



HAWKE'S BAY

Hawke's Bay has superglued itself into the hearts of countless visitors from around the world. Located on the east coast of the North Island, Hawke's Bay is known for its simplicity and sophistication. It has two cities Napier and Hastings, each famous in their own right. Napier for its Art Deco heritage and Hastings for its abundance of wineries and food producers. Both are connected by a flat network of off-road cycle trails. So if its architecture, wine, food, cycling, golf or just taking a deep breath to stare at the views, Hawke's Bay is your spot.

Hawke's Bay Top 10 Must Dos

- 1/ Experience Art Deco Napier on a vintage car tour or guided walk
- 2/ Visit Cape Kidnappers to experience the world's largest mainland gannet bird colony
- 3/ Cycle the Hawke's Bay Trails passing wineries cafes and shops
- 4/ Visit NZ's oldest winery – Mission Estate
- 5/ Feed the penguins & swim with the sharks at the National Aquarium
- 6/ Learn about Hawke's Bays history at our Museum - MTG
- 7/ Eat well at some of NZ's best restaurants and wineries or take a food tour
- 8/ Visit up to 35 cellar doors to try our unique wines
- 9/ Play a round at the world renowned Cape Kidnappers Golf Course
- 10/ Head to the top of Te Mata Peak for one of the best views in Hawke's Bay



TAIRĀWHITI GISBORNE

Discover our unique corner of New Zealand, Tairāwhiti Gisborne. A region of many firsts in addition to welcoming the sun, Tairāwhiti Gisborne saw the first Māori to land after their epic Pacific navigations. What lies here is almost an untouched paradise of spectacular surf beaches, inland wilderness and world-class vineyards. Tairāwhiti Gisborne is rich in history, culture, cuisine and adventure, so come on over, we'd love to see you!

Tairāwhiti Gisborne Top 10 Must Dos

- 1/ Dive Tatapouri's Reef Ecology Tour for wild stingray encounters.
- 2/ Experience 60 metres of sheer exhilaration at the natural Rere Rock Slide
- 3/ Arguably New Zealand's best surf breaks, with something for every skill level
- 4/ Visit Eastwoodhill Arboretum, NZ's largest collection of Northern Hemisphere trees
- 5/ Be the first to see the sunrise with Maunga Hikurangi
- 6/ Visit the historical landing site and first meeting place of Polynesian and European voyaging
- 7/ From Maui to modern day, sail aboard a traditional Māori Waka hourua with Waka Voyagers Tairāwhiti
- 8/ Experience globally recognised Chardonnay with many cellar door options
- 9/ From Motu to Rere to Gisborne City centre are a wide range of cycle trails that will suit all levels
- 10/ The Gisborne Railbike Adventure is a world first, offering an unseen look at the East Coast



Image: Rere Falls Trail - StudioZag



BAY OF PLENTY

The Bay of Plenty stretches from Waihi Beach along the Pacific Coast Highway to Ohope Beach and heads into the Whirinaki Forest. Its in this regions nature to impress, inspire and excite you. Step foot on an active marine volcano, see glow worms after dark, learn to surf, kayak or paddle board and visit the top three beaches in New Zealand. Swim with our local marine life, soak up our Maori heritage, devour fresh produce and seafood, and enjoy our warm climate and hospitality.

Bay of Plenty Top 10 Must Dos

- 1/ Be guided to New Zealand's only accessible active marine volcano 'Whakaari/White Island'
- 2/ Enjoy an evening kayak tour through a glow worm canyon on tranquil Lake McLaren
- 3/ Discover our coastline and marine wildlife, during a half or full day tour
- 4/ Explore 'Moutohora Island' a wildlife sanctuary
- 5/ Get your pedal on with an electric bike tour taking in the beautiful scenery & local food scene
- 6/ Take a walk around or up Mount Maunganui for the best views of the stunning coastline
- 7/ Visit a local marae, indulge in our rich culture and enjoy the hospitality of our local people
- 8/ Visit a working kiwifruit orchard, learn all about this wander fruit
- 9/ Take a fishing trip to some of the best fishing spots in NZ
- 10/ Live like a 'Local' enjoy cafes, restaurants, markets and local events



THE COROMANDEL

With 400km of coastline surrounding a mountain range cloaked in sub tropical forest, The Coromandel is known for secluded golden beaches and hidden bays to enjoy. Walking tracks and cycle trails to explore. Charming old-world towns and intriguing relics in the rugged hills connect you to the past and its people. Inspiring landscapes attract many talented artisans, whose studios and galleries are hidden in the green valleys.

Find out why The Coromandel is good for your soul.

The Coromandel Top 10 Must Dos

- 1/ Cathedral Cove: walk, boat or kayak to experience the cove magic.
- 2/ Hot Water Beach: dig your own thermal spa on the shore of the great Pacific.
- 3/ Hike to the top of The Pinnacles to see the sun rise
- 4/ Coromandel Coastal Walkway: connecting the remote northern bays
- 5/ Karangahake Gorge: explore walkways and tunnels to discover our golden heritage
- 6/ Cycle the Hauraki Rail Trail, sampling homegrown produce along the way.
- 7/ Visit the art galleries and artisan studios to uncover The Coromandel creativity
- 8/ Fish the snapper barges
- 9/ Venture into Sleeping God Canyon
- 10/ Dive or snorkel in the Te-Whanganui-a-Hei marine reserve



WAIKATO

Famous for Middle-earth movie magic, underground wonders, the Waikato River and legendary surf beaches – you are spoilt for choice in the Waikato region. The region offers world-renowned attractions and experiences. Nourish your soul with walking and cycling trails, warming spa waters and scenic boat cruises – or challenge yourself with some subterranean adventures. New Zealand's fourth largest city and the region's main hub, Hamilton, features a wide variety of award-winning eateries and gourmet foodie hotspots.

Hamilton & Waikato Top 10 Must Dos

- 1/ Discover Middle-earth movie magic at Hobbiton Movie Set
- 2/ Be amazed by Waitomo's twinkling glow-worms and limestone formations
- 3/ Explore themed garden collections at Hamilton Gardens
- 4/ Experience Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari's natural environment
- 5/ Go adventuring underground in Waitomo
- 6/ Sample some of the region's gourmet delights and artisan fare
- 7/ Ride the waves at Raglan's famous left-hand surf break
- 8/ Pedal power: cycle some of the region's hundreds of kms of trails
- 9/ Discover the crystal clear blue waters of the Blue Spring at Te Waihou Walkway, Putaruru
- 10/ Visit the Kiwiana capital of New Zealand, Otorohanga



ROTORUA - FIND YOUR ELEMENT

Located in the centre of New Zealand's North Island and only three hours' drive from Auckland, Rotorua offers some of NZ's most iconic natural wonders. In Rotorua, connecting to the natural world is second nature. It's a place where fire, water, air and earth come together in a powerful way, to create unique experiences for travellers. Visitors can explore our fascinating geothermal landscapes and relaxing hot pools, weave their way through native forest by zipline or mountain bike, navigate the wild waters by raft or try one of our many cultural offerings.

Rotorua Top 10 Must Dos

- 1/ Bathe in our healing waters or even bathe in mud at our renowned spas
- 2/ Ball rolling – roll your way down our Mountain in a giant inflatable ball
- 3/ Hang out in the trees – zipline, 4WD or even swing on a swing bridge in our ancient forests
- 4/ Experience the traditional hangi at one of our many evening cultural offerings
- 5/ Cruise, swim, sail or jet boat on one of our many lakes (18 in fact!)
- 6/ Raft the tallest rafted waterfall in the world
- 7/ Dine with the locals on Eat Street
- 8/ Visit a volcanic park and see the extent of nature's power
- 9/ Visit a living Maori Village or take a bespoke cultural tour with one of our local guides
- 10/ Head up Mount Ngongotaha in a Gondola for beautiful views of Lake Rotorua and the township of Rotorua



TAUPO

Located in the centre of the North Island, the Taupo region comprises volcanic mountains, geothermal wonders, fast flowing crystal clear rivers and the largest freshwater lake in Australasia. The region is blessed with some of the most awe inspiring scenery, world class trout fishing, the countries top ranked golf courses, relaxing geothermal health spas, spectacular hiking and mountain biking and adventure activities a plenty to ensure the adrenaline gets pumping.

Taupo Top 10 Must Dos

- 1/ Lake Cruise and visit the Mine Bay Maori Rock Carvings
- 2/ Visit the iconic Huka Falls
- 3/ Skydive from 15,000ft over Lake Taupo
- 4/ Watch a geyser erupt at NZ's largest natural geyser field
- 5/ Land a rainbow trout from the world famous trout fishery
- 6/ Take a flightseeing trip over the incredible active volcanoes of Tongariro National Park
- 7/ Relax in a thermal mineral pool below flowing silica terraces
- 8/ Negotiate over 60 rapids while rafting the Tongariro River
- 9/ Hike the Tongariro Alpine Crossing
- 10/ Cycle the Great Lake Trail – one of NZ's best cycle trails



RUAPEHU

Situated in the heart of the North Island and home to both Tongariro & Whanganui National Parks, Ruapehu is one of New Zealand's most dramatic and rewarding places to visit. With its wide range of alpine & outdoor activities Ruapehu appeals to all levels, year-round; from short walks to Great Walks, snow-sports to exhilarating mountain bike rides, or a cultural journey down the Whanganui River. Come and explore Our Greater Outdoors.

Ruapehu Top 10 Must Dos

- 1/ Explore volcanic wonderlands with a guided hike of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing
- 2/ Ride the spectacular Sky Waka gondola to the highest restaurant in NZ on Mt Ruapehu
- 3/ Take a jetboat tour to the historic Bridge to Nowhere - Whanganui National Park
- 4/ Cycle through ever-changing landscapes on our national cycle trails
- 5/ Hit the slopes of Mt Ruapehu between the Jun-Oct ski season
- 6/ Take a railcart along the historic Forgotten World railway line
- 7/ Experience an authentic Māori cultural welcome and guided journey on the Whanganui River
- 8/ Take off in the heart of the Tongariro National Park for an unforgettable volcanic sightseeing flight
- 9/ Enjoy high tea in timeless elegance at the Chateau Tongariro Hotel
- 10/ Fish in the world's best undiscovered fly-fishing rivers



KEY POINTS

- * Some of NZ's finest beaches, bays and cruising
- * Landscapes straight out of The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies
- * World famous Glowworm Caves
- * The only geothermal region in NZ
- * NZ's oldest and most abundant wine regions
- * Art deco style and experiences
- * Both salt and freshwater fishing and cruising
- * Interactive and vibrant Maori cultural encounters
- * World class walking, cycling and golf

DRIVING DISTANCES AND TIMES

KMS MILES	AUCKLAND	GISBORNE	HAMILTON	THAMES	TAURANGA	NAPIER	NATIONAL PARK	TAUPO	ROTORUA	WAITOMO	WHAKATANE
AUCKLAND		480 2.99	123 76	113 70	200 12.4	413 2.59	324 2.01	275 170	230 143	190 118	290 180
GISBORNE	7.10		374 2.33	386 2.55	273 170	214 133	421 2.66	328 2.04	273 170	410 2.55	185 115
HAMILTON	1.32	4.55		99 61	101 63	285 177	203 126	150 94	105 69	70 49	190 119
THAMES	1.40	6.15	1.15		116 72	345 214	293 182	204 126	164 102	185 115	212 132
TAURANGA	3.00	5.25	1.15	2.05		309 192	250 155	150 93	63 39	151 94	86 53
NAPIER	4.00	4.00	3.30	5.45	4.30		234 145	101 63	223 138	306 190	308 190
NATIONAL PARK	4.00	5.30	2.30	3.45	3.00	3.00		100 62	181 112	143 89	263 163
TAUPO	3.30	4.25	1.45	3.10	1.50	1.30	1.20		88 54	164 102	164 102
ROTORUA	2.52	3.45	1.15	2.40	.45	3.15	2.10	1.00		166 103	85 53
WAITOMO	2.20	5.30	1.00	2.30	2.15	4.45	1.40	2.00	2.00		235 146
WHAKATANE	4.00	2.30	2.25	3.25	1.10	4.30	3.15	2.15	1.25	3.30	

Time is shown in approximate hours and minutes. Distance measured in kilometres/miles

