

# Welcome to Te Moananui a Toi The Coastal Bay of Plenty



[www.bayofplentynz.com/trade](http://www.bayofplentynz.com/trade)

Kia ora and welcome to The Coastal Bay of Plenty.

My name is Denise I have possibly met some of you on my past trips to your beautiful country. But today I am going to take you on a journey of this beautiful place I call home.

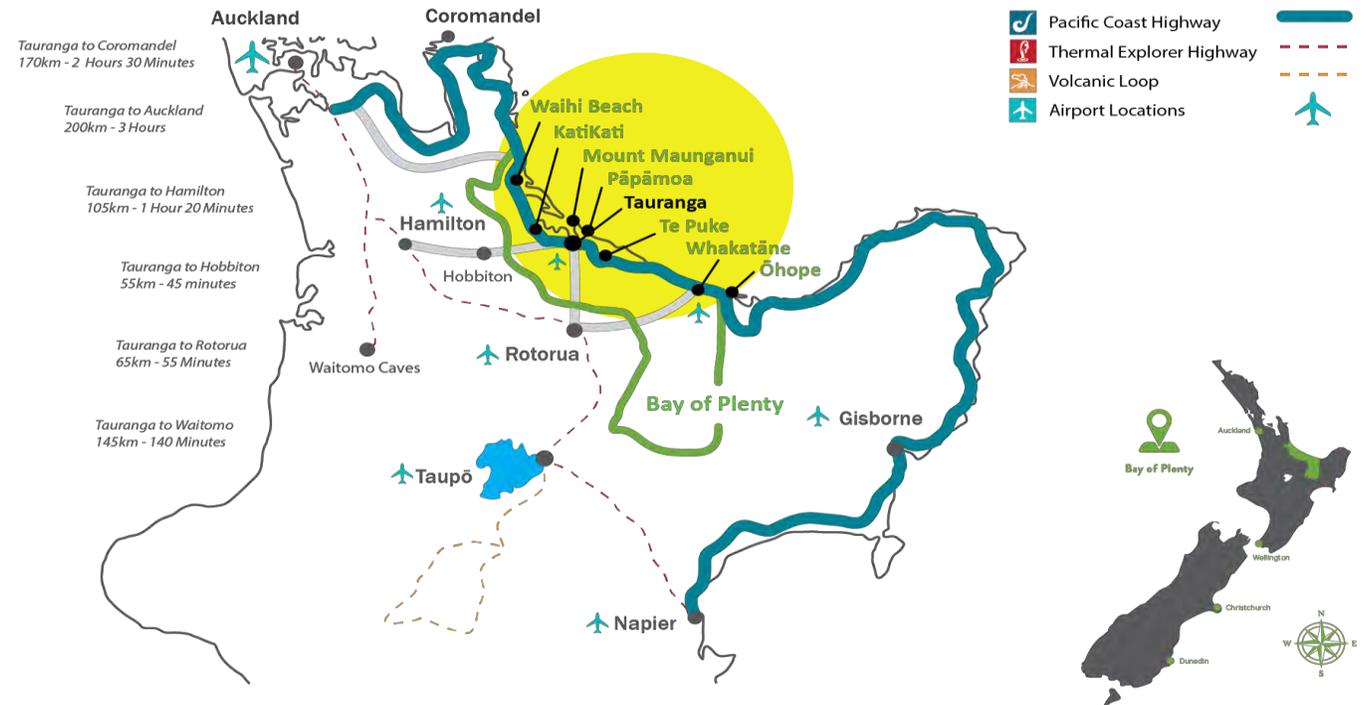
I often get asked 'What do I love about this place'? I would have to say it is the relaxed vibe everyone enjoys life here and the beach plays a big part of that with local families enjoying time together, the beautiful coastline you can see for kilometres and the people who are so welcoming.

You are guaranteed a smile and hello when travelling around our region! so when your visitors come to our place we call home encourage them to smile and say kia ora it will make both our visitor and our locals day.

So let me show you What makes people smile when they come here,  
(next slide with video)

# BAY OF PLENTY

## Where are we?

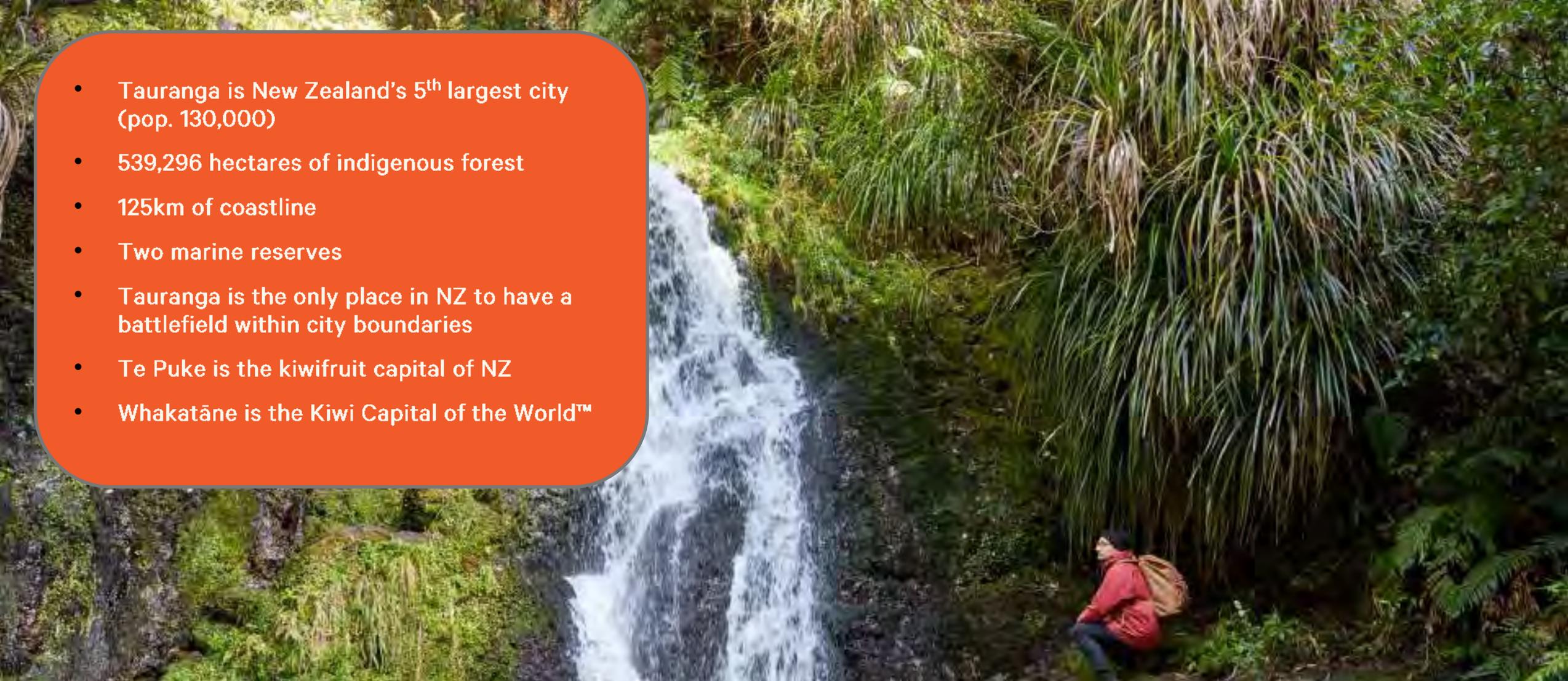


Lets start with **where we are and how to get here?**

Te Moananui ā Toi (the Coastal Bay of Plenty) sits on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island, (Te Ika-a-Māui). The region is home to Tauranga, New Zealand's fastest growing city, and popular coastal towns like Mount Maunganui, Waihī Beach, Katikati, Whakatane and Ōhope Beach.

The Coastal Bay of Plenty is connected by daily flight schedules from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. The scenic drive from Auckland will take approximately 2.5 -3 hours to the city of Tauranga. The main city is an easy drive through to Rotorua of 45 minutes, Whakatane 1 hour, Hobbiton 45 minutes, Hamilton 1.5 hour and Taupo 2 hours. The Coastal Bay of Plenty is the perfect place to stay for several days and explore what is in the region and the surrounding regions.

- Tauranga is New Zealand's 5<sup>th</sup> largest city (pop. 130,000)
- 539,296 hectares of indigenous forest
- 125km of coastline
- Two marine reserves
- Tauranga is the only place in NZ to have a battlefield within city boundaries
- Te Puke is the kiwifruit capital of NZ
- Whakatāne is the Kiwi Capital of the World™



## Bay of Plenty Facts

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### **What are some of the facts about this region?**

The region has 1.2 million hectares of land, 950 000 hectares of coastal marine area (including two marine reserves) making it a paradise for outdoor adventurers. As well as marine wildlife tours, kayaking, Māori cultural experiences and some of New Zealand's best beaches, the region also has a thriving foodie scene that locals love to share with visitors.

I love the diversity of restaurants and food in this region which I will tell you more about further on in the presentation .



**What makes us special?**

A question asked often is **'What makes us special?'**

My answer is - it is a place of positive energy that has been a favourite holiday destination for Kiwis for generations. It is here you can Explore bush-clad islands, admire waterfalls or kayak across lakes to see canyons glittering with glow worms. Glimpse unique wildlife, explore our culture and our arts, relax on white sand beaches or savour the thriving foodie scene.



**ACCESSIBLE TOURISM**

**Access to the summit:** Assisted access to the mountain's summit is now possible with the trail rider, a single wheeled e-powered mobility transport supporter. The single wheel supports the rider's weight while the handles at the front and the back allow two, three or four helpers to guide the rider up and down tracks. To help navigate the steep terrain of Mauao, the trail rider must be operated with a minimum of four guides at all times. Read more about the trail rider or watch the video on [Tauranga City Council's website](#). Book through [Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park](#).

**Access to the Mauao base track:** Those with limited mobility can hire a scooter from [LoCol Rides BOP](#) to access this beautiful and culturally significant track.

For more information on accessible Tourism in the Bay of Plenty  
<https://www.bayofplentynz.com/experiences/accessible-tourism/tracks-trails/>

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**Did you know that the** Bay of Plenty is known as a Coastal Paradise and is where generations of kiwis have spent their holidays for decades, there is 125 km(78 miles) of white sandy beaches including three of the top beaches in NZ, #1 is Mount Maunganui where you can enjoy a surf , paddle boarding, swimming, fishing, exploring outer Islands and the local marine life. Our other quieter spots along the coast are Waihi Beach, Papamoa Beach and the beautiful Beach of Ohope. All of these beaches are where you will meet the locals.

**When is the best time to visit?**

This area has the highest hours of sunshine in NZ and is highly recommended by visitors late Spring over the Summer and into Autumn which is still sunny and warm. Our winters are mild and still visited by those wanting to enjoy the coast over the quieter times.

No trip is complete without a short walk around the base of Mauo (Mt Maunganui) or if our visitor is feeling more adventurous then take your time with a climb to the top for the best view of 125 kms along the coast – here you will get some amazing photos to take back home or if you are an Instagramer, you wont be disappointed.

# Mount Maunganui

- Mauao (Mount Maunganui)
- Chill cafés, restaurants and boutique shops
- Laidback surfer's spirit



When you visit Mount Maunganui (“The Mount”) you’ll be treated to a thriving little town right by the sea. Mauao (Mount Maunganui) is one of the most popular short walks in Aotearoa New Zealand. The mountain is a sacred ancestor to Māori and can be seen from many points throughout the Bay of Plenty region. When our visitors and locals are driving here/home from a long trip, once you see that beautiful mountain, we all know we are home – it sits proudly on the horizon and can be seen from kilometers away.

# Tauranga

- Waterfront CBD
- Historical sites
- Cafés, restaurants and shops



Tauranga is our main city and Aotearoa New Zealand's fifth largest city , it is growing fast. It has a waterfront CBD, the region's top culinary experiences and plenty of heritage sites to explore.

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Meet Our  
Locals and  
Hear Our  
Stories



We have many locals we want to introduce you and your clients to and we want to share their stories, one of our favourites is Manuhiri - name, meaning visitor in te reo Māori, tells the story of her beginning – in the Ōtanewainuku Forest in Ōropi thanks to some of the last manuhiri ki tāwāhi (meaning international visitors in te reo Māori) to depart Tauranga Moana. The kiwi chick was gifted her name by our Bay of Plenty locals and followers from afar who suggested names they felt were befitting. As our team poured over the dozens of suggestions, we were moved by the emotions she clearly evoked in those who hold a place in their heart for the Bay of Plenty.

After the egg of Manuhiri was laid in the Ōtanewainuku Forest in Ōropi, [Tauranga](#), Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust volunteers lifted and transported her to the hatchery in September 2020. Manuhiri hatched as a healthy kiwi chick weighing 299.9 grams at 5:00 pm on 6 October 2020, at the time when the Bay of Plenty would normally begin welcoming visitors to our shores for the summer season.

The timing of Manuhiri's hatch was also symbolic for Aotearoa New Zealand, as October is Save Kiwi Month, which is led by Kiwis for Kiwis. The annual fundraising campaign encourages New Zealanders to raise funds to save New Zealand's national icon.

Manuhiri recently passed a significant milestone, reaching a healthy weight of one kilogram which increases her chance of survival in the wild from just five percent to 65 percent. Manuhiri was rehomed to Warrenheip, a predator-free kiwi crèche in Cambridge, Waikato, New Zealand, along with her 'flatmate' from her habitat at the hatchery, Haze. At the crèche, volunteers of the Ōtanewainuku Kiwi Trust will prepare Manuhiri for her return home to the forest when she is approximately one year old and ready to find a mate. The team will then care for Manuhiri throughout her life as she roams the Ōtanewainuku Forest in [Ōropi](#), Tauranga as a wild kiwi.



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



### **Waimarino Night Glow worm Kayak Tour**

lets take you on a journey of our region, once you have checked into your accommodation then I would suggest a trip out with **Waimarino** on their evening kayak glow worm tour. This trip is a total of 3 hours and is the place to connect with Nature. The trip is a fully guided kayak trip taking you into the beautiful Mangapapa canyon. It is such an easy three hour trip from beginning to end including a delightful glass of wine/beer or juice and some yummy snacks on the waters edge. Anyone can do this trip however we do not recommend this for young children (please check when booking for age restriction). They even have a Waka for larger groups and those that are not keen on the paddling bit. Pick up and drop off at accommodation is available on request.



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

## Island & Wildlife Cruise with Bay Explorer

**Bay Explorer Dolphin and Wildlife Tour Half day** experience departs at 9am returning between 1-2pm. A total of 5 hours. Feel what its like to be on natures terms, there is always an element of discovery and surprise. If your looking for a dolphin and marine life tour then this is a perfect choice. (does not include an Island stopover or water sports)

**Boat info:** 18 metre vessel with 360 outdoor views, fully licenced bar. Bring your own lunch or get the team to organise it for you.

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## Another great option Dolphin Seafaris

Encounter wild dolphins in their natural habitat with a half day tour - Fulfil your dream of encountering the majestic dolphins in the open waters of Tauranga. Dolphin Seafaris offers amazing encounters with dolphins using safe swim bars to hold on to while in the water. This is an unforgettable dolphin excursion that is perfect for the whole family. A total of 5 hours

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



<https://brewbus.co.nz/>



**Brewbus Craft Beer Tours** – there are some real hidden gems in the Bay of Plenty brewing world and Brewbus will take you to the best of them. From the salt, sand and surf through hidden industrial areas to breweries in the back of orchards.

Offering two tours - whether it be the **Beers in the Bay 6 hours**– or **Beer o’Clock tour 3 hours**– all offering craft beer tasting behind the scenes.

<https://brewbus.co.nz/>



<http://www.v8triketours.co.nz/>



## **V8 Trikes**

### **Voted #1 Outdoor Activity by TripAdvisor 2019**

Join us for a unique and thrilling experience on a V8 Chevrolet trike as we explore the beautiful Bay of Plenty. Designed and built in New Zealand, our trikes are powered by 5700cc Chevrolet motors. It's the ultimate in power and excitement. With a low centre of gravity, the trikes provide a smooth ride with an impressive grip around corners.

3 Trikes available offering anything from a 30 minute coastal Mount Maunganui Tour to three hours exhilarating return taking in local city and country sites. Also available are personalised Tours for small groups.

<http://www.v8triketours.co.nz/>



<http://www.skydivetauranga.com/>

### **Skydive Tauranga 1- 1.5 hours**

This has been quoted as the most beautiful tandem skydive in the north Island of NZ.

Start the adventure with a 20/25 minute scenic flight with breath-taking views of Mount Maunganui and the golden beaches of the region expanding as far as the eye can see. You may get to see all the way out to White Island, Rotorua or as far as Mount Ruapehu in the distance with the different levels of tandem skydives available who knows what you might see.



<https://adventurehelicopters.co.nz/>

**Adventure Helicopters on board a Bell Helicopter with twin engine, leather seating, fully air conditioned.**

Looking for a helicopter experience then take a Local Scenic flight from a 10 minute Mount Magic, a 20 min Surf Safari, a 30 min Bay Explorer or a 40 min Kaimai Classic.

Adventure Helicopters offer additional specialist charters and luxury transfers.



**Family fun**

The Mount Hot Pools are at the base of Mauao and are filled with naturally hot salty sea water. The perfect place to unwind after a walk up or around the mountain; or take the kids for a fun family activity.

The kids can enjoy a safe splash while mum, dad and the rest of the family relax nearby.

### **What do kiwi kids like to do?**

**You will often see the local kids in the water learning to surf, paddle boarding or boogie boarding. They also love to play cricket on the beach, build sandcastles and of course no trip to this area is complete without a large ice cream to finish the day off with.**

**There is plenty in this region for the kids to enjoy check out our website [www.bayofplentynz.com](http://www.bayofplentynz.com) for more inspiration.**

# Whakatāne

- The gateway to Whirinaki Te-Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park
- Home to Mataatua: The House That Came Home
- The Kiwi Capital of the World™

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Moving down the Coast you will arrive at **Whakatāne**, in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, is home to some of the Bay's most unmissable tourism experiences including Mataatua: The House That Came Home and Moutohorā eco-sanctuary wildlife cruise where you can visit a completely re-wilded island 15kms off the coast of the town. **Whakatāne** is also the Kiwi Capital of the World™ due to the abundance of kiwi birds in the area, largely due to the efforts of the **Whakatāne** Kiwi Trust to protect and conserve our national bird. During winter they offer night-time bush walks to spot weta, spiders and hear the Kiwis call in the wild.



<http://mataatua.com/>



## **Mataatua - The House that came Home**

**It is here that you will arrive as a stranger, leave as a friend with unforgettable memories of the house, the people and the land of Ngati Awa and Mataatua**

The Bay of Plenty is the landing place for the Mataatua waka from Hawaiki the legendary homeland of the Maori people.

Two tours available – the one hour express or the full immersion of four hours

Visit the landing place and local marae of the Ngati Awa people 'Mataatua the house that came home', enjoy a traditional welcome and be led into this beautiful meeting house, watch the award winning light show telling the story of a house that has been transported through time. Enjoy the hospitality of our local people, stay for a hangi meal with the local people take your time to learn the poi or haka. No trip to this area is complete without visiting this beautiful marae in Whakatane.



### **Riverbug NZ tours range from 3-5 hours**

Discover the inner adventurer and experience the thrill of riding the rapids on an inflatable riverbug. Drift through hidden canyons, encounter local wildlife and learn about some of the special places in this part of the country.

With the option of scenic mild to the wild whitewater.

Tours are on either the Wairoa or the Rangitaiki depending on tour type

The mild scenic tour on a grade 1 are suitable for 5 years or older with little or no experience

The wild grade 2 is more exhilarating and are more suitable to persons of 1.25m or taller



<https://www.moutohora.co.nz/>



## **Moutohora Island Sanctuary Tours 4-5 hours**

A beautiful island out from Whakatane lies a birdlife sanctuary for some of our endangered birds including saddlebacks and the Kiwi bird . A fur seal colony and a private secluded hot water beach.

Numbers of people are limited to this Island which means as you step onto this island of paradise the only footprints you will see are the birds and yours.

**Both Moutohora Island Tours and KG Kayaks** offer trips to this piece of paradise. Each of these trips are different and give you an experience that is very special getting you up close to nature at its best.

**Moutohora Island Tours** offer a half day trip out to this sanctuary on a catamaran built to land safely on the island. You will then be guided around the Island taking in some of the wonderful bird life, and local marine life. As this is a protected Island and with limited access you will also learn about the history and take in some spectacular scenery including a very private hot water beach where your footsteps will be the first for the day. A must for marine and bird lovers.

**KG Kayaks** offer a slightly different option with a small group heading out from Whakatane on a sailing catamaran you can get involved with the sailing if you wish, once at the Island Kayaks are put into the water and you are guided to beautiful coves and time to interact with the local fur seals, who are very playful. Enjoy the island from the water before heading onto hot water beach for a swim or just a chance to enjoy a self dug warm spa.



**Foodie scene**



**Foodie Scene**

Te Moananui ā Toi (the Coastal Bay of Plenty) is a foodie's dream lifestyle. We have a rich horticultural history, plentiful seas and volcanic soils that help us create world class food and memorable culinary experiences. Today, truffle farms, kiwifruit innovation, a **flourishing dining scene, gourmet night markets, farmers markets and pop-up restaurants** continue to provide hospitality for our people and our visitors. We have recently created a **self-guided Lime scooter foodie trail** – the first of its kind! – with foodie stops chosen by locals as their favourites.

The Bay of Plenty has become home to many nationalities which has meant we have a very strong cultural variety of restaurants and cafes including Indian, Japanese, Thai, Chinese, Korean, Italian, Mediterranean, Maori infused, western to name a few.

A few of the local favourites are: check out <https://www.bayofplentynz.com/dine/>

- Cider Factorie
  - Izikai
  - Alpino
  - Harbourside
  - Satori Lounge
  - The Rising Tide
  - Astrolabe
  - Rice Rice Baby
  - Flat White Café – Waihi Beach
  - The Secret Garden – Waihi Beach
- A few of the local Indian favourites are:
  - Own Masala
  - India Today
  - **Talk of India would be my favourite**
  - Bombay Brasserie
  - Popsies
  - Spice Junction

if you are looking for that culinary tour to taste some of our local cuisine then you cant go past **Taste of Plenty tours** <https://www.tasteofplenty.co.nz/>

**What would be my favourite foodie experience?**

**If it is a beautiful warm sunny day then an outside table at one of the great cafes / restaurants or bars at Mount Maunganui or one of our many coastal spots with a gorgeous summer cocktail, a ceviche dish or a woodfired pizza. My other favourite is some locally caught fish cooked up with chips wrapped in paper on the beach, a kiwi favourite called Fish and Chips! You cant beat Bobbies fresh fish straight off the fishing boats!**

**If it's a cooler wintery day a mulled wine and a great burger at Astrolabe or a fabulous pasta at Alpino!**

**No matter where you go you are guaranteed some fabulous gastronomical delights.**



**Accommodation**



## Accommodation

The Bay of Plenty has something to suit all tastes and budgets including glamping, hotels, motor Inns, serviced apartments, B&Bs, Backpacker style lodges, family-orientated holiday resorts, simple camp sites and much more.

Featured is **Trinity Wharf Hotel** in Tauranga, overlooking the Tauranga Harbour and holiday home **Bali esque** tucked away in a grove of native bush in Waihi Beach.

### A few of the favorites

**Trinity Wharf Hotel**

**The Clarence Hotel**

**Armitage Hotel**

**Hotel on Devonport**

**The French Country House**

**Waihi Beach Paradise Resort**

**Bel Mer**

**Oceanside Apartments**

**The Beaumont**

**White Island Rendezvous**

**one88 On Commerce**

**Wanderlust**

**Waihi Beach Top 10**

**Papamoa Beach Resort**

**Ohope Beach Resort**

<https://www.bayofplentynz.com/stay/>



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# Take your trip to the Bay of Plenty

## DRIVING TO THE BAY OF PLENTY

Getting to the Coastal Bay of Plenty is easy. [Tauranga](#) is only 2.5-hours' drive from Auckland Airport (and slightly under 2-hours if you're stopping in at [Waihi Beach](#) or [Katikati](#) on the way to Tauranga - which you should because they're beautiful places and the locals would love to see you!). There are also plenty of buses and transport businesses that come through the region each day if you'd prefer someone else to do the driving so you can enjoy the scenery. Stop along the way if your coming down The Pacific Coast Highway to take in amazing scenery in the Karangahake Gorge. Check out The Falls Café or travel onto Waihi Beach and stop in at The Flat White Café – right on the beach front!

**Wanting to explore Waihi Beach?** <https://www.bayofplentynz.com/places/waihi-beach/>

Chill out and relax at one of New Zealand's favourite beaches. Sample one of the BEST burgers in the country. Discover secluded bays and beaches. Stay at one of the lovely accommodation options. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/destinations/nz/bay-of-plenty/300262825/waih-beach-new-zealands-little-slice-of-bali>

**Wanting to explore Katikati?** <https://www.bayofplentynz.com/places/katikati/>

If you love murals, Katikati is where it's at! Known as 'New Zealand's Mural Town', Katikati is located between Waihi Beach and Tauranga and is the perfect place to stop as you arrive into the Coastal Bay of Plenty. Here you will find at least 60 pieces of art depicting the history of this bustling rural town. Dozens of colourful murals are painted on walls and commercial buildings, while impressive sculptures, carvings, mosaics and tapestries are also on display right across town.

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## **DAY1: EXPLORE DOWNTOWN TAURANGA**

### **Lunch at Bobby's Fresh Fish Market, Tauranga**

You won't find fresher fish and chips anywhere than at Bobby's Fresh Fish Market. Some fishing boats stop here to offload their fresh catch.

Address: 1 Dive Crescent, Tauranga

### **Check-in to your accommodation, The Clarence Hotel**

Located in Tauranga's CBD is The Clarence Hotel. Originally built in Edwardian Baroque style in 1906, this amazing building was once Tauranga's Post Office. It has now been refurbished into a boutique 10-room hotel, fine dining restaurant and funky bar and bistro.

Address: 51 Willow Street, Tauranga | [clarencetauranga.co.nz](http://clarencetauranga.co.nz)

### **V8 Trike Tours**

Enjoy a 1.5-hour tour of [Tauranga](#) and its surrounding areas by V8 Trike. You'll be taken on a private tour to the Minden Lookout, offering spectacular views of the Coastal Bay of Plenty.

### **Glow Worm Kayak Tour with Waimarino Kayak Tours**

[Waimarino Kayak Tours](#) offers some of New Zealand's most breath-taking kayak adventures. Pick up and drop off from accommodation available.

At dusk, Waimarino's kayak tour guides will lead you on to the lake to watch the sun set over the rolling hills. Gently paddle your kayak into the night and discover the magic of the enchanting glow worm canyon. This kayak tour is truly a wonderful, unique and magical experience.

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## DAY 2: EXPLORE FURTHER A FIELD

### Half day cruise with Bay Explorer

The fantastic [Bay Explorer](#) crew will make sure you have an unforgettable cruise, getting up close to marine wildlife such as seabirds, penguins, seals, whales, sunfish, school fish, sharks, orca, and dolphins – plenty of amazing photo opportunities! Boat leaves from downtown Tauranga

Your experienced captain and crew will provide a fascinating commentary on the history, geography and culture of the area. As marine biologists, they have extensive knowledge of marine wildlife and personally share with you everything they observe. It's a great day out for all the family!

### Stay at The Trinity Wharf Hotel

check-in to your accommodation at The Trinity Wharf Hotel overlooking the beautiful harbour of Tauranga.

51 Dive Crescent Tauranga

### Sky Dive Tauranga or Adventure Helicopter Tour

Check out the view, nothing beats a birds eye view from above.

Mount Maunganui

### Dinner

Check out one of the many great restaurants at Mount Maunganui.

<https://www.bayofplentynz.com/dine/>

TIP: Stop by **Polar Dessert Bar** for dessert

Address: 115 Maunganui Road

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### DAY 3: TAKE YOUR TRIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

**Breakfast at your Hotel** or head into Tauranga or Mount Maunganui

With so many cafes to choice from you wont be disappointed which ever way you go. But for assistance ask a local for their favourite.

#### **Blokart sailing**

After breakfast head to Blokarts; these are a fun, fast, compact wind-powered go-kart. They were invented in [Pāpāmoa](#) and Baypark is the only place in New Zealand you can enjoy them. Too. To ride solo you must be eight years or older, but younger kids can sail in a tandem Blokart known as a shadow kart. Typically speeds of 30-50 kilometres per hour (18-31 miles per hour) are achieved, but speeds of over (106 kilometres per hour/65 miles per hour) have been recorded. Blokart sailing is also wheelchair accessible and able to be done by people without the use of their legs.

5 McDonald St, Bay Park, Mount Maunganui

#### **Brewbus Tour**

You're about to experience the brave new world of brewing. The Brewbus experts know where the best local brews are made and they'll get you right inside the craft beer brewing process and drive you safely as you wet your whistle with some of these delicious pours.

Stay another night at **Trinity Wharf Hotel**

OR Head to Whakatane stopping off at **Kiwifruit Country** along the way and or one of the **Berry Farms** for a delicious lunch, a fresh berry ice cream and to pick some local berries when in season.

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## DAY 4: EXPLORE WHAKATĀNE

### Breakfast at your accommodation

#### White Island Rendezvous

4.5-star motel accommodation nestled between the Whakatāne River and a pōhutukawa tree-lined escarpment.

Address: 15 The Strand, Whakatāne

#### Moutohorā Island

Take a tour to [Moutohorā \(Whale Island\)](#). Nine kilometres offshore from Whakatāne, this is one of New Zealand's most restricted wildlife sanctuaries. The island is home to endangered species like the saddleback, kākāriki (NZ parakeet), little brown kiwi, and tuatara. Abundant marine life also surrounds this island. Dolphins often frolic alongside tour boats, and fur seals make themselves at home on the rocky shore year-round. Moutohorā is accessible by guided tour only.

Make yourself a hot water spa on the shores of the Island in the pristine waters of this private hot water beach. No crowds here!

#### Dinner at Roquette

Delicious food in a contemporary, relaxed environment.

Address: 29 Quay Street, Whakatāne

#### Or try the local Indian Restaurant Spice Junction

Nestled in the heart of the strand Whakatāne .

Address 8/75 The Strand, Whakatāne.

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**DAY 5: HAVE AN EXTRA DAY IN THE BAY OF PLENTY STAY ON AND EXPLORE FURTHER... YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED**

**Breakfast at your accommodation or check out a local café**

### **River Bug**

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Two tours available – one hour express or the full immersion of four hours includes lunch with the local people from the Mataatua Wharenui.

Address: 105 Muriwai Drive, Whakatane

### **Whirinaki Rainforest Tours**

12km guided cultural trail through pristine native rainforest. Engage your senses of touch, feel, taste and hear while hearing the stories in this ancient Jurassic podocarp native rainforest.



## Tours and Activities

- Evening glow worm kayaking with Waimarino 3-3.5hrs <https://glowwormkayaking.com/>
- Mataatua: The House That Came Home 1 – 4hrs <http://mataatua.com/>
- Moutohorā: Island Sanctuary 4 hrs. <https://www.moutohora.co.nz/>
- Marine wildlife tours with Bay Explorer 5hrs <https://bayexplorer.co.nz/>
- Dolphin Seafaris 5hrs <https://www.nzdolphin.com/>
- Whirinaki Rainforest Tours 5hrs <https://whirinakiforestfootsteps.co.nz/>
- Surfing and stand-up paddle-boarding 1 – 3hrs <https://mauaoadventures.co.nz/>
- River Bugs 3-4 hrs <https://www.riverbug.nz/>
- Skydive Tauranga 1-1.5 hrs <http://www.skydivetauranga.com/>
- Taste of Plenty Food Tour 4-5 hrs <https://www.tasteofplenty.co.nz/>
- Kiwi Fruit Country Tour 1 hr <https://www.kiwifruitcountry.com/>
- V8 Trikes – 30min 3 hrs <https://www.v8triketours.co.nz/>
- Adventure Helicopters – 10min 45 min <https://adventurehelicopters.co.nz/>
- Golf Courses Omanu <https://www.omanugolf.co.nz/> Ohope International <https://www.ohopegolf.co.nz/>
- Walks Waihi Beach / Mauo Mt Maunganui / Ohope Beach 45 min – 2.5 hours
- Historic Village - <https://www.historicvillage.co.nz/> The Elms <https://theelms.org.nz/>
- Flavours of Plenty NEW development of product and story telling [www.bayofplentynz.com/dine](http://www.bayofplentynz.com/dine)

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