

Study in
ROTORUA
Find your element



HE AHA TE MEA NUI O TE AO?

What is the most important thing in the world?

**HE TANGATA! HE TANGATA
HE TANGATA!**

It is people! It is people! It is people!



Kia ora WELCOME TO ROTORUA

“If you have visitors, they are just blown away by the variety of experiences and the laid-back nature of this place.”

Rotorua is a city located in the centre of New Zealand’s North Island.

It’s an area that is rich in culture, history and natural wonders. Rotorua is well known for the beauty of its many lakes, forests and geothermal features, as well as its welcoming hospitality – referred to in Māori as ‘manaakitanga’ (mar-nah-key-tongue-are).

Because it’s long been a favourite destination for tourists, Rotorua offers the type of cosmopolitan lifestyle that you’d expect from a city twice its size. That means there are plenty of modern facilities to support a quality lifestyle for the people who live here, but it’s also easy to get around and there’s a strong sense of community.

Rotorua offers excellent educational opportunities at all levels. International students also benefit from wonderful care and support during their time here and thrive in the healthy, outdoor lifestyle that this region can offer.

Rotorua’s central location makes it one of the most accessible cities in the country.

It’s less than three hours’ drive or a 30-minute flight from Auckland, our biggest city. It’s also less than an hour’s drive to the beach or two and a half hours to the nearest ski field.

Come to Rotorua for a life-changing experience, where you’ll:

- benefit from one of the best education systems in the world
- improve your oral and written English
- build your confidence
- increase your employment prospects
- develop your social skills
- enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle
- experience a new culture and way of living; and
- gain lifelong whanau (family) and friends.

DRIVE TIMES

Auckland:	3.0 Hrs
Hamilton:	1.5 Hrs
Tauranga:	1.0 Hr
Wellington:	5.5 Hrs



A great PLACE TO LIVE

“When I first came to New Zealand, I was very excited but I felt a bit nervous because I missed my family and I could not speak much English. Also the listening was really hard. But my friends and teachers were very kind. RBHS is a very nice place to learn English and play rugby. I am staying in the hostel and I am really enjoying the hostel life.”

Taichi Tsubouchi - Japan



We've touched on the convenient, central location of the city, the beauty of its natural setting and the cosmopolitan lifestyle it offers. But there are plenty of other reasons that people choose to live in Rotorua.

AFFORDABLE LIFESTYLE

Rotorua is more affordable than bigger cities in New Zealand. We have quality housing, excellent infrastructure, comprehensive health care, a wide selection of restaurants and other amenities, as well as good education options, and a clean and tidy environment.

Parking and petrol are less expensive here. In fact, there is free parking at all schools and many places in the inner city. For older students who gain a New Zealand driver's licence, cheaper petrol means you can enjoy cost-effective travel within the district, to surrounding cities and towns, or further afield.

Daily living expenses are also considerably less, which means your dollar goes a lot further!

CLIMATE

In Rotorua, you can enjoy the outdoors all-year round. Average temperatures in summer have most people comfortably walking around in a T-shirt. Winter will require an extra layer and a jacket, but we don't get snow in Rotorua - we just visit the nearby ski fields when we choose to!

PASSIONATE PEOPLE

Rotorua has a growing multi-cultural population with more than 150 different ethnicities represented in our community. As one of New Zealand's main international visitor destinations, our New Zealand-born residents also have a growing understanding and appreciation of new cultures and other people's traditions and beliefs.

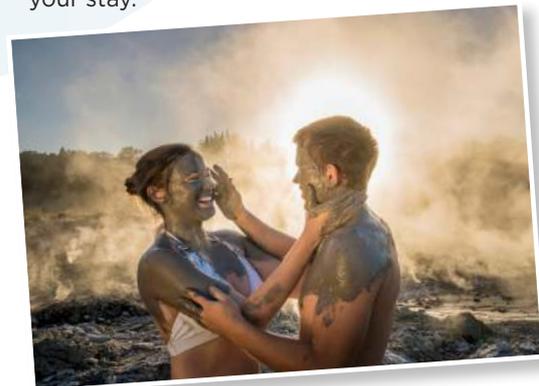
There are plenty of opportunities to come together and enjoy each other's company. Our weekly Thursday night street market attracts visitors and locals alike to share food from around the world, and enjoy music and conversation. There are lots of large annual events focusing on culture or sporting achievements, and these are well attended by both locals and visitors to the city.

MODERN CITY

Due to our strong tourism visitor industry, Rotorua's infrastructure is well developed for a city of its population. You will have access to quality community facilities, such as the Government Gardens, Aquatic Centre, International Stadium, Energy Events Centre and Eat Street, for learning and social purposes. We also have a large, modern hospital offering an extensive range of health services.

ACCOMMODATION

Homestays and halls of residence are available in Rotorua to suit younger students and those wanting to experience New Zealand family life. Renting a house with other students may also suit older long term students. Most education providers will assist you in finding accommodation during your stay.



Rotorua... QUALITY LEARNING



Anywhere you choose to study in New Zealand will deliver consistently high-quality education, due to government regulations that include a Code of Practice and a national curriculum. However, Rotorua offers a number of other benefits to support students' learning experience.

We know that learning English is a key motivation behind your visit. Rotorua has a strong English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programme that creates international learning environments for students to exchange ideas and share interests and opinions. We can also help with the English language skills needed to get a driver's licence, access early childhood education or understand workplace English.

However, we don't just teach you the language – we help you to become a confident English speaker, with the ability to work, learn and live well in an English speaking environment.

We're the home of the Reorua initiative, making us New Zealand's first bilingual city. We have a strong Maori culture that we love to share with people from other countries.

PATHWAY TO EDUCATION

Once we've helped you reach fluency in English, we can then support entry into excellent secondary schools, private training institutions, polytechnics and universities in New Zealand or overseas. There's a simple pathway between institutions and

we can help you move on to the next stage when you're ready.

PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

If your visa requirements allow, we can help you find part-time and full-time employment.

There are work experience opportunities available across a range of industries and sectors. In particular, Rotorua's importance as an international visitor destination means that tourism and hospitality operators often need a range of languages spoken by their staff. That can provide engaging work opportunities where you can practice your English and help welcome other visitors to Rotorua.

“The best thing about living here has definitely been the ability to communicate with people from all around the world, with different cultures, languages and life styles thanks to a common language and the same goal.”

Aline Jeannot – French Polynesia



Healthy, safe and NURTURING ENVIRONMENT



“Studying in Rotorua has been the best experience. Tutors and staff are so friendly, helpful and considerate. Moreover, it is so exciting to encounter other students from all over the world. I studied English for eight months and learned how to get along with other students. There was no stress for me to study in one of the best language schools in New Zealand. Now, I’m studying Hospitality Management at Toi Ohomai as well as working in Novotel Lakeside Rotorua as a senior food and beverage attendant.”

Student from Japan

New Zealand is well known for its healthy, outdoor lifestyle and Rotorua is the perfect location to enjoy those benefits.

With glistening lakes, spectacular forests and amazing geothermal wonders, Rotorua is the perfect home for nature lovers. If you’re looking for a balanced approach to study, Rotorua offers the most varied and accessible recreational activity in New Zealand. The close proximity of schooling in our city enables you to participate in a wide range of cultural and sporting opportunities, all effectively within your neighbourhood.

You can say goodbye to any stressful large city commutes – Rotorua’s an easy city to get around. You can get almost anywhere within the city in less than 10 minutes’ drive and there is no pollution from large road systems.

We are cycle-friendly, with well-linked cycleways, so it’s safe to travel to school and work by bike. We also have a reliable and cost-effective public bus system servicing most parts of the city.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We know that moving to a new country can be a challenging experience and all of our education providers work hard to ensure that our international students are safe and properly cared for. All Education Rotorua schools and institutions are

signatories to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016, which sets out the standards of advice and care that are expected of education providers for international students. They ensure:

- a safe and supportive environment for study
- accommodation provided by the institute is safe and appropriate
- a comprehensive orientation programme to support you in your study and outline your obligations.



Rotorua... **THE FAST FACTS**



ECONOMY

- GDP \$2.8 billion (Infometrics Sept 2018)
- 72,500 total population (StatsNZ June 2018)
- More than three million visitors per year (attractions and activities monitor, October 2018)
- Key industries – forestry, geothermal, tourism and agribusiness

ENVIRONMENT

- 18 lakes, three rivers, numerous streams, springs and natural hot pools
- Native and exotic forests
- Geothermal wonders
- The total size of the district is 261,906 hectares
- 22-26°C average summer temperatures
- 10-16°C average winter temperatures

INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICES

- Rotorua Airport is only a 10-minute drive from the inner city
- Excellent public and private hospitals and medical centres
- Well-developed transport infrastructure, including regular bus services
- High-performing education providers – pre-school to tertiary

LIFE & LEISURE

- Multicultural population with more than 150 ethnicities represented
- Tourism mecca, with more than 100 attractions and activities to experience
- Well-known destination for annual international sporting events, such as Tarawera Ultramarathon and Crankworx
- Various sports and recreation clubs, and vibrant community events and markets

FIND YOUR ELEMENT. EARTH, AIR, FIRE AND WATER – THE ELEMENTS OF LIFE.

There's nowhere in the world where earth, wind, fire and water exist in such a potent way. Rotorua is the place to combine all the elements, bringing people and place together to create the ultimate experience.



EARTH/WHENUA

Inspired by niho taniwha (teeth of the taniwha), this pattern represents the myths and legends of the Māori people. The tapatoru (triangles) symbolise strength and resilience, and mirror the shape of our mountains and forests.



AIR/HAU

Four koru designs represent nga hau e wha (the four winds), which were thought to be controlled by tohunga (priests) to help their tribe. This symbol is representative of bringing people together.



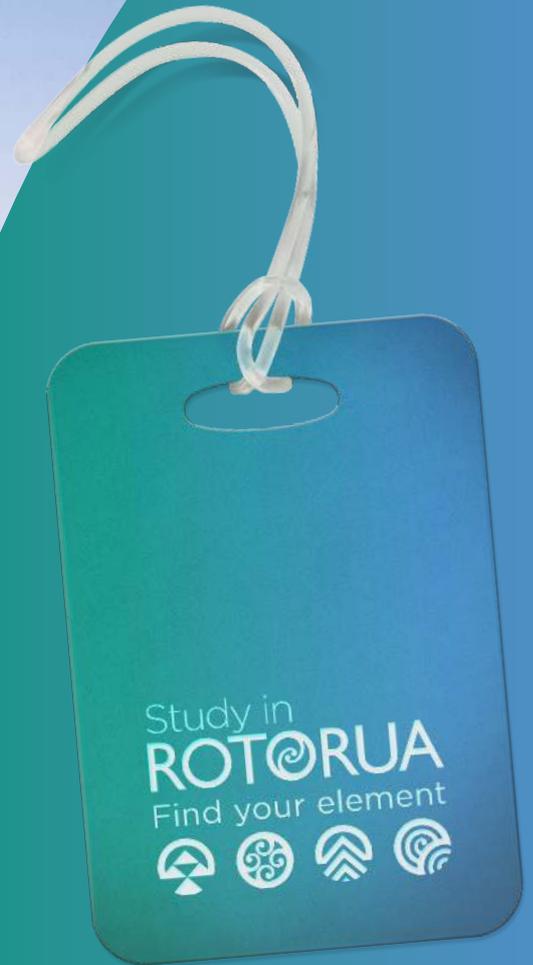
FIRE/AHI

The kaokao pattern reflects the burning passion of Māori warriors – arms strong, standing united – as they perform the haka, a fierce display of pride and strength.



WATER/WAI

Called the 'life giver of all things', this symbol represents wai giving energy to the koru as it unfurls. The three ripples relate to the lakes, rivers and geothermal waters, which each have their own mauri (life force).



Other helpful information can be found at:

RotoruaNZ.com/study

studyinnewzealand.govt.nz

naumainz.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz

immigration.govt.nz