

SKI AND SOAK

SHORT BREAK - FAMILY

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Kids driving you mad? Get out more and head to the snow! Get the most out of a short winter break with a couple of stops along the way, or take a little longer and book a couple of nights to make the ultimate winter road trip!

Hamilton

Start your holiday on the right foot. Hamilton is a great spot to stop, stretch the legs and refuel. There's always something new to discover at Hamilton Gardens, the city boasts a selection of cafés and restaurants to suit even the fussiest of eaters, and if you've got some time up your sleeve, how about a trip to Hamilton Zoo?

Hamilton to Whakapapa (3 hours)

Arrive in Ruapehu ready to hit the slopes! Happy Valley at Whakapapa is a great place to start and find your ski legs, before heading up the mountain. Don't miss a ride in the new Sky Waka and a drink at the highest café in New Zealand. For a change of terrain and a different view, check out Tūroa or, if a smaller club field is more your style, there's Tūkino on the eastern side of the mountain.

Whakapapa to Taupō (1 hour)

Start heading north but be sure to stop in Turangi to stretch your legs on the beautiful Tongariro River Trail followed by a coffee or lunch at the Creel Tackle House Café. Carry on to Taupo for some good old fashioned family fun. Fish for prawns at Huka Prawn Park, check out the Huka Falls on foot, by bike or on an adrenaline pumping jetboat ride, river cruise or heli flight! Top it all off with a round of minigolf before catching a must do photo at the #lovetaupo letters on the lakefront.

Taupō to Rotorua (1 hour)

What could be better after a couple of days on the slopes than relaxing in the healing mineral waters of Rotorua? With a choice of hot pools both on the way from Ruapehu and in the city, you can soak away the sore muscles and relax. While you're in town, why not add on a visit to the famous Redwoods at Whakarewarewa Forest?

Rotorua to Putaruru (45 minutes)

To stretch out that holiday feeling just a little bit longer, why not break up the drive and stop off at Putaruru for a walk at the Blue Spring at Te Waihou Walkway? Don't forget to stop off at Over the Moon factory - their hand crafted cheeses are out of this world!



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