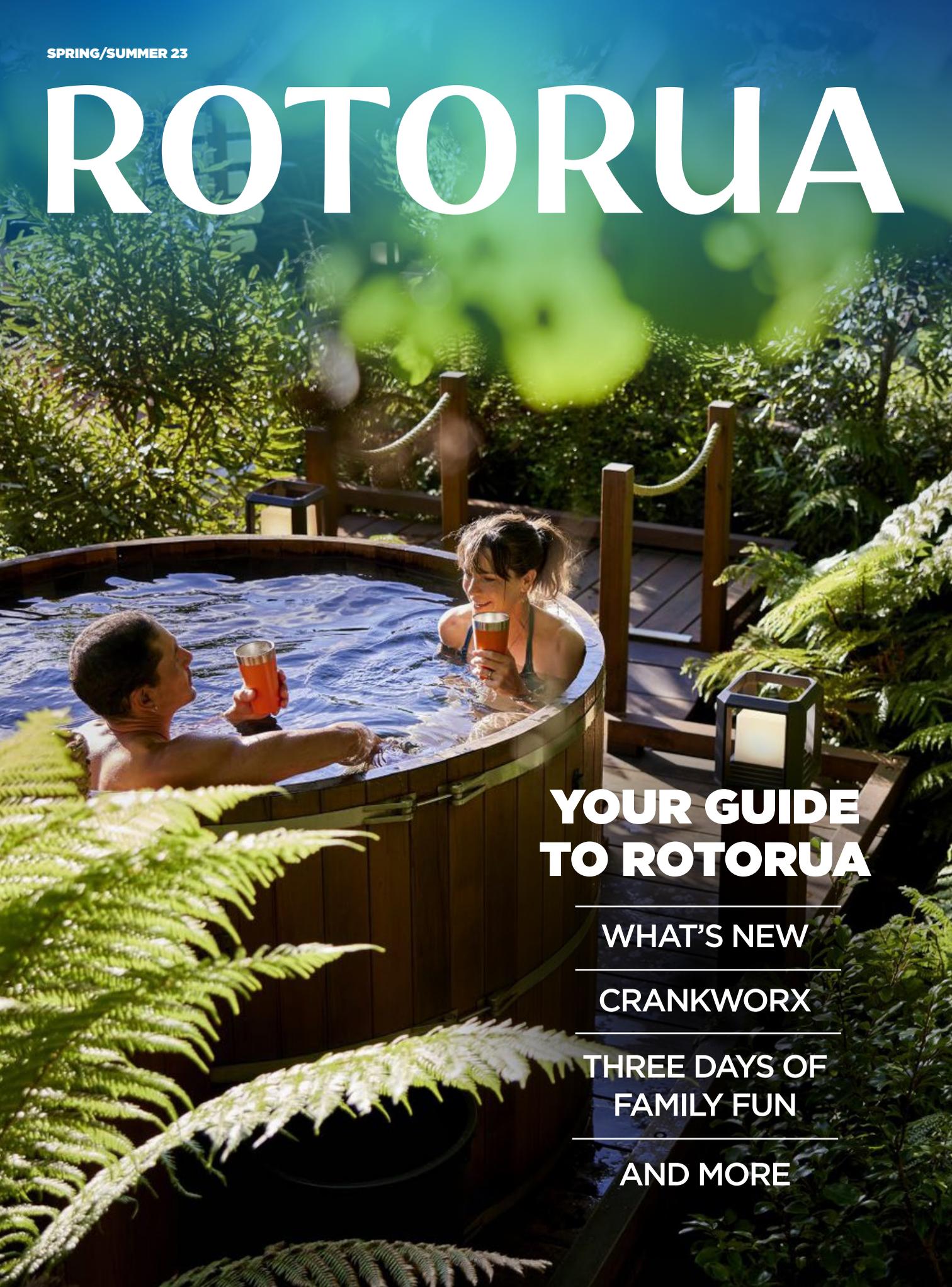


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ROTORUA



**YOUR GUIDE
TO ROTORUA**

WHAT'S NEW

CRANKWORX

THREE DAYS OF
FAMILY FUN

AND MORE

21-23 OCTOBER 2022

ISUZU UTES WHAKA 100

Isuzu Utes Whaka 100 proudly holds the reputation of one of the toughest mountain bike marathons in the Southern Hemisphere. With races throughout Whakarewarewa Forest ranging from a 5.5 kids' race, through to 100km solo, pairs and teams, there's an option for all.

facebook.com/Whaka100



Mead Norton

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 head to head in downhill, jump and trick events; it's also an exciting festival atmosphere that celebrates the world-renowned mountain biking culture of Rotorua. This is the perfect spectator event, with track-side views as well as giant screens so you'll catch all the action. See our Crankworx Rotorua feature story on page 6.

crankworx.com



12 NOVEMBER 2022

SIX60 SATURDAYS

For the first time ever, SIX60 SATURDAYS will come to Rotorua with the band playing at Rotorua International Stadium. This will be a monumental occasion for the region, with fans from all over the Bay of Plenty, Waikato and other parts of the country sure to attend.

Beginning in 2019 and playing to 50,000 fans at the history-making sell-out show at Auckland's Western Springs Stadium, the SIX60 SATURDAYS tour has grown exponentially. In true SIX60 fashion, 2022 sees the band going bigger once again with six stadium shows across Aotearoa. This is the first time any artist has embarked on a 100% stadium tour throughout all of New Zealand.

rotoruanui.nz/event/six60



KIA ORA & WELCOME

Travel, travel, travel. It seems to be on everyone's minds again, particularly with summer just around the corner!

If your feet are itching to escape, why not visit Rotorua? There is truly something for everyone here, and because there are just so many amazing activities and experiences, OUR plan for this issue of Rotorua Magazine is to help YOU plan!

Let's start with what's new. As in our last edition six months ago, there are even more new things to do and places to eat. See pages 4-5 to learn about a new zipline tour; three new Luge tracks at everyone's favourite attraction, Skyline Rotorua; two new Māori cultural experiences; and more. Plus, a new eco-friendly way to visit the secluded hot pools on Lake Rotoiti is nearly ready for its first guests, and Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland is getting set to re-open - both of these are happening in October.

If mountain biking is your jam, then coming for the Crankworx Rotorua event and festival from 9 to 13 November is a must. We've put together a handy guide on pages 6-7 with everything you need to know about attending this incredible event that sees the planet's best downhill and trick mountain bikers competing for world titles.

As far as activities go, Rotorua is like a giant pick-n-mix! To make choosing easier, pages 8-10 provide a big overview of many of our best experiences. We've organised them by adventure, history and culture, and outdoorsy stuff. If you select two or three activities from each section, you should be able to create an amazing itinerary that would have you covered for three days. Don't forget to leave time to eat at any of the great cafés, restaurants and the historic Pig & Whistle pub along the way.

If you've got a family weekend to plan for, just head straight to pages 11-12 where we have a three-day family itinerary all planned out for you! Each day contains three or four activity ideas, as well as dining suggestions, and every site is within close proximity of each other, saving you time and petrol.

Last but certainly not least, on page 13 you'll find a quick reference guide to the variety of accommodation options here, including just a few of our many lakeside holiday homes. Alternatively, head to RotoruaNZ.com for many, many more, or contact our friendly Rotorua i-SITE travel experts for assistance.

We hope to see you soon in Rotorua!

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Canoe Racing NZ Blue Lake 1 & 2

15-16 OCTOBER & 3-4 DECEMBER 2022

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

canoeracing.org.nz

Children's Weekend

4-5 MARCH 2023

This fun-filled weekend offers a wide range of free family activities hosted in various venues around Rotorua to celebrate children around the world.

rotorualakescouncil.nz

New Zealand Blues and BBQ Festival

25-27 NOVEMBER 2022



Bay of Plenty Blues Club Inc presents its Blues and BBQ Festival, including a weekend of mouth-watering BBQ food, BBQ competitions, and fantastic musicians from Aotearoa and Australia.

bluesandbbq.co.nz

MOUNTAIN BIKING & CYCLING



Giant 2W Gravity Enduro series

Race 1 - 16 October 2022

Race 2 - 4 December 2022

Race 3 - 4-5 March 2023

NZ's premier Enduro race series in the world-renowned Whakarewarewa Forest.

enduronz.com

21-24 OCTOBER 2022

Rotorua Bike Festival

The Rotorua Bike Festival delights both bikers and non-bikers alike – a community celebration of all things cycling over four days throughout Rotorua.

rotoruabikefestival.com



11 MARCH 2023

XTERRA Rotorua Festival

Since its inception, this event has grown to become one of the best XTERRA events in the world. Nine events of various lengths, set in and around Lake Tikitapu and Whakarewarewa Forest, encourage athletes of all fitness levels and abilities to participate in trail walking or running, mountain biking, duathlons or triathlons.

xterra.co.nz



23-26 MARCH 2023

Volcanic Epic

A unique mountain bike stage race held across 200km of NZ's spectacular geothermal region in Rotorua, Taupō and Tokoroa. Riders compete in either two- or four-day events, across a range of age and speciality categories.

volcanicepic.co.nz

RUNNING, WALKING & SWIMMING



Up & Up Photography & Film

17 SEPTEMBER 2022

Rotorua Marathon & Red Stag Half Marathon

NZ's most iconic marathon features hidden gems, surreal scenery and stunning natural wonders with the full marathon around Lake Rotorua.

rotoruumarathon.co.nz

24-25 SEPTEMBER 2022

Blue Lake 24hr Challenge

A 24-hour, self-supported walk/run event around Lake Tikitapu (Blue Lake). 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.

bluelake24hr.com

1 OCTOBER 2022

Rotorua Generation Homes Trek the Forest

An event for avid trail runners or walkers. Explore the gems of Rotorua through a 5.5km loop around stunning Lake Tikitapu, or try a more adventurous 16km trail into Whakarewarewa Forest.

kiwiwalkrun.co.nz/event/generation-homes-trek-the-forest

5-6 NOVEMBER 2022

Rotorua Walking Festival

Celebrate walking in the beautiful Rotorua landscape. Includes forest, lakes, parks and geothermal areas.

rotoruanui.nz/event/rotorua-walking-festival

20 NOVEMBER 2022 & 26 FEBRUARY 2023

Rotorua Off-road Trail Run/Walk

Events include an off-road half marathon, 10km, 5km, and the Little Devils Race for kids aged 3-10, all in the stunning Whakarewarewa Forest.

eventpromotions.co.nz



Greene Murray

11 FEBRUARY 2023

Tarawera Ultramarathon

The Tarawera Ultramarathon is New Zealand's most prestigious trail ultra. Runners compete in 21km, 50km, 102km distances or the ultimate 100-mile endurance run.

taraweraultra.co.nz



25 MARCH 2023

Generation Homes Legend of the Lake

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

WEEKLY

Rotorua Night Market - Thursdays, 4:30-8:30pm, Tutaneikai Street. Food & boutique shopping.

WHAT'S NEW IN ROTORUA?



Rotorua
Ziplines

In Rotorua there's always something new popping up, so even if your last visit was just months ago, the chances are high that you can book a whole new itinerary without doubling up.

In addition to the following newbies, special mention goes out to long-time favourite **Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland** re-opening on Saturday, 22 October.



Pure Cruise

THE AIRSTREAM PROJECT

After more than a decade of feedback and ideas from both clients and crew, the **Pure Cruise** team has dreamt up, designed and hand-built a totally unique 9.2-meter pontoon vessel with electric drive. The shape, form and finish draw inspiration from classic 1960s Airstream caravans, World War II aircraft, and Italian speed boats. This silent-running, floating work of art will be available for private charter as well as daily cruises to Lake Rotoiti Hot Pools from late October.

ROTORUA ZIPLINES

One of the newest adrenalin adventures to open its doors in Rotorua was created by local guy and long-time adventurer Sam Sutton. The Rotorua Rafting owner recently opened **Rotorua Ziplines** which soars over Kaituna River's waterfalls and through beautiful native forest, and claims to have the steepest and fastest zipline in the country.



Skyline
Rotorua

MORE LUGE TRACKS

If, during past visits, you loved the thrill of flying down the side of Mt Ngongotahā in a Luge at **Skyline Rotorua**, there's now even more to love – three new Luge tracks, four new corkscrew turns, and more tunnels lit up with 430 colourful metres of LED lighting. Plus, Night Lugging is back on Friday and Saturday nights until 8pm.



© Graeme Murray



Kaitiaki
Adventures

VOLCANIC CRATER EXPERIENCE

Kaitiaki Adventure's new 6.5-hour **Mt Tarawera Volcanic Crater Experience** has extended their world-class crater walk by adding a hike around the Tarawera dome above lakes Rotomahana and Tarawera, and linking back up with the hugely popular half-day excursion on the summit of the highest of three peaks, Ruawahia.



Miles Holden



Te Pā Tū

THE ROUND TRIP

The Round Trip at **Waimangu Volcanic Valley** has you follow in the footsteps of New Zealand's first tourists. You'll uncover the stories of the Pink and White Terraces and the 1886 Tarawera eruption. 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.

GEOTHERMAL WONDERS AND MĀORI CULTURE COMBO

Māori cultural performances are back at **Te Puia!** The Te Rā Guided Experience + Haka combo takes you through the carving and weaving schools at New Zealand Māori Arts & Crafts Institute, the Kiwi Conservation Centre, and the geothermal valley which includes the Southern Hemisphere's largest active geyser, Pōhutu. The cultural performance includes a pōhiri (traditional welcome), waiata (song), mōteatea (traditional chant), poi and haka (traditional dance). Available from 22 September.

NEW EXPERIENCES - AND NAME - FOR TAMAKI MĀORI VILLAGE

New Zealand's most-awarded cultural attraction is now called **Te Pā Tū** - and they've created new guest experiences that celebrate seasonal kai (food) and Māori culture. For Māori, kai is integral to any special gathering, so you'll experience the mystical Ahi Taitai (fire ceremony) before stepping into the tawa forest canopy for seasonal kai horotai (canapés) and a lantern-lit walk to a lavish three-course family-share hākari (feast).

WHAKA GEOTHERMAL TRAILS

Whakarewarewa - The Living Māori Village has 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 activity for families, couples, and small groups up to 10, and for nearly all levels of fitness. Children can ride independently or on a dual-carry electric bike, and you can pre-order a picnic hamper to take with you.



The Junction on Fenton

NEW ZEALAND'S NEWEST GREAT RIDE

A new mountain biking trail, the **Whakarewarewa Forest Loop**, has opened and recently been named New Zealand's newest Cycle Trail Great Ride. The 33km trail is perfect for confident riders of almost any age and fitness level, and takes riders through some of the iconic features that Rotorua mountain biking is renowned for: fun trails, Māori culture, towering California redwood trees, geothermal activity and stunning views.

BASECAMP AT SECRET SPOT HOT TUBS

Secret Spot Hot Tubs has created a new space for families and friends to hang out and enjoy a refreshing drink (alcoholic or non) and nibbles. The new BaseCamp features a safari tent with bar and lots of seating indoors and out, plus a campfire.

SWEET TREATS

Goody Goodies in the city centre offers a delicious range of freshly baked treats that are sure to satisfy any sweet tooth. Trying to decide between their signature loaded brownies, scrummy slices, Nan's melting moments, mini cupcakes and more is likely to be your toughest decision to make. For savoury lovers, grab one of the giant sausage rolls.

THE JUNCTION ON FENTON

We're thrilled that part of the historic building that houses the i-SITE Visitor Information Centre has been converted to a beautiful café that highlights the building's 1900s origins. Vintage ceramic tiles covering the front counter, an antique safe door that's been repurposed, and other vintage and rustic touches bely the newness of **The Junction on Fenton**. Enjoy a coffee and scone on the sunny covered porch, order from the breakfast or lunch menu, or cosy up on the classic Chesterfield sofa in the back nook while you sip a locally made Volcanic Hills wine. ❖



CRANKWORX RETURNS THIS NOVEMBER!

This year, Crankworx Rotorua will once again be the final stop of the Crankworx World Tour, celebrating the season's champions and crowning the King and Queen of Crankworx. And YOU are invited to join the party!

Crankworx Rotorua kicked off in 2015, becoming the first Crankworx event to be held outside of North America and Europe. Since then, it's played host to some of the most memorable moments in Crankworx history and is now referred to as "the soul of Crankworx" due to the unique ability to combine riding with our amazing New Zealand culture.

Visiting Rotorua during the Crankworx World Tour Festival is an experience that cannot be missed. So, pack up your bike, get yourself a festival pass, and enjoy everything that Rotorua has on offer!

ROTORUA ACCOMMODATION

Sort your accommodation as soon as you know you're coming. As a buzzing tourist destination, Rotorua has the entire range of accommodation options, from backpackers and holiday parks to a five-star hotel and loads of B&Bs - and they book up well in advance during Crankworx.

Take a look at RotoruaNZ.com/accommodation or contact our i-SITE travel experts for their free advice and booking services.

CRANKWORX FESTIVAL PASSES

Three-day, two-day and single-event passes, plus upgrades, are available for purchase now at crankworx.com, or at the gate. The ticketed events will take place at Skyline Rotorua from 9 to 13 November.

THE MAIN EVENT

With a stacked schedule serving up pro, amateur and CWNEXT races, Kidsworx, a bustling expo and retail village, plus awesome local food trucks, there's something for everyone.

On your way up to where the action takes place, keep an eye out for the giant screens near you showing all the action live from various vantage points.

Wear practical shoes as you'll be walking uphill on uneven terrain. Pack a sunhat or cap, sunscreen and a rain jacket.

You're welcome to bring non-glass drink bottles and reusable cups, if you'd like to help us look after the planet. Bringing your own food is fine, too.



AFTER THE EVENT

This event should come with a warning: After watching all the racing, flipping, whipping and tricking, you're going to want to hit the trails too, whether you're a competitive downhiller, weekend warrior, or have never even touched a mountain bike.

With more than 200 kilometres of world-renowned mountain bike trails weaving, dodging and undulating through **Whakarewarewa Forest**, Rotorua has been a mountain biker's heaven for decades.

The trails range from Grade 1, perfect for beginners and families with younger children, to Grade 5 for expert riders.

If you're looking to tick a Great Ride off your bucket list, the 33km Whakarewarewa Forest Loop is New Zealand's newest trail to earn Great Ride status.

If it's your first time riding here, [Trailforks.com](https://www.trailforks.com) offers the most up-to-date information for trail grades, navigating, and any temporary closures (please note the network is positioned in a working forest; it is vital to follow any special instructions, closures and/or detours as noted).

Once the Crankworx Festival ends, **Skyline Rotorua's MTB Park** will once again be open to the public, providing access to the very same world-class downhill mountain bike trails used by the Crankworx competitors. The park consists of 12km of trails with varying terrain for most ability levels, and one of the awesome aspects of this park is that, with the aid of certain gondolas that have been specially designed to accommodate bikes, you'll have zero uphill riding!



BRINGING YOUR OWN BIKES

While **Mountain Bike Rotorua** and **Planet Bike** have the latest models of mountain bikes – including electric versions – available for hire, we know that sometimes you prefer to bring your own gear. A variety of Rotorua accommodation providers, from **Rock Solid Backpackers**, **Aura Accommodation**, and **Jet Park Hotel Rotorua**, to **Regent of Rotorua** and the five-star **Pullman Rotorua** provide free, secure bike storage for their guests. Some have bike wash stations as well.

Add to this the numerous tourism activities and attractions in Rotorua, and you have endless opportunities for everyone to have fun on bikes and off.

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

ROTORUA

HAS IT ALL



Velocity Valley

From adventures to history and geothermal wonders, to culture and natural beauty, there is truly something for every Rotorua visitor.

ADRENALIN-SPIKING THRILLS

One way to look at Rotorua is to see it as one massive family-friendly playground with enough activities to keep you busy for a week or more!

Get down and dirty with some off-road vehicle fun. At **Adventure Playground**, check out the guided 4WD buggy tour. At **Off Road NZ**, you have Monster 4X4 Thrill Rides in a specially modified Jeep. Both offer awesome 4X4 self-drive options too, and Off Road is the only place in the country where you can race karts imported from France on the same track as the professional racers.

Buckle up and head to **Velocity Valley**, home of speed and adrenaline. Here you'll find the world's only Shweeb Racer, a human-powered monorail racetrack; Rotorua Bungy, a New Zealand icon; Agrojet, New Zealand's fastest jet sprint experience; the 40-metre tall Swoop which swings you toward the earth at 130kmph; and the Southern Hemisphere's only wind tunnel, Freefall Xtreme.

If you love adventures on the water, then rafting or kayaking on the world-famous Kaituna River is a must. Guided whitewater rafting tours with **Kaitiaki Adventures**, **Kaituna Cascades**, **River Rats** and **Rotorua Rafting** start out on a gentle Grade 2 scenic section that winds its way through beautiful native forest. You'll navigate a few rapids and small waterfalls as you work your way up to the full-on Grade 5 action that features the world's highest commercially rafted waterfall at seven metres.

New Zealand Whitewater Academy tackles the Kaituna in tandem kayaks, with you in front and one of their expert guides in the back seat.

On the lakes, **Katoa Lake Rotorua** offers a number of unforgettable jetboat experiences that'll see you blasting across the water up to 85km/h as you scream toward landmarks and hot pools.



Joel McDowell



Off Road NZ



Graeme Murray



Waimangu Volcanic Valley

Adrenalin junkies must also check out at least one of the zipline experiences here. **Rotorua Canopy Tours** and **Rotorua Ziplines** are equally awe-inspiring and spine-tingling, doing amazing mahi (work) improving the environments they operate in, and dedicated to leaving you feeling inspired and exhilarated. They have great points of difference, too, which is why we suggest you give both of them a go!

HISTORY & CULTURE BUFFS

Rotorua's history, geothermal landscape and Māori culture are very entwined and there are several ways to learn about and experience them.

Waimangu Volcanic Valley and **Buried Village of Te Wairoa** are excellent places to learn about Rotorua's tourism story, the original local Māori women guides, and the history-making volcanic eruption in 1886 that simultaneously buried one famous tourist hot spot while creating a new one.

Kaitiaki Adventures also shares the Rotorua story as they transport you via 4WD to the summit of Mt Tarawera for a crater walk with the most amazing views of the volcanic valley and well beyond, from an elevation of 1,100 metres. Another exhilarating way to get to the summit and join Kaitiaki's crater walk tour is with a **Volcanic Air** helicopter tour which offers amazing views over Rotorua and our geothermal valleys, and knowledgeable commentary from your pilot.

Like Waimangu, **Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland** (which re-opens on 22 October), **Kuirau Park**, and **Sulphur Bay Wildlife Refuge** are great for experiencing the variety of our geothermal landscapes up close and personal. Kuirau Park and Sulphur Bay are free to visit.

Of course, we can't talk about our geothermal features without mentioning our hot pools! Again, there's quite a variety, from rural to secluded to the middle of the city.

For a beautiful drive to a lush country setting, head to **Waikite Valley Thermal Pools**, about 20 minutes south of town.

Getting to the secluded **Manupirua Springs Hot Pools** is half the fun, as the eight pools along the shore of Lake Rotoiti are accessible only by boat or floatplane.

Hell's Gate is our most active geothermal reserve and the only place in New Zealand where you can soak in a natural mineral-rich outdoor mud bath, used for generations by Māori to ease joint and muscle pain.

At **Secret Spot Hot Tubs**, you reserve your own freshwater cedar hot tub and can enjoy tub-side service to top up any drinks.

Polynesian Spa, located in the city and alongside Lake Rotorua, is internationally acclaimed. Besides offering 28 pools with gorgeous views to choose from, their luxurious spa treatments provide next-level Zen.





For a more in-depth look into Māoritanga (Māori culture, practices and beliefs) and tikanga (customs), visit **Te Puia** and the **New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute, Te Pā Tū**, and/or **Mitai Māori Village** for incredible and interactive experiences – each one of them unique.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

While we've already covered so many outdoor activities, we'd be remiss if we left out our incredible forest and lakes.

Whakarewarewa Forest is internationally renowned. It's the perfect place to relax in nature with a walk on your own or with loved ones. The wide trails with deep forest undergrowth make this a great place to run, as well, and are pram-friendly. The forest is free to visit.

The forest is also home to **Redwoods Treewalk** and **Redwoods Altitude**, two very different attractions that showcase the height of the towering California redwoods that were planted here at the beginning of the 20th century.

Many trails in the forest are dual-purpose so keep an eye out for mountain bikes and occasional horses crossing. Mountain biking is serious business in Rotorua. Riders come from around the globe to ride our dirt gold year-round, and some have even been known to move to Rotorua to have daily access to the 200km of trails. If you'd like to give it a go, there are plenty of trails for absolute beginners, and you can rent top quality mountain bikes and e-mountain bikes from **Mountain Bike Rotorua** or **Planet Bike**.

If you've got a bit of riding experience under your belt, check out New Zealand's newest Great Ride, the 33km **Whakarewarewa Forest Loop**, an amazing trail that's also perfectly suited for fully charged e-mountain bikes.



If you need to re-charge yourself, there are three spots along the trail to grab a coffee, snacks, and even a couple of burgers (days and hours vary).

Nature lovers enjoy the **Lake Ōkāreka boardwalk** and **Hamurana Springs Nature Reserve**, both beautiful places to slow down and disconnect from the busyness of the world, and of course golf is a fantastic way to redirect your energy, especially if you're having to avoid sinking your ball in a steaming-hot river or boiling mud pool at **Arikikapakapa Rotorua Golf Club**. The peace and tranquillity of the countryside surrounding the 18-hole **Lakeview Golf and Country Club** will also enable you to relax and enjoy your game.

Being the lakes region of New Zealand, Rotorua boasts 18 **lakes**, plus three major rivers, that are accessible year round for recreational use. For **fishing** regulations, follow those for the Eastern region, which includes Rotorua. Our lakes and rivers offer diverse angler experiences, high catch rates and big fish, so there's something for everyone.

By no means is this list exhaustive, so be sure to head to RotoruaNZ.com for more, or contact our friendly travel experts in one of Rotorua's i-SITE Visitor Information Centres. ❖

THREE DAYS OF FAMILY FUN IN ROTORUA



With so many things to do and see in Rotorua, where does one even begin? Well, right here is the perfect place to start if you're planning a few days away with your family.

DAY 1

Why not kick things off with cuddling and feeding some of the cutest farm babies you'll ever see? At the world-renowned **Agrodome**, you'll have lambs, calves and even some bunnies. Then enjoy the super fun and informative tour through a 350-acre working farm that's home to 26 different breeds of sheep, 10 breeds of cattle, alpaca, llama, horses, goats, deer, donkeys and more. Your driver and guide will stop along the way, allowing you to feed the friendly sheep and alpaca. There's more to do here, too, including the chance to milk a cow!

Just down the road is **aMAZEme**, the perfect place to try not to get lost in a 1.4km maze constructed from an immaculately pruned, head-high escallonia hedge. Kids love this and the small-animal enclosures, butterfly garden and giant lawn games.

You're welcome to bring along your lunch or snacks to enjoy in the picnic area at aMAZEme, so if that sounds appealing, head over to **Café Dynasti** in Ngongotahā to grab some takeaways from the cabinet or menu. They're

open daily until 3pm, and the food is delicious. You can dine in, as well.

Heading back toward town, stop in at **ZORB**. Upon arrival, jump into your swim gear, then Superman dive into a giant inflated ball which has a bit of warm water added to keep you sloshing around inside while you roll downhill. Choose from four different tracks (or all of them!) and let the hilarity ensue.

If tonight is Friday, for dinner, head to **Eastwood** for their famous, family-favourite wood-fired pizzas. The last orders are taken at 7.45pm, and this could work perfectly for your next activity.

If everyone still has energy to burn before bedtime, **Redwoods Treewalk & Nightlights** are not to be missed. Starting at dusk is the perfect time as you'll get the benefit of seeing the forest in daylight as you traverse 27 eco-suspended bridges. As you make your way up, the sun sets before you know it and you'll find yourself 20 metres up and surrounded by gorgeous fairy lights and giant David Trubridge lanterns. Magical!



Agrodome



ZORB



DAY 2

Be sure to start the day with a great breakfast. If you want a break from meal prep, treat yourself at one of the numerous excellent cafés in town that have great kids' menus and spaces for them to entertain themselves while waiting for their meals to arrive.

Capers Café + Store and **Third Place Café** have a playroom kitted out with toys and colouring in. **Arts Village Café**, **Eastwood**, **Okere Falls Store**, and **Trail Kitchen** have amazing outdoor spaces for the kids to run around. If you've gotten a late start today but the kids – or you – still want waffles, there's no need to worry as **Scope Café** serves breakfast all day (and, yes, that includes waffles!)

Once you're ready to resume your explorations, if you need more of your animal fix, there are several more options to consider: **Mini Golf Rotorua** with live bunnies on the course; pat the lion cubs at **Paradise Valley Springs Wildlife Park**; or feed more animals at **The Farm Tour at Heritage Farm**.

For the ornithologists in the group, check out the amazing conservation and education efforts at both **The National Kiwi Hatchery** and **Wingspan National Bird of Prey Trust**, two very unique and important organisations who are rescuing, breeding, raising and looking after some of our native birds.

A visit to Rotorua must include visiting our native glow worms in their natural habitats. **Paddle Board Rotorua** provides tours via stand up paddle boards and kayaks to see glow worm caves on our lakes, and if you'd rather keep your feet on terra firma, **Real Rotorua** offers guided walking tours to see glow worms in the forest.

If your family is a democratic one, head to the block-long, covered dining precinct **Eat Street** tonight where everyone gets their vote on which of the dozen restaurants you'll dine at. Don't forget to save space for a sweet treat from **Lady Janes Ice Cream Parlour** on the corner closest to the lake.



DAY 3

Let's start day three with the super-fun **Rotorua Duck Tours**, a long-time family favourite, known for their quirky means of transportation: aboard a genuine World War II amphibious landing craft! Two tour options offer you a unique and really fun way to learn about our region and history as you cruise on land through the city and splash down into lakes as well.

And perhaps, a fitting end to your holiday would be spent at one of Rotorua's stalwarts, **Skyline Rotorua**. Enjoy the scenic trip up Mt Ngongotahā in a gondola, then race each other on one of the world-famous Luge tracks. In fact, if you've been there before, you have three new tracks to choose from, or ride all three (see page 6 for more info).

For the parents in the group, if your kids are fine on their own for a wee while, treat yourself and head over to **Volcanic Hills Winery** (in the Skyline building where you exited the Gondola) to enjoy a glass of vino or a pre-booked hosted tasting of Rotorua's own wines while the kids stay busy on the Luge, Zoom Ziplines, or Skyswing. ❖





NEED A PLACE TO STAY? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Rotorua is home to lots of great accommodation options, with everything from luxury lodges to lakeside holiday homes and summer-pleasing holiday parks, and so much more.

LAKESIDE B&BS AND HOLIDAY HOMES

Summer isn't summer without a place near the lake. Luckily, there are a LOT of lakeside or lake-view holiday homes to choose from, whether you're a party of one or two, or a group of 20 or more.

Jack's Hut is a gorgeous little 1930s shepherd's hut sited on a hill overlooking beautiful Lake Tarawera. It's the perfect romantic and secluded spot for two to hide away and enjoy nature.

For families looking for a holiday home with lawn-to-lake aspect, complete with private jetty, **The Lake's Edge** on Lake Rotoiti, with three bedrooms and two baths, is just the spot.

Toka Ridge consists of four free-standing, differently sized villas in a gorgeous rural setting overlooking Lake Rotorua. Book the one-bedroom villa for two, or all four villas for a group up to 20.

LUXURY AWAITS

Treetops Lodge & Estate is fantastic for families and couples. Nestled in 2,500 acres of 800-year old native forest, this award-winning lodge is a nature lover's sanctuary.

Overlooking the sparkling waters of Lake Rotorua, **Peppers on the Point** is an intimate luxury retreat with

spectacular views over Lake Rotorua to historic Mokoia Island.

The rooms and suites at **Regent of Rotorua** feature elegant decor with a touch of glamour and loads of comfort. Relax and savour the outdoor heated swimming pool and indoor mineral pool.

Enjoy beautiful views of the city, Lake Rotorua, geothermal areas, mountains, and forests from the luxurious rooms and suites at the five-star **Pullman Rotorua** hotel.

HOTELS & MOTELS

Located down a quiet street, **Aura Accommodation** is just two blocks from the city centre, exactly 280 metres from Eat Street, even closer to the Rotorua Lakefront, and 300 metres from Government Gardens.

Jet Park Hotel Rotorua knows our four-legged family members are important! Their Pampered Pet Package provides a pet-friendly room complete with pet bed and blanket, bowls, treats and a toy, so your fur baby can holiday in Rotorua too.

From different vantage points, **Millennium Hotel** and **Novotel Rotorua Lakeside** overlook Lake Rotorua, have modern, comfortable rooms, and restaurants, bars and spa pools.

Rydges Rotorua is within walking and biking distance to the famous

Whakarewarewa Forest and overlooks the incredible geothermal Te Whakarewarewa Valley.

HOLIDAY PARKS

Awarded New Zealand's Spirit of Hospitality Award, the Qualmark 4-star **All Seasons Holiday Park** is a firm family favourite, and includes a few fenced camping sites for pooches or wandering children.

Blue Lake TOP 10 Holiday Park is located across from one of our favourite lakes, the beautiful Tikitapu (aka Blue Lake), and surrounded by native bush.

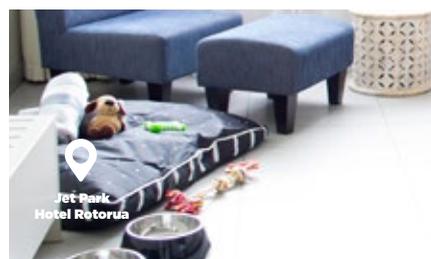
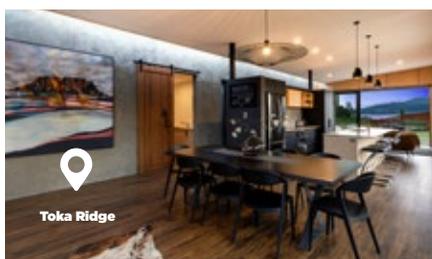
CITY-CENTRE BACKPACKER

Rock Solid Backpackers offers a variety of room styles with cheery, colourful linens and thoughtful touches. Private rooms with and without ensembles are available, as well as dorm rooms, family rooms, and female-only dorms.

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RailCruising is the 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, and blankets.

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.

Trips depart daily from Mamaku Railway Station at:

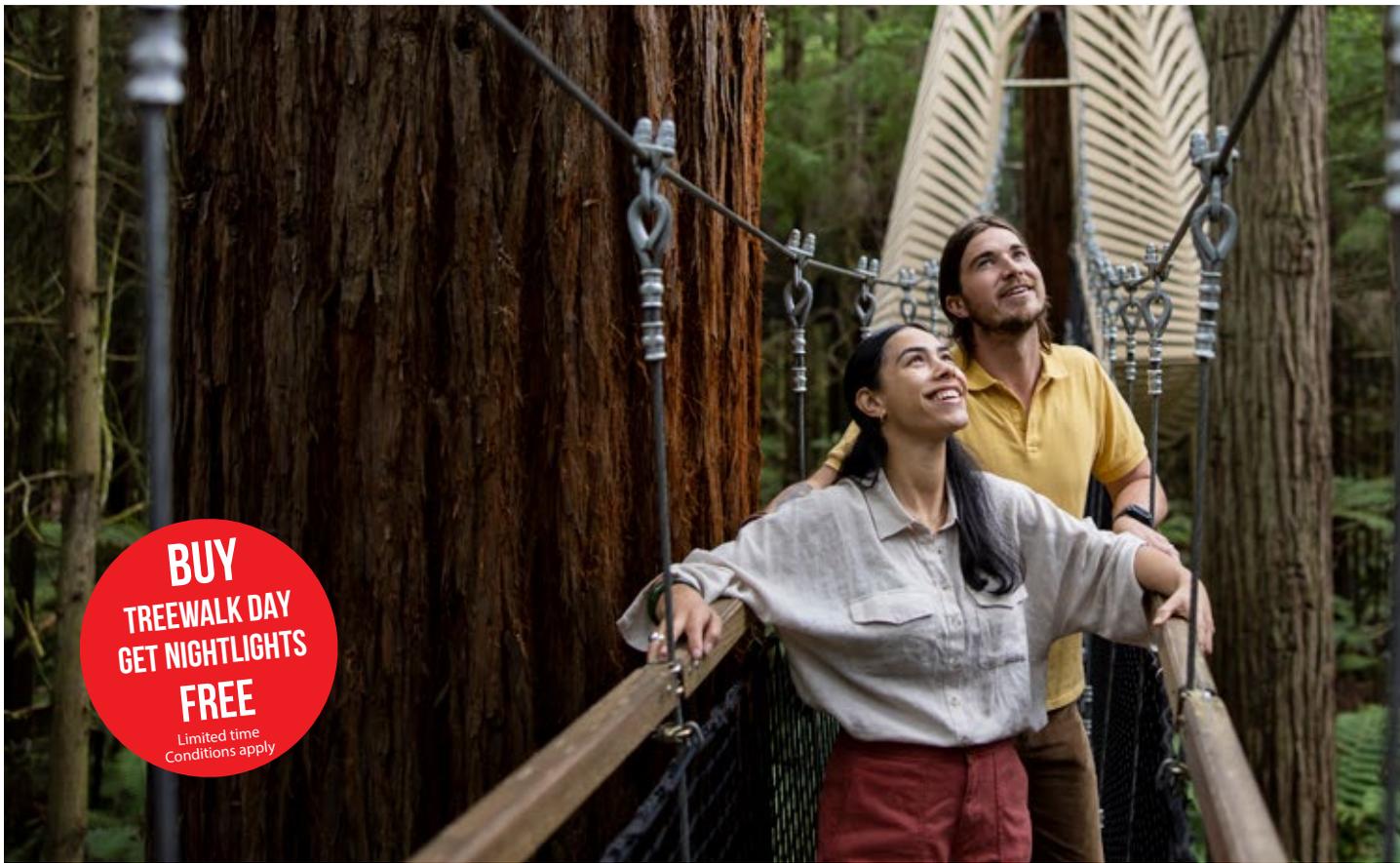
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REDWOODS TREWALK & ALTITUDE

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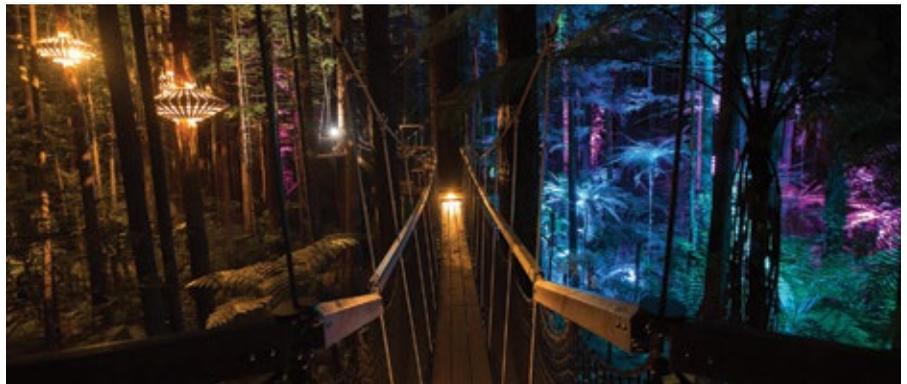
Here are three ways to enjoy the forest...

REDWOODS TREWALK

Now synonymous with Rotorua, the Treewalk is not to be missed. The award-winning eco-tourism walk is 700-metres long, featuring 28 suspension bridges and viewing platforms.

Making its way through the canopy, Treewalk is the best way to forest bathe, and take in the 120-year-old Redwood grove where some of nature's magic happens... the trees here grow up to ten times faster than in other parts of the world, producing gentle giants that host unique fauna and flora.

Perfect for couples and families to take in Rotorua's most beloved treasure, where design meets nature.





REDWOODS NIGHTLIGHTS

Under the cover of darkness magic happens. New Zealand’s most popular evening tour just got better, with the addition of the new Trubridge walk-in lantern. The thirty-four lanterns turn Rotorua’s beloved Redwoods into New Zealand’s real-life enchanted forest. Unique and intricate lighting brings the forest to life and makes a visit truly stunning no matter the weather.

Young and old fall under the spell of this amazing forest, that locals cherish as a place to renew, refresh, and recharge.

REDWOODS ALTITUDE

Experience even more of the spectacular Redwoods Forest!

Looking for something a little more exhilarating? Redwoods Altitude is a separate offering from the main Treewalk and offers a guided experience, up to 25 metres high – higher than the existing Treewalk.

When Treewalk enthusiasts said build

higher, make it faster, Redwoods Altitude seemed to magically appear. This fully guided Indiana-Jones inspired journey takes visitors to the forefront of adventure. Small, guided tours are taken though a series of twenty-five themed swing bridges and three flying foxes, as they zip, jump, and balance their way through what might just be an impossible mission.

With daily scheduled departures, it is exactly what you’d expect the reboot of Treewalk as a movie to feel like. Allow 2 & ½ hours for this epic adventure, located only 5 minutes from the Rotorua CBD, this thrill will not let you down. Book the ultimate tree top adventure in Rotorua today!

Check out our website for more info - www.treewalk.co.nz

Treewalk open daily from 9am

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WAIMANGU VOLCANIC VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FAMILY DAY OUT

Pack up the family and experience an unforgettable day exploring Waimangu Volcanic Valley – covered in regenerating native forest and fascinating flora, spectacular geothermal features and distinctive birdlife, Waimangu provides entertainment for the whole family.

RICH IN HISTORY

Waimangu's history and legacy lends itself to plenty of rich experiences and stories for the whole family. The area was created following the Mount Tarawera eruption in 1886 – which devastated the area and destroyed what was known as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World', the Pink and White Terraces.

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.

Other highlights include *Frying Pan Lake* – one of the world's largest hot water springs with a surface area of 3.8ha – and the picturesque *Inferno Crater Lake* which rises and falls as it heats and cools.





AUGMENTED REALITY

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

The app brings to life many of the Valley's fascinating geological insights, like the now-extinct Waimangu Geyser, which regularly erupted in the valley between 1900 and 1904 to heights of over 400m!

Enjoy a boat cruise on Lake Rotomahana - now covering the famous Pink and White Terraces - and let the wonders of AR technology restore the sights that once brought so many intrepid travellers to the shores of the lake, and spark kids' imaginations about the mystery of the terraces' fate.

Waimangu's AR app is free to download on Apple and Android devices. Locations of interest are geo-tagged, allowing visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of Waimangu until there is something hidden to be seen with AR.

LOCAL STORE & CAFÉ

If you're looking for a caffeine fix, look no further! The Waimangu Local Store and Café has the best coffee around and a lovely, relaxing environment with great views to enjoy it in! Choose from hot and cold breakfasts, hearty lunches, Kiwi classics and perfect picnic options if you are heading out into the valley.

Pick up some essential items from the general store while you are here or check out our range of specialty food and drink, gifts and clothing made in Rotorua and around New Zealand.

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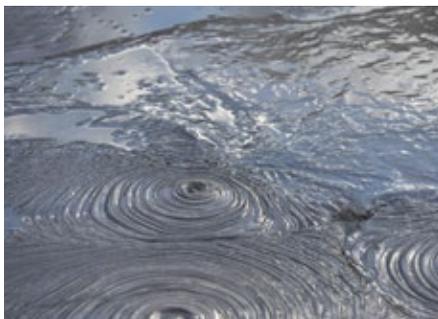
TE PUIA

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

Experience the unique opportunity to discover one of New Zealand's most magnificent geothermal wonderlands - featuring the largest active geyser in the Southern Hemisphere, Pōhutu Geyser, bubbling mud and beautiful native bush, as well as the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute training the next generation of artists from around the country.

BY DAY

Te Puia offers a sprawling 60-hectare landscape of uncovered natural bush, geysers and mud pools with a remarkable walk along the Te Whakarewarewa geyser terrace. Discover Te Puia's history and lineage with a guided personalised tour - each guide adds a personal touch to inspire and help visitors truly connect with the Te Puia experience. Our guided tours run regularly each day. Please refer to our website for times and availability. These take approximately 90 minutes and are suitable for all ages, mobility and all-weather.





GEYSER BY NIGHT

Our latest experience, Geysers By Night - Te Puia Light Trails, reveals for the first time our geothermal valley under night skies, providing a multi-sensory experience that can not be replicated anywhere else in the world. Hear the stories of the past and feel the beauty of Pōhutu in an interactive journey guided by light.

The night walk is led by our knowledgeable kaiarahi (guides) who are passionate about sharing the stories of our people and our connection to the whenua (landscape) that has nourished us for hundreds of years. Geysers By Night is a 3km personally guided night trail under the stars, through Te Puia's geothermal valley (approx. 2 hour duration).

Until now, the magic hidden within Te Puia after hours has remained a secret that only Mother Nature has truly been exposed to. Discover the magic of Rotorua's geothermal wonderland.



ĀHUA GALLERY

Our Āhua Gallery has a collection of high-end, hand carved taonga, Māori made, onsite here within Te Puia. Each item comes with a letter of authenticity and it's unique significance will be explained to you by our knowledgeable Āhua Gallery team.

PĀTAKA KAI RESTAURANT

Each day our stunning Pātaka Kai Restaurant, Bar and Cafe serves fresh ground coffee, a range of cabinetry snacks and refreshments alongside either a blackboard chefs' special menu, A La Carte menu or our famous brunch, lunch or dinner buffet.

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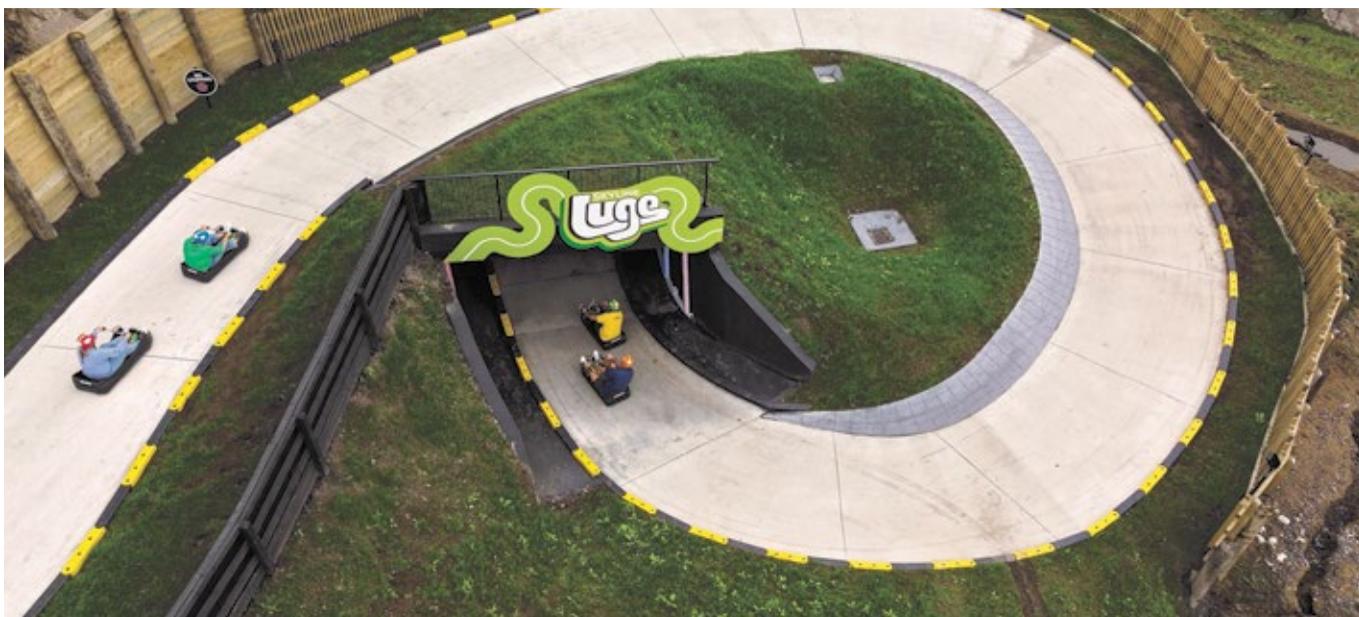


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Thrill seekers will be spoilt for choice with the opening of three new Luge tracks at Skyline Rotorua, now with five amazing Luge tracks to choose from.

Over 14 months in construction, Skyline Rotorua are proud to present the latest Luge track additions; Ultra, Twister and the Legend! The new tracks boast multiple corkscrew turns, panoramic views of the city and four newly-lit tunnels — perfect for night Lugging.

Skyline is continually evolving the Luge model and track designs, and our latest design is truly state of the art. The Night Luge has also been transformed with 170 coloured LED lights and with the addition of these new tracks our Luge now boasts a total track length of 7.3 kilometres — the longest in the world!

The new tracks are longer, smoother and safer than ever before — while the new tunnel lighting is a genuine Luge world-first. It is 100 per cent gravity fuelled fun, there is nothing else like this!

A sustainable approach was utilised for the entire project, with 12,000 native trees planted onsite and four water retention ponds created. Old Luge carts were shredded and recycled into track curbing, old concrete from

the tracks was crushed and used on site and no soil was removed from the property.

If you haven't been to visit Skyline Rotorua yet — or recently — bring your whānau and friends to check it out. It's a great way to support the region. More than 25 million Luge rides have been undertaken since the Luge opened in 1985, ensuring the attraction has become part of Kiwi culture and a must-do activity for international manuhiri.

Skyline Luge is a fun-filled adventure activity suitable for riders of all ages and experience levels. Climb aboard your Luge cart and let gravity and your sense of adventure do the rest!



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SHARE YOUR ADVENTURE

You'll find a relaxed atmosphere and friendly welcome when you discover our secret spot in the forest. Nestled in the heart of New Zealand's mountain biking mecca, we are all about connecting you with nature, friends, and family after your day's adventures. Bathe in your own cedar hot tub beside a forest stream and enjoy tub-side bar service at the push of a button. Our fresh water comes from a beautiful aquifer spring, heated to just the right temperature for you to enjoy a relaxing 45-minute soak.



Explore our unique café and bar in a backyard setting - we have smooth manuka-roasted coffee, Good George craft beer and cider, and Mills Reef wine. Have a bite to eat, play lawn games and enjoy our outdoor campfires, or unwind with a Shiny Dip foot hot tub, free with any drinks purchase.

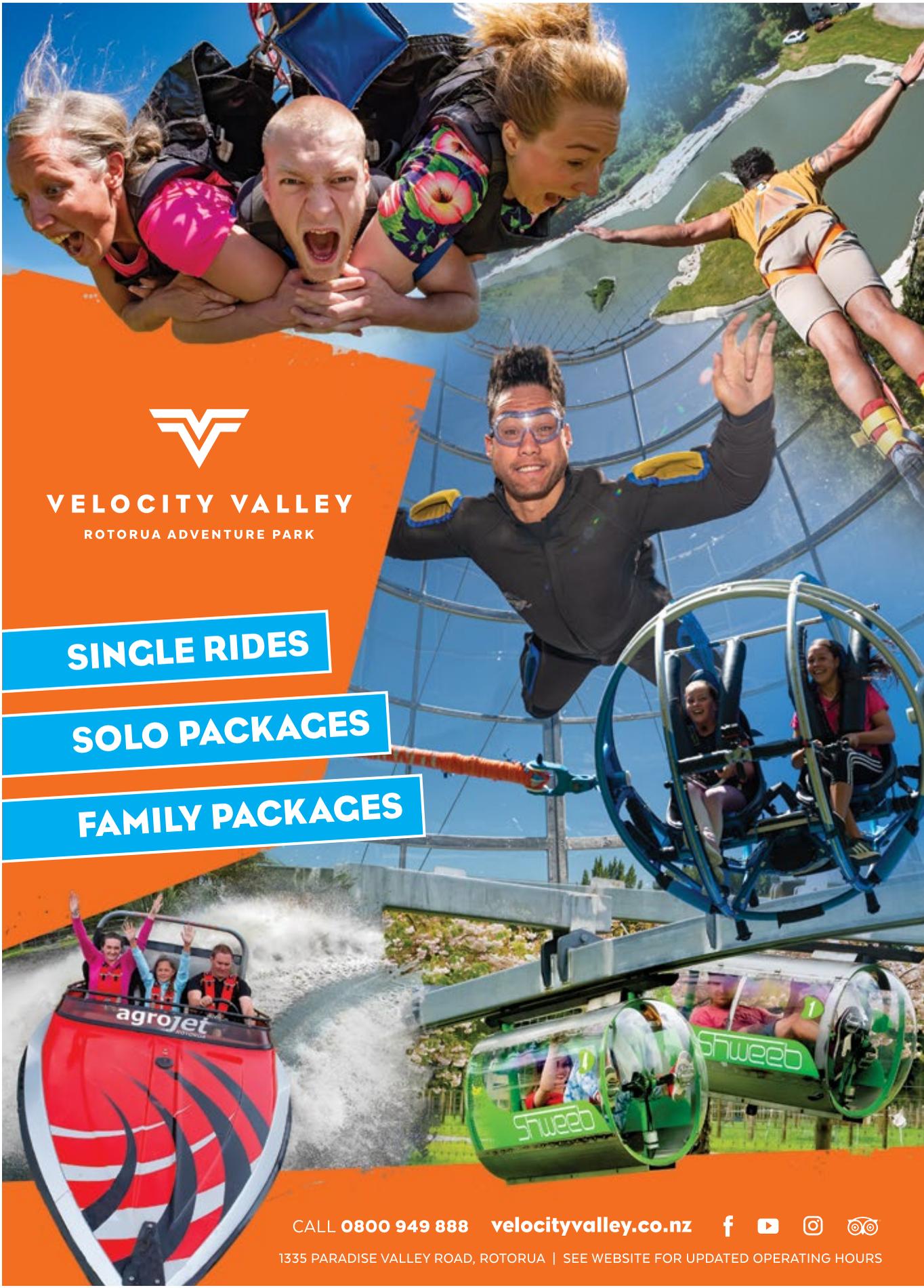


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Named in the top 11 experiences out of 400,000 tourism activities in the world, by TripAdvisor, these are must-do experiences in NZ. There are two unique eco-tours to choose from to keep everyone engaged and excited. Conservation of the forest is a 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.

THE ORIGINAL CANOPY TOUR

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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. Buggies and claybird shooting are available in all weather. We love what we do, and we know you will too...

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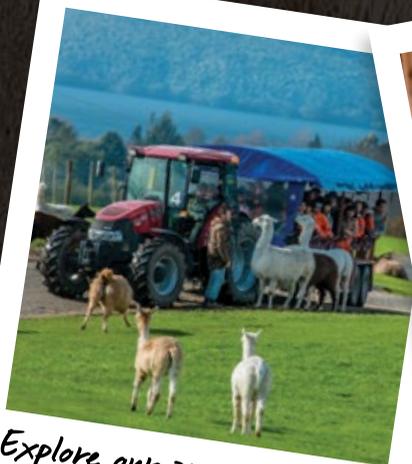




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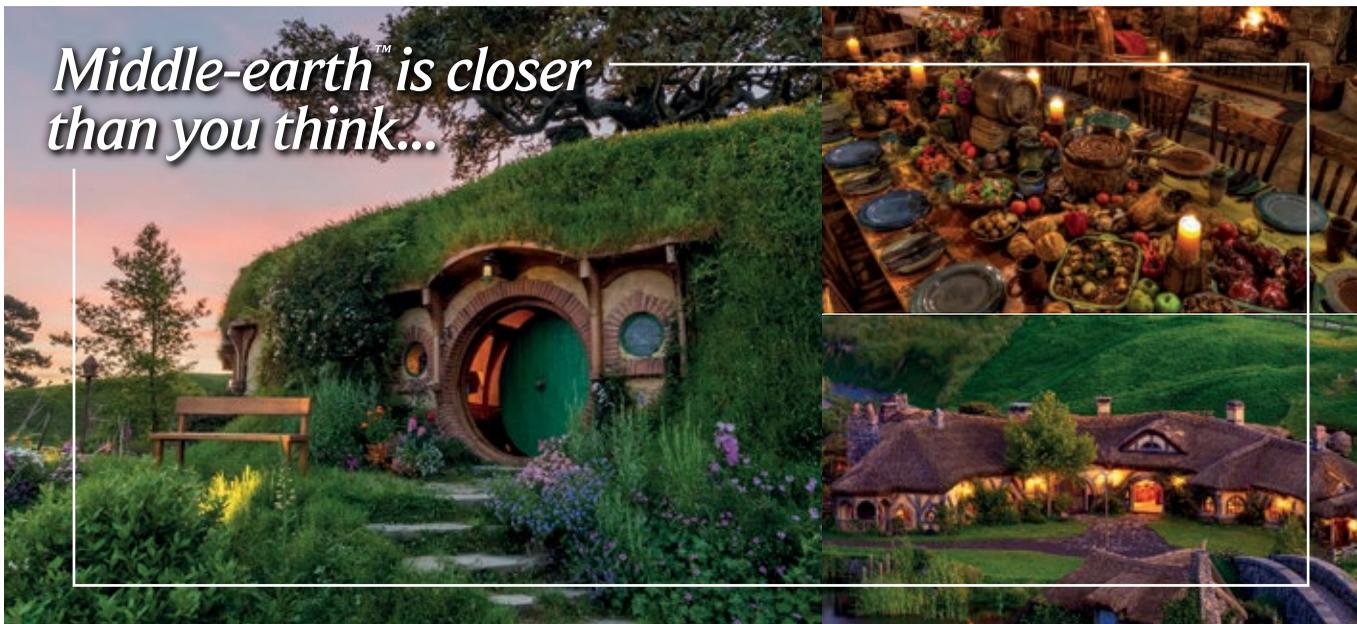
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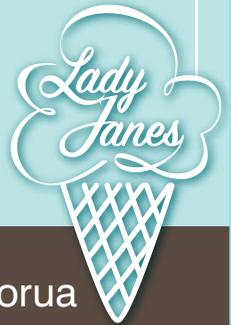


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