

Wharekai (food house)

At the conclusion of the performance, we are invited to the wharekai, and everything is more relaxed. Everybody is part of the bigger family (whanau).

One of the hosts blesses the food with a karakia (prayer), and the hangi meal is served.

Poroporoaki (closing ceremony)

With the meal concluded, and time taken to explore the tribal marketplace, a number of guides, waiting staff, and anyone who knows the tradition stand together for the "poroporoaki", the official closing ceremony.

Special thanks is offered to Nga Ringawera (the hot hands) or those who had prepared the meal. This happens at all marae - where food and hospitality hold such a place in the Maori culture.

There are waiata (song) and speeches once again, light hearted with a sense of new friendships created through the evening. Once again everyone climbs aboard their waka, and en-route home the coach is filled with singing, jokes and hilarity.



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