



Tauranga, New Zealand

New Zealand's natural bounty is always on display at the Bay of Plenty. It was Captain James Cook who in 1769 aptly named this bay after he was able to replenish his ship's provisions, thanks to the prosperous Maori villages of the region. Tauranga, the chief city, is a bustling port, an agricultural and timber center and a popular seaside resort. Tauranga is also the gateway to Rotorua - a geothermal wonderland that is the heart of Maori culture. A 90-minute drive from Tauranga, Rotorua is New Zealand's primary tourist attraction.

Your ship docks near the foot of Mt. Maunganui, which rises 761 feet above the bay. Across the harbor, Tauranga offers scenic tidal beaches at Omokoroa and Pahoia. The region boasts fine beaches, big-game fishing, thermal springs and seaside resorts.

1 Tamaki Maori Village (Maori Concert & Hangi)

A visit to the Tamaki Maori Village, proud winner of New Zealand's Supreme Tourism Award, is a fun way to learn about the heritage and cultural legacy of the Maori. Experience Maori singing and dancing, and sample traditional food.

2 Lake Rotorua and Museum

A place of natural beauty, Rotorua is the geothermal capital of New Zealand and home to 16 incredible lakes, while the Rotorua Museum of Art & History, housed in the historic Bath House building, displays many local artifacts.

3 Te Puia Thermal Reserve

Learn about the Maori culture at the fascinating Te Puia Thermal Reserve, home to a re-creation of an early Maori village, the magnificent Pohutu geyser, boiling mud pools, and the National carving and weaving school.

4 Rainbow Springs

Spread over 22 beautiful acres, Rainbow Springs is a must-see destination for nature lovers. Explore the trout pools, view 135 varieties of native trees and observe exotic native birds, including New Zealand's national emblem, the kiwi.

5 Skyline Skyrides

Rotorua's Skyline Skyrides is the perfect venue for a family day out. Enjoy the thrilling gondola cable-car ride up the side of Mount Ngongotaha, experience the fun of the high speed Luge, while soaking up the stunning panoramic views.

6 Waiotapu

Wai-O-Tapu, Maori for "Sacred Waters", is an active geothermal area found in New Zealand's Taupo volcanic zone. This thermal wonderland boasts breath-taking erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools, mineral terraces and steaming volcanic lakes.

7 Agrodome

See New Zealand through the eyes of a farmer on this unique 160-hectare sheep and beef farm. Watch sheep dogs in action, a sheep shearing demonstration, view 19 breeds of sheep and purchase woolen products at their shop.

8 Polynesian Spa

One of New Zealand's leading international day spas, the Polynesian Spa boasts many sumptuous spa and massage therapies. Enjoy their four relaxing hot spring pools, as well as the stunning views of Lake Rotorua.

Sightseeing & City Tours

<p>Image not available</p>	<p>Most Popular</p> <p>Wai-o-tapu Valley & Rainbow Springs TRG-105 Tauranga, New Zealand</p> <p>Travel to the Wai-O-Tapu thermal valley, where the "Sacred Waters" include mud pools, geysers and volcanic lakes. Tour Rainbow Springs, home to a trout hatchery and a nocturnal Kiwi House. Ride a gondola up Mt. Ngongotaha to Skyline Restaurant. Lunch includes sweeping views of Rotorua and a Maori concert.</p>	<p>2 4 5 6 </p> <p>from \$199 approx. 8.8 hours</p>
<p>Image not available</p>	<p>Te Puia Thermal Reserve, Maori Arts & Agrodome TRG-100 Tauranga, New Zealand</p> <p>Join a Maori guide and explore Te Puia Thermal Reserve, a geothermal valley of boiling mud holes, spouting geysers and mineral terraces. Tour the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, where young apprentices learn traditional artistic skills. Watch a demonstration of sheep-farming skills and view prized sheep breeds at Agrodome.</p>	<p>2 3 7 </p> <p>from \$159 approx. 9 hours</p>
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<p>Maori Cultural Highlights TRG-200 Tauranga, New Zealand</p>		<p>1 </p> <p>from \$89 approx. 4 hours</p>

A Maori guide takes you on an exploration of Maori heritage and early New Zealand life. Visit a traditional meetinghouse and watch a performance of traditional dances and chants. View Maori arts and crafts before taking a scenic, brief narrated drive about Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty.



Off the Beaten Path

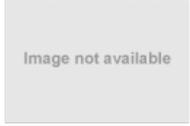
Waimangu Volcanic Valley & Rainbow Springs

TRG-110 | Tauranga, New Zealand

After a Maori ceremonial welcome, explore Waimangu Valley, the world's only large hydrothermal system formed by recent volcanic eruptions. Take a cruise on Lake Rotomahana, formed by volcanic eruption in 1886. Tour Rainbow Springs, home to a trout hatchery, 135 species of native trees and a nocturnal Kiwi House. |



from **\$219**
approx. **9 hours**



Elms Mission Station & Kiwi 360

TRG-290 | Tauranga, New Zealand

Take in Tauranga's scenic highlights on a narrated scenic drive about the bay. Visit the historic Elms Mission Station, founded in 1835. Tour Kiwi 360 for a look at this important New Zealand crop - the furry fruit was once known as the Chinese gooseberry. Enjoy morning or afternoon tea during your tour. |



from **\$79**
approx. **4.5 hours**



Lake Rotomahana, Buried & Geothermal Villages

TRG-115 | Tauranga, New Zealand

The silica formations called the Pink and White Terraces fascinated Victorian travelers. In 1886, a volcanic eruption blasted Mount Tarawera in two, creating the Waimangu Volcanic Valley and burying the Terraces forever. The area was also home to the Maori village of Te Wairoa, now known as the Buried Village. Explore this fascinating area on a cruise of Lake Rotomahana and a guided walk along its shores.



from **\$129**
approx. **9 hours**

Activities & Adventures



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Spring Loaded Farm & Jet Boat Ride

TRG-400 | Tauranga, New Zealand

Visit Spring Loaded Farm in the Waikato Valley. The 125-acre farm is home to kiwi, pine nut and avocado orchards. Stroll through the lavender garden, pet the red deer and enjoy morning or afternoon tea. Then board a jet boat for a thrilling ride up the Kaituna River to Stottle Ball Rapids.



from **\$169**
approx. **4.5 hours**