

# The Mighty Waikato New Zealand

- Regional icons:
  - Waitomo Caves
  - Hobbiton Movie Set
- Nature & Foodie Experiences
- Perfect for **first** or **last** nights in itineraries





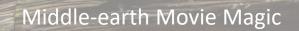


# **Regional Tourism Updates**

Waikato #17 in top 50 bucket list destinations

- Profiled by Forbes.com
- Waikato sitting alongside destinations such as Bali, Dubrovnik and Tokyo
- The only New Zealand destination to be included.





EXPLORING CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND

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Hobbiton Movie Set, Waikato

- Tours of the movie set from the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Evening banquet tours
  - Garden Bar

New

• Themed Buffet Tables



# **Hobbiton Movie Set**

Hobbiton Movie Set in Matamata is located just 45mins drive from Hamilton and features 44 hobbit holes used during the filming of The Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit. The green rolling hills were chosen by Sir Peter Jackson as the perfect backdrop to the film series and provides visitors with a magical journey through The Shire.

Day tours are 2 hours and include both public and private experiences of the living movie set. Visitors finish the tour with an ale, cider or ginger beer in the Green Dragon Inn. Dining options are available.

The Banquet tour is a 4hr experience which includes a tour of the set followed by a banquet-style feast served with traditional Hobbit fare in the Green Dragon. This tour operates 4 nights a week. Evening tours offer guests the opportunity to go back out to the set after dark with a lantern to experience the magic of the set by night.

Hobbiton Movie Set have recently completed the new Garden Bar space at The Shire's Rest, providing a welcoming shady spot for visitors to enjoy a bite to eat and a craft brew before or after the tour. Finishing touches have also been made to the buffet and dessert tables inside the fully themed Party Marquee where the daily lunch buffet is served. Tours must be booked at least 6 months in advance, especially in Summer.

Underground Wonders



Discover Waitomo, Waitomo

• Walking Tours & Black Water Rafting experiences

• New

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- Multi-Language App for Waitomo Glowworm Cave





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# **Discover Waitomo**

Waitomo Glowworm Caves offer the iconic glowworm boat ride tour through an impressive network of caves dotted with millions of twinkling glowworms. During this 45min tour guests are likely to be guided by the ancestors of local Maori Chief at the time, Tane Tinorau, who first began showing visitors through in 1889.

Additional cave options available such as the Ruakuri Cave – 2 hr walking tour, or Aranui Cave - 1 hr experience.

Discover Waitomo also offer The Legendary Black Water Rafting Co. experience – a 3hrs thrilling ride through the Black Labyrinth, or the Black Abyss tour featuring both black water rafting and ziplining during a 5hr experience. Suitable for both groups and FIT.

Waitomo Adventures, Waitomo

Underground Adventure Trips including abseiling, ziplining and black water rafting New

- Tour Centre
- Café
- Day Spa



### Waitomo Adventures

Longstanding Waitomo operators, Waitomo Adventures, offer the iconic Lost World cave tours – a 4hr or 7hr tour featuring a 100m abseil into the belly of a cave for the more adventurous type. A range of products are also available including a softer version of Lost World, ideal for groups and families.

Black water rafting and ziplining experiences are also available for thrill seekers, and a Troll Cave aimed and younger guests and families. Waitomo Adventures have recently opened their new base featuring a café, and their Day Spa is set to open early 2020.



### New developments in the city

- Regional Theatre including Art Hotel
- River Plan with spaces such s Victoria on the River
- Laneways and commercial developments
- Best regional restaurant in the country (outside of Auck, Wellington, Chch)











### **Hamilton Gardens**

Hamilton's most visited attraction, the award-winning gardens offer a vibrant outdoor gallery of themed gardens telling the history of gardens through time. Currently there are more than 20 themed gardens including the latest edition, the Picturesque garden. Development is underway to open a new Surrealist garden Feb 2020 and a further four are in the planning stages. Guided tours hosted by knowledgeable guides tell the story of the how it was initially a rubbish dump before the cities vision turned it into a beautiful living museum. Dining and Gourmet Picnic Basket options also available.

Commissionable guided tours for FITs and Groups

Foodie Experiences

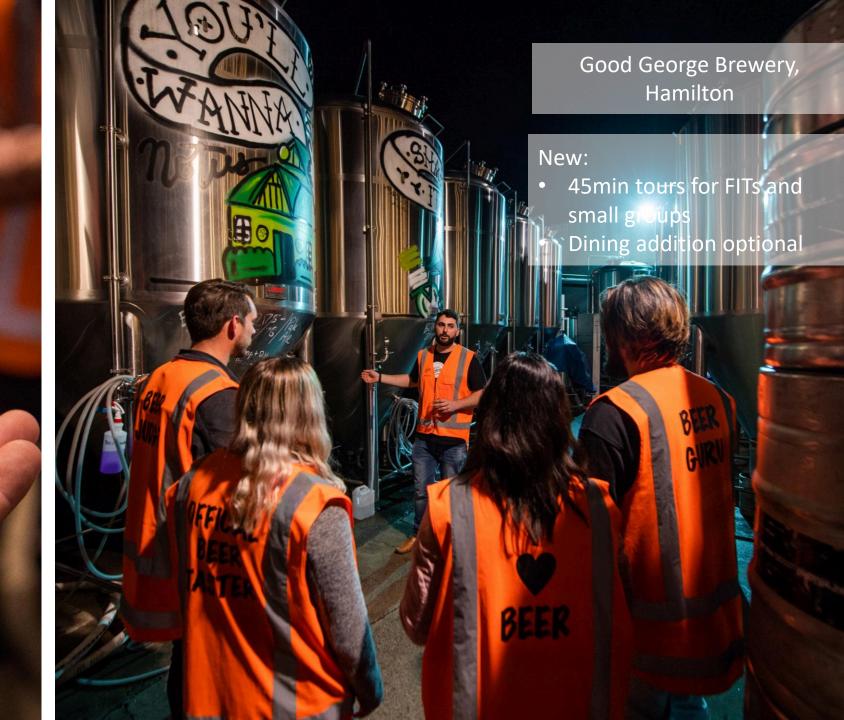
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# **Good George**

This award-winning brewery takes guests behind the scenes of Hamilton's most popular brew pub. Brewers enthusiastically explain the process of making GOOD beer and share stories of the Brewery including its connection to Hobbiton Movie Set.

The 45min tour includes tastings of core products and special edition brews, complete with a take home glass. These tours are available to combine with a group dining booking with set menus, or a discounted dining option for FITs. Options for midday or 6pm departures.



# GOOD a GOUT Brew Bus, Hamilton **Craft Beer Tours** Guided half day experiences 5-6 breweries incl lunch



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- NZ's only tea plantation
- Tours of the Estate
- Tea Tastings
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- Private experiences

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Based on the outskirts of Hamilton Zealong is New Zealand's only tea estate. Producing 100% organic tea, Zealong offers unique tours where guests can explore the fascinating world of tea through a Discover Tea Experience. These include a teainfused culinary journey where guests will learn about the history of tea making and hear about Zealong's own journey as well as take part in an interactive tea tasting experience. Delicious high teas and dining options can be included in the packages for both FITs or groups. Tours depart daily and groups can be accommodated at any time by prior appointment. Zealong has also recently achieved Qualmark Gold under the Sustainable Tourism Business criteria.





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Located just 45mins south of Hamilton, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is an ecological 'island' wildlife reserve with the largest pest-proof fence in the world. Various Tours are available including, Ancient Forrest, Wetlands, and Nigh Tours.

As part of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari's work with the Kiwi for Kiwis programme they have launched their exclusive Kiwi Release experience. Occurring every Friday groups and FITs can participate in the experience which includes a demonstration of kiwi monitoring, learning about the role Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari has to play in conversation, and a guided walking tour with the kiwi ranger to a location within sanctuary where they will watch as a kiwi is released in to the wild. Spaces are strictly limited and this is expected to be in high demand. Groups and FIT with premium private experiences available by request.

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This friendly family-run business is based at Lake Karapiro, only 15mins drive from Hobbiton Movie Set and Cambridge. They offer both day and evening tours where guests have the opportunity to experience kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and cycling experience on and around Lake Karapiro.

Their signature glowworm night tour provides an up-close encounter with these natural wonders while paddling along the calm waters of the lake – an experience not to be missed!

Lake District Adventures are set to open their new base in March 2020 featuring four accommodation pods and a new cafe. Transport shuttles available. Groups and FIT.

Novotel Tainui Hamilton, Hamilton

# 4.5 star property in Hamilton NEW

• 40 room extension

OVOTEL

- 10 rooms over 4 levels
- Completed early 2020
- New restaurant menu featuring Waikato and native ingredients

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#### Other Hamilton Accommodation

Updates

**Days Hotel & Suites** 

- Wyndam Group
- Former Sudima property

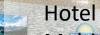
 Refurbishment due to be completed early 2020

Ambassador Hotel

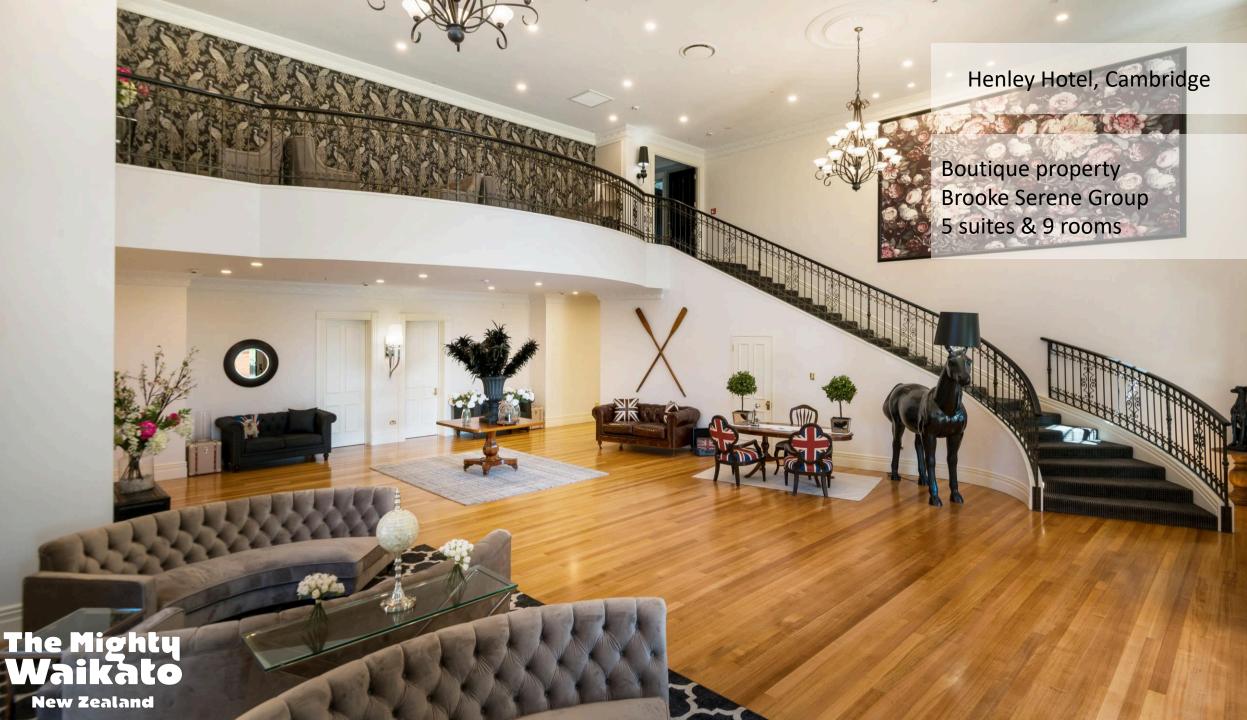
Joined Scenic Circle brand of hotels

JetPark

Taken over Hamilton Airport



Multimillion dollar refurishment complete by end of 2019 featuring new restaurant facilities





# **The Henley Hotel**

A thoroughly modern country house hotel on the outskirts of Cambridge, the Henley Hotel is the newest addition to the Brook Serene collection of boutique hotels. It has five impeccably designed suites and nine hand crafted bedrooms. This property also features an indoor pool and day spa. Cambridge is 25min from Hobbiton Movie Set and is the closest town to the Set

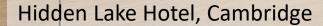
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Hidden Lake Hotel, Cambridge

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# **Hidden Lake Hotel & Apartments**

Hidden Lake Hotel is the latest edition to property in the Waikato and is set to open in January 2020. Located in Cambridge, the contemporary 4.5 star boutique property will include a gourmet restaurant and bar, day spa and 33 rooms and apartments with superior appointments and technical luxuries. Cambridge is 25min from Hobbiton Movie Set and is the closest town to the Set that has with hotels working with travel trade.



## **Boutique Accommodation**

Kelly Rd, Cambridge
22 rooms
Lakeview Lodge Karapiro
Two lodges

Kamahi Cottage, Waitomo5 star cottage on sheep farm

- Waitomo Hilltop Glamping
  - Glamping 'tent'

#### FarmStays, Waikato wide

- Rural Tours
- Recently qualmarked

Solscape, Raglan

- Eco-cabins, tipis, earth domes
- New owners

Castaways

- Purchased by Marsden Group
   last year
- Refurbishment programme underway



# **Cathedral Cove**



The best-known bay in The Coromandel where the intriguing shapes of the volcanic coastline reveal many sea caves and grottos. The best way to visit the cove is on the water, where you will also get up close to the wildlife in the surrounding Te-Whanganui-a-Hei Marine Reserve. Glide along the volcanic coast into the cove with **Cathedral Cove Kayaks**. Your guide will make you hot chocolate and cappuccinos while you take in the beauty.

Explore the marine reserve and the Orua Sea Cave with the **Glass Bottom Boat** or **Ocean Leopard Tours**, departing from the Whitianga Wharf. Venture right into the Blowhole with the **Hahei Explorer**, a one-hour trip from Hahei Beach.

GOOD FOR YOUR SOUL

Hot Water Beach

Dig your own spa on the edge of the Pacific Ocean.

Take a guided trip with **Coromandel Adventures or Explore Paradise** Be there within 2 hours of low tide

Evidence of the geothermal activity that runs right throughout the Central North Island.

And if you're not keen on sand in your swimsuit...visit **The Lost Spring**, natural geothermal pools and luxury day spa in the heart of Whitianga.

Dine poolside, in The Cafe or on the Sky Deck

Karangahake Gorge

Dromandel GOOD FOR YOUR SOLI Explore the old tunnels and walkways and discover the golden heritage of the region.

Homegrown cuisine and wineries along the way.

Catch the fever with a Waihi Gold Experience and a Gold Mine Tour

A great way to explore the southern part of the region and the Waikato is on the **Hauraki Rail Trail**. Grade One flat ride, sightseeing on a bike through the gorge and across the green farmlands.

Grand Mercure Puka Park Resort

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The premium hotel in The Coromandel located in Pauanui, an ideal location to base your stay. The region also specialises in apartments and boutique bed and breakfast accommodation, such as Sovereign Pier on the Waterways, Sunlover Retreat and Admiralty Lodge.