



## HIGHLAND PARADISE - TAPU'AE DAY TOUR

Rarotonga

Set along a hill top ridge in the village of Puaikura (Arorangi), sits part of a 600 year old village site that was once home to the tribe of the High Chief Tinomana Ariki, but was abandoned in the early 1800s after the arrival and acceptance of Christianity. To date, around 25 acres of the ancient village has been discovered, developed and put on display for visitors and locals to enjoy.

Highland Paradise, also known by the locals as 'the lost village', is locally owned and operated by the descendants of those who once lived there. Each tour offered takes you on a unique journey back in time to experience what the life of their ancestors was like 600 years ago.

The **Tapu'ae Day Tour** or 'Footprints of our Ancestors' offers an interactive and very informative historical walk through the sacred grounds of this site. On arrival you are met and welcomed by your warrior and tour guide. First stop is at the theatre which also houses a small museum, there you will enjoy a short historical video on how Highland Paradise came to be, before you begin your tour through the ancient village.

There are many historical monuments and remains that was once utilised by their ancestors, and your warrior will share with you the history surrounding each of them. Ancient legends will be told, the cultural practices will be explained. Hear of the battles that were fought against other tribes and cannibalism, see what the village living conditions once appeared like. Learn of the plants once used for medicinal purposes, and many other fascinating historical facts about this ancient and sacred village. You will also learn the art of weaving, dancing, and the preparation of the umu (underground oven).

Highland Paradise is the largest developed historical site on Rarotonga, which continues to expand as surrounding areas are explored and new sites discovered.



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

#### Historical village tour

You will be engaged in the stories narrated to you by your warrior guide as he takes you on a fascinating journey back in time to learn of the proud, sometimes sad and sordid history of this ancient village. Watch as the village is brought to life by our people for you.

#### Authentic Historical sites

Highland Paradise has uncovered 25 acres of this ancient village, which is only a small part of the mountain refuge that once was. The tribal sites of worship, chiefly council, warfare, sacrifice and tribal justice are some of the sacred places you will visit on tour. You will experience the village as it was more than 500 years ago.

### TOUR DETAILS

DAYS OF OPERATION	TOUR DURATION	VEHICLE INFORMATION	SEATING ARRANGEMENTS	ACCESS FOR DISABLE
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS	APPROX 3 HOURS *PICK-UP STARTS FROM 9AM APPROX.	RARO TOURS SEAT IN COACH	ON BUS: DOUBLE SEATING, NO FOLD DOWN SEATS	WHEELCHAIRS ARE WELCOME HOWEVER TOUR IS ON GRASS SO WILL NEED OWN ASSISTANCE
INCLUSIONS	TOILET STOPS	TRANSLATORS	WHAT TO BRING/WEAR	PAX REQUIREMENTS
- RETURN TRANSFERS - TOUR GUIDE - LIGHT REFRESHMENTS	AVAILABLE DURING TOUR	AT ADDITIONAL COST TRANSLATOR GUIDES AVAILABLE: GERMAN ~ FRENCH ~ ITALIAN ~ JAPANESE. AVAILABLE FOR GROUP BOOKINGS ONLY. POA	- SUNSCREEN & SUN HAT - WALKING SHOES - BOTTLED DRINKING WATER - CAMERA - WET WEATHER GEAR WHEN WET	MINIMUM 10 PAX MAXIMUM 100 PAX



# HIGHLAND PARADISE - KA'ARA ISLAND NIGHT

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The multi award-winning 'Ka'ara Island Night' offers its guests an opportunity to experience and learn about the traditional and spiritual past and present, through village cultural immersion, marae (sacred site) visits, a tapu lifting, and a warrior welcoming into the dining hall.

As the sun begins to set and you take your seat at the dinner table, you will be welcomed by your host and master of ceremonies for the evening. Then, as it is customarily done, your host will first bless the food with a short prayer before you move to enjoy the many local delicacies prepared for you in a traditional underground oven (umu).

While you enjoy your meal, you will be entertained by the E Matike dance group, who will showcase, in their traditional costumes, many performances through songs and dances that were specifically composed around the unique culture, history and legends of the village.

All the dancers, musicians, chefs, barmen and guides are descendants of the village High Chief Tinomana Ariki, and are proud to be a part of the extended family which brings this mountainous village back to life.

Highland Paradise prides themselves in delivering authenticity in all aspects of the services they provide.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

### Authentic Umu (underground Earth oven) Feast

Enjoy a delicious feast from our traditional underground oven consisting of many local delicacies served with locally grown vegetables. Dessert will be served shortly after.

### Traditional Performance

As you enjoy your meal, the E Matike dance group will showcase in their traditional costumes our unique culture, history and legends all through drumming, singing, dancing & chanting.

## TOUR DETAILS

DAYS OF OPERATION	TOUR DURATION	VEHICLE INFORMATION	SEATING ARRANGEMENTS	ACCESS FOR DISABLE
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY NIGHTS	APPROX 3.5HRS *PICK-UP STARTS FROM 5:15PM APPROX.	RARO TOURS SEAT IN COACH	6 - 10 PAX PER TABLE	CAN CATER FOR THE WHEELCHAIR BOUND
INCLUSIONS	TOILET STOPS	TRANSLATORS	WHAT TO BRING/WEAR	PAX REQUIREMENTS
- RETURN HOTEL TRANSFERS - COMPLIMENTARY WELCOME COCTAIL - INTERACTIVE GUIDED VILLAGE TOUR - UMU FEAST & ISLAND NIGHT SHOW	AVAILABLE DURING TOUR	AT ADDITIONAL COST TRANSLATOR GUIDES AVAILABLE: GERMAN ~ FRENCH ~ ITALIAN ~ JAPANESE. AVAILABLE FOR GROUP BOOKINGS ONLY. POA	- CAMERA	MINIMUM 45 PAX MAXIMUM 100 PAX