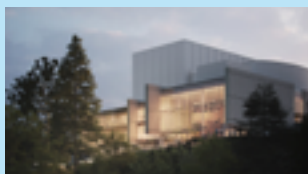


The Mighty Waikato

New Zealand

Welcome to the Mighty Waikato

Where rolling hills meet wild west coast surf, and creative towns brim with culture and warmth. From iconic spots like Hobbiton™ Movie Set and scenic river trails to hidden escapes, local eats, and soulful gems - Waikato is full of contrasts. Whether you're here to explore, relax, or connect, this guide unlocks the best places to eat, play, and stay. Discover the mighty moments that make the Waikato region unforgettable.



Waikato Regional Theatre NOW OPEN

A world-class venue in Hamilton blending heritage and innovation, hosting top-tier performances - be sure to stay updated on its exciting concerts and entertainment lineup.

Events

Hamilton Arts Festival	February/March
Homegrown Music Festival	March
Balloons Over Waikato	March
The Middle-earth Halfling™ Marathon	March
Fieldays®	June
International Hobbit™ Day	September

From music festivals and food fairs to sports events and cultural celebrations, the Waikato region offers experiences to inspire and delight year-round.

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Play



Hobbiton™ Movie Set Matamata

Explore Middle-earth™ with a Hobbiton Movie Set Tour. Visit film locations, venture through a Hobbit Hole™ interior and sample a Hobbit Southfarthing™ beverage at the Green Dragon™ Inn. Bookings essential.



Hamilton Gardens

Hamilton City
From surreal to serene, explore gardens spanning 4,000 years of design. A world-class experience blending history, culture and beauty - ranked among New Zealand's top visitor attractions.



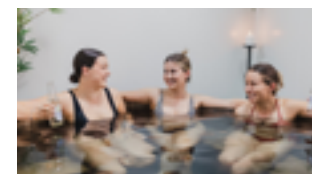
Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari

Explore the world's largest fenced ecosanctuary and experience an ancient, vibrant forest, alive with many of New Zealand's rarest and most endangered species.



Te Whare Taonga o Waikato Museum & Gallery

Hamilton City
Discover art, history, and science on the Waikato River's edge. Immersive exhibitions and cultural stories celebrate the heart and heritage of the Waikato.



Te Aroha Mineral Spas

Te Aroha
Soak in silky, natural mineral waters renowned for their healing properties since the 1800s. Indulge in a luxurious massage or beauty treatment at Domain House Beauty.



SkyCity Hamilton Hamilton City

Discover Hamilton's entertainment hub: bowl riverside at Bowl and Social, savour gourmet burgers at EAT Burger, and indulge in fine dining at Palate and Shanghai Restaurant.



Camjet Cambridge

Experience the Waikato River up close - opt for high-speed thrills on an Extreme Jet Tour or relax on a scenic Ecological Cruise with expert guides.

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Hamilton • North Waikato • Raglan
Matamata • Morrinsville • Cambridge
Te Awamutu • Te Aroha

Visitor Map



Stay



Novotel & ibis Tainui

Hamilton City

Two riverfront hotels in the CBD offering stylish comfort, modern dining with views of the Waikato River, and easy access to local eats, shopping, events, and entertainment.



KOSH Properties

Hamilton City

Beautifully styled homes offering full kitchens, private living spaces, in-home laundry, complimentary parking, seamless self-check-in, and fun games rooms - perfect for groups, families and business travellers.



The Clements Hotel

Cambridge

The historic 1866 landmark is now a boutique hotel with elegant rooms, local cuisine, basement speakeasy bar, and refined interiors blending heritage charm with modern luxury.



Hidden Lake Hotel & Apartments

Cambridge

Luxe hotel blending modern design with heritage charm. Enjoy a comfortable stay, spa indulgence, and local cuisine in Cambridge's vibrant Lakewood precinct.



JetPark Hotel & Conference Centre

Hamilton Airport

The perfect mix of convenience and relaxation, providing stylish countryside accommodation just minutes from the Hamilton International Airport terminal. Enjoy spacious rooms, outdoor pool, tennis court, dining, and versatile event spaces.



Te Karaka Station & Lodge

North Waikato

Luxurious farm stay on a working sheep and beef station. Enjoy elegant suites, farm-to-table dining, spa pool, and guided farm tours in rural Waikato.



Tuakau Hotel

North Waikato

Beautifully refurbished heritage hotel at Waikato's northern gateway. Experience heritage charm, local hospitality, and modern comfort—ideal for business or leisure between Auckland and the Waikato countryside.

From boutique charm to family-friendly comfort, Waikato offers quality stays to suit every style.

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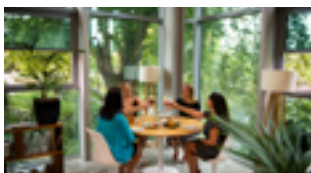
Eat



Made Market

Hamilton City

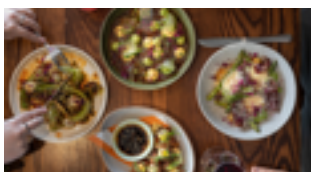
Browse local makers, fresh produce, art, fashion, and food at Hamilton East's vibrant Made Market — a creative community hub celebrating unique finds and Waikato talent.



Gothenburg

Hamilton City

Stylish riverside dining offering globally inspired tapas, well selected drinks menu, and exceptional service - perfect for sharing plates and scenic views of the Waikato River, right in the heart of Hamilton.



Hayes Common

Hamilton City

A beloved neighbourhood eatery in the historic suburb of Hayes Paddock, offering seasonal, locally sourced dishes, specialty coffee, and a relaxed riverside setting for breakfast, brunch, and dinner.



The Green

Hamilton City

Award winning intimate eight-seat chef's table experience overlooking the Waikato River, offering a daily-changing six-course degustation meal celebrating seasonal and locally sourced ingredients.



Raglan Fish at Raglan Wharf

Raglan

Fresh-off-the-boat seafood served harbourside - right on the water. Enjoy classic fish and chips, smoked fish, and chowder with stunning views at this beloved coastal eatery.



Zealong Tea Estate

Gordonton

Indulge in exquisite high tea and traditional tea ceremonies at New Zealand's only tea estate. Among serene organic fields, Zealong offers award-winning teas, elegant dining, and exceptional hospitality in breathtaking surroundings.



Mr.Pickles Bar & Eatery

Hamilton City

Mr. Pickles is a lively bar and eatery dishing up bold, seasonal flavours, considered beverages, and seriously good times.

Discover the Waikato's vibrant foodie scene. From local flavours and craft beverages to the perfect spot for a coffee.

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Play



Cycling in the Waikato

Explore Waikato on two wheels. Ride the scenic Te Awa River Ride, coast the Hauraki Rail Trail, or tackle Te Miro and Raglan mountain bike parks. For gear guided tours and shuttles, Riverside Adventures has you covered.



Walking and hiking in the Waikato

From riverside strolls to mountain hikes, Waikato's trails offer stunning views, lush bush, and waterfalls - accessible adventures for all ages, fitness levels, and timeframes.



Morrinsville

A charming rural town in the heart of dairy country, Morrinsville features charming shops, cafés, heritage trails, and a colourful herd of life-sized cow sculptures throughout the streets (can you find them all?).



Whāingaroa Raglan

A laid-back coastal gem known for world-class surf, vibrant arts, boutique shopping, and scenic adventures - Raglan blends creativity, culture, and natural beauty effortlessly.



Cambridge

Known as the Town of Trees and Home of Champions, Cambridge offers leafy streets, artisan cafés, boutique shopping, heritage charm, and close access to lakes, trails, and cycling. Right in the heart of the mighty Waikato.



Hamilton City

The vibrant heart of the Waikato, Hamilton blends riverfront dining, lush gardens, diverse events, shopping, and culture - perfect for families, foodies, and urban explorers alike.



Itineraries

Discover tailored journeys through the Waikato. From foodie trails to adventure escapes, our curated itineraries make planning easy and unforgettable.

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Time Distance

Kilometres

Minutes

	Hamilton City	Hamilton Airport	Cambridge	Te Awamutu	Raglan	Matamata	Morrinsville	Te Aroha	Tuakau	Port Waikato
Hamilton City										
Hamilton Airport	22		17	19	62	57	33	55	92	120
Cambridge	27	22		24	76	39	33	55	100	130
Te Awamutu	30	20	20		66	62	52	73	109	138
Raglan	47	55	65	58		107	86	107	116	118
Matamata	55	45	32	50	90		33	34	121	150
Morrinsville	33	34	32	45	73	28		22	92	120
Te Aroha	53	52	60	64	90	28	20		100	129
Tuakau	65	75	70	76	86	88	67	76		31
Port Waikato	86	87	95	100	109	112	91	100	29	

Times and distances are approximate and may vary.

State Highway

Main Road

Rail

Bike Trail

Waterfall

Mountain

Visitor Information Centre

Hamilton International Airport

Train Station

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Map is not to scale.