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## Nature's Spa of the South Pacific

From the moment you arrive in Rotorua, New Zealand, you see the evidence of its risky position on the Earth's 'Ring of Fire', a huge ring of volcanic and seismic activity. Volcanoes tower above the landscape, steam rises from parks, lakes, paths and streets, hot water roars from the ground and 1) \_\_\_\_\_ are pools of bubbling mud. Join us on a tour of this sizzling wonderland. Just don't disobey the rules or you'll be treading in very dangerous waters!

### The Kakahi Falls

First stop: The Kakahi Falls, the largest hot geothermal waterfall in the Southern Hemisphere. At 40°C, the steaming water is just perfect for a hot bath, but visitors are not allowed 2) \_\_\_\_\_. The falls are very special to the local Maori people as warriors used to cleanse their wounds there after battle. It's believed that the waters healed their wounds faster.

### The Sulphur Bath

This mud pool has never 3) \_\_\_\_\_ used for bathing as the water in it is like a strong acid and would seriously harm anyone 4) \_\_\_\_\_ came into contact with it.

### The Mud Volcano

Next on the tour is a 2-metre tall mud volcano. Instead of lava, hot mud dangerously erupts from it 5) \_\_\_\_\_ six weeks over a 5-metre wide diameter. Thankfully, almost all of the eruptions take 6) \_\_\_\_\_ at night so no one gets hurt.

### Geothermal Inferno

These 5 incredible 'inferno pools' range from 70 to 110°C and 7) \_\_\_\_\_ up to 15 metres deep. Visitors are urged not to throw stones into the pools as blocked vents can cause deadly eruptions from the pathways! According 8) \_\_\_\_\_ Maori legend, the site is watched over 9) \_\_\_\_\_

Maori warriors. Any visitor who ignores the park's warnings will have bad luck!

### The Medicine Lake

This lake's water has been used for hundreds of years for small aches and pains, arthritis and skin diseases. The warm green water would be the perfect spot 10) \_\_\_\_\_ a midnight swim! Unfortunately, visitors are 11) \_\_\_\_\_ allowed to swim in the lake because of its changing nature. However, they can dip their hands into the water to experience its warmth and softness. Mud from the lake is also used in beauty products available from shops in the reserve.

At the end of your walk, make sure you take time to enjoy a thermal mud bath at 12) \_\_\_\_\_ of the area's health spas – it's a 700-year-old Maori tradition!

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