

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Hangi & Concert
\$95.00 per person

TE PO (TE PUIA)

Being greeted in traditional Maori style is an unnerving experience as our warriors test to see if you come in peace or otherwise.

The eerie sound of the putatara announces your approach. Hear high pitched wailing, or cry of the women, welcoming you before the warrior begins his challenge.

A fearsome warrior jumps and stamps the ground in front of you, probing at you with his taiaha, showing you the whites of his eyes and the protrusion of his tongue as he challenges and intimidates you.

He places a tia (carved stick) on the ground in front of your leader. Picking it up shows you have come in peace. You can now proceed in safety. From that first greeting through to the end of the evening you'll be entertained with traditional songs, dances and stories.

You'll come to know the true meaning of manaakitanga. Manaakitanga is our word for caring for the well being of the visitor. It is what makes visiting with Maori a special and unforgettable experience.

Feast on tender and flavoursome traditional hangi food, steamed over red-hot rocks for several hours. Before you leave, we'll take you to see Pohutu, our famous geyser. We farewell you as our friends.

