



# VISITOR INFORMATION & SHORE EXCURSIONS

**PORT OF TAURANGA**

# NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

**Welcome to the stunning Coastal Bay of Plenty, where golden beaches, crystal-clear waters, and friendly locals await you.**

As you disembark at the Port of Tauranga, you'll find a region that's renowned for its sun-soaked shores, bountiful orchards, and rich cultural heritage.

Whether you want to explore charming seaside towns or indulge in fresh local produce, there's no shortage of unforgettable experiences.

Relax by the ocean, taste our world-famous kiwifruit, and discover some hidden gems - the Coastal Bay of Plenty is the perfect place to enjoy the beauty and flavours of New Zealand.

📍 Main Beach, Mount Maunganui





# CRUISE INFORMATION

Make the most of your time in Tauranga by visiting our isite, conveniently located at the cruise port. Our friendly team will help you plan your perfect day with expert local information, maps, and recommendations. We offer a range of travel services and bookings, including:

- taxi services
- car rental bookings
- scenic flights
- attractions and activities
- tickets for local buses

From adrenaline-pumping skydives to relaxing harbour cruises, we've got you covered. Let us handle your travel arrangements so you can focus on enjoying your visit.

**Planning your next stop?** Visit the Tauranga or Mount Maunganui isite or email [bookings@bayofplentynz.com](mailto:bookings@bayofplentynz.com) to plan your next adventure!



## Tauranga isite

1 Devonport Road, Tauranga



## Mount Maunganui isite

137 Maunganui Road, Mount Maunganui

## TOUR AREAS

### **TAURANGA** YOUR GATEWAY TO ADVENTURE

Tauranga is the perfect base for your Bay of Plenty adventure. Known for its picturesque harbour, golden beaches, and vibrant local culture, Tauranga offers an unforgettable blend of relaxation and excitement. Whether you're exploring the charming streets of Mount Maunganui, learning about the region's rich history, or simply soaking in the coastal beauty, there's something for everyone.

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### **ROTORUA** NATURE'S PLAYGROUND

Just a short drive away, Rotorua is famed for its geothermal wonders and deep cultural heritage. Discover bubbling mud pools and steaming geysers, thrilling adventure activities, and authentic Māori cultural experiences.

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### **HOBBITON** STEP INTO MIDDLE-EARTH

Journey to the magical world of Hobbiton, where the enchanting film set of The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit comes to life. Wander through lush green hills, visit the iconic Hobbit holes, and enjoy a drink at The Green Dragon Inn – a dream experience for fans of all ages.

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### **WAITOMO** A WORLD BENEATH THE EARTH

Discover the enchanting Waitomo Caves, where natural beauty meets adventure. Glide beneath thousands of twinkling glowworms in a serene boat ride or explore the caves' stunning limestone formations – an otherworldly experience.

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📍 Aerial view of Tauranga and Mount Maunganui



📍 Te Puia, Rotorua



📍 Hobbiton



📍 Waitomo Caves



# TAURANGA TOURS

## HELICOPTER SCENIC FLIGHTS

### Adventure Helicopters

 9 - 40 minute flights

- Mount Magic: 9-minute flight around Mount Maunganui.
- Surf Safari: 15-minute coastal flight.
- Bay Explorer: 30-minute flight with beach landing.
- Kaimai Classic: 40-minute mountain flight and coastal beach landing.
- Custom flights available, including Hobbiton.

[www.adventurehelicopters.co.nz](http://www.adventurehelicopters.co.nz)

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## LOCAL SCENIC & TASTING TOUR

### 5 Star Shore Excursions

 2 hours



- A shorter local tour showcasing some of the best scenic views.
- Includes unique local history insights.

[www.wickedwanders.co.nz](http://www.wickedwanders.co.nz)

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## PRIVATELY BOOKED TOURS

### 5 Star Shore Excursions

 Various



- Private small van tour, arranged by negotiation.

[www.boptrips.com](http://www.boptrips.com) | [www.customdaytours.co.nz](http://www.customdaytours.co.nz)

[www.scott-tours.co.nz](http://www.scott-tours.co.nz) | [www.wickedwanders.co.nz](http://www.wickedwanders.co.nz)

## 4-HOUR LOCAL SHORE EXCURSION AND TASTING TOUR

**5 Star Shore Excursions**

 **4 hours**



- Relaxed small group excursion with an experienced local guide showing views of scenic beaches, city vistas, and beautiful farmland.
- Learn about the history of the area, its various industries, and how the Bay of Plenty has grown to become the vibrant region it is today.
- See harbour views, historical sites, tropical gardens, and working kiwifruit and avocado orchards.
- Taste delicious fruit, avocados, and unique teas grown locally and from around the world.
- Includes complimentary tastings.

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## TAURANGA HIGHLIGHTS

**Hakamana Tours**

 **5.5 hours**



- Discover Tauranga's iconic natural highlights.
- View Māori Pā sites (fortified villages) and enjoy stunning vistas over Tauranga.
- Visit McLaren Falls Park's picturesque lake, exotic trees, waterfalls, and café.
- Travel through rural farming, kiwifruit, and avocado growing areas and learn about Māori culture and some basic te reo Māori (Māori language).
- Includes homemade food and beverages, and they may even pull out a guitar and sing a waiata (song)!

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## ŌMANAWA FALLS GREAT SIGHTS EXPERIENCE

**Kaitiaki Adventures**

 **Approximately 4 hours**



- Visit one of New Zealand's most beautiful waterfalls.
- See Māori carvings.
- Culturally integral and historical guided tour.
- Visit to Minden Point lookout.

[www.kaitiaki.co.nz](http://www.kaitiaki.co.nz)



## MOUNT MAUNGANUI HĪKOI – WALKING TOUR

Mana Māori Experiences

 3 hours maximum



- Explore the rich cultural heritage of Mount Maunganui.
- Gain insights into the beliefs and traditions of the local Māori people.
- Enjoy the spectacular harbour and beaches; a favourite holiday destination.
- Be immersed in the community, not just viewing it through a window.
- Learn key Māori language words and phrases.

[www.manamaoriexperiences.nz](http://www.manamaoriexperiences.nz)

## 2-HOUR TAURANGA CITY & SCENIC LOCAL TOUR

Things to do in Tauranga


 2 hours



- This is an enjoyable, light-hearted tour featuring the highlights of Tauranga and Mount Maunganui – beautiful beaches, historical sites, kiwifruit and avocado orchards.
- Short photo stop at a stunning scenic lookout where you can see panoramic views as far as the Coromandel, with Whakaari (White Island) visible in the distance.
- Departs every half hour (times may vary depending on ship arrival / departure time).
- Free Wi-Fi onboard vehicles.

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 Omanawa Falls





## HOP ON HOP OFF TAURANGA BUS TOUR

**Tranzit Coachlines**



**Various**



- Experience Tauranga with our local, friendly, professional drivers who ensure a fun and informative journey.
- Ticket is for an all-day Hop On Hop Off bus pass. Departs every half hour.
- Buses circulate between six top local attractions - you decide which ones you want to visit and how long you want to stop for.
- Adults \$50 / Child \$30 - for an additional \$25 add entry fees into The Elms heritage site and Classic Flyers aviation museum.

**Stops:** Mount Maunganui main street, Bayfair Shopping Centre, Classic Flyers aviation museum, The Elms heritage site, Tauranga city centre, The Historic Village, back to cruise ship.

[www.hoponhopoff.nz](http://www.hoponhopoff.nz)



## V8 TRIKE TOURS

**V8 Trikes**



**25 mins - 3 hours**



- #1 on TripAdvisor and Travelers' Choice Winners
- Take an unforgettable sightseeing adventure around Mount Maunganui, Tauranga, and the best scenic lookouts on a V8 Chevrolet trike.
- Tour Options:
  - Beach Cruise – 25 minutes
  - V8 Thriller – 1 hour
  - City Sites – 1.5 hours
  - Scenic Lookout – 2 hours
  - 'The Works' City Hills & Lakes – 3 hours

[www.v8triketours.co.nz](http://www.v8triketours.co.nz)



## TAURANGA HALF DAY SIGHTSEEING TOUR

**Zealandier Tours**



**4 hours**



- Find out why we are affectionately known as the Bay of Plenty - join this short sightseeing tour where you get to experience and taste plenty.
- Highlights include the beach, city, history, culture, art, waterfalls, nature, forests and orchards.
- Numerous fantastic photo opportunities.
- Local tastings – kiwifruit & honey.
- Includes coffee and a freshly baked muffin.

[www.zealandiertours.com](http://www.zealandiertours.com)



# ROTORUA TOURS

## 5-HOUR ROTORUA HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

5 Star Shore Excursions



5 hours



- Relaxed small group excursion with an experienced local guide showing scenic sights of Rotorua.
- Enjoy a short walk through native bush to a waterfall.
- Explore the Kuirau Park mud pools and thermal foot spa; enjoy views of Lake Rotorua and steaming pools.
- Walk through the towering Redwood Forest.
- Stop at a kiwifruit orchard and learn about this important horticultural industry.

[www.customdaytours.co.nz](http://www.customdaytours.co.nz) | [www.boptrips.com](http://www.boptrips.com)

## 6-HOUR ROTORUA GEOTHERMAL TOUR – TE PUIA

5 Star Shore Excursions



6 hours



- Visit Te Puia, home of the famous Pōhutu Geyser, the largest geyser in the Southern Hemisphere (includes entry fee).
- See traditional carving and weaving.
- Explore the kiwi conservation centre, where you can see these iconic flightless birds.
- Experience a cultural performance, including a traditional welcome, cultural songs, and the world-famous haka.
- Visit stunning scenery and local forests.

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## 6-HOUR ROTORUA GEOTHERMAL TOUR – WHAKAREWAREWA

5 Star Shore Excursions

 6 hours



- Visit Whakarewarewa, a living Māori village which is nestled amongst active geothermal mud pools and hot water pools (includes entry fee).
- See the famous Pōhutu Geyser, the largest geyser in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Experience a cultural performance, including a traditional welcome, cultural songs, and the world-famous haka.
- Sit down to a hāngī lunch of local delicacies, cooked underground in the geothermal pools.

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## 6-HOUR ROTORUA GEOTHERMAL TOUR – WAIOTAPU

5 Star Shore Excursions

 6 hours



- An operator guided tour of the Waiotapu geothermal area, with stops in Rotorua (includes entry fee).
- Experience a spectacular showcase of what is considered New Zealand's most colourful and unique geothermal elements, sculpted by thousands of years of geothermal activity.
- Watch the Lady Knox geyser, which can reach up to 20 metres in height.
- Visit stunning scenery, local forests and waterfalls.

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## 7-HOUR WAIMANGU GEOTHERMAL VALLEY & ROTOMAHANA TOUR

5 Star Shore Excursions

 7 hours



- Journey back in time to the location of the famous pink and white terraces, once considered the eighth wonder of the natural world.
- Take a guided 2-hour hike down the Waimangu valley, created by the largest volcanic eruption in the last 700 years.
- See Frying Pan Lake, the world's largest hot spring, along with the famous Cathedral Rocks and inferno crater.
- Finish with a 45-minute boat ride around the lake, observing all the wildlife and geothermal activity.

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## ROTORUA HIGHLIGHTS

### Hakamana Tours

 7 hours



- Discover Rotorua's iconic natural and cultural highlights.
- Visit geothermal areas, waterfalls, Redwood forest and Government Gardens.
- Travel through rural New Zealand farmland and kiwifruit and avocado orchards; learn about Māori culture and some basic te reo Māori (Māori language).
- Optional: cultural performance at Whakarewarewa living Māori village.
- Includes homemade food and beverages and they may even pull out a guitar and sing a waiata (song)!

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## HELL'S GATE GEOTHERMAL & MUD SPA

### Hakamana Tours

 5 hours



- Experience the Hell's Gate spectacular geothermal wonderland.
- Relax in a soothing therapeutic mud and sulphur spa.
- Enjoy a short forest walk to view waterfalls, then travel through rural NZ's farming, kiwifruit and avocado growing areas.
- Learn about Māori culture and some basic te reo Māori (Māori language).
- Includes a beverage. Bring swimwear and a towel.

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## ROTORUA/TAURANGA MĀORI HISTORY & CULTURE TOUR

### Mana Māori Experiences

 6 hours



- Immerse yourself in the rich Māori cultural heritage of New Zealand.
- Be taken on a journey of migration and settlement, that began in 925AD, and enjoy a cultural performance in the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua.
- Travel through rural forests and the largest kiwifruit growing region.
- Learn key Māori language words and phrases with a local Māori elder as your guide.
- Includes sparkling water infused with mānuka honey.

[www.manamaoriexperiences.nz](http://www.manamaoriexperiences.nz)

## GEYSERS, KIWI, & MĀORI CULTURE / TE PUIA

### Shore Trips and Tours

🕒 7 hours



- Enjoy a 90-minute guided tour of the Te Puia geothermal valley followed by a 30-minute Māori cultural concert.
- See our native kiwi bird in a special enclosure.
- Tour the Māori Arts and Crafts Institute to see wood, bone and stone carving, plus flax weaving.
- Visit the Government Gardens and other Rotorua sites to see the Blue Baths and Bath House.
- Includes Te Puia entry fee and Māori concert.

[www.shoretripsandtours.com](http://www.shoretripsandtours.com)

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## AUTHENTIC ROTORUA / WHAKAREWAREWA

### Shore Trips and Tours

🕒 6.5 hours



- Enjoy a 60-minute guided tour of the living Māori village of Whakarewarewa, followed by a 30-minute Māori cultural concert.
- A light hāngī lunch is included, plus a drink.
- Visit the Government Gardens and other Rotorua sites including the Blue Baths and Bath House.
- Includes Whakarewarewa entry fee, concert and lunch.

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📍 Hell's Gate



## ROTORUA NATURALLY / REDWOODS

### Shore Trips and Tours

 6.5 hours



- Visit Rotorua city and experience its unique geothermal landscapes.
- See steaming lakes, bubbling mud pools, the historic Government Gardens, Bath House, museum and more.
- Explore the famous Whakarewarewa Forest, known locally as 'The Redwoods', from the suspended Tree Walk set high up in the forest canopy.
- Our experienced guides will offer insights into the history and culture of Rotorua and the region.
- A light snack is provided for lunch.

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## HELL'S GATE GEOTHERMAL PARK & MUD SPA EXPERIENCE

### Things to do in Tauranga

 6 hours



Tour includes:

- transport & driver
- geothermal walk
- mud baths
- sulphur spas
- Māori carving, mud foot pool, cool plunge pool.
- Free Wi-Fi on board.



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## ROTORUA - WHAKAREWAREWA TOUR

### Tino Pai Tours

 Up to 8 hours



- Visit Whakarewarewa, the living Māori village, for a tour of the geothermal area and a cultural performance, Rotorua Government Gardens, and Lake Rotorua (the Redwoods and Lake Tarawera viewing if time permits).
- An authentic indigenous Māori experience with one of the Tino Pai Tour drivers, including commentary on Māori history and at each location.
- Tour includes a Whakarewarewa All Day Pass featuring a hāngī pie, corn on the cob cooked in hot pools, snacks, a Whakarewarewa Village Tour, Māori Cultural Performance, and Self-Guided Geothermal Trail.

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## ROTORUA - TE PUIA TOUR

Tino Pai Tours

 Up to 8 hours



- Visit Te Puia, Rotorua Government Gardens, Rotorua Lakefront (the Redwoods and Lake Tarawera viewing if time permits)
- An authentic Indigenous Māori experience with one of the Tino Pai Tour drivers, including commentary on Māori history and at each location.
- Includes Te Puia Te Ra and Haka Combo, snacks and refreshments (provided while in transit to Te Puia).

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## ROTORUA - WAIOTAPU TOUR

Tino Pai Tours

 Up to 8 hours



- Visit Waiotapu, Rotorua Government Gardens, Lake Rotorua, the Redwoods, and view Lake Tarawera.
- An authentic indigenous Māori experience with one of the Tino Pai Tour drivers, including commentary on Māori history and at each location.
- Includes Waiotapu entry, snacks and refreshments (provided while in transit to Waiotapu).

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## ROTORUA – AGRODOME TOUR

Tino Pai Tours

 Up to 8 hours



- Visit the Agrodome, Hell's Gate, and Rotorua Government Gardens
- An authentic Indigenous Māori experience with one of the Tino Pai Tour drivers, including commentary on Māori history and at each location.
- Includes Agrodome farm show and Hell's Gate self-guided tour, snacks, and refreshments (provided while in transit to Te Puia).

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## ROTORUA TE PUIA – GEYSERS, KIWI & CULTURE

**Zealandier Tours**

 **6.5 hours**



- Visit New Zealand’s prestigious thermal and cultural attraction – Te Puia.
- Get up close to erupting geysers, steaming fumaroles, and bubbling mud.
- Enjoy Māori culture, including a concert and famous haka war dance.
- See New Zealand’s iconic kiwi bird and soak your feet in thermal pools.
- Many other highlights and local fare; includes all entry fees and concert.

[www.zealandiertours.com](http://www.zealandiertours.com)

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## ROTORUA GEOTHERMAL WONDERLAND TOUR


**Zealandier Tours**

 **6.5 hours**



- Visit the only authentic Māori village of its kind in New Zealand.
- Experience bubbling, colourful geothermal hot pools and see erupting geysers and steaming fumaroles.
- Experience Māori culture at its best – including a concert and haka war dance.
- Visit many sites and taste local fare.
- Includes all entry fees, concert, and tasting of kiwifruit, honey, and sweetcorn cob tastings.

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 Whakarewarewa Village





# HOBBITON TOURS

## HOBBITON EXPRESS

### Shore Trips and Tours

 5 - 5.5 hours



- Take our fully guided 2.5-hour tour of the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit movie set at Hobbiton.
- Venture inside a hobbit house on Bagshot Row.
- Free hobbit ale at The Green Dragon Inn and time to shop for souvenirs at Shire's Rest.
- Travel the back roads through kiwifruit and avocado orchards, and a scenic lookout with stunning views.

[www.shoretripsandtours.com](http://www.shoretripsandtours.com)

## HOBBITS, GEYSERS & MUD / THE ULTIMATE COMBO

### Shore Trips and Tours

 8.5 hours



- Experience both Hobbiton and Rotorua in one day.
- Enjoy a 2.5-hour guided tour of the Hobbiton movie set, including the inside of a Hobbit house.
- Visit Rotorua for a guided tour of a geothermal site to see geysers, bubbling mud, Māori culture and crafts.
- Tour includes Whakarewarewa or Te Puia and a traditional cultural performance.

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## HOBBITON MOVIE SET, MCLARENS FALLS, AND MATAMATA

### Tino Pai Tours

 Up to 6 hours



- An authentic indigenous Māori experience with one of the Tino Pai Tour drivers.
- Includes commentary of Māori history of each location.
- Snacks and refreshments provided while in transit to the movie set.

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# WAITOMO TOURS

## WAITOMO CAVES

### Tino Pai Tours

🕒 **Up to 8 hours**



- Visit Waitomo Caves, Ōtorohanga Kiwi House, The Red Shed Art Gallery, and the Arapuni Swing Bridge and Dam.
- An authentic indigenous Māori experience with one of the Tino Pai Tour drivers, including commentary on Māori history and at each location.
- Visit The Red Shed at Waitomo, an art gallery featuring local Māori artists, and savour a locally made boil up pie.
- Snacks and refreshments provided while on transit to the Waitomo Caves.
- Includes Waitomo Caves entry.

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## WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVES

### Zealandier Tours

🕒 **8 hours**



- Small group tour that traverses the countryside from east to west.
- Enter an ancient limestone cave system, featuring thousands of glowworms.
- Lonely Planet describes it as the most illuminating experience in the world.
- Enjoy a New Zealand BBQ lunch and native forest walk.
- Includes all entry fees and lunch.

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## WORRY FREE, ON TIME GUARANTEE

**These tours are guaranteed to get you back to the ship on time... in plenty of time.**

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