range of smaller marquees that can be set up around the Grounds.

Tahuaroa Function Centre.

As a purpose built, customisable and modern event space, Tahuaroa will bring the wow factor to your next conference.

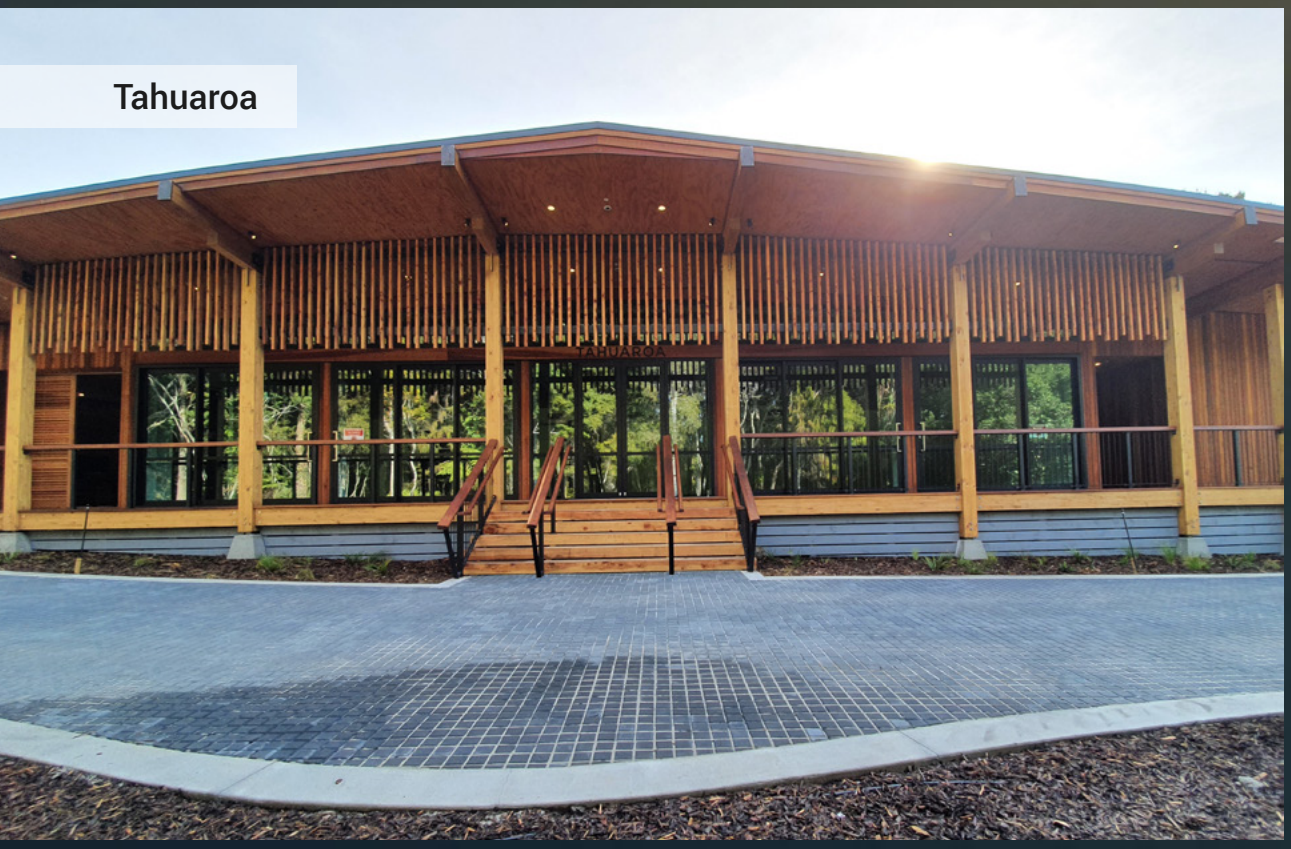
Tahuaroa, the recently opened event space with a venue capacity of 190, has transformed the portfolio of events Waitangi can cater for. Tahuaroa, meaning large open space, is part of Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship, amongst the native trees of the upper Treaty Grounds. With its own private entrance, wraparound decking and contemporary design, Tahuaroa is a distinctive space for conferences, functions, meetings, weddings and events.

Fitted with a partitioning wall, Tahuaroa can be adapted into two separate rooms, Hokianga (140 m^2) and Taumārere (60 m^2). Each room comes with integrated technology controls, floor power points, speakers, projectors and air conditioning. The large stacking doors open out onto a private covered deck and courtyard area, perfect for outdoor entertainment and indoor-outdoor flow.

	Half day	Full day
Tahuaroa 200 m^2	$620	$1150
Hokianga 140 m^2	$470	$790
Taumārere 60 m^2	$250	$420

An after hour charge of $85 per hour applies for full and half day hire venue hire access outside opening hours of 9am to 5pm. This does not apply for evening functions.

Tahuaroa



Hokianga

Taumārere

Learning Centre.

This modern conference room located inside Te Kōngahu offers a venue capacity of 100 with its own private entrance. The venue can also be accessed through the museum's exhibition gallery.

Whether you are looking for a medium sized venue or a breakout space, the Learning Centre is a great option. The room is equipped with built-in speakers, a projector and dual microphone system. Floor-to-ceiling glass windows look out on to native bush.

Half day	Full day
$310	$590

Whare Waka Café.

Set in the heart of the Treaty Grounds, Whare Waka Café is surrounded by native bush and birdsong with its own fenced gardens and spectacular views.

The café not only offers coffee, breakfast, and lunch but is also available to hire for your evening functions.

Whare Waka Café is fully licensed and is the perfect spot for private parties, weddings, cocktail functions, family reunions or hāngi dinners.

Available from 4pm.

Venue Hire
$450

Te Whare Rūnanga.

Te Whare Rūnanga is a beautifully carved meeting house designed in traditional form. The meeting house reflects the stories and carving styles of iwi, or tribes, from across Aotearoa New Zealand and unites not only Māori and Pākehā, but all New Zealanders.

The whare comfortably seats 120 people inside on traditional wooden benches.

Venue Hire

POA

Waitangi Theatre.

With seating for up to 60 guests, Waitangi Theatre is perfect for lectures, korero (talks) and film screenings.

The Theatre has a has a projector, screen and comfortable seating turning it into your own private cinema, screening room or lecture space.

Comfortable and contemporary, the Theatre is the perfect place for your next event.

Venue Hire

POA

Te Kōngahu Museum Foyer.

Opened in 2016, the award-winning Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi foyer is a light and captivating space well suited to cocktail functions.

Venue Hire

POA

Add an Experience Pass to your event.

The Waitangi Experience Pass includes:

- Full access to all heritage buildings and the world's largest ceremonial waka
- Entry to Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi
- Entry to Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship
- Private guided tour
- Cultural performance

A special conference price for the Experience Pass (minimum 20 people) applies:

Adult New Zealand resident	$24
Adult International	$48

Private Hāngi & Concert.

Sample Māori cuisine and enjoy a captivating private performance.

The experience begins at Whare Waka Café, where you meet your host. The hāngi feast will be unveiled and the cooking process explained, while you are enjoying a drink.

Your host will ensure that you are fully briefed on Māori protocol and then escort you to Te Whare Rūnanga. There are three challenges from warriors before entering Te Whare Rūnanga for a high energy cultural performance. Enjoy a highlight tour on the way back to Whare Waka Café, where the hāngi dinner is served and matched with a selection of New Zealand wines and beers.

Adult	$120pp

Minimum 25 people

Tailor-made Experiences.

Q&A with the Curator

For larger groups we can organise a museum Q&A, where the group meet with the Curator of either Te Kōngahu Museum of Waitangi or Te Rau Aroha Museum of the Price of Citizenship for Q&A after the group has free time in the museum.

Duration: 20 minutes
Price: $250

Pōwhiri (Traditional Māori welcome)

A traditional pōwhiri includes a wero (challenge), karanga (welcome call) and haka pōwhiri (group welcome chant). Speeches, waiata (songs) and hongi (pressing of noses) can also be incorporated. A Māori support person will brief visitors and accompany them throughout the pōwhiri. There will also be an opportunity for visitors to take photos and mix and mingle with the performers after the pōwhiri.

Duration: 20 minutes
Price: $800 (up to 100 people). POA (over 100 people)

Private Cultural Performance

The performance starts with a spine-tingling wero (challenge) followed by a high-energy experience featuring waiata (songs), poi, stick games, Māori weaponry displays and the famous haka. Following the performance, visitors may take photos, ask questions, and interact with members of the resident performing arts group Te Pito Whenua.

Duration: 30 minutes
Price: $1500 (up to 100 people). POA (over 100 people)

Pōwhiri and private cultural performances can also be offered off-site at a venue of your choice (additional charges apply)

Workshops.

Wood Carving Workshop

Meet and kōrero with our kaiwhakairo (carver) to learn the art of carving and create your own special piece to take home. MDF block, paint and chisels are provided.

Duration: 30 minutes
Price: $250 (up to 8 people)

Waka Paddling Workshop – land-based

Immerse yourself in our land-based waka paddling workshop where you will learn some of the ancient techniques, actions and commands used in traditional and modern waka voyages, along with the history of these great seafaring vessels.

Duration: 30 minutes
Price: $750 (up to 30 people)

Kapa Haka Workshop

A high-energy workshop featuring waiata (songs), poi, stick games, Māori weaponry displays and the famous haka.

Duration: 30 minutes
Price: $750 (up to 30 people)

Traditional Māori Team Building Workshop

One-hour team building workshop featuring treasured Māori games crossing into themes of navigation, knowledge, learning history and stories, including 28 (Māori) Battalion. Presented by Harko Brown, Aotearoa/NZ World Indigenous Games Trust.

Duration: 1 hour

Price: $900 (up to 30 people). $1400 (up to 100 people). $1900 (100+ people)

Introduction to Te Reo Māori

Find out more about Māori culture and language. This workshop includes basic Te Reo Māori words, an introduction to the structure and content of your pepeha (personal introduction). You will get a better understanding of tikanga (cultural protocols), learn a waiata (song) and understand more about how to pronounce Māori words and the use of macrons.

Duration: 1 hour
Price: $900 (up to 20 people)

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Please take time to read the following:

Venue Hire Rates

Venue hire rates are supplied upon application and are dependent on specific requirements of the chosen location and group size. Gear hire rates are fixed and supplied on request.

Booking Confirmation

To confirm a booking, please complete an application and send back to Waitangi Limited who will prepare an invoice for 25% deposit of your event quote. Booking will be deemed confirmed upon payment of this invoice.

Payment Terms

The remaining balance will be due 7 days prior to your event date, payable on invoice. Any additional costs will be invoiced following the function/event date or can be paid on the day with a credit card.

All invoices issued will be made payable to Waitangi Limited. Payment may be made by online via direct credit or credit card using your Booking ID as a reference. Please note that payment by credit card will incur 3% fee.

Cancellation Policy

Waitangi Limited reserves the right to require payment of the full cost when bookings are cancelled within 30 days of the confirmed date.

Where food and any other third-party costs have been incurred and cannot be used/returned, the 25% deposit plus these costs will be payable to Waitangi Limited.

COVID-19 Policy

Waitangi Treat Grounds will be following the Government Guidelines in accordance with the current traffic light system. When date/s are confirmed Waitangi Treaty Grounds will ensure all Covid Level or Traffic Light regulations will be clearly communicated and adhered to.

If the COVID-19 Protection Framework traffic light system changes meaning the event cannot proceed as or as originally planned, clients have the right to postpone to another date within 12 months from the original booking. If the event is postponed to a date within six months of the original date, the original quoted price is applicable. If the event is moved to a date between 6-12 months from the original date, increased costs may apply. Deposits will be transferable to the postponement date.

Confirmation of Menus and Final Numbers

Confirmation is required no later than 7 days prior to the event; the final number of guests confirmed will constitute the minimum number charged for.

General Terms and Conditions

1. All protocols, rules, bylaws, policies (including Health & Safety procedures) of Waitangi Limited must be strictly adhered to and all lawful instruction and/or requests made by Waitangi management and staff must be complied with.
2. The rights and enjoyment of other visitors to the museum and grounds must be acknowledged and respected at all times.
3. Waitangi Treaty Grounds is smoke free; this must be adhered to by all attendees within the Grounds. If a smoking area is required, security to enable smoking access outside of the Grounds will be required at an additional cost.
4. The provision of Waitangi Limited equipment/ personnel/resources will be identified and mutually agreed upon. There may be costs payable to the Waitangi Limited depending on the nature of the requirements.
5. Where there are any additional security requirements identified by either party, there may be costs payable to the Waitangi Limited. Details of additional security and costs will be covered as applicable under a separate schedule.
6. The building/area/gear hired shall be left in the original condition at the conclusion of the event and any costs incurred by the Waitangi Limited to restore equipment or facilities to the original condition will be charged to the applicant.
7. Prices displayed in this brochure should act as a guide. Prices are subject to change from season to season. Please enquire for the prices of your specific event date.