



The Mighty Waikato


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2 days in the Waikato – for magic & flavour

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Treat your incentive award winners to the magic and the flavours of the Waikato with this perfect two-day escape that dips into some of the best experiences this diverse region has to offer.



There's movie magic and then the magic of Mother Nature; passionate chefs who embrace fresh, locally sourced ingredients; and the chance to pretend you're an Olympian.



Day 1



Hobbiton™ Movie Set – fancy a second breakfast?

Even if you've already had breakfast, Bilbo Baggins invites you to share his love of good food with a second breakfast tour at Hobbiton Movie Set, near Matamata.

This fully guided tour of where the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings trilogies were filmed includes a legendary second breakfast. The table is piled high with a hearty spread fit for any Hobbit – or human. PS: Did you know Hobbits enjoy up to seven meals a day, so here's your chance to eat up.



The Red Barn – explore and taste

The celebrated Red Barn events and functions venue is also where a delightfully authentic rural New Zealand experience awaits.

Situated on the picturesque 500-acre Rock Spring dairy farm, The Red Barn offers a 60-minute guided tour of the farm. You can help milk a cow, or simply watch, and learn about how Kiwi farmers care for their animals and their land.

Included is morning tea – think freshly baked scones – or a delicious country-style lunch.

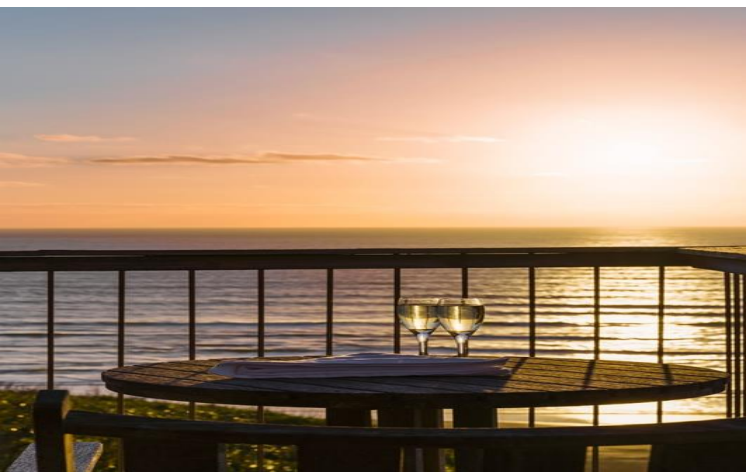
The Red Barn also has a fine reputation for its Taste of Waikato degustation dining experience where the attention to detail is next level. In five courses the chefs showcase fresh local ingredients.



Grassroots Velodrome – Be a champion

Located in Cambridge in the heart of Waipa home of the champions territory. The Grassroots trust velodrome invites visitors to have a go at cycling on the impressive wooden circuit. This fun one-hour experience is a taste of what its like to be a champion cyclist.

You can also watch hard-core riders train and compete, and you might just spot an Olympian.



Overnight

Take your breath away with spectacular ocean views by staying at Castaways resort, perched on the clifftops at Karioitahi Beach.

Day 2

Zealong Tea Estate – a cup of the best

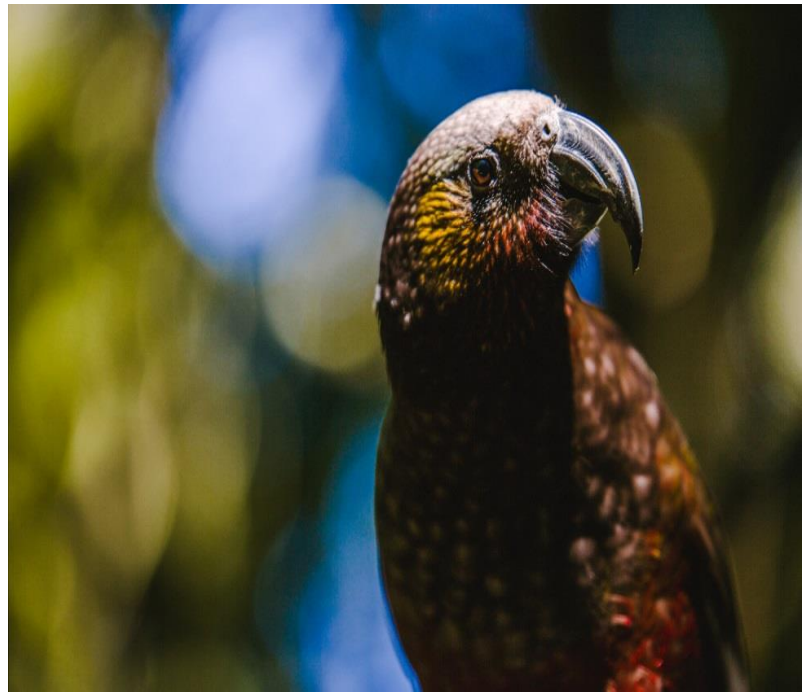
The only commercial tea plantation in New Zealand, Zealong Tea Estate produces organic award-winning oolong-based teas that you can sip in a ceremonial tea tasting experience.

Zealong's signature high tea is a chance to select your preferred tea – or a glass of wine – and enjoy a selection of exquisitely presented savoury and sweet bites. There's also a menu offering small plates and big plates.



Sanctuary Mountain – the way nature intended

Surrounded by the world's longest pest proof fence, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is testament to the passion and dedication of the kaitiakitanga, the guardians, of this mountain reserve where native flora and fauna flourish. Walking trails wend their way through the ancient native forest and wetlands. You can go it alone, or take a tour led by a knowledgeable guide. Located 25 minutes from Te Awamutu, Sanctuary Mountain is a registered charitable trust. All proceeds go towards ongoing conservation work – and you can also make a donation.



Waitomo – for magic, adrenalin rushes too

A million years in the making the Waitomo Caves is a weird and wonderful playground waiting to be explored.

You can take a leisurely paced tour to see stunning limestone formations and float gently under a canopy of glittering glowworms or opt for the adrenalin rush of the adventure tour, including blackwater rafting, abseiling into the darkness and ziplining through craggy caverns

Above ground a great free attraction is the 45-minute loop walk through native forest to the Ruakuri National Tunnel and opening of the Ruakuri Cave. From a viewing platform you can look into the depths, to see large stalactites and stalagmites.

