



# WanaHaka<sup>®</sup>

## MAORI CULTURE

### **WERO (5 min)**

Greeted with a welcoming challenge by a Māori Warrior with Taiaha. You are welcomed by the Tangata Whenua (people of the land) being a Manuhiri (visitor).

### **HONGI (5 min)**

The **Hongi (press noses)** is the traditional Māori greeting and is a sign of peace, life and well being and represents a connection between people and the Tangata Whenua (people of the land). The Hongi is a gentle pressing of noses which creates a connection and the "Ha"- the breath of life, between two people. **WanaHaka** embraces this Māori custom because we want you to experience the authenticity of Māori culture in New Zealand and Wanaka.

### **HAKA (15 min)**

**The Haka** is a traditional Māori dance. Māori haka are performed for various reasons, such as celebrating an achievement, welcoming distinguished guests, or as a pre-battle challenge. Contrary to popular belief, a haka is not always a war dance, and may be performed by both men and women.

The cultural haka performed at **WanaHaka** is a specifically designed haka that pays respect to the Whenua (land) and Whanau (family/people) of the Wanaka and Central Otago region and is unique to this area so is very Tapu (sacred) and limited in its presentation. The opportunity is then provided to perform the Wanaka Haka.

An option of then being given the opportunity to to do the Wanaka Haka is then given to the Manuhiri.

### **SOUTHERN MĀORI HISTORY (5 min)**

A brief history of Southern Maori is then discussed and the integration of Pakeha(European) into the Wanaka and surrounding areas.

**TOTAL TIME APPROX: 30 min**



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are looking to include New Zealand Māori culture and a Welcome to Wanaka/Powhiri to your day this 30 minute welcome is a unique and special memory to include in your trip performed at the Wanaka tree.

### **PRICING OPTIONS**

#### ***Whakataū by Māori Warrior***

**\$30.00 Adult**      **\$20.00 Child** (under 17)

**\$20.00** (authentic Māori bone carving)

**PERFORMANCE TIMES:**(subject to availability and weather)

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00am & 4:00pm at the tree in the water.**

**Bookings can be made at [www.wanahaka.co.nz](http://www.wanahaka.co.nz) or P: 021 519 730**