

ROTORUA

OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE

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WELCOME TO ROTORUA



Rotorua is a great place to get away from it all. There's a huge range of attractions and experiences on offer for everyone from adventure seekers to those just looking to relax.

Make sure you check out our world-class mountain bike trails, 18 beautiful lakes, awe-inspiring geothermal wonders and authentic Māori cultural encounters.

Rotorua is one of New Zealand's most diverse, exciting and accessible holiday destinations, just a three-hour drive from Auckland or a short flight from Wellington and Christchurch. Inside this guide you'll find plenty of inspiration for your next holiday here. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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WHAT'S ON

EVENTS CALENDAR Nov 2020 - Oct 2021



Here's a short list of events coming up. For more, follow Rotorua Nui on Facebook, where they list as many events as possible including giveaways, competitions and free activities.

21 Nov-8 Jan **Santa's Wonderland**

Kids of all ages will enjoy the twinkling lights and Christmas ambiance at Rotorua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre.

5 Dec & 20 Feb **Giant 2W Gravity Enduro**

Races 2 and 3 of NZ's premier enduro race series in the world-renowned Whakarewarewa Forest.

12-13 Dec **Blue Lake 2**

The second of the Blue Lake regattas held by Canoe Racing NZ is at Lake Tikitapu and caters for all age groups, with event distances of 100m, 200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m and a 5k.

18-20 Dec **Rotorua. Suffer.**

Features an off-road 10k and half marathon, quarter Ironman, and more.

20 Dec **Rotorua Christmas Parade**

A Rotorua tradition on Queen's Drive, Government Gardens.

27 Dec **Good Vibes Summer Festival**

Featuring Katchafire, House of Shem, Sons of Zion, Laughton Kora, and Tomorrow People at the Village Green.

30-31 Jan **RATS Blue Lake Multisport Festival**

Features aquathlon, kids' triathlon, swim, Tikitapu taster tri, fun run/walk and more.

13 Feb **Tarawera Ultramarathon**

NZ's most prestigious trail ultra features 21, 50 and 102km distances, or the ultimate 100-miler.

4-13 Mar **GODZone Adventure**

The world's largest multi-day, non-stop, expedition-style adventure race.

Event dates were correct at the time of printing but we recommend double-checking before you go.

6-7 Mar **Children's Weekend**

Free family activities hosted in various venues to celebrate children.

7 Mar **Copthorne Rotorua Off-Road Half Marathon**

Also includes 5 and 10k run or walk, plus run and walk events for children aged 3-10.

20 Mar **Generation Homes Legend of the Lake**

This event on Lake Tikitapu includes swimming events for anyone age 7 and older.

20-21 Mar **Rotorua Walking Festival**

Choose from 5, 10, 21, 30 and 42km along various routes through the most scenic spots in Rotorua.

10 Apr **Radix Nutrition XTERRA Rotorua Festival**

Features nine events set in and around Blue Lake and Whakarewarewa Forest.

8 May **Rotorua Marathon**

NZ's most iconic marathon features the natural and geothermal scenes around Lake Rotorua.

Late May to mid-June **Matariki**

Celebrations include family events, craft days, talks and musical performances.

7-8 Aug **Winter Forest Festival**

Features Winter Mountain Bike Classic, We Run the Forest, Gravel Royale, kids' activities and more.

22-24 Oct **Emerson's Whaka100**

One of the toughest mountain bike marathons in the Southern Hemisphere.

22-25 Oct **Rotorua Blues Festival**

A festival of blues with artists from all over New Zealand.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Rotorua Night Market

Food and boutique craft shopping

Thursdays 5-9pm
Along Tutanekai St.

Rotorua Farmers Market

Fresh produce and crafts

Sundays 9am-1pm
Intersection of Tutanekai and Hinemoa St.

EXPLORE THE LAKES OF ROTORUA

Welcome to the North Island Lakes District.

The 18 sparkling lakes and three major rivers dotted around Rotorua make the area a water lover's paradise.

Take it all in while relaxing in a hot pool along the lake's edge, or explore the lakes at length, discovering glow worm caves and fresh water springs by kayak or stand-up paddle board.

LAKE TIKITAPU

Also known as the Blue Lake, Tikitapu is one of the most popular places in Rotorua for water sports. Whether you're keen to get in or on the water – or both – Tikitapu is the perfect choice for its crystal-clear water, perfect picnic spots, boat ramp and playground.



LAKE ROTOITI

Lake Rotoiti offers plenty of safe places to take the kids for some time in the water. Dropping off gradually in depth, the less confident swimmers will have a blast playing in the shallows. Between the lake and the playground at the end of Tamatea Street, the young ones will be entertained for hours.





📷 Courtesy Brian Trew

LAKE OKAREKA

A little less frequented than some other lakes in the region, Lake Okareka is another great place to get in the water. Renowned for its natural beauty, this lake is loved by locals. Head to Boyes Beach where you and friends or family can set up for the day. With a large sandy beach, barbeques and picnic tables in the shade, and a great playground, it's the perfect spot to enjoy a lazy sunny day.



📷 Courtesy Mark Smith



📷 Ashley So

LAKE TARAWERA

Lake Tarawera offers it all: history, natural beauty and a perfect spot for swimming and water sports. It's also one of the best places in the country for astro-photography from the end of the jetty. Catch the water taxi out to Hot Water Beach, a special lakeside location where a hot spring-fed stream trickles into the lake.

RELAX AND UNWIND

The geothermal water of Rotorua is known as “waiariki”, which translates to “water of the gods”.

The soothing water, mineral-rich muds, traditional massage and indigenous herbs all play a special role in our spa culture. From a simple soak, through to a full day luxury experience, there is something for everyone in Rotorua.

POLYNESIAN SPA

This iconic spa complex offers natural hot pools with four different areas to choose from, plus private pools, most of which are alongside and overlooking Lake Rotorua. Alternate soaking in acidic or alkaline mineral hot pools, or book yourself in for one of the famous soothing massage and spa treatments. Rejuvenate your body, mind and soul.



WAIKITE VALLEY

Te Manaroa Spring at Waikite Valley Thermal Pools is the largest single source of boiling water in New Zealand and fills several pools with varying temperatures, so you're sure to find the perfect spot to soak. The kids will love toddlers' beach. Private pools are also available to book.

SECRET SPOT HOT TUBS

Soaking in a freshwater cedar hot tub is the perfect way to unwind, especially after a mountain bike ride in neighbouring Whakarewarewa Forest. Book ahead to enjoy your own semi-private tub (fits up to 8) surrounded by native flora. Tub-side service is available so you can enjoy the selection of beverages, hot pies, cinnamon rolls and more.





Hot pools at Lake Tarawera

QE HEALTH

Bathing in hot mineral water for health benefits and pleasure has been practiced for centuries. The alkaline water sourced from the Rachel Spring is renowned for its softening effects on the skin and relaxing properties. QE Health also offers massages, spa treatments, and other rejuvenating and beauty therapies for the face and body.



HELL'S GATE

As home to New Zealand's most active geothermal attraction, largest mud volcano, and largest hot waterfall in the Southern Hemisphere, a tour of Hell's Gate is highly recommended before soaking in a mud or sulphur spa under the sun or stars. The kids will love painting themselves with mud.

HOT WATER BEACH

Take a water taxi to Lake Tarawera's secluded beach where hot springwater trickles down a small stream and into the lake. At this extraordinary spot you can create a hot sandy hole to soak in or build a rock wall to create your own steamy spa.



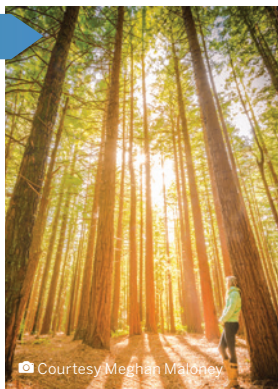
ENJOY OUR FORESTS

Whakarewarewa Forest, aka The Redwoods, is a breathtaking place framed by magnificent towering native and exotic trees – close, yet a world away from the Rotorua inner city. Whakarewarewa Forest is always free to visit.

Two types of guided tours allow you to enjoy another special place, Dansey Road Scenic Reserve, northwest of Rotorua. Here stands one of the most intact native eco-systems you'll find anywhere in New Zealand. The reserve has never been logged, and its trees have stood for over 1,000 years, providing homes to countless rare species of native birds, insects, reptiles and fungi.

WALKING TRAILS

Whakarewarewa Forest, aka The Redwoods, is renowned for its beauty. Stroll along trails that weave their way below 75-metre Californian redwoods and native understory that make this a soothing place to unwind and fall in love with nature. The variety of signposted walks means there's a trail for nearly any age and ability, including some that are wheelchair and pushchair/stroller accessible. Magnificent panoramic views await those who head uphill. The forest is always free to enjoy.



 Courtesy Meghan Maloney

MOUNTAIN BIKING

If you're looking for a bit more action, the forest is also known for what mountain bikers call "dirt gold". Expert riders from around the globe agree that mountain biking doesn't get any better than in Rotorua – but don't take that to mean the trails are only for pro riders. The network of scenic trails have been purpose-built to ensure there's something for everyone, from first-timers to world downhill competitors. If you're a bit unsure on how to get started, a number of mountain bike guides will point you in the right direction, and offer bikes and helmets for hire. **Learn more about riding in Rotorua on page 10.**





Redwoods Nightlights

GET A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

While in Whakarewarewa Forest, it's hard to miss the network of suspended bridges and platform-wrapped trees that make up Redwoods Treewalk and Redwoods Nightlights. From up to 20m above the forest floor, this self-guided tour allows you to encounter the Californian redwoods in a much more intimate way. Visit either at day or night for two completely different experiences!



ZIP THROUGH NATIVE FOREST

Dansey Road Scenic Reserve is where adrenaline and conservation are celebrated. Rotorua Canopy Tours' eco-friendly experience provides a bird's eye view of the canopy as you zipline through this pristine forest. You'll also learn about the award-winning tour company's dedication to regenerate the native bird life here through tracking and trapping introduced pest species. If you're more comfortable closer to the ground, join a RailCruising tour where self-drive rail cars provide beautiful views of the land and Lake Rotorua.

GET ON YOUR BIKE

Is there a cycling revolution on our hands? You betcha!
Can families join in? Of course!

If there's one positive thing COVID-19 has done, it's that it has spurred many of us to think more globally, and one of the great results is a significant spike in the purchase and use of bicycles for getting to work and heading out to play.

In Rotorua, it's no different. We're super proud of our cycling culture, and our city is a great place for a family to get out and enjoy fresh air, incredible scenery and world-class mountain bike trails.

SEEING THE CITY BY BIKE

Happy Ewe Cycle Tours' owner-operator Roger was born and raised in Rotorua, and knows all the hidden gems that most people miss. His three-hour tours are mostly off road (and mostly flat) and include nearly 30 sites around town, with plenty of history and stops along the way to capture the 'gram-worthy' scenery. The tour is suitable for all ages and the fleet includes child seats and tandem trailers for children.

Electric bikes are another great way to get around, both in the city and on the mountain bike trails, for self-guided tours.

Companies like Cyclezone, Electric Bike Rotorua, Volcano Bike Rotorua and others make it easy to find your perfect mount, and some of them offer excellent guided tours too.



Rotorua Museum

RIDING THE FOREST




Whakarewarewa Forest

In 2019 the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) reconfirmed Rotorua as one of the world's best mountain biking destinations by renewing the city's gold-level Ride Centre™ status. This makes Rotorua one of only seven gold-level IMBA Ride Centres in the world.

Nearly 200km of trails in Whakarewarewa Forest are




 Courtesy Graeme Murray

free to ride and always open. The Kid's Loop is perfect for a warm-up if you're a new rider or a little rusty. From here, there are trails for everyone, no matter your level of experience or fitness.

The newest trail is a 40km forest loop with exits and mini loops so you don't have to ride the whole thing in one go.

If you don't have your own bike, Mountain Bike Rotorua and Planet Bike at the Waipa mountain bike park have bikes for hire for every ability and size.



 Te Ara Ahi - Pathway of Fire

MIXING IT UP

Stretching from the Rotorua lakefront to Waikite Valley, Te Ara Ahi - Pathway of Fire trail links four significant geothermal parks, each with their own unique natural landscape. You'll quickly see why locals have dubbed the trail 'Thermal by Bike'.

Te Ara Ahi comprises three continuous sections covering at least 50km ranging from easy to intermediate, with multiple access points and shuttles making it possible to tailor a ride to suit your family's abilities, interests and schedule.

GETTING A LITTLE HELP

We get it, sometimes you just want to get somewhere faster than your own two legs can muster. If that's the case, Thermal Land Shuttle provides a variety of transport services and tours for you and your bikes around Rotorua and the wider North Island. Give the team a call if you'd like to get from point A to B with their assistance.

CLIMB A MOUNTAIN

There's nothing quite like the feeling of conquering a mountain climb for a sense of accomplishment, especially when the views along the way are magical. For two of our mountains, the views from the summit are unrivalled and will leave you in awe.

MOUNT TARAWERA

Get an up-close and very personal experience with New Zealand's own Grand Canyon.

When Mt Tarawera erupted on 10 June 1886, it left in its wake an incredible volcanic valley with a rift 17km long. In



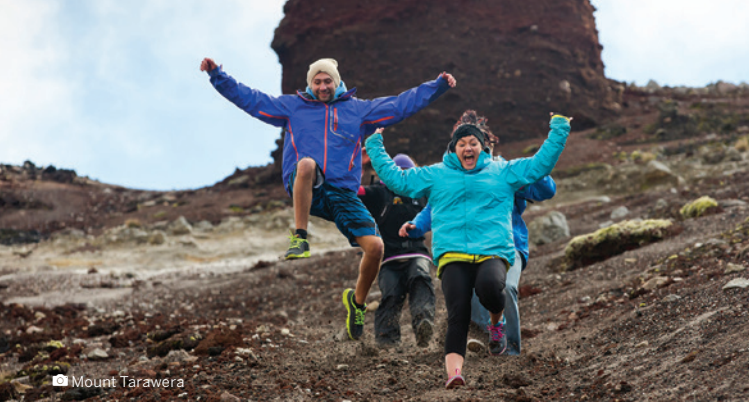
the process, several lakes were created or drastically altered, and what was considered the eighth wonder of the world, the Pink and White Terraces, were buried.

The summit of this historical mountain provides amazing 360-degree views, and on clear days you can see the east and west coastlines, Whakaari/White Island to the east, Mt Putauaki/Edgecumbe, Mt Ruapehu, and several of the lakes within this volcanic valley.

If you've got a half day free, a climb to the summit of Mt Tarawera is a must do. In fact, if you're keen to undertake the Mt Tongariro Alpine Crossing but don't have a full day free, or you're a bit worried about the physicality of it, Mt Tarawera is the perfect alternative.

Mt Tarawera is on private land and access is restricted, so going up with a tour operator means you won't have to slog up its entire 1,111 metres. There are two ways to get to the crater's edge: via helicopter from the Rotorua Lakefront with Volcanic Air, or via 4WD with Kaitiaki Adventures Aotearoa. If you choose the latter option, Kaitiaki guides will take you for an experience like none other as you walk along the mountain and finish the tour with a fun scree run down into the heart of the volcanic crater.

Keep an eye on Kaitiaki Adventures' website as they've got a new five-hour walk opening in December 2020 which provides views overlooking the beautiful Waimangu Volcanic Valley.



Mount Tarawera

RAINBOW MOUNTAIN

Speaking of craters and amazing views, Rainbow Mountain is another one for the must-do list. Access to the summit, which is 743 meters above sea level, is free and available by foot or mountain bike.

The trail through this public reserve is well marked and takes you past two colourful crater lakes, through native bush that is still regenerating following the Mt Tarawera eruption, and along bare, colourful steaming ridges. Be sure to bring your camera for some epic selfies.

The trail is roughly 2.5km one way and if you're reasonably fit, it should take around two hours to reach the summit by foot.



MOUNT NGONGOTAHĀ

Two free tracks are accessible here, offering a couple of ways to reach the summit of Mt Ngongotahā which is just over 750 metres high.

The Nature Loop Track is a 2.5km loop perfect for families or groups who have about an hour to enjoy the beautiful native flora and fauna covering the maunga (mountain). The gentle grade and even surface of this track takes you through the native bush and to an incredible rata tree that stands 40 meters tall with an impressive 1.8 metre girth.

The Nature Loop Track intersects the Jubilee Track which takes you to the summit. As this area is forested, there is no view from the summit but the sense of accomplishment and being in nature are rewards of equal merit.

If you believe in fairies, listen out for the mythical tribe of fairy people some believe live on the mountain. Legendary stories say their flutes can still be heard on days when mist rolls down over the slopes.

ITINERARY IDEAS: FAMILY FUN

The central North Island location, natural playground, geothermal features, adventure activities (yes, even for the littlies!), and cultural attractions of Rotorua create the perfect family getaway destination. Here are some ideas for a weekend escape.

DAY ONE



Check into your accommodation (we suggest booking the family studio unit at Aura, conveniently located along the edge of town, or All Seasons Holiday Park which was just voted NZ's Most Hospitable holiday park), then grab your swim gear and head to ZORB to zoom down the side of Mt Ngongotaha in a clear, giant, inflated ball. ZORBs can fit up to three people and you've got four tracks to try.



Head down the road to Skyline Rotorua where a gondola ride takes you up the side of Mt Ngongotaha so you and the family can race downhill on a Luge. There's also the Skyswing, Zoom



Ziplines, Volcanic Hills Winery for mum and dad, and Market Kitchen for lunch – all with amazing views of Lake Rotorua.

Just a few minutes' walk from the city centre, you'll find Kuirau Park, New Zealand's only geothermal public park. It's free to visit and a great place to play

and picnic, with barbecues, picnic tables, children's playground and toilets available.

When it comes to pleasing little tummies, there's a high chance you'll find something for everyone in one spot called Eat Streat. This dining block offers about a dozen eateries, plus the iconic ice cream parlour, Lady Janes. A short walk away, you'll also find Gelato Mio, with 60 flavours to choose from.

Back at the hotel, be sure to hang your swim gear out to dry because you'll need it tomorrow.



DAY TWO



Eggs bene, Belgium waffles, big Kiwi breakfasts and more from Arts Village Café will start your day right. Peruse the art-covered walls while your food is being prepared. Freshly made cabinet foods are equally tasty if you've had a wee sleep-in and need to get moving.

Head over to Rotorua Duck Tours for a super-fun family-friendly tour via New Zealand's only WWII amphibian vehicle that takes you over land and splashing down into lakes to see and learn about some of Rotorua's most spectacular scenery.



If cruising ON the water whets your appetite for getting IN the water, this is where your togs will be in play again at Polynesian Spa. Here several hot pools await, including a family pool where the kids can make a splash of their own.

Visiting the beautiful Whakarewarewa Forest is a must do. This 55,000 hectare public park is known for world-class walking and mountain biking tracks among towering Californian redwoods (as tall as 75 metres!). All walks are clearly sign posted and free.

Read more the forest on pages 8-11.

ITINERARY IDEAS: COUPLE'S GETAWAY

If you're planning a romantic weekend away for you and your favourite human, Rotorua has so much to do that makes it a great place to relax and rekindle the flames. There's comfy accommodation of all types, from the five-star Pullman Rotorua hotel in the city centre to many more well-appointed hotels and motels, and luxury lodges like Peppers on the Point, to really treat yourself. Here are a few examples of what you can fit into a couple days.

DAY ONE



Start the morning with a coffee in one hand (see page 56 for great café suggestions), your bestie's hand in the other, and enjoy a stroll along the beautiful Lake Okareka boardwalk. It's only 12km from the city centre but you'll feel a world away in this small lakeside community.



📍 Lake Okareka Boardwalk

Another place to get away from it all is Manupirua Springs Hot Pools. This special place on Lake Rotoiti is accessible only by boat or air. Make a splash when you arrive via floatplane with Volcanic Air or on a jetboat with Katoa Lake Rotorua. Other options include a luxurious eco-tour aboard Pure Cruise's catamaran Tiua, or kayak tours with MDA Experiences, River Rats, and Waimarino Kayak Tours.



📍 Off Road NZ

Buckle up and head to Velocity Valley, Off Road NZ or Adventure Playground. All three have multiple activities to get the blood pumping and the laughter flowing. The fun can include the Freefall Xtreme, clay bird shooting, jetboat rides, Shweeb Racing, 4x4 thrill rides and self-drives, and the

only place in the country where you can race karts imported from France on the same track as the professional racers.

Make dinner special at local favourite Terrace Kitchen, known for their beautiful, seasonal high-quality menu. Finish the evening with a Redwoods Nightlights self-guided tour along suspended walkways between towering Californian redwoods brought to life by stunning David Trubridge lighting.



📷 Paddle Board Rotorua kayak glow worm tour

DAY TWO

Let's get the adrenaline flowing by rafting the world-famous Kaituna River. River Rats, Rotorua Rafting, Kaituna Cascades and Kaitiaki Adventures offer tours here that start out in a gentle Grade 2 scenic section and work their way up to full-on Grade 5 action featuring the world's highest



📷 Rotorua Rafting

commercially rafted waterfall at seven metres.

Following your rafting adventure, stop off at Okere Falls Store for a delish bite to eat outside in the beer garden while you relive your rafting thrills.



📷 Okere Falls Store burgers

Your next destination is Waimangu Volcanic Valley, the world's youngest geothermal system, formed when the Mt Tarawera eruption opened up the earth to expose hot springs, geysers, the electric-blue Inferno Crater, and more. The self-guided tour is fantastic, and if you arrive by 12.45pm, you'll have time to add a relaxing boat cruise across Lake Rotomahana to your day.



📷 Waimangu Cathedral Rock

Wrap up your weekend with a sunset tour to see magical glow worms in their natural habitats. They can be seen with Real Rotorua (walking tour), or on the water with Waimarino Kayak Tours (kayak or canoe) or Paddle Board Rotorua (kayak or paddle board).



Whether it's a five-star hotel, luxury lodge, backpackers, or glamping or camping under the stars, you'll find the perfect place to stay in Rotorua.

With more than 13,000 beds available, Rotorua caters for all budgets and tastes. Many accommodation options are within a short walk of the city centre, but for those who like to escape the hustle and bustle there are also stunning lake or countryside options.

**HOT
TIP**

For more information on where to stay in Rotorua visit RotoruaNZ.com/visit

Quest Rotorua Central



Located in the heart of Rotorua – Quest Rotorua Central offers fully self-contained apartment living. We are a short walk to Rotorua's shopping and restaurant precinct, Events Centre and other city attractions. Ideal accommodation for business and leisure visitors alike.

All apartments offer king beds, LED TVs, dedicated work stations, air-conditioning and free unlimited high speed WiFi.

Book direct for the best available rates.



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Holiday Inn Rotorua



Save up to \$300 per child with V.I.K. (Very Important Kids) Programme at Holiday Inn Rotorua. By partnering with over 10 of the region's best family-friendly attractions, we offer the largest hotel discount programme in the region. Simply collect your free kid's wristband on check-in and get ready to unlock adventures, thrills and fun.

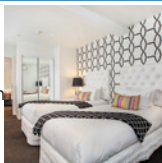
Located next to Redwood Forest and Whakarewarewa Geothermal Reserve, Holiday Inn Rotorua hotel is the perfect base to truly explore this beautiful region.



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Regent of Rotorua

Refreshingly original, the Regent marks the epitome of chic accommodation in the city. A restorative mineral pool, heated outdoor pool, a fabulous location and welcoming staff transform this boutique hotel into a sparkling gem that stands apart from the crowd.



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VR Rotorua Lake Resort

Best views in town, close to the airport and a host of activities, this is the perfect setting to do as much or as little as you like! Check out our daily specials and packages on our website. All rooms with views over Okawa Bay or the surrounding gardens.



📍 366 State Highway 33, Rotorua
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Prince's Gate Boutique Hotel

Feel the ambience of early New Zealand hospitality in central Rotorua's historic boutique hotel. Uniquely decorated fully serviced rooms, award-winning cuisine and the elegant Duke's Bar & Restaurant. Enjoy high teas, hot pools and easy parking.



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📷 Band rotunda at Government Gardens

Regal Palms Five Star Resort



Our modern, well-equipped accommodation is designed for comfort and relaxation. With our new high end restaurant and bar, we are the perfect place for corporate stays, romantic getaways and family holidays. Near to the CBD and attractions, we have a mix of superior and luxury suites and apartments.

Facilities include electric car charging, conservatories, table tennis, lift, guest laundry, gym, heated outdoor pool, mini golf, mountain bikes, BBQ areas and playgrounds.



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Aura Accommodation



Firmly establishing itself as a Rotorua favourite, Aura Accommodation has all your needs covered. Centrally located, heated outdoor pool, hot thermal pools with a strong focus on sustainability.

Crack open a beer while on the BBQ, let the kids (or big kids) loose on the trampoline and lawn games or go for a bike round town on the free explAura bikes.

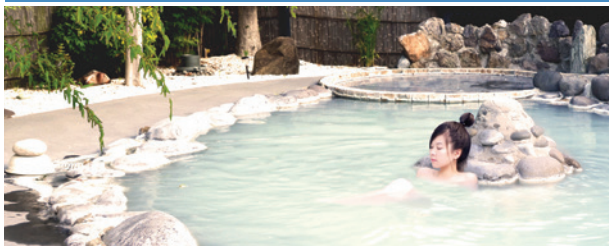
Offering a range of geothermally heated rooms to suit all travellers with free WiFi, Netflix & Sky TV.



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Terume Hot Spring Resort



Come and enjoy the tranquil ambience of our authentic Japanese Onsen in Rotorua, our Onsens are filled with 100% natural hot mineral water from 150 metres underground and are beneficial for stress relief and therapeutic usages. Studio and family units available. All hot baths for stay-in guests only. 5 minute walk to city centre.

Any clothing, swimwear and towels are not allowed in the baths.

Check-in: 3pm, Check-out: 10am



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Cedarwood Lakeside



Tranquil accommodation on the shores of Lake Rotorua. Cedarwood Lakeside is one of the most relaxing motel and conference venues in Rotorua. Off the beaten track, located in a residential cul-de-sac. Cedarwood offers comfortable, spacious units in park like surroundings.

Relax and enjoy the views from our hot tub overlooking the lake, a short eight minute drive to the city centre, we offer plenty of space, parking for boats, playground, DVD library, swimming pool, BBQ and picnic area.



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Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park



Situated in relaxing park-like grounds, stay and enjoy free hot mineral pools, a heated pool, tennis courts and a cricket pitch. Accommodation: tent sites, large powered sites, dorms, cabins, self-contained units and two bedroom motels. Closest holiday park to the internationally renowned mountain biking tracks. Ideal for families, mountain bikers, group bookings, school trips and sports groups. Pets welcome by prior arrangement. Discounts available to attractions/activities for guests.



Closest holiday park to the internationally renowned mountain biking tracks, yet only a few minutes from the city centre, within walking distance to the world famous Pohutu Geyser and a golf course.

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Blue Lake Top 10 Holiday Park – Rotorua



We are Rotorua's only TOP 10 Holiday Park located on the picturesque and stunning Blue Lake. Choose from our lake-view motels to self-contained units, or kitchen and standard cabins. The park offers quality accommodation to suit any sized group and budget. Walk across the road for a swim in Lake Tikitapu or take a short 5 minute drive to Lakes Okareka or Tarawera.

The famous Rotorua Mountain Bike tracks on our doorstep.



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Rotorua Family Holiday Park



Our family owned holiday park is in a quiet location with no sulphur smell and just 1 minutes walk to Lake Rotorua. On our grounds we offer various accommodation, motels, self-contained units, cabins, tents and campervan sites. Facilities include playground, spa pool, swimming pool (seasonal), BBQ area, TV room, fishing tackle shop and camping facilities. free unlimited WiFi.

3 minutes drive north of Rotorua.
Closest holiday park to many of Rotorua's major attractions.



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☎ 0800 574 289 or (07) 357 4289
✉ stay@rotoruafamilypark.co.nz
🌐 rotoruafamilypark.co.nz



Holdens Bay Holiday Park and Conference Centre



A relaxed, family friendly Holiday Park in the beautiful Holden's Bay, Rotorua. 10 Minutes drive from the Rotorua CBD, close and convenient to all our local activities but far enough away to escape the sulphur! From fully self contained motel style accommodation to campsites we have a bed for every budget. Outdoor swimming pool, 2 indoor hot pools, 2 BBQ areas, a TV lounge, games room and a playground.

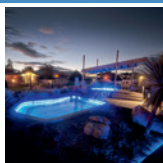
Discounts available for local attractions and a wealth of knowledge at your disposal from our wonderful staff.



📍 5 Stonebridge Park Drive, Holden's Bay, Rotorua
☎ (07) 345 9925
✉ admin@holdensbay.co.nz
🌐 holdensbay.co.nz

Rotorua Top 10 Holiday Park

Welcome to Rotorua's award-winning, premium-graded and 5-star rated holiday park. Conveniently located in the heart of the city and right next door to Kuirau Park, Rotorua's breathtaking free geothermal reserve.



📍 1495 Pukuatua St, Rotorua
☎ 0800 223 267
✉ stay@rotoruatop10.co.nz
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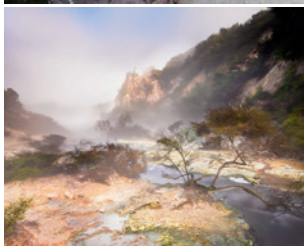
Rotorua is an adventure playground with a stunning variety of world-class activities to enjoy, whether you're after some R&R, keen to get the adrenaline flowing, or something in between.

Relax in one of the many hot pools or spa options. Enjoy our world-famous mountain biking trails – at leisure or speed, take your pick. Raft the world's highest commercially rafted waterfall, the seven-metre Tutea Falls on Kaituna River. Most of our 18 lakes are perfect for water activities, picnics and other fun. Forests, world-renowned geothermal parks, and rich Māori cultural history also await your discovery. Most of these are also family friendly to keep the kids happy.

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TIP**

For more information on what to do in Rotorua visit RotoruaNZ.com/visit

Waimangu Volcanic Valley



We connect people with the beating heart of the world's youngest geothermal valley, its unique history and legacy.

We share how the world began.

Waimangu is home to the now hidden Pink and White Terraces.

Immerse yourself in the stories of the 1886 Mount Tarawera volcanic eruption, its people and the resulting dramatic landscape changes that created this unique part of the world.



Explore on foot with a variety of self-guided nature walks, hikes and lake cruises, interpretive signage, technology, map guides and human to human interaction. Immerse, imagine and feel the unique geothermal features, regenerating forest, bird life, botany and culture and legacy of the Waimangu Volcanic Valley.

📍 587 Waimangu Rd, Rotorua
☎ (07) 366 6137
✉ nature@waimangu.co.nz
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Rotorua Canopy Tours



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Ultimate and Original Canopy Tours depart throughout the day and in all weather. Bookings are highly recommended. Suitable for ages 6+ years. 120kg weight limit does apply.

📍 147 Fairy Springs Rd, Rotorua
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✉ hello@canopytours.co.nz
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Waikite Valley Thermal Pools



Bathe in 100% natural clear geothermal waters, direct from the Te Manaroa Spring, New Zealand's largest single source of natural boiling water. Bathing temperatures of between 36 and 40 degrees are offered across six bathing pools.

Private Pools are also available, bookings recommended. Stay the night in the adjacent camping ground, powered and non-powered sites available.



Situated 36km south of Rotorua on SH5. The ideal place to relax all year round. Experience The Living Waters of Waikite Valley Thermal Pools. Open 7 days from 10.30am to 8.00pm.

📍 648 Waikite Valley Rd, Rotorua
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✉ info@hotpools.co.nz
🌐 hotpools.co.nz



Redwoods Altitude



Inspired by constant visitor feedback to go higher up the trees, the Treewalk team are pleased to launch their new thrilling tree top guided adventure “Redwoods Altitude”.

Pull on your safety harness, step your way up the six story suspended stair case into the forest canopy itself. From here your “Indiana Jones” jungle themed bridge journey begins, with swing bridges, Hercules net, plank & vine bridges and for even more fun includes 3 flying foxes & an optional 22 meter jump to finish.



**Redwoods
Altitude**

Open daily. Allow 2.5 hours in total. Located beside Redwoods Treewalk. Height, weight and health restrictions apply for this new adventure. Bookings essential and can be made online at RedwoodsAltitude.co.nz.

📍 Long Mile Rd, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua
✉ altitude@treewalk.co.nz
🌐 redwoodsaltitude.co.nz
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Redwoods Treewalk and Nightlights



The Treewalk and Nightlights is a Rotorua must do. A nature eco experience like no other. A peaceful haven for you to discover and explore nature above the forest floor. Surround yourself with these long living giants, native flora and fauna including sweeping silver ferns. At night the enchanted forest comes alive with Redwoods Nightlights. An immersive experience ensures you discover the forest in a whole new light. See the award winning lanterns by design champion David Trubridge in natures gallery. We say daytime for Nature and Night time for magic.



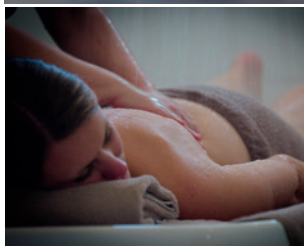
Redwoods
Treewalk®

Open 9am to late every day. Only 5min from Rotorua city centre. Allow 40 minutes for the 700 meter suspended bridge walk. Visit treewalk.co.nz for more information and to get your tickets.

📍 Long Mile Rd, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua
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Polynesian Spa has 28 geothermal mineral pools featuring a range of experiences. The slightly acidic Priest Spring relieves tired muscles, aches and pains while the alkaline waters of the Rachel Spring nourishes skin. Bathing suits and lockers are available for hire. Café and Spa Gift Shop on-site.

Share your photos on Instagram #PolynesianSpa. Please refer to our website for trading hours.

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Located in Eat Streat, we are open 7 days a week from 10am to late.

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Fancy Meow Cat Cafe



Welcome to Fancy Meow Cat Cafe, the very first cat cafe in Rotorua and the only cat cafe in New Zealand with purebred cats! Our cats and kittens are always grateful for play and cuddle time with our visitors. Come in for a visit to relax, decompress and enjoy your break with our furry friends. A menu of hot and cold drinks are available for you to enjoy while you unwind. With two flat-screen TVs, free Wifi, air conditioning and massage chairs, we want to create a home-like environment for you and your family and friends. We even have fun building blocks for the kids to play with! Come experience an unforgettable memory with over 25 fur balls!



Located in the heart of the Rotorua CBD, attached to Gelato Mio Ice Cream. Open from 9am, last entry at 4pm. Online booking available at fancymeowcatcafe.co.nz.

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🌐 fancymeowcatcafe.co.nz



Paradise Valley Springs Wildlife Park



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Te Puia Te Rā (Day Pass)



There has never been a better time to experience the magic of Te Puia with your family today, as we share the stories that have shaped our land and culture for generations.

Te Puia is home to the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute, the world famous Pōhutu Geyser and our very own Kiwi Conservation Centre.

Dine in at Pātaka Kai – the only restaurant in the world overlooking an active geothermal geyser terrace.



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🌐 tepuia.com



Te Puia Pātaka Kai Restaurant



Te Puia's cultural food and beverage experience, Pātaka Kai, makes for a truly unforgettable feast. Enjoy spectacular geothermal views while enjoying a range of delicious Kiwi flavours.

The set menus are smartly sophisticated – infusing Māori flavours, with an array of global cuisines and cooking styles.

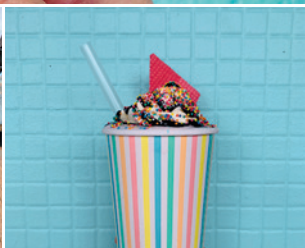


Open Thursday to Saturday for coffee and blackboard lunch, Friday and Saturday evenings for dinner and Sunday for brunch and all day breakfast.

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Take a photo with your delicious ice creams and tag us!
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✉ lakeview@golf.co.nz
🌐 lakeviewgolf.co.nz

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Rotorua Tourist Attractions



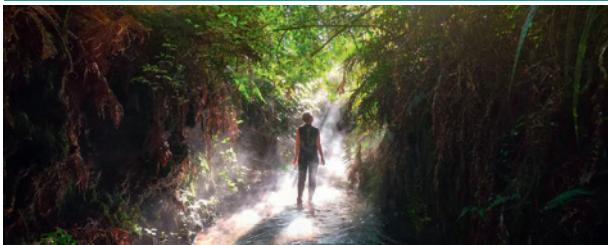
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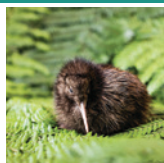
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🌐 adventureplayground.co.nz

The National Kiwi Hatchery

A 30-minute guided tour of the world's leading and most successful kiwi hatchery. After your tour take more time to learn in our interactive kiwi burrow and nocturnal house. 100% of funds go directly to the National Kiwi Recovery Trust.



📍 192 Fairy Springs Road - next to Skyline
☎ +64 7 350 0440
✉ reservations@rainbowsprings.co.nz
🌐 rainbowsprings.co.nz



Bibleworld Museum & Discovery Centre

An enjoyable outing for adults and children! Check out the detailed, handcrafted scale models. See over 70 ancient artefacts used in Bible times. Try out a range of hands on activities, electronic quizzes and interactive maps. Free entry!



📍 1141 Eruera St, Rotorua
☎ (021) 909 842
✉ bibleworld@xtra.co.nz
🌐 bibleworld.org.nz







EAT & DRINK

There's no shortage of restaurants and cafés in Rotorua, and it's easy to find something for all budgets and tastes, whether you're wanting to treat yourself to fine dining, prefer street food from vendors at the Thursday Night Market, or something in between.

You can also find one of your favourite cuisines, from Chinese, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Māori, Mexican, South American, Thai, and more.

You could also start at Eat Street where you'll have a dozen or so restaurants and bars to choose from in one spot, plus a Rotorua-famous ice cream parlour and one boutique nightclub.

**HOT
TIP**

For more information on where to eat and drink in Rotorua visit RotoruaNZ.com/visit

Stratosfare Restaurant & Bar



Take a scenic gondola ride up Mt Ngongotaha to enjoy Rotorua's award-winning restaurant.

Stratosfare offers an à la buffet experience including kitchen theatre, a stunning array of freshly prepared buffet and cooked to order dishes highlighting locally sourced seafood, meat and produce. Relax in the ambience featuring amazing panoramic views of the city and iconic David Trubridge lighting.



Stratosfare Restaurant opens for lunch from 11.30am and dinner from 5.30pm. Phone for bookings or via website.

Please share your photos with us #StratosfareRotorua

📍 178 Fairy Springs Rd, Rotorua
☎ (07) 347 0027
✉ rotorua@skyline.co.nz
🌐 skyline.co.nz



Pig & Whistle Historic Pub



Enjoy the warm atmosphere of one of Rotorua's most popular pubs, with the newest addition of a retractable roof in the garden bar. Try our generous portions of fresh and tasty pub food or a refreshing drink from our large selection, including 13 New Zealand craft beers and 2 ciders on tap. Live music, playing every Friday and Saturday nights, making it the perfect place for a great night. Live sports on 7 big screens.



Open 11.30am till late, 7 days a week. Located in the heart of the Rotorua CBD in a classic piece of 1940's architecture, the Pig & Whistle is a local landmark with a great history.

📍 1182 Tutanekai St, Rotorua
☎ (07) 347 3025
✉ marketing@pigandwhistle.co.nz
🌐 pigandwhistle.co.nz

Regent Room, Restaurant and Wine Bar

The Regent Room open daily offers breakfast, coffee to go, high teas, lunch, tapas and dinner including a degustation menu 7 nights a week. Experience contemporary New Zealand cuisine, an extensive wine list and elegant cocktails paired with professional, friendly service.



📍 1191 Pukaki St, Rotorua
☎ (07) 348 4079
✉ info@regentrotorua.co.nz
🌐 regentrotorua.co.nz



Duke's Bar & Restaurant

To be found in the historic Prince's Gate Hotel is award-winning cuisine and an ambient bar serving New Zealand beers and wines. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Try the all day Dukes Bar menu. This is the home of High Teas in an elegant Victorian décor.



📍 1057 Arawa Street, Rotorua
☎ (07) 348 1179
✉ info@princesgate.co.nz
🌐 princesgate.co.nz



📷 Eat Street

Gelato Mio Ice Cream



Gelato Mio Ice Cream is New Zealand's largest Gelateria. Connected to Rotorua's first cat cafe, it offers over 70 flavours. Gelato Mio Ice Cream believes in "small batches, big freshness", meaning the gelato is made daily on site so it can be consumed in the best condition: dense and smooth with natural colour and flavour. All of the top quality ingredients are shipped directly from Italy to give your taste buds the best of the best! Exciting new flavours are frequently added to the selection to make every visit a new experience. We now have milkshakes and smoothies made from our homemade gelato!



Gelato Mio Ice Cream even provides dairy-free, gluten-free, sugar-free and fat-free options for those who want a bit of change. Attached to Fancy Meow Cat Cafe.

📍 1210 Arawa St, Rotorua
☎ (07) 460 6868
✉ gelatomiorotorua@gmail.com
📱 [gelato.mio.rotorua](https://www.gelato.mio.rotorua)



Lime Cafeteria



A bright and lively café with a breakfast and lunch menu including such delicious temptations as peach melba waffles, spicy Boston beans and Thai risotto full of fresh flavours, plus cabinet food and also our specials board. With communal tables and extensive outdoor seating bathed in the summer sun, Lime provides a friendly atmosphere with good old fashioned table service.



Open 7.30am to 4.30pm, 7 days a week. Beautifully appointed, friendly attentive staff. Walking distance to picturesque Lake Rotorua, central shops and across the road from Spa at QE Health.

📍 1096 Whakaue St, Rotorua
☎ (07) 350 2033
✉ limecafe1096@hotmail.co.nz



Capers Café and Store



We love good food and good coffee! Fuel your day with wholesome, delicious meals from our seasonal menus, or choose from our cabinets bursting with fresh salads, savoury and sweet options. Our extensive tea menu sits alongside our Organico Coffee providing an organic, fair-trade caffeine fix, made just the way you like it. Take time to browse our Store with a vast selection of New Zealand Artisan products, perfect for foodies and gifting ideas.

**capers café
+ store**

Open 7am - 7pm, 7 days.

Happy hour daily from 5pm-7pm on New Zealand Distillery Gin, Wine + Craft Beer.

📍 1181 Eruera Street, Rotorua
☎ (07) 348 8818
🌐 capers.co.nz
📱 @caperscafe

The Greenhouse Kitchen and Bar



A quaint family-owned restaurant, The Greenhouse Kitchen and Bar is bound to be your next hangout. It's a treat for the foodies, artists and green-fingered among you. The calm vibe from the array of plants and endless hours of sun. With fresh options in food and drinks you're sure to find your next favourite thing here.

Open 7 days a week, hours may vary.



- 📍 1145 Tutanekai Street, Rotorua
- ☎ (07) 343 7645
- 📱 The Greenhouse Kitchen & Bar Rotorua
- 📧 Thegreenhouserotorua

The Coffee Club Rotorua

Visit us before exploring the Redwood Forest and the Blue & Green Lakes. Good food, great service and excellent coffee in a modern, relaxed café. A wide range of breakfast and lunch meals, snacks, kids' meals and desserts with plenty of parking.



- 📍 Redwood Centre, 5 Tarawera Rd, Lynmore
- ☎ (07) 562 4846
- 🌐 thecoffeclub.co.nz



Third Place Café

Magnificent views over Lake Rotorua. Breakfast and lunch menus. Fresh baking, fresh salad selection, paninis and light meals. Free parking, kid's play area, outdoor dining, award winning café and friendly staff. Open 7 days from 7.30am.

- 📍 35 Lake Rd, Ohinemutu, Rotorua
- ☎ (07) 349 4852
- 📧 3rdplccafe@gmail.com
- 🌐 thirdplacecafe.co.nz





TRAVEL KIT

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Rotorua is New Zealand's most dynamic thermal area, home to the Southern Hemisphere's largest active geyser, plus steaming hot springs and boiling mud pools.

The city is renowned for its 18 lakes, nearly 200km of world-class mountain biking trails, native and exotic forests, and numerous places and styles of hot pools and luxurious spa services.

Māori culture and the spirit of manaakitanga (warmth and hospitality) is really important to us, so take time to experience and enjoy our way of living.

Rotorua enjoys a pleasant climate with clear crisp days in winter (June to August, 10 to 16 degrees Celsius) and plenty of sunshine in summer (December to February, 22 to 26 degrees Celsius).

Useful Māori Phrases

Here are a few useful Māori words to try and use while you're here.

- ▶ **Kia Ora** – Hello / Thank you
- ▶ **Kai** – Food
- ▶ **Ka pai** – Good
- ▶ **Haka** – A traditional Māori dance
- ▶ **Ko (your name)** – I am (your name)
- ▶ **Ko (name of your river) te awa** – My river is (name of your river)
- ▶ **Ko (name of your mountain) te maunga** – My mountain is (name of your mountain)



Rotorua Airport

Rotorua Airport, just a 10-minute drive from the city centre, is your gateway to the Bay of Plenty region, larger North Island cities such as Auckland and Wellington, and several South Island destinations. Its location in the heart of the North Island makes it the region's most convenient airport.

Beyond Rotorua

Rotorua is within driving distance to Tauranga, Taupō and Hamilton. A bit further afield are the black-sand beaches of the North Island's West Coast, the ski fields of the Central Plateau, and Hawke's Bay's famous vineyards, all within a few hours' drive.

Driving Travel Times

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|----------------------------|---------|--------|
| ► Rotorua to Auckland | 3 hours | 234 km |
| ► Rotorua to Tauranga | 1 hour | 86 km |
| ► Rotorua to Taupō | 1 hour | 80 km |
| ► Rotorua to National Park | 2 hours | 177 km |
| ► Rotorua to Hamilton | 1 hour | 108 km |

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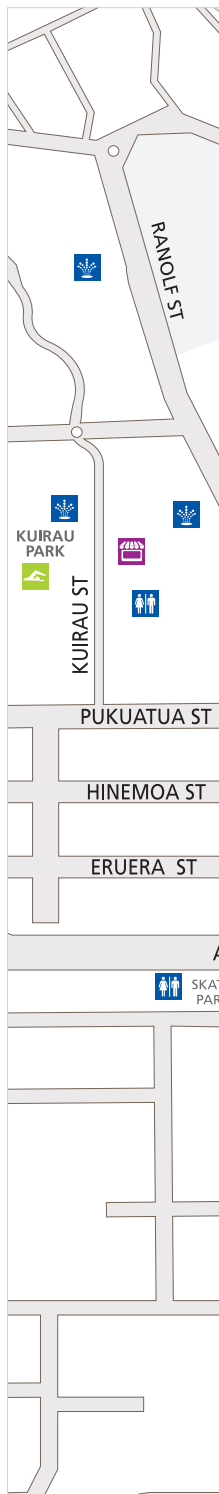


MAPS

ROTORUA CENTRAL

MAP KEY

-  Rotorua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre
-  Official start Te Ara Ahi Cycle Trail
-  Te Ara Ahi – Go Thermal By Bike Cycle Trail
-  Sulphur Point Walking Trail
-  Public toilet
-  Picnic area
-  Golf course
-  Inner city
-  Taxi stand
-  National bus transit point
-  Parking
-  Tutanekai St – free parking for 1 hour
-  Pukuatua St, Hinemoa St, Eruera St – free parking for 90 minutes
-  Postal box
-  Supermarket
-  Geothermal area
-  Eat Street
-  Healthcare
-  Boat ramp
-  Museum
-  Police Station
-  Night Market, Thursdays, 5-9pm
-  Kuirau Park Market, Saturdays, 7am-1pm
-  Farmers Market, Sundays, 9am-1pm
-  Aquatic Centre
-  Library
-  Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre
-  Energy Events Centre
-  Dump point







ROTORUA TRAVEL EXPERTS

Rotorua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre is the city's official information and booking service, ready to assist you seven days a week, 364 days a year.

Best of all, their services are 100% free.

The friendly i-SITE team is happy to assist with:

- ▶ Attraction, sightseeing and accommodation advice, bookings and vouchers
- ▶ Any specials or package deals available
- ▶ All forms of transportation bookings (bus, ferry, rail and flight)
- ▶ Rest of New Zealand itinerary bookings
- ▶ Luggage storage
- ▶ Free Wi-Fi

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Visitor
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