




**The Mighty  
Waikato**  
Business Events

**3 days in the  
Waikato –  
Hamilton &  
Beyond**

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**Delight your incentive and award winners with the beauty of the Waikato. Offering diverse and unique experiences, along with tasty local produce, this is the perfect three-day Waikato escape.**





Day 1

## Zealong Tea Estate

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. Why not try the tea tour which delves into tea history and takes you on a scenic walk through the tea trail ending with a tea ceremony.



## Hamilton Gardens

The award-winning Hamilton Gardens is Hamilton city's most popular visitor attraction and has a truly unique concept. It is a living museum of 18 gardens that spans 4000 years of human culture and civilisation, from the Ancient Egyptian Garden – the only recreation of a Middle Kingdom temple garden in the world – to the Concept Garden of contemporary times. Here delegates can either explore at their own leisure or take a guided tour which can also include morning or afternoon tea, or lunch in one of the magnificent gardens.



## Overnight - Novotel Tainui Hamilton

Novotel Tainui Hamilton is a perfect base for exploring the city and the Waikato region. Overlooking the mighty Waikato River, this 4\* hotel is in the heart of Hamilton, adjacent to the SkyCity Casino and entertainment complex. Guests also have easy access to nearby shopping, dining and entertainment, or relaxing riverside walks. Novotel Tainui features 217 rooms, an award-winning restaurant, lobby bar and a health club.





## Day 2

### Waitomo Glowworm Caves & Black Water Rafting

One of New Zealand's original visitor destinations, the iconic Waitomo Glowworm Caves have enthralled visitors since the late 1880s soon after they were discovered by the Māori chief, Tāne Tinorau. Today, his descendants are amongst the guides who draw you into this enchanting world of glistening glowworms and captivating limestone formations. This fully guided tour will amaze you as you glide gently by boat under thousands of glowworms.

Up for something more active! Feel the adrenaline as you abseil into the dark, seemingly bottomless depths of Ruakuri Cave. Zipline through a gallery of glowworms and climb underground waterfalls as you test your limits on this truly unforgettable black water rafting journey.



### The Red Barn

Enjoy a delightfully authentic rural New Zealand experience on a fully functioning 500-acre dairy farm. With a full catering team onsite, the historical Red Barn offers delicious morning tea and country-style lunch options accompanied by a working dairy farm tour for group bookings. Experience a 60-minute guided tour of a traditional Waikato working dairy farm. Where Synlait, one of New Zealand's largest dairy exporters, collects the milk daily, processes it and exports it worldwide in various forms.



### Overnight – Hidden Lake Hotel - Cambridge

Hidden Lake Hotel is a boutique slice of contemporary New Zealand. It's difficult to believe you are so close to Hamilton Airport and all that the Waikato has to offer. Contemporary styling is a feature of rooms and apartments with superior appointments and technical luxuries. Enjoy the designer interiors and scenic outlooks while being pampered with share plates, local wines and spa treatments.





## Day 3



### Hobbiton™ Movie Set

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.



### Hampton Downs

World-class Hampton Downs motorsport park and events centre is all about speed, skill – and fun. The home of the Hampton Downs New Zealand Racing Academy, this is where the great spectacles of the New Zealand Grand Prix and Ferrari Challenge Australasia are staged. Keen to have a go?

Hampton Downs has many options for you to get behind the wheel in go karts and V8 muscle cars. Or you can be driven around the tracks in the safety car or go for the adrenalin rush of the supercar fast dash. Halfway between Auckland and Hamilton, Hampton Downs is an ideal location.

