

An evening at Mitai will give you an authentic introduction to Maori culture leaving you amazed and in awe. Enter the world of Mitai. Be enthralled by the natural bush setting, see warriors in traditional dress, paddle a waka (ancient warrior canoe) down the Wai-o-whiro stream, and do not miss your only opportunity in the Rotorua area to see glow worms in their natural habitat.

Marvel at the crystal clear water full of eels and trout, flowing directly from the earth at the sacred Fairy Spring. See your traditionally cooked hangi meal being lifted from the ground. During our cultural performance, you will learn about our past, carvings and ta moko (tattoo art).

Be captivated by the displays of weaponry and combat, coupled with the grace and beauty of the poi dance. You will be amazed by the spine tingling haka finale.

The Mitai family is proud to have created a sacred and spiritual place that offers you an indigenous cultural experience like no other.

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## MAORI VILLAGE



Mitai Maori Village is located on Fairy Springs Road, next to Rainbow Springs, just a five minute drive from the town centre. Courtesy transport is available within the Rotorua city limits.



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ROTORUA NZ



Wetini Mitai-Ngatai

'New Zealand Male Leader for Kapa Haka'

'Kapa Haka Hall of Fame'

'Choreographer of the official opening ceremony of the Rugby World Cup 2011'

**An authentic traditional Maori experience**

- › Cultural performance & hangi meal
- › Sacred spring & waka (canoe)
- › Bush walk & glow worms



## A Cultural Performance To Remember

Our cultural performance is real, raw and earthy. It is a fascinating performance full of emotion and power.

In the tranquil natural bush setting, our performers take you back in time when the ancient Maori customs and traditions were part of everyday life. Through songs and dances plus tales and legends told, you will learn a great deal about our fascinating past.

You will hear tales about the way we interacted with the European settlers many generations ago, our music, carving and ta moko (tattooing). Tattoos are just one of the ways that demonstrate the strong ties that Maori people have with their cultural heritage and we will explain why.

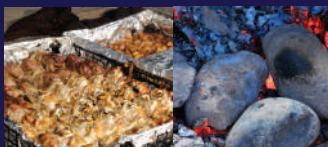
The displays of weaponry and combat that are shown during the performance will fascinate you. Coupled with the grace and beauty of the poi dance and the spine tingling haka finale, this is an interactive, and unforgettable experience for absolutely everyone to enjoy.

## Traditionally Ground Cooked Hangi Feast

Your traditional earth cooked hangi feast includes a hot selection of succulent New Zealand lamb & chicken, potatoes (riwai), sweet potato (kumara) and stuffing (a combination of bread, mixed herbs, corn, carrots and peas).

Side dishes include scalloped potatoes baked with a cheese topping, freshly baked garlic bread, seafood chowder and a range of salads are on offer. Your hangi meal is complemented with rich brown gravy and thick mint sauce.

Desserts include tropical fruit salad, chocolate log, pavlova, and steamed pudding with custard. Full bar facilities are available.



## Bush Walk & Glow Worms

Mitai Village is home to Rotorua's only glow worms in their natural setting. They make a spectacular backdrop to the beautiful stream that flows through the bush.

## Sacred Spring

Mitai is also home to the sacred Fairy Spring, that releases over twenty four million litres of pure spring water every day.

This guided bush walk will let you learn about the history of the area, the old medicinal uses of the native flora and fauna and fascinating myths and legends.

