

# ROTORUA



**YOUR GUIDE TO**

**NZ'S BEST E-BIKE TRAIL**

**NEW THINGS TO DO**

**MUST-TRY EATERIES**

**AND MORE**



10 APRIL, 14 MAY, AND 11-12 JUNE 2022

## GIANT 2W GRAVITY ENDURO

For the past 10 years, the world-wide Enduro mountain biking sport has continued to grow in New Zealand, encapsulating everything people love about mountain biking. Rotorua Mountain Bike Club is the owner of the Giant 2W Gravity Enduro series, and invites you to come ride at your pace as an individual and socially with your mates; catch shuttle buses to the tops of the hills (if you don't feel like riding them!), then let rip racing down timed, long, flowing descents in the world-famous Whakarewarewa Forest trail network. Register for one, two or all races.

 [facebook.com/2WGravityEnduro](https://facebook.com/2WGravityEnduro)

 Mead Norton

17 SEPTEMBER 2022

## ROTORUA MARATHON & RED STAG HALF MARATHON

New Zealand's most iconic marathon features four events that take runners through our hidden gems, surreal scenery and stunning natural wonders. Events include the full marathon around Lake Rotorua nicknamed "Take the Lake", the Red Stag Timber off-road half marathon, a 10km, and a 5.5km run or walk, offering a distance for everyone.

 [rotoruumarathon.co.nz](https://rotoruumarathon.co.nz)

 Up&Up Photography & Film

5-13 NOVEMBER 2022

## CRANKWORX ROTORUA

The world's largest mountain biking festival returns, bringing the best mountain bikers to compete in several events. Crankworx Rotorua is more than just pro-athletes going to head to head in downhill, jump and trick events, it's an exciting festival atmosphere that celebrates the world-renowned mountain biking culture of Rotorua. This is the perfect spectator event, too, with track-side views as well as giant screens so you'll catch all the action.

 [crankworx.com](https://crankworx.com)

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*Event dates were correct at the time of printing but it always pays to double-check before you go.*

# KIA ORA & WELCOME

When you heard the news a couple weeks ago about our country's borders opening, what did you do first? Did you phone an overseas friend who's hanging out to visit? Did you send a text to Mum to start organising a family reunion?

Here in Rotorua, we smiled, cheered, sent messages to our mates across the ditch and beyond.

So, get ready to host your parents, favourite Aunt Lily, or your high school bestie and her new hubby, and don't forget to include Rotorua in your travel itinerary. There's still so much to do here - including heaps of new things to experience and places to catch up over a wine and medley of tapas dishes - so we've decided to cram even more into this issue than ever before.

Even over the past six months, our creative Rotorua people are opening up new cafés and restaurants (see page 9), and adding value to their tourism businesses by creating new experiences for you to enjoy (on pages 6-8). Many hotels have been re-vamping their rooms and we have a sweet list of suites on pages 12-13 for you to consider booking for your visit, whether you're a couple looking for a bit of luxe, or a family looking for a convenient and cosy home away from home.

Speaking of families, we've got great, big, happy news: everyone's favourite, Agrodome, has re-opened! Believe us when we say the Agrodome team, including the furry and feathered ones, are glad to see visitors again.

There's also a whole feature story on page 10 about one very worthy mountain biking trail, the brand-new 33km Whakarewarewa Forest Loop that looks like it'll make the cut for the next New Zealand Great Ride. Imagine flowy tracks, look-out points with views to ride for, and perfect conditions for e-bikes.

As always, we hope this issue inspires you to keep looking forward, dreaming and planning. We're looking forward to seeing you!

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# WHAT'S ON



## GENERATION HOMES LEGEND OF THE LAKE

21 MAY 2022

Looking for an open swim for the entire family? This event on Lake Tikitapu includes 100m and 200m courses for kids 7-10 years old, and everyone else can sign up for 500m, 1000m or 3.5k distances.

[oceanswim.co.nz](https://oceanswim.co.nz)



## WINTER FOREST FESTIVAL

30-31 JULY 2022

Run. Walk. Mountain Bike. There's something for everyone, offering seven events including trail running/walking and mountain biking options with kids' activities, an expo, food and live music as we celebrate the amazing vibes in stunning Whakarewarewa Forest.

[forestfest.co.nz](https://forestfest.co.nz)



## TOUGH GUY & GAL CHALLENGE

27 AUGUST 2022

Swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, barbed wire crawl, bush trails, tunnels, hurdles, a climbing frame, plus mud, mud and more mud – what a race to participate in or just watch and encourage the soaked, sweaty, mud-covered participants to keep going!

[eventpromotions.co.nz](https://eventpromotions.co.nz)



## WEEKLY

**Rotorua Night Market** – Thursdays 5-9pm, Tutanekai St. Food & boutique shopping.  
**Rotorua Farmers Market** – Sundays 9am-1pm, Te Manawa. Fresh produce & crafts.



## BLUE LAKE 24HR CHALLENGE

24-25 SEPTEMBER 2022

How many laps can you do? Come test your fitness and endurance during this free, 24-hour, self-supported walk/run event around Lake Tikitapu.

Runners and walkers of any fitness level are invited to try to conquer 100km, the miler or maybe just two or three laps, whatever you're comfortable doing. You may even want to run a marathon which starts at midnight!

[bluelake24hr.com](https://www.bluelake24hr.com)



## CANOE RACING NZ BLUE LAKE

15-16 OCTOBER 2022

A national sprint regatta held on Lake Tikitapu caters for all age groups, with event distances of 100m, 200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m and a 5km.

[canoeracing.org.nz](https://canoeracing.org.nz)



## DID YOU KNOW?

Rotorua's world-renowned network of approximately 200 kilometers of mountain bike trails in Whakarewarewa Forest holds gold-level Ride Centre™ status as being one of the world's best mountain biking destinations. Rotorua is one of only two New Zealand locations - and six locations around the world - to have earned this prestigious award by the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA).

Expertly built trails have been crafted to suit everyone, from absolute beginners through to extreme downhill competitors, and for any age and fitness level.



# NEW THINGS TO DO IN ROTORUA

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Kaitiaki Adventures

**If it's been a while since your last visit to Rotorua, there are heaps of new experiences and activities to check out next time you're here.**



Agrodome

## ON THE FARM

Rotorua's favourite farm show is back! Agrodome has re-opened, bringing back their legendary farm shows that showcase 19 breeds of sheep, including rare and endangered breeds, live sheep-shearing, and a super-fun and fast-paced sheep auction. See the remarkable farm dogs doing their thing herding the sheep and ducks.

## ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN

Kaitiaki Adventure's new 6.5-hour Mt Tarawera Volcanic Crater Experience is next level. Through the generosity and vision of mana whenua, Ngāti Rangitihi (Ruawahia2B Trust), an extended option has been added to the world-class crater excursion. You can now hike around the Tarawera dome above lakes Rotomahana and Tarawera, then link back up with the popular half-day excursion on the summit of the highest of three peaks, Ruawahia.

This culturally steeped hiking expedition encompasses the unique environment and history of the area, including the historic events etched into its landscape. The tour



Whakarewarewa - The Living Māori Village

offers guests further world-class views and a deeper dive into the history of one of New Zealand's pristine natural heritage sites.

## ON TWO WHEELS

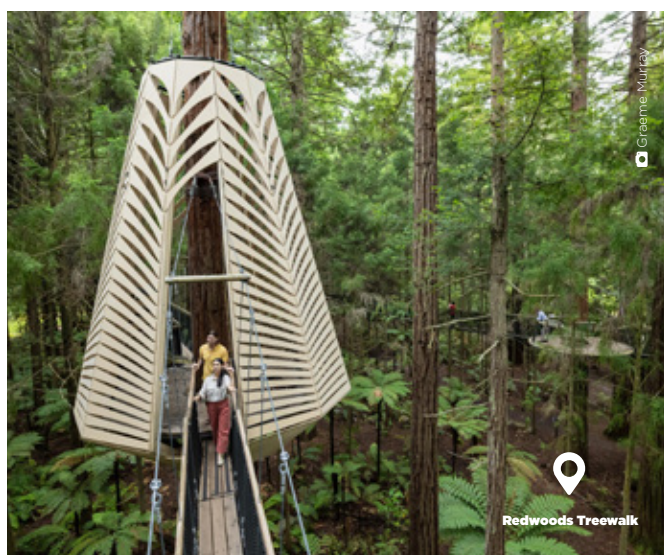
At Whakarewarewa - The Living Māori Village, the self-guided Whaka Geothermal Trails walking tour introduced in 2020 was such a hit that the team at Whakarewarewa Village have taken that exploration experience to the next level. They've teamed up with Electric Bike Rotorua to offer an exclusive Whaka E-Bike Trail experience into previously non-accessible areas of the Whakarewarewa Valley Reserve.

This is a great leisurely outdoor activity for families, couples, and small groups of up to 10, and for nearly all levels of fitness. Children can ride independently or on a dual-carry electric bike, and you can select the two, four, or six-hour bike hire rate, and even take the bikes through Rotorua's famous Whakarewarewa Forest just a five-minute ride away.





Waimangu  
Volcanic Valley



Graeme Murray

Redwoods Treewalk

In fact, if you're going for the long haul, pre-order a picnic hamper to take with you, it'll provide a great excuse to stop, rest your legs and lungs, and enjoy the forest atmosphere.

Check out page 10 to learn about the newest mountain bike trail, the 33km Whakarewarewa Forest Loop.

### ON TWO FEET

Follow in the steps of New Zealand's very first tourists to uncover the stories of the Pink and White Terraces and the Tarawera eruption during The Round Trip at Waimangu Volcanic Valley. This full-day tour includes return transport from Rotorua, guided walk at Waimangu, boat cruises on lakes Rotomahana and Tarawera, and a visit to the Buried Village of Te Wairoa.

### UP HIGH IN THE FOREST

If you're one of the estimated one million visitors per year who've been to Redwoods Treewalk, you'll want to add this attraction to your Rotorua itinerary again to see and actually walk through the newest lantern added to the suspended forest walkway.

Horoeka Lantern, created by world-renowned designer David Trubridge, is a towering nine-metre-tall eco-friendly installation perched 15 metres from the ground. Think treehouse that lights up at night! As with the entire Redwoods Treewalk system, the Horoeka Lantern is eco-suspended, using no bolts or anchors into the trees. There's no additional charge to enjoy this new feature.

### ON A RIVER

Kick your visit into high gear with a bucket list-worthy thrill. The guys at New Zealand Whitewater Academy are on a mission to revive the lost art of tandem kayaking on the world-famous Kaituna River. With you in the front seat, your guide in the back, and a GoPro secured to the bow, off you'll surge through 14 exciting rapids and a few waterfalls, prepping you well for the big kahuna – the world's tallest commercially kayaked waterfall, seven-metre tall Tutea Falls.



New Zealand White  
Water Academy





### NEAR THE FOREST

Secret Spot Hot Tubs, tucked away along the edge of Whakarewarewa Forest, has created a new space for families and friends to hang out and enjoy a refreshing drink (alcohol or non) and nibbles.

Secret Spot already has the Eddie Chill Out Zone, but when the weather packs it in or it's a bit chilly, the new BaseCamp safari tent with bar and lots of seating is the perfect backup.

Whether you've just finished a mountain bike ride, a soak in one of Secret Spot's freshwater cedar hot tubs or Shiny Dip, or you're just in the area and looking for a chill place to sit back and relax, check out BaseCamp. Plus, who doesn't love sitting around a fire, catching up and sharing the adventures of the day?

### BETWEEN THE ZORBS

What does a ZORB and a sauna have in common? They make a smashing team on colder days. Now, when you book your multi-track rolls down the side of Mt Ngongotahā, you can keep those chattering teeth at bay between rides by staying warm in a trackside sauna, in addition to the spa pools!

Fun fact: Downhill ball rolling in a giant inflatable sphere can be experienced all over the world thanks to two Rotorua Kiwi blokes, Andrew Akers and Dwane van der Sluis, who invented the craze in 1994. ZORB Rotorua is owned and operated by Andrew and his brother David in Rotorua.





# NEW MUST-TRY ROTORUA EATERIES

The next time you're in Rotorua, there's not one or two, but SEVEN new restaurants and cafés that have opened recently.



## NUMBER 8 WIRE

Follows the "She'll be right!" Kiwi can-do attitude. Hitting the brief is a menu that showcases fresh farm and game meats, including goat and tahr. Carpaccio of Venison is a must-try entrée that features premium game venison from the high country, thinly sliced and served with wild rocket, broad beans, parmesan cheese and wasabi mayo.



## MEKONG BUFFALO

Asian fusion restaurant combining a "sharing-place concept and a chill and tranquil vibe." We recommend the Banh Khot Vietnamese savoury crepes with prawns, and Peking Fajita with hoisin-glazed shredded duck. Finish your meal with the Matcha Crème Brulée, the perfect softly sweet dish to cleanse the palate.



## ANI'S GIN BAR & TAPAS RESTAURANT

Seasonal, fresh and indigenous ingredients combined in bewitching

ways. With their menu changing regularly and based on available products sourced as locally as possible, we suggest going in with an empty tummy and a few friends so you can try an assortment of the small and large tapas dishes, plus dessert. The "large tapas" are generous in size and excellent for sharing or make the perfect main course for one. Get your friends organised and book in now!



## BOASTERS COFFEE ROASTERS

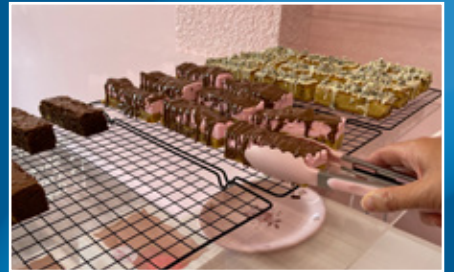
This family-owned business has been roasting and selling beans and amazing coffees at events around the Bay of Plenty, and have now opened a café in the city centre. Grab a caffeine-fuelled bevvy and a freshly baked scone, cinnamon scroll or sammy made fresh daily by local favourite Guidough's Bakery. Enjoy inside or take away.



## POCO TAPAS & WINE

Intimate little spot for gathering with friends and enjoying delicious, small, seasonal tapas in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. If you love paté, a must-try is the Duck Rillettes (pronounced "ree-yette") made with confit duck leg and served with cranberry mustard and crispy baguette - divine! An excellent selection of mostly New Zealand wines, premium spirits and craft

beers make food pairing a success. Booking is recommended.



## MARSHMALLOW

Knows the way to a sweet tooth's heart! Heavenly slices and cupcakes are baked onsite. Expect a regular appearance of their famous chocolatey-marshmallowy goodness called the Pinky Slice while the other flavours like chocolate chip cookie caramel, raspberry blondie, Malteasers, cookies and cream, and more, are rotated weekly. You can also buy warm cookies! So popular, they're now shipping their slices nationwide overnight, perfect for a forgotten birthday rescue remedy.



## RIVER'S CATCH

Upmarket fish-n-chips shop named for the proprietors' youngest daughter, not because they're selling trout. You'll find traditional Kiwi comfort foods tweaked with Filipino and Spanish flavours. We love the RC Battered Fish on a traditional Filipino bread roll called pandesal. Add a side of kumara fries and chipotle mayo for one heck of a flavourful meal. We also love the bangin' smashburger, the amazing flavours in the fish tacos, the slaw topped with miso dressing, and the thick-cut fries.





# NZ'S BEST E-BIKE TRAIL

## The word is out: Electric bikes are hot.

**Incidentally, the new Whakarewarewa Forest Loop mountain biking trail is hot too, and it just so happens to have turned out to be the country's premiere trail for electric mountain bike riders.**

Firstly, the trail is great in its own right, presenting 33kms of ups and downs, runs, flats, berms and hairpins through the beautiful Whakarewarewa Forest. Up for New Zealand Great Ride status, this trail definitely offers more variety than any other Great Ride. E-bikes make it easier to keep up with your super-fit friends on those uphill bits, leaving you with enough energy at the end of the ride to enjoy a cold drink at the local pub afterwards.

Secondly, you've got epic look-out points just begging for Insta-fame – and giving you great excuses to stop for a breather. Yes, it's likely you'll need to stop for a break or two, even if pedalling an e-bike. After all, the bike doesn't do EVERYTHING for you.

Finally, the Loop was built with your average Jill and Joe Riders in mind. It's mostly a Grade 2, with a couple of Grade 3 sections (easily walkable if you're not ready for this level).

On an e-bike, you're likely to finish the Loop in around three hours or less, depending on how often and for how long you stop. Don't have three hours to spare?

That's ok. Grab a trail map and you'll see the Loop is like a roundabout with multiple entry and exit points. Find the trails right for you and make a plan to finish your ride when and where it suits you. Just don't forget to come back and ride the rest of it!

If you find you're running low on water or energy bars, you'll be happy to know that along the trail there are three spots to purchase food and drinks, and four taps to refill water bottles, as well as three accessible toilet blocks (a couple of them have showers).

### WHERE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON AN E-BIKE

If you're not an e-bike owner but want to see what the fuss is all about, or don't want to travel with yours, just rent one!

One of Rotorua's oldest bike rental businesses, Planet Bike, is 23 years young this year and has been renting out e-bikes since 2016. The family-run business offers freedom bike hire and trail info and maps, as well as mountain bike tours catered to solo riders, groups, families, whatever you need.

You'll find Planet Bike on Waipa State Mill Road, tucked right along the edge of the forest, just a bit past the





mountain bike hub and with immediate access to easy and intermediate trails. Give yourself time to get fitted to just the right bike and enjoy a caffeine boost from the coffee cart onsite.

Mountain Bike Rotorua is also well known for their bike hiring, tours and services. Book an e-bike for two hours, half or full day, on your own or guided.

MBR has two locations: at the mountain bike hub on Waipa State Mill Road just off State Hwy 5, and at Te Pūtake o Tawa.

Both Planet Bike and MBR have highly qualified bike mechanics onsite too, so if you have a bike that needs a bit of TLC, they're your people.

Electric Bike Rotorua has two locations offering bikes for sale and hire. They'll help you with route ideas for an awesome ride, and their four-legged staff member Alfie is there for moral support as well.

Visit them at their original Fenton Street location, or at Whakarewarewa Village which offers exclusive entry to the forest trails from their site.

Pro tip: Regardless of who you go with, book in advance as e-mountain bikes are becoming more and more popular.

## HOW TO GET STARTED

We recommend starting at Te Pūtake o Tawa carpark or Waipa carpark as both hubs offer the food, drink, bike rental and other facilities mentioned above. Plus, there's plenty of parking at these two locations.

Other trails intersect or share parts of this trail, so keep an eye out for other traffic, including trail dogs.

## CHECK BEFORE YOU RIDE

Whakarewarewa Forest is a working forest, which means trails are closed now and then, usually temporarily, so it's important to heed all signs that indicate alternate routes

must be used. Rotorua Trails Trust and Trailforks.com are excellent up-to-date sources of information regarding closures, detours, or any other issues that riders should look out for. Give Whakarewarewa Forest Loop a follow on Facebook, too, for more information.

You should have mobile phone coverage throughout most of the trail, should you need it.



## SPREAD ONLY FRIENDLY VIBES

Keep in mind that bikes of all types – and riders of all skill and confidence levels – will be on the trails, as well as walkers, runners and even horses! So, it's important to share with care.

We love sharing our forest with neighbours from near and far. Greet your fellow forest users – we love hearty exchanges of “Kia ora!” along the way. When approaching others from behind, call out to let them know your desire to pass them. For everyone's safety, give horses a wide berth and pass slowly.

Rotorua is a great place to ride and that's hugely due to our manaakitanga. Pay it forward!





**When it comes to travelling, whether with your partner, family or a group of friends, booking yourselves into a hotel suite makes so much sense.**

**Suites always feel a bit more like home away from home, offering more space plus additional amenities that make travelling more enjoyable. In other words, no need to pack the kitchenette sink!**

A range of prices and styles meet every budget. Here are just a few we recommend, but for more options, just head to [RotoruaNZ.com](http://RotoruaNZ.com) or contact our friendly i-SITE travel consultants for free advice and booking services.



#### **PULLMAN ROTORUA**

Every room at the five-star Pullman Rotorua offers beautiful views, whether of Lake Rotorua and Mokoia Island, geothermal areas, mountains or forests. Even the giant, free-standing bathtub in the Superior Suite enjoys views over Government Gardens to the lake and the rolling foothills beyond.

Pullman's décor is sophisticated and warm, providing a total Zen vibe. Subtle, calming colours and low-key details create the perfect atmosphere for a relaxing, luxurious stay. The 50-inch smart TV pivots, allowing you to snuggle up to watch movies in bed, or swivel

around so you can catch up with the news from the breakfast table before you head out to explore Rotorua. This spacious suite quietly whispers white robes, wine in hand, and time to unwind.



#### **REGENT OF ROTORUA**

At another point along the design spectrum you'll find chic black and white décor featuring mirrored dressers, fluffy throws, characterful wallpapers, touches of shiny chrome, and bursts of colour here and there. This is classic Regent of Rotorua – crisp luxury boutique style with just the right accents.

Regent's spacious three-bedroom, two-bath Executive Loft provides plenty of space for a family of up to seven, as long as the seventh person is happy with the single top bunk above a queen-size bed.

A full-size kitchen with stove, oven and microwave make meal-making a breeze. However, this 2021 Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice recipient is just steps away from Rotorua's famous alfresco dining precinct Eat Street. It's also just two blocks away from the newly redesigned Rotorua Lakefront boardwalk and epic Volcanic Playground where there's something for every child and adult.





### NOVOTEL ROTORUA LAKESIDE

On the opposite end of Eat Street and across the street from the lakefront you'll find the popular 4.5-star Novotel Rotorua Lakeside. The huge 245-square-metre Royal Suite is a three-bedroom, two bath apartment-style accommodation spread over two floors. On the bottom level, a large lounge with oversized sofas and a big-screen TV are great for relaxing or watching the game. An enclosed kitchenette and bar near the large corner dining room with panoramic lake views provide plenty of space for entertaining or a night of board games.

Upstairs, three king bedrooms and a large spa bath all have incredible views of the city or lake.



### HOLIDAY INN ROTORUA

Holiday Inn is world-renowned for their friendliness and high standard of cleanliness. And, as always, kids aged 12 and under dine and stay for free when sharing their parents' room.

The King Suites at this 4.5-star hotel feature a cosy lounge with classic warm, autumnal vibes, but the focal point of the room is the view: beautiful, lush trees just outside, with Lake Rotorua and Mokoia Island in the distance. Picture soaking in the view with a warm cup of tea in the morning as the curtains flutter in the breeze.

When you stay at Holiday Inn, you're also participating in the advanced, world-wide sustainability programme of the IHG Green Engage system where hotels can choose from more than 200 'Green Solutions' designed to help

them reduce their energy, water and waste, and improve their impact on the environment.



### JET PARK HOTEL ROTORUA

New Zealand owned and family run, Jet Park Hotel Rotorua is committed to providing warm, personal and caring service.

Renovations have just been completed on all Family Suites, creating light and bright, modern rooms with cosy furnishings and touches of beautiful art. Having a private king bedroom, plus two single beds with adorable stuffed toys waiting for snuggles, the suites are perfect for families of four. You'll enjoy additional touches like open wardrobes (read: easier to use and no more clothes left behind), free breakfast, and kitchenette with fridge, microwave and coffee machine. There are also two super-adorable kids' play areas, one inside, and one outside with fencing to keep the kids safe from wandering.

If you can't bear to leave the family pup behind, no worries! Jet Park's seven pet-friendly rooms sleep up to four humans with two queen beds, and one pooch with his/her own bed, bowls, toys and snacks. A fenced outdoor area is perfect for some off-leash play, and Jet Park is within a block of the Rotorua Racecourse where dogs are welcome to exercise.

Jet Park is proud to support the New Zealand Tourism Sustainability Commitment, and has earned the Qualmark Enviro-Silver rating, meeting high levels of environmental and social responsibility.





# BUY MĀORI FOR EVERYONE



**Māori cultural experiences are not the only way to appreciate and support Māori culture.**

**In Rotorua, several Māori-owned and themed shops celebrate New Zealand's indigenous people and their culture, arts and crafts. While there's a time and place for postcards that you rarely get around to sending, and cute, cuddly toy sheep, the following retailers are all about genuine, hand-crafted items designed and/or made right here in Aotearoa.**

## **CLOTHING AND GIFTS**

Tucked down Hinemoa Street is Iti Gifts, a light, bright shop that has something for everyone. Whether you're looking for beautiful jewellery, women or men's clothing, or the most adorable whētero hoodies for children, this is your place. Everything is made as locally as possible, so you'll be supporting talented designers and artists from Rotorua and other parts of Aotearoa.

Iti also stocks homewares, art, and botanical hauora products such as soaps, balms, mirimiri massage oil and more, making it truly a one-stop shop.

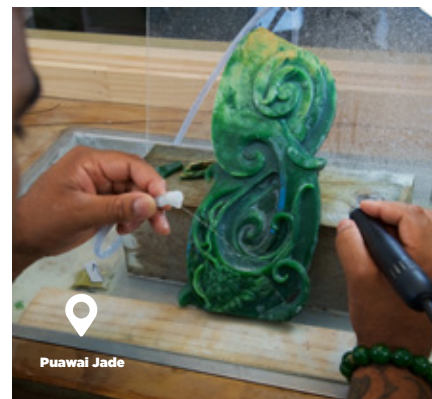
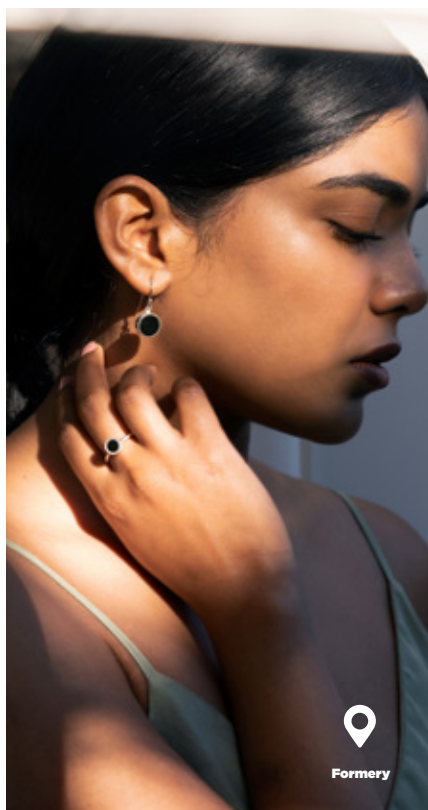
One block away on Eruera Street is Rotorua-based fashion designer Adrienne Whitewood's shop, Ahu Boutique. Adrienne was taught how to sew at the age of 8 by her kuia. Inspired by indigenous art and culture, she's known for the movement her screen-printed Māori designs give to the garments she designs.

You'll also find hats, jewellery and other accessories in this vibrant cosy little shop across the street from Capers Café + Store.



Ahu Boutique





## POUNAMU AND OTHER MĀORI TOI

**Kiwi and greenstone go together like our favourite pavlova and cream. We're extremely proud to wear pounamu pendants, earrings, bracelets and more, and they always make a special and highly revered gift for the recipient.**

More than 35 years ago a carver by the name of John David Sheehan set up his one-man workshop carving and selling greenstone creations. Today, Mountain Jade is much larger yet still very much a family-run business of crafters and carvers, including works by his wife Margaret and two of their children, John Jr. Sheehan and Hannah Sheehan. Additional artisans from throughout Aotearoa are represented as well.

Mountain Jade appreciates and collects jade from all over the world and turns it into beautifully hand-crafted works of art. You have the opportunity to choose your favourite piece, whether it's based on the stone's origin, the colours encased within the stone, the carved shape, or the meaning behind the shape. The team will help you choose, or you can do what many people do and let the piece choose you.

While you're at it, don't be worried about selecting a piece for yourself, Mountain Jade is determined to debunk the self-gifting of pounamu.

If you're looking for handcrafted jewellery in precious metals featuring jade and other stones, check out the fully online shop Formery. Making anything from tiny piwakawaka pendants and other nature-inspired jewellery and contemporary pieces, the current five artists

represented by Formery are all highly skilled New Zealand artisans.

One of those artists is the same Hannah Sheehan mentioned above, and Formery was founded by Mountain Jade's chief executive, Sam Hulton.

Another fantastic shop and gallery with skilled carvers is Puawai Jade. Specialist pounamu carver Niki Nepia is well known for both his traditional and contemporary work, producing pieces that are innovative, unique and consistently pushing his creative and technical abilities.

To really appreciate the art of carving jade, give yourself extra time to watch the artists at work in the studios at both Mountain Jade and Puawai Jade. You'll be mesmerised and inspired.

Speaking of artworks, New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute (NZMACI) at Te Puia is a must-visit. NZMACI is the home of the national schools of carving and weaving, where master carvers and master weavers fulfill the purpose of preserving, promoting and perpetuating Māori arts and crafts. Admission to Te Puia includes access to NZMACI to watch the carvers and weavers at work, as well as the guided and non-guided tours of the geothermal reserve, and the chance to see kiwi up close and personal in the Kiwi Conservation Centre.

If you're running short on time, it's easy to pop into Āhua Gallery and gift shop either online or the store at the front entrance to Te Puia. Here you can browse a wide range of wood, bone and pounamu carvings, bronze statues, fibre arts, apparel and books. Entry to the gallery and shop is free.



*This year, ride the new*

WHAKAREWAREWA  
**FOREST  
LOOP**



**ROTORUA**

[rotoruanz.com](http://rotoruanz.com)





## SELF-DRIVE RAIL CARS RAILCRUISING

Imagine sitting in control of your own rail car travelling along a railway line with nothing ahead but the unobstructed curve of the rail stretching out into the distance.

RailCruising is the new tourist activity that allows people just like you the ability to travel along railway lines in your own powered self-drive, 4-seat railway vehicle called the RailCruiser.

The rail journey of 20km takes approximately 1.5 hours return through the beautiful Dansey Native Forest and rolling farmland with views out over Lake Rotorua. Listen to the commentary and discover a unique piece of New Zealand railway and local history.

The RailCruiser has comfortable seats with unobstructed views, is fitted with clear drop-down waterproof sides, windscreen wipers, blankets provided and comes with onboard heating.

RailCruising is a special experience to be shared with family and friends. It is popular with clubs and social groups with many combining RailCruising with lunch or dinner at the iconic Mamaku Railway Station.

How does RailCruising work? Groups of RailCruisers spaced apart, travel 10km together in one direction from Mamaku Railway Station to Tarukenga Railway Station. At Tarukenga the Rail

Cruisers are then turned and head back to Mamaku.

Cruising along at 20km/hr, you can listen to the audio tour and discover a unique piece of New Zealand railway history. This is the ultimate way to experience a railway.

The RailCruiser V3000 is the world's first fully automated, state of the art petrol-electric four seat self-drive hybrid rail vehicle. The RailCruiser has comfortable seats with unobstructed views, is fitted with clear drop down waterproof sides and comes with onboard heating.

Trips depart daily from Mamaku Railway Station at:

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Tucked away in an unrevealing location is the entrance to an ancient forest. As soon as you step into its ambience you know you're somewhere special. Surrounded by unique flora and fauna found nowhere else in the world, a green filmy layer carpets the rainforest while outstretched branches lift your eye through layers of lush foliage and up massive ancient giants standing proud. You've never seen a place quite like it and with the guidance of Rotorua Canopy Tours you can see the forest through (and above) the trees!

Named in the top 11 experiences out of 400,000 tourism activities in the world, by TripAdvisor, these are must-do experiences in NZ. There are two unique eco-tours to choose from to keep everyone engaged and excited. Conservation of the forest is a big part of the story and guests become part of this restoration journey with every ticket purchased contributing back to the rehabilitation of Dansey Road Scenic Reserve.

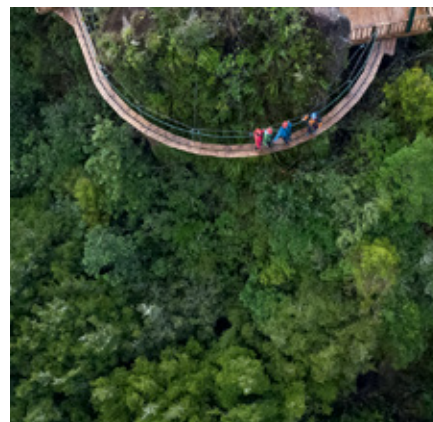
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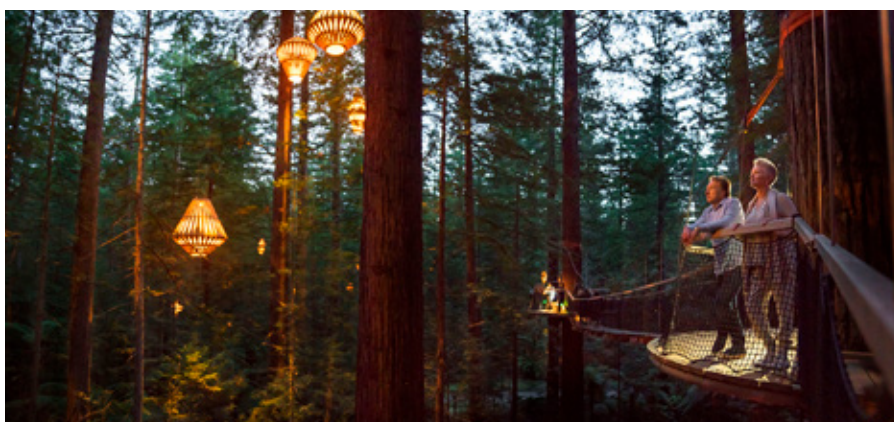
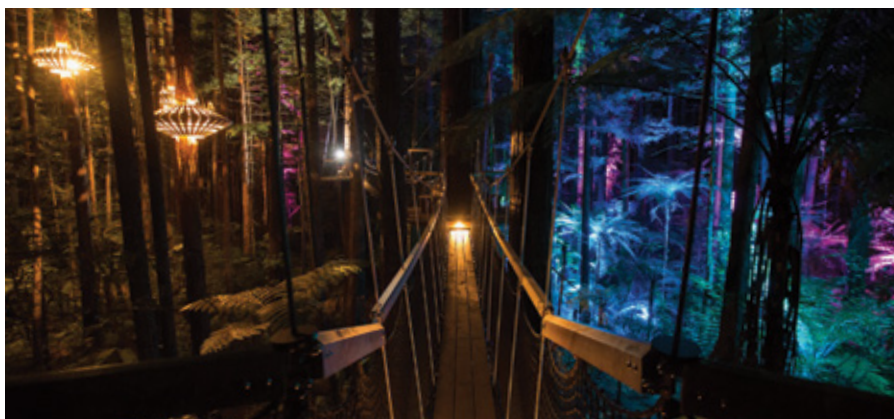
The Redwoods Treewalk offers visitors the opportunity to see this natural treasure from a bird's eye perspective, up to twelve metres from the ground. Walk into the canopy of the forest, breathe in the pure air and listen to the chorus of native birds. No rush, just nature and you.

The daytime walk allows for breathtaking views from each of the 27 living decks along the 700m journey. Informative signs allow visitors to take in the full scope of this natural gem.

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### HANDS-ON EXPLORING

Let the kids get hands-on exploring the valley including discovering the temperature of some of Waimangu's amazing geothermal features using one of the digital 'temperature gun' thermometers.

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The wonders of *Inferno Crater Lake's* 38-day cycle can also be uncovered through Waimangu's augmented reality (AR) app.

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### THE FARM TOUR

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### 3D TRICK ART

A 3 dimensional experience of 50 paintings that all ages can enjoy and is a first in the New Zealand market. It offers an educational, creative and imaginative experience. 3D Trick Art has been rated as 2nd out of 68 attractions in Rotorua according to Tripadvisor.

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Whether you are after an adrenaline filled off road experience, a stunning scenic horse trek or simply some fun with a gun claybird shooting, our Rotorua Adventure Playground is the place to be. All activities take in the spectacular scenery overlooking Lake Rotorua and our beautiful native bush set on Mount Ngongotaha. During the Covid-induced downtime, we have been working hard to add additional activities for our valued customers to enjoy. These include soft air target, paintball target and archery all now at our base. Buggies and claybird shooting are available in all weather. We love what we do, and we know you will too....

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### NATURE AT ITS BEST

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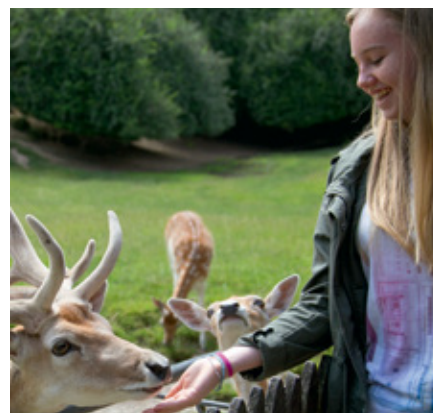
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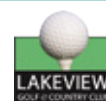
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This sanctuary is home to Black Swan where the stories of these colourful lands are shared in a setting of luxury. With unspoilt views of Lake Rotorua, you'll be thoroughly immersed in waterfront atmosphere.

Every space unique and serene, come and choose your oasis. Black Swan Lakeside Boutique Hotel cares about adding value for our guests beyond a room to rest your head. Our philosophy is about sharing our story with you and your journey to us.

All this in a setting of authentic luxury, where everything you touch in these exquisite rooms is of quality. The

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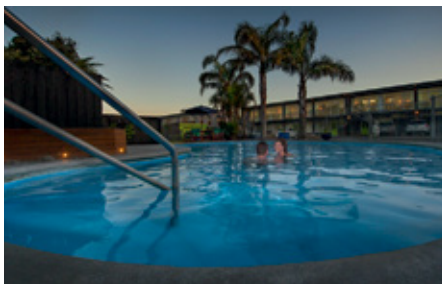


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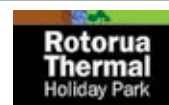
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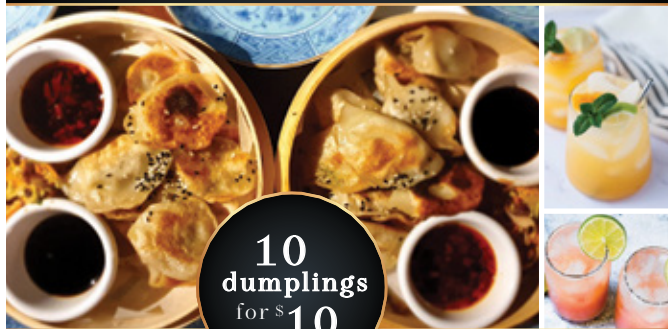
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