



Te Papa Taonga Māori Tour

BEHIND THE SCENES CULTURAL TOUR

The Taonga Māori Tour at Te Papa takes you to the heart of New Zealand's national museum where you will experience Te Papa like never before! This hosted cultural tour will weave you through the Māori exhibition spaces at Te Papa to experience our unique history through stories and objects. It will then take you behind the scenes to experience Māori taonga (treasures) close up and provide you with an opportunity to engage with collections staff. The tour ends with some light refreshments and a short time to reflect with your hosts.

Te Papa is internationally recognised for the way it works with the source communities of our collections and especially the indigenous Māori people of Aotearoa New Zealand. Our team have learned how to manage and care for Māori treasures in culturally appropriate ways. In fact, a full experience of the Māori collections includes understanding and following some of the cultural protocols and customs of the Māori people who are the Kaitiaki (cultural guardians) of these collections. For your visit we ask that you observe the following:

⌚ Please be advised that in the Māori culture, members of the public, men and women, for their own well-being, may be restricted from entering the collection stores from time to time especially if they are experiencing physical challenges – for example, anyone who is unwell or frail, women who are pregnant or menstruating, should refrain from visiting.

- ⌚ Children under sixteen are not permitted in the stores.
- ⌚ All food and drinks should be left with your belongings at the Coat & Bag check-in on Level 1.
- ⌚ At all times, stay close to your guide and in an emergency please follow their instructions.
- ⌚ Cameras, audio and video recorders are not permitted, unless approval is given by the guide.
- ⌚ Water basins are situated outside each of the collection rooms for visitors upon exit of the stores. These are reserved for cultural cleansing after the tour.

⌚ **Duration** 2.5 hours
✉ **Contact** tours@tepapa.govt.nz
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