

POUMAMU POUNAMU – A NEW PACKAGE

Ahakoā he iti, he Pounamu. Though small, it is precious.

This small but significant collection of encounters draws inspiration from the proverb. It is centred on elements that we are most famous for – as Rotorua. That is; our people, our environment and the treasures of our ancestors.

Journey of Ages magnifies one chapter of our nation's warrior history in a story of epic proportions. Set in year 1700 AD –an important chapter of New Zealand history – brought to life across an evening re-enactment. Through the eyes of one warrior line, one family – that of Uitara - we remember and honour this ancient and proud Maori warrior spirit.

At *Whakarewarewa Village*, walk within the hissing fumaroles, mud pools, endless boiling water ways and houses balanced upon a rocky, inhospitable but precious environment. Home to Tuhourangi - Ngati Wahiao for 200 years the tribe continues the tradition of guiding sharing their unique lifestyle with others.

And within the **Jade Factory** wander the artist's workshop. Hear the stories of the stone. Pounamu carving is an ancient craft. One part craftsman, one part magician, a carver is measured by how well he "finds, defines and reveals the heart of each stone".

These three encounters are offered as a package.

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