



Presentation on the topic: «Pink and White Terraces»

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Pink and White Terraces

The Pink Terrace and the White Terrace, were natural wonders of New Zealand. So wonderful were these terraces that they were called the ‘eighth wonder of the natural world’.



The White Terraces

The White Terraces were at the north end of Lake Rotomahana and faced away from the lake. The extra sunlight they received from facing north gave them a more bleached or white appearance.



The Pink Terraces

The Pink Terraces were about 800 meters away of the way down the lake sheltered from the harsh sun on the western shores. Their pink appearance was largely due to less sunlight reaching them and therefore less bleaching.



Both terraces were fed by water regularly spouting from two geysers located above Lake Rotomahana and cascading down the hill slope. The waters had dissolved minerals that crystallized over hundreds of years to form these brilliant stepped structures.



When visiting missionaries and European traders saw the Pink and White Terraces, they were stunned by its size and appearance. The Pink and White Terraces became New Zealand's most famous tourist attraction.



All this changed during the night of 10 June 1886 when Mount Tarawera erupted.



Restoration of the terraces is impossible if someone does not decide to drain the lake of Rotomahana, which will not happen, so it is unlikely that anyone will ever see the terraces again.



Lake Rotomahana is still very isolated, and aside from the occasional team of researchers still probing for the lost terraces, it sees little tourism.



Conclusion

Tourists who visited the Pink and White Terraces often commented that they would never see them again. This of course was mainly due to their inaccessibility, but was also because some felt that they were too beautiful for this world.



Thanks for attention

