

The Mighty Waikato

New Zealand

An aerial photograph capturing a serene sunrise over a large body of water, likely Lake Taupo. Two hot air balloons are in flight: one with a blue and white checkered pattern and another with a multi-colored checkered pattern. The sun is low on the horizon to the right, casting a golden glow and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy clouds. In the foreground, there are lush green trees and a grassy area. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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Waikato: The Heart of New Zealand Touring

Located in the central North Island, Waikato is one of New Zealand's most connected and versatile touring regions. Positioned between Auckland, Rotorua, and Taupō, it is an ideal hub for FIT, self-drive and multi-regional itineraries.

Home to globally recognised experiences including Hobbiton™ Movie Set, famous left-hand surf breaks in Raglan and outdoor living museum Hamilton Gardens, the region offers a diverse range of product within close proximity - from coast to countryside.

Why Waikato:

- Central location connecting key North Island destinations
- Iconic, high-demand visitor experiences
- Strong fit for FIT, self-drive, and group itineraries
- Wide range of accommodation available all year round
- Authentic, less congested alternative to major centres

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism (HWT) supports trade partners with itinerary development, product integration and famil opportunities.

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What the Mighty Waikato offers

Urban Hub

Hamilton City offers a convenient base with accommodation, dining, retail, and transport connections, with all key experiences within easy driving distance, making Waikato ideal for flexible and efficient itinerary planning.

Food and Agritourism

Award-winning eateries, local producers, farmers' markets and boutique food experiences.



Gardens and Culture

Hamilton Gardens offers a unique storytelling garden experience, ranked among New Zealand's top attractions.



Connected and Easy to Access

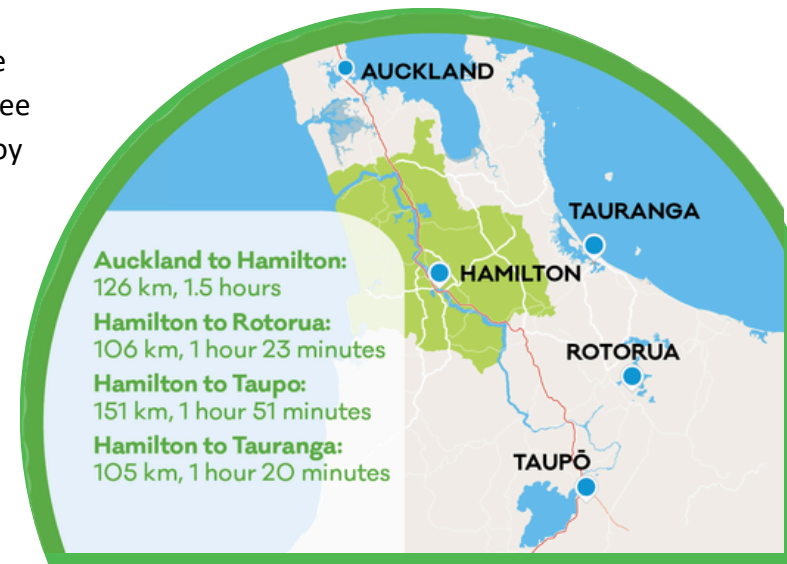
Located in the heart of the North Island touring route, Waikato facilitates seamless travel between major destinations, making it well suited to self-drive, FIT, and multi-region itineraries.

Nature and Outdoors

Cycle Great Rides, explore walking trails, predator-free nature precincts, and enjoy river, lake and coastal experiences.

Iconic Experiences

Home to Hobbiton™ Movie Set, one of New Zealand's most visited attractions, alongside the world-renowned left-hand surf break in Raglan.





Access & Connectivity

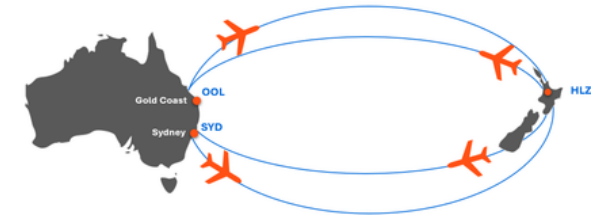
Domestic Jet Connectivity

Air New Zealand and **Jetstar** both operate daily 75-minute direct jet flights between Hamilton and Christchurch, providing consistent and convenient domestic access.



International Access

Jetstar now offer direct flights into Hamilton Airport from Sydney and Gold Coast, Australia



Why this matters for trade:

- Provides an easy entry and exit point for Central North Island itineraries
- Hamilton Airport is a short 45-minute drive to Hobbiton™ Movie Set
- Supports seamless North and South Island travel
- Is ideal for self-drive journeys
- Enables authentic regional travel programmes

Fly direct. Arrive closer. Experience more.

Positioning Waikato in Itineraries

Waikato is a flexible region that can be positioned all year round:

- **Gateway Centre**- Use Hamilton City as a central base between Auckland, Rotorua, Taupō and Waitomo. A great exit or entry port for dual destination itineraries.
- **Short Stay (1–2 Nights)** - Ideal for incorporating Hobbiton™ Movie Set, Raglan, Cambridge, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari and Hamilton Gardens into itineraries.
- **Self-Drive Friendly** - Well-connected roads and expressways make it easy to navigate and package.
- **Metropolitan Hub** - Hamilton, NZ's fastest growing city, provides a vibrant foodie and dining scene as well as a lively evening atmosphere, including world class performances at the central BNZ Theatre.





Activities

Hobbiton™ Movie Set



Hobbiton™ Movie Set is one of New Zealand’s most iconic visitor experiences, an immersive destination where visitors step into The Shire™, as seen in The Lord of the Rings™ and The Hobbit™ Trilogies. Located in the heart of the Waikato countryside near Matamata, Hobbiton combines cinematic storytelling, authentic rural landscapes, and world-class hospitality to create a uniquely New Zealand experience enjoyed by visitors from around the globe.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	FIT= 1 pax to 41 pax. Groups = 20 plus pax
Qualmark	Gold

Hobbiton™ Movie Set Signature Tour

An essential stop on any itinerary for visitors travelling through NZ, offering an interesting and entertaining experience incorporating the famous film set and an insight into rural life. Your tour starts with a short bus ride through a picturesque 1,250 acre working sheep farm (there are 13,000 sheep and 300 beef cattle on the property) with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Your guide will escort you on a shared walking tour through the 12-acre set; past the colourful Hobbit Hole™ doors that scatter the hillsides, including the iconic Bag End, home of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, before arriving at Bagshot Row™ for a glimpse of the interior of a humble Hobbit’s home. Continue along past The Millhouse, across the double-arch stone bridge and into the world-famous Green Dragon Inn™, where you will enjoy a complimentary, exclusive beverage to conclude your Middle-earth™ adventure.

Premium Tour & Dining Experience

- **Second Breakfast Tour** - Enjoy a morning walking tour of the Movie Set followed by a hearty breakfast spread served inside The Millhouse.
- **Behind the Scenes Tour** - A premium adventure with a glimpse into the intricate craftsmanship that goes into bringing the Shire to life.
- **Evening Banquet Tour** - See the Shire by day and night with a shared tour of Hobbiton Movie Set followed by a banquet feast fit for a Hobbit served inside The Green Dragon Inn.

Note

- Bookings are essential for all including children and infants
- Multiple daily departures from The Shire's Rest
- Hobbiton™ Movie Set is only accessible via guided walking tour
- Suitable for all ages, limited mobility can be accommodated by prior request
- Closed Christmas Day

Hamilton Gardens



The award-winning Hamilton Gardens is the city's most popular visitor attraction, delighting everyone who discovers this unique and unexpected gem. Completely unlike a traditional botanical garden, this living museum features a collection of 18 immersive gardens, spanning 4000 years of human history. Each is a window into a different time and place, transporting visitors across continents and through centuries. Perfect for a half-day visit, but with enough to fill a whole day, Hamilton Gardens is a must-see inclusion on any itinerary.

Note

- 90% Wheelchair accessible
- A moderate amount of walking required. Wheelchairs can be hired free of charge, prior notice required
- Open 364 days a year (closed 25 December)
- Opening hours: 10am to 6pm Nov - Mar & 10am – 5pm Apr – Oct
- Trade rates available on request

75 Minute Highlights Tour

Join expert guides for a journey of hidden stories, secret symbols, and fascinating insights. Leading you on a 75-minute journey beyond the ordinary, our charismatic guides aren't just hosts, they're garden storytellers. Go beyond the surface beauty to discover a world of wonders and find out why Hamilton Gardens is a two-time TripAdvisor Best of the Best award winner.

Tour + Lunch

Book for your group to relax and enjoy lunch at the Hamilton Gardens Cafe, either before or after their Highlights Tour. Alternatively, arrange to pick up packed lunch bags for them to enjoy at one of the many picnic spots around the gardens.

Tour + Summerhouse High Tea

The Mansfield Package is the ultimate Hamilton Gardens offering for premium groups; a 75-minute guided Highlights Tour followed by an elegant high tea served in the privacy of our Summerhouse, overlooking the delightful Mansfield Garden.

Bespoke Tour Experience

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to create a bespoke tour and catering package to match the interests of your groups or as an exclusive FIT offering. Contact us to discuss.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both
Qualmark	Gold

Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari



Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is an ancient, vibrant ecosystem, surrounded by a 47km predator-proof fence, making it the largest mainland fenced sanctuary in New Zealand. Home to many of New Zealand's most endangered species. They have a range of guided tours available to book to learn more of this stunning conservation story and the Maunga's flora and fauna.

Note

The environment is on the side of a mountain. While there are routes that are suitable for those less able, there is a minimum level of fitness required. Please contact our team for the best options. Rates on request.

Ancient Forest Guided Tour

Join one of our knowledgeable and engaging guides on easy, gently graded walking tracks. They'll help you spot North Island robins, tomtits, kākā, tūī, bellbirds, hihi, tieke, fantails, kererū and wētā. They'll introduce you to some of our local plants and trees and share stories about the history of this ambitious conservation project. 1.5 hours.

Secrets of the Tautari Wetland

Nestled in the valley below Manu Tioriori visitor centre is the Tautari Wetland. Protected by both a QEII covenant and our pest-proof fence, this picturesque wetland habitat is a safe haven for a growing population of tuatara and a family of takahē. 1.5 hours.

Seasonal Highlights Tour

A shorter version of our Ancient Forest and Secrets of Tautari Wetland Tours – focusing on the seasonal elements of the environment. Changes through the seasons. 1 hour. Wellness products are available upon request including a traditional medicine tour, and meditation.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both
Min / Max numbers	Min 1 - Max 15 (per group). Please book ahead if there are more than 15 people
Qualmark	Gold

Riverside Adventures Waikato



Paddle. Pedal. Stride. Pause.

Riverside Adventures offers guided kayaking, cycling and walking experiences for families, couples and groups - from leisurely experiences to more active adventures. Based both in Cambridge and on the shores of Lake Karāpiro, they showcase the beauty of the Waikato region through guided tours, multi-day journeys, shuttles, bike hire, and kayaking experiences.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both. Min 2 - Max 20.
Qualmark/Industry	Qualmark Gold Adventure Mark Certified – Outdoor Adventure Safety Audited

Half Day Guided Bike Tours

Enjoy a guided ride along the beautiful Karāpiro section of the Waikato River Trail, or cycle from Cambridge to Mighty River Domain on the Te Awa River Ride with a knowledgeable local guide (minimum 2 people).

2-Day Te Awa Cruiser

A scenic e-bike journey along the Te Awa River Ride, including accommodation, breakfast, shuttles, and e-bike hire (minimum 2 people).

2-Day Hauraki Rail Trail Family Getaway

A family-friendly cycling experience with accommodation, selected meals, shuttles, luggage transfers, and optional bike hire (minimum 2 adults & 2 children).

3-Day Triple Trail

Experience the best of the Waikato with this three-trail cycle adventure. Includes accommodation, shuttles and luggage transfers (minimum 2 people).

Bike Hire

A range of e-bikes and standard mountain bikes are available to hire from Cambridge or their Lake Karāpiro base on Horahora Road, Piarere.

Shuttle Services

Riverside Adventures provides shuttle services on the following cycle trails: Te Awa River Ride, Hauraki Rail Trail, Waikato River Trail, and Timber Trail. Additional shuttle services include, customised shuttles, airport transfers (Hamilton or Auckland) and return shuttle for their Twilight Kayak Glowworm Tour

Note

- Moderate fitness is required
- Bookings essential
- Rates on request

Raglan Boat Charters



Raglan Boat Charters have been operating since 2010, offering scheduled public daytime nature and sunset cruises from Sept till May. Group tours and private function hire are available all year. NZ North Island's only West Coast harbour cruise is just 40kms from Hamilton City and based in the charming sheltered Raglan Harbour. Featuring stunning limestone rock formations, active harbour and bird life, and a wonderful local guide and commentary, this experience appeals to all ages.

Note

- Wheelchair access and facilities
- Ideal for all ages

Sunset Cruise

Operated during daylight savings months (Sept - May) this is the North Island's and NZ's best sunset experience. Catered with fresh Raglan fish and chips and a licensed bar this is a wonderful way to end the day. 90 min cruise - maximum 50 pax.

Lunchtime Nature Cruise

Operated most of the year this nature tour is very popular with international tour operators and FIT tourists. Catered with fresh Raglan fish and chips and a licensed bar. Wonderfully relaxed way to see the harbour in its glory - 90 min cruise, maximum 50 pax.

Private and Group Requests

Hire our vessel exclusively for your groups' private function. Offerings include educational trips for schools, leisurely cruises with complimentary tea and coffee for seniors, corporate functions featuring team-building activities (such as beach walks, swimming, e-foil SUP and kayak hire, treasure hunts, karaoke and more). Maximum of 70 people. Priced on request.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both. Min 1 - Max 70.
Qualmark	Gold

Camjet Boat Tours



Camjet Boat Tours have been operating since 2011, offering both FIT and group experiences on the Waikato River. Choose from high-speed adventure tours or relaxed ecological river cruises, suitable for visitors aged 3+. Located just 20 minutes from Hamilton in Cambridge.

Enjoy a 60-minute guided cruise through the stunning Cambridge Gorge, featuring waterfalls, native birdlife, as well as views of the Karapiro Dam and hydro power station. A smooth, scenic experience — spins available on request.

Note

- Hourly departures from 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Not suitable when pregnant or for children under 3 years old
- No wheelchair access, good balance & mobility essential
- September - June (except Christmas Day)
- Rates on request

Extreme Tour (most popular tour) - 45min

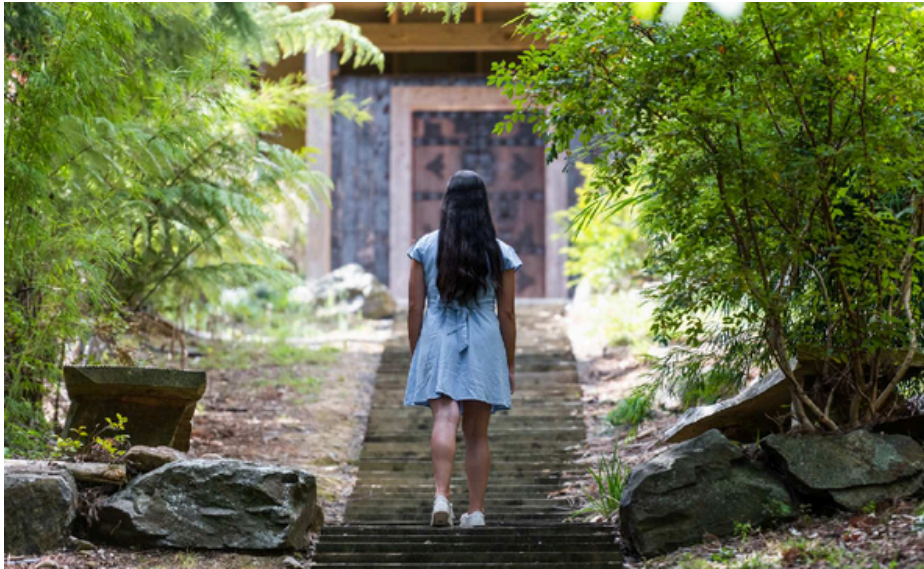
There is no better way to jet boat in New Zealand than speeding up the Mighty Waikato river in a 450hp V8 jet boat. A thrilling ride to get the heart pumping, adrenaline flowing and faces smiling. Experience the thrill of 360 spins, and take in the sights at up to 88 km/h in a purpose-built jet boat. Perfect for families, friends and anyone with a thrill for adventure.

Express Tour - 30min

Travelling through the narrow Cambridge Gorge up to Karapiro Dam, you view the sights, flora and fauna, and have limited commentary. You choose the speed from extreme with spins to slow with no spins. Ideal for large groups with limited time.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both - 2 adults min fee for departure. 36 pax max per hour
Qualmark	Gold

The Sculpture Park & Arboretum



The Sculpture Park provides an Art in Nature experience with over 20,000 trees and plants in a landscape created from a barren quarry site. The 2km walking trail winds its way through a landscape of ponds, cliffs, rocks and flowing shrubs. Catch a glimpse of New Zealand birdlife in a natural habitat, and experience the tranquility that only nature can provide. The park offers creative play for children and creative workshops for adults with a diverse range of artistic topics. Perfect for group or family activities.

Note

- Open Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm
- Adults \$20, Children 5 - 14 years \$5
- Under 5 year olds FREE
- Limited wheelchair access

Activities

Our Out of the Box game is a great option for groups and corporate engagement. Able to host groups of 4 - 40 with two options available. For team meetings and training sessions we have The Barn which can be set up for groups of 20.

Cafe

Our Roosting Ruru Cafe is located at the artist shelter at the entry of the property and is available to the public in the weekend with Barista coffee and well-known local brands like Zealong, Volare and Duck Island ice cream. For group bookings we provide catering services onsite with a variety of options from platters, buffet lunches and high teas.

Accommodation

Set amongst the property is our Ruru Nest Retreat - a one bedroom cottage providing a serene oasis to stop and enjoy the natural environment of the park. This is available to book as accommodation.

Private guided tours

The park also provides Botanical and Garden Tours with our gardening specialist providing a dialogue as you travel through the park.

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Product type	Activity, Food & Beverage, Accommodation
FIT / Groups	Both. Min 2 - Max 100

Takapoto Estate



Set on a 600-acre lakeside property near Cambridge, Takapoto Estate offers a unique blend of luxury, conservation and food & wine experiences, ideal for premium FIT and group itineraries.

Note

- 18+ only. Some activities include alcohol - ID may be required. Drink responsibly
- Wine tastings available every Saturday. All other offerings are by appointment only
- Premium, highly customisable experiences
- Strong sustainability and storytelling angle
- Ideal add-on to Cambridge, Hobbiton™ Movie Set and central North Island itineraries

Wine Tasting

Wine Tasting (The Cabana): Boutique tastings featuring award-winning Central Otago Pinot Noir, estate varietals and Forager's Gin, with platters and casual dining. Available every Saturday or by appointment.

Estate Tours

Guided 2–3 hour experiences showcasing native reforestation, sustainability initiatives and vineyard operations (by foot, e-bike or vehicle), with optional wine tasting.

Venue Hire & Group Dining

Flexible indoor and outdoor spaces for 10–300 guests, ideal for incentive groups, corporate events, bespoke long lunches and private functions

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Product type	Food & Beverage, Activity, Venue
Capacity	10 - 300 pax
FIT / Groups	Both

Raglan Kayak & Paddleboard



Raglan Kayak & Paddleboard has been operating since 2003, providing kayak excursions along the stunning Limestone Coast and its unique pancake rock formations. Located at the water's edge in the heart of Raglan township, our boutique guided tours are designed to cater for everyone with or without prior experience and are family friendly. It is said that Raglan's stunning pancake rock formations are the hidden gems of the Waikato.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both. Min 2 - Max 30
Qualmark / Industry	AdventureMark Certified – Outdoor Adventure Safety Audited

Limestone Express - Kayak Excursion

“Discover the famous pancake rocks!”

Step into Raglan's ancient Limestone Coast on our signature kayak tour. With over 20 years of local expertise, our passionate guides lead you through a labyrinth of iconic "Pancake Rock" formations and hidden coves only accessible by water. It is a perfect blend of adventure and storytelling, covering local culture, history, and wildlife. This tour is designed for all skill levels and uses quality sit on top kayaks, making it an ideal choice for families and groups looking for a high-impact, 2-hour west coast experience.

Private Sea Kayak Adventure

“Crafted for those who value time well spent.”

A bespoke, premium experience designed for guests who prefer a personalized pace. This 3-hour journey explores the limestone labyrinths in depth and includes a stop at a remote, magnetic black sand beach. Led by our most senior guides, this tour is "designed with the guest in mind," focusing on exclusivity, captivating local legends, and a deeper connection to the Raglan landscape. Ideal for couples or small private groups seeking a "once-in-a-lifetime" adventure.

Note

- Operations: Limestone Express runs daily (Oct–May) at 10:30am & 1:30pm
- Duration: Limestone Express (2hrs); Private Adventure (3hrs)
- Requirements: Min age 8 years. Bookings essential. Tours are weather-dependent
- Inclusions: Quality kayaks, life jackets, dry bags, and professional guiding
- Rates: Trade-ready net rates and seasonal pricing available on request
Contact us for our current rate manual and wholesale terms

Raglan Rock Adventure Co



Raglan Rock Adventure Co offers unforgettable outdoor experiences for all ages and abilities, set within Raglan’s striking natural landscapes. From canyoning through native bush and abseiling waterfalls, to rock climbing in dramatic “Middle-earth” settings and exploring glowworm-filled caves, each trip showcases the best of New Zealand’s adventure.

Operating since 2012, the company is known for highly qualified, passionate guides and a strong focus on safety, professionalism, and connection to the environment. Experiences are designed to be both accessible and exhilarating, giving every guest the chance to explore New Zealand’s wild places in a meaningful, memorable way—with just the right amount of adrenaline.

Note

- Open 7 days a week - bookings essential
- Trade rates on request
- Not suitable for those with limited mobility
- Minimum of 2 adults

Family Friendly Caving

An accessible, fun introduction to caving. Follow expert guides through muddy, glowworm-filled underground passages.

Original Pioneers Caving

A more adventurous caving experience, navigating tight spaces to discover cave formations and fossils in Karamu Caves.

Real Rock Climbing

Outdoor climbing in the Waikato countryside with expert instruction, suitable for all skill levels.

Karioi Canyoning

A high-energy canyoning experience featuring waterfall climbs and abseils through native bush, operating in all weather.

Karioi Glowworm Canyoning

A unique night canyoning adventure, descending waterfalls by headlamp and glowworm light.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both
Min / Max numbers	FIT Min 2/ Max 30 Group Min 2/ Max 30 per activity
Qualmark/Industry	AdventureMark Certified– Outdoor Adventure Safety Audited

Raglan Surf School



Raglan Surf School Limited began in 1999 and is based in Raglan, Waikato, providing a fun and safe environment to learn the fundamentals of Surfing on one of the worlds most famous Left hand surf beaches. Our Raglan inspired business is all about creating great memories. We do this by sharing our culture, lifestyle, our place and activities. We deliver this by offering unsurpassed service as seen through the eyes of our customers.

Note

- Operate all year round (except Christmas Day)
- Rates on request
- 6 students per instructor
- Certified Water Safety NZ Surf Instructors
- Wetsuit and surfboard supplied

Group Lessons

The group lesson starts at Ngarunui Beach car park. First, you'll learn the basics of surfing and surf board vocabulary, stance, posture and a proper dose of water and beach safety. You'll get custom fitted for a wetsuit and surfboard . The instructor(s) will be right there beside you on the beach and in the surf the entire time. Min 10 yrs of age.

Private Lesson

If you've already done some surfing and are looking to take your skills to the next level, a private lesson is perfect for you. During these sessions, we can quickly understand your needs and adapt our teaching methods to suit your personality, style, and level.

Family Lesson

The Family surf lesson is designed to provide one instructor specifically for your family as opposed to being included in a larger group.

Note : Minimum of 3 people, maximum of 6.

Surf Rentals

A keen surfer and want to 'hang ten' whilst travelling in NZ - get your surfboard and wetsuit at the beach car park from our Surf trailer & truck.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both. Min 1 - Max 24

Hamilton Zoo



Hamilton Zoo is home to more than 450 native and exotic animals, including Aotearoa New Zealand's largest walk-through aviary for native birds and plants. From the savannah with its zebra herd, bison, and giraffes to the majestic tigers or antics of the chimpanzee troop, you'll want to spend all day here.

Animal Encounters

See more, learn more and get close with Hamilton Zoo's Animal Encounters. Hamilton Zoo's Animal Encounters are immersive experiences that bring you face- to-face with incredible animals.

These unforgettable experiences contribute directly to vital conservation efforts, so you can make a difference while creating lasting memories.

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Website	www.hamiltonzoo.co.nz
Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both

Note

- Animal encounters suitable for small groups of eight or less
- Animal encounter participants must be 5 years or older, and all children to be accompanied by an adult
- Rates on request

Helicorp - Scenic Helicopter Experiences



Discover New Zealand's diverse landscapes by private helicopter with Helicorp. Offering tailored itineraries and a range of premium scenic flights, guests can experience the Waikato and beyond in comfort and style.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both. Min 2 - Max 20.
Qualmark	Silver

City Scenic (15 mins)

Aerial views of Hamilton, the Waikato River and Hamilton Gardens.

Hobbiton™ Experience

Scenic flight to Hobbiton™ Movie Set, including guided tour.

City to Surf (40 mins)

Fly from farmland to the rugged West Coast, including Bridal Veil Falls, Mt Karioi and Raglan.

Ultimate High Tea

Fly to Zealong Tea Estate for a plantation tour and luxury high tea, with Hamilton scenic flight included.

Wonders of Waikato (Full Day)

A premium multi-stop experience including Zealong Tea Estate, Hobbiton™, Waitomo Caves and scenic flights throughout.

Country to Coast

Scenic flight to Raglan with harbour cruise, including highlights such as Bridal Veil Falls and Mt Karioi. (subject to boat availability)

Note

- Bookings require a minimum of two persons to book
- Rates available by request
- All flights listed depart from Hamilton. Please enquire for prices from departing from other locations e.g. Auckland, Taupo, Rotorua, Tauranga
- Subject to weather

Sands Carving Studio Whare Whakairo - NEW!



Sands Carving Studio in Hamilton offers authentic, hands-on cultural experiences centred around traditional Māori carving. Specialising in handcrafted taonga (treasures) made from pounamu (greenstone), bone, wood and shell, the studio blends contemporary and traditional design to create meaningful, lasting pieces.

Visitors can take part in “Carve Your Own” workshops, where they are guided by expert carvers to create their own pounamu pendant. No prior experience is required, with participants supported through each step of the process while learning about the cultural significance, tools and techniques behind the artform.

On-site gallery featuring handcrafted pounamu, bone and wood carvings available for purchase.

Carve Your Own Pounamu (Greenstone)

Hands-on workshop where visitors design and carve their own pounamu pendant, guided by expert carvers. Includes cultural storytelling and use of traditional techniques. Half-day experience.

Group & Private Workshops

Customised carving experiences for small groups, incentives or special interest tours. Flexible duration and tailored to client needs.

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Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both

Note

- Location: Hamilton (5 minutes from city centre)
- Duration: Half-day to full-day workshops
- Suitable for FIT and small groups
- Year-round operation
- Rates on request

Woodlands Estate



Set within beautifully maintained heritage gardens, Woodlands Estate offers a unique venue experience where business and nature come together. Located just minutes from Hamilton, the historic homestead provides an elegant setting for meetings, conferences, and events, while the surrounding gardens create ideal breakout spaces for guests to relax, recharge, or connect in a more informal environment.

Whether hosting a strategy session under the trees, networking beside the fountain, or enjoying a peaceful stroll between sessions, Woodlands allows events to flow seamlessly between indoor sophistication and outdoor serenity. With flexible spaces, on-site catering, and the capacity to accommodate both small groups and larger gatherings, it is an inspiring destination designed to elevate every occasion.

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Product type	Activity & Venue
FIT / Groups	Both

Note

- Rates on application

River Riders



River Riders traces its roots back to 2017 in Ngāruawāhia, with a humble gazebo perched along the riverside and a few bikes to rent. Since then, River Riders has developed into a vibrant cycling community along Te Awa ‘The Great NZ River Ride’. Now anchored at the iconic Hamilton Gardens, we have become more than a cycle tourism hub — we’re a conduit for electric adventures, cultural connections, and sustainable explorations along the mighty Waikato River. Join us as we pedal through history, culture, and the breathtaking landscapes of the Waikato, creating experiences that linger long after the ride ends.

E-Bike/E-Trike/Standard Bike/Kids Standard Bike Rental

We provide up to 2 hour, up to 4 hour (half day), Full Day or Multi Day Rentals. Can do both self guided or guided (extra cost) rides.

Experience the Full Te Awa

Starting in Ngāruawāhia e-bike along Te Awa River Ride to our Cycle Tourism Hub at the Hamilton Gardens. Eat & Explore at the Hamilton Gardens while we look after & charge your e-bike. Ride back to your accommodation. Day 2: Ride from your accommodation to Lake Karapiro & have lunch at Podium Cafe. We will pick up your overnight bag and meet you there before transporting you back to your vehicle.

Contact	Dee Tairaki
Trade contact email	manager@riverriders.co.nz
Phone number	+64 27 2655504
Address	Hamilton Gardens, Gate 2, Camelia Carpark, Hamilton
Website	www.riverriders.co.nz
Product type	Activity
FIT / Groups	Both
Qualmark	Silver



Accommodation

The Clements Hotel



Steeped in history, this property is iconic and promises to become a popular weekend dining destination with locals. Original features within the hotel include a magnificent sweeping staircase, stunning stained-glass windows, parquet flooring, high ceilings, and luxurious furnishings creating a refined and relaxed atmosphere. The Clements Hotel promises to be the perfect backdrop for an indulgent and elegant break in the charming and popular town of Cambridge. This brand-new, high-quality hotel offering will target the international leisure and MICE markets.

Note

- Car Parking (public free of charge)
- Terrace/Events Lawns
- Gallery Restaurant & Wine Bar & 1866: Speakeasy Basement Bar
- Meeting Facilities & Complimentary WiFi
- 24 hour Reception
- Concierge Service

Accommodation

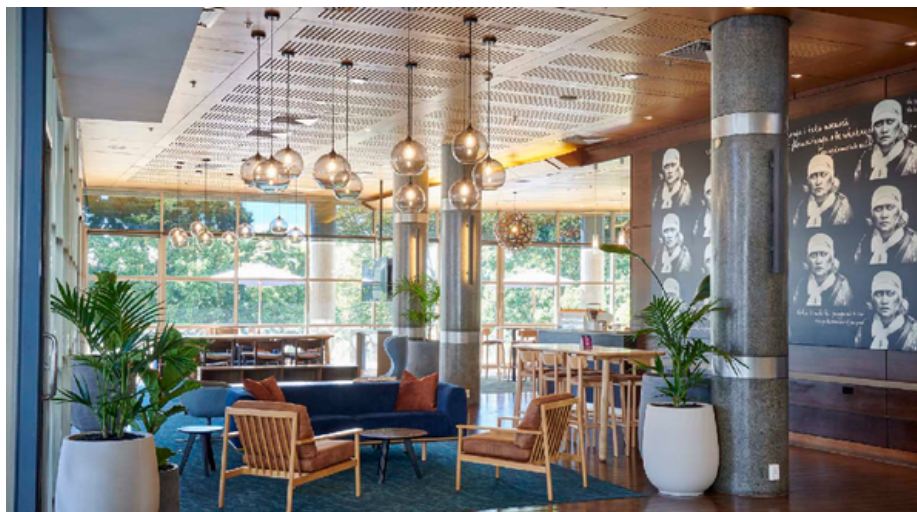
A stunning renovation of a heritage building formerly known as the Masonic Hotel and built in 1911, this project has truly been a labour of love. The sensitively restored and renovated building is being transformed into a 5-star boutique hotel featuring 29 guest rooms and complemented by extensive F&B operations.

Gallery Restaurant & 1886 Basement Bar

Popular weekend dining destination with locals; the plush basement bar has a prohibition era vibe with an extensive cocktail list and the restaurant serves contemporary cuisine, inspired by the local Cambridge food scene, using fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

Product Type	Accommodation, Food & Beverage
Contact	Angela Galbraith
Trade contact email	gm@clements.co.nz
Phone	+64 7 9749050
Address	68/72 Duke Street, Leamington, Cambridge
Website	www.clements.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	Minimum 10 rooms for a group / buyout options available.
Qualmark	Qualmark 5 Star - GOLD

Novotel Tainui Hamilton



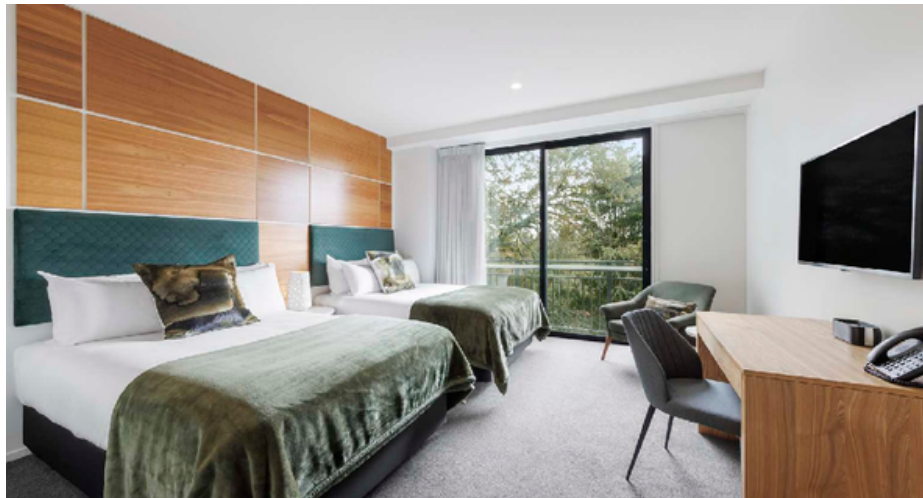
Make yourself at home in 4.5 star comfort at Novotel Tainui Hamilton in the city centre. Fine dining, tourist attractions, scenic strolls along the river and so much more are within your grasp. Explore the city centre or travel a little further afield to experience the wonder of the regions - Waitomo glow-worm caves, Raglan surf beach or Hobbiton™ Movie Set.

Rooms & Facilities

The hotel offers 217 contemporary rooms including 4 suites. Located in the heart of the city along the mighty Waikato River, the hotel also boasts a restaurant, bar, conference space and gym.

Product Type	Accommodation - Hotel
Contact	Deborah Couchman
Trade contact email	deborah.couchman@accor.com
Phone	+64 27 470 0046
Address	7 Alma Street, Hamilton
Website	www.all.accor.com
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	217 accommodation rooms, mixture of king and twin
Qualmark	4.5 star - Gold

Hidden Lake Hotel and Apartments Cambridge



Independently owned accommodation located on the shores of tranquil Lake Te Koutu in Cambridge CBD. Designed with sustainable principles, the property overlooks a picturesque, tree-lined domain surrounded by nature. Rooms feature luxury fittings, generous space, award-winning Zealong Teas, and walk-in showers. Super king-sized beds are standard, with two queen-sized beds available for twin occupancy.

Featuring local organic produce in the scenic D’Arcy’s Garden Restaurant. Features and facilities show creative flair and an absolute commitment to sustainability. Optimised for groups, tours and visitors to the region.

Rooms

We offer a selection of rooms including Executive King Rooms, Executive Double Double Rooms and Accessible Rooms.

Apartments

One and two bedroom apartments with full kitchen and laundry facilities. Some have 2 x bathrooms.

Product Type	Accommodation - Hotel and S/C apartments
Contact	Glenda Hamilton
Trade contact email	glenda@hiddenlake.co.nz
Phone	+64 7 282 1593
Address	34E Lake Street, Cambridge, 3434
Website	www.hiddenlakehotel.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	13 x Executive King Rooms 13 x Executive Double Double Rooms 3 x Accessible Rooms 1 x One Bedroom Apartment 6 x Two Bedroom Apartment
Qualmark	5 star - Gold

KOSH Properties - NEW



KOSH is Hamilton's leading provider of fully furnished short and mid-term rental accommodation, offering professionally managed homes designed for comfort, consistency, and ease.

Providing high-quality, move-in ready properties suitable for corporate stays, relocations, project teams, extended travel or short stays. Each home is maintained to a consistent standard, with full support throughout the stay.

With a strong local presence and a portfolio built for flexibility, KOSH deliver reliable accommodation solutions for any request.

Accommodation

Over 35 unique homes are available, ranging from studio apartments to fully furnished four-bedroom houses. For larger groups, accommodation can be arranged across multiple properties in close proximity.

Product Type	Accommodation
Contact	Levi Melville
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Phone	+6427 842 2533
Address	Various around Waikato
Website	www.koshproperty.com
FIT / Groups	Both

Note

- Rates on request

Te Karaka Lodge



Te Karaka Lodge is a luxury farm stay offering just 10 guest suites for an intimate, hosted escape, located around 90 minutes from Auckland and Hamilton Airport. Surrounded by rolling farmland and wide-open skies, it's a place to slow down, reconnect with nature, and experience a quieter side of New Zealand with genuine Kiwi hospitality.

Set on a working beef and sheep farm, guests can book a guided ATV farm tour and enjoy the relaxed pace of country life, far from the noise of the city. The Lodge has been thoughtfully designed for comfort and connection, with spaces that feel warm, welcoming, and effortlessly refined. Guests can stay in one of the private suites, or groups can book the entire Lodge for an exclusive, bespoke experience.

Note

- Closed in July & August
- Bookings essential
- Wheelchair accessible room available

Accommodation

Each suite has luxurious eco-amenities and is positioned to capture uninterrupted countryside views, with an outdoor deck perfect for morning coffee or an evening glass of New Zealand wine. All stays include a gourmet breakfast, complimentary Wi-Fi, and on-site parking.

In the evenings, guests can enjoy chef's seasonal tasting menu before ending the night in the 7000L heated swimming spa under a sky full of stars.

For longer stays, experiences can be tailored to suit your pace — from relaxing spa treatments, walking tracks and archery on-site, to nearby horse riding and glow worm cave adventures. Whether you're visiting for a romantic escape, a peaceful reset, or a special celebration, Te Karaka Lodge offers a truly personal and unforgettable stay.

Product Type	Accommodation - Lodge/Hosted/Farm Stay
Contact	Danielle Geraets
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Phone	+64 27 303 2485 +64 9 242 9229
Address	1833 Port Waikato-Waikaretu Road, Waikato
Website	www.tekarakalodge.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Sleeps	10 Rooms - sleeping 1-20 guests
Qualmark	5 Star - Gold

Te Whaanga Resort & Spa - NEW



Te Whaanga Retreat and Spa – 5-Star Raglan Coastal Escape offers an exclusive blend of luxury lodge living and oceanfront glamping on Raglan’s stunning coastline.

Product Type	Accommodation, Activity, Food & Beverage
Contact	Vicki-Lee Wihongi
Trade contact email	vickileewihongi@gmail.com
Phone	+64 21 244 5242
Address	108E Whaanga Road, Raglan 3297
Website	https://www.tewhaangaretreat.com
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	14 guests maximum
Qualmark	Provisional Qualmark

Lodge

The Lodge features three super-king bedrooms (one convertible to twin king singles), along with a games room, kitchen, dining area, library nook, and spacious living area. These open onto a poolside deck with a fire pit and hot tub—perfect for relaxing in comfort.

Canvas Town

Canvas Town includes three oceanfront glamping tents set beside the iconic Indicators surf break. Each tent has a king-size bed (convertible to twin singles). A nearby bathhouse provides premium showers, toilets, and a full-service spa with twin stone bathtubs. Guests can enjoy the whare kai dining space, fireplace lounge, outdoor fire pit, and direct access to both the surf break and a calm lagoon.

Food & Beverage

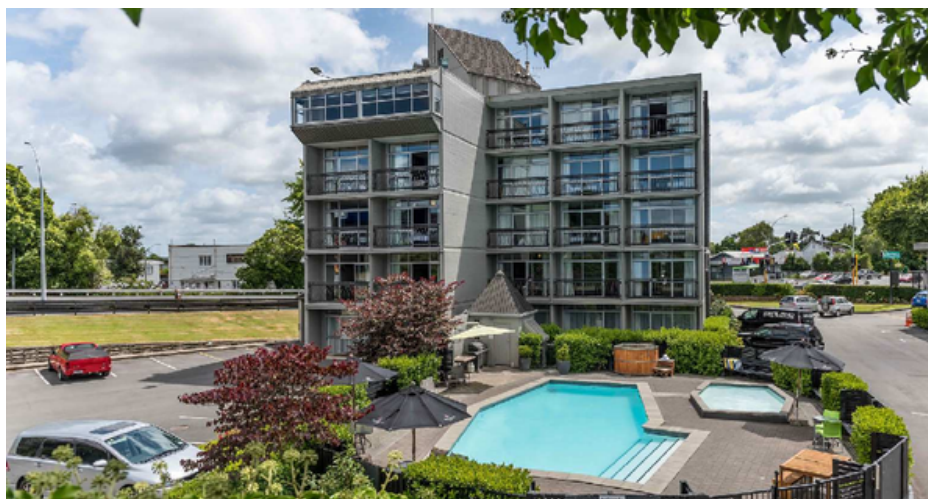
All stays include a continental breakfast and room snacks. An in-house chef offers bookable four-course dining, while casual meals are served in the oceanfront “Hang-out” space. Massage and spa treatments are also available.

Guests can enjoy surfboard and wetsuit hire, guided or self-led activities, and transport to local events and airports.

Note

- Individual rooms and luxury glamping tents are available with a two-night minimum stay
- Guests can also book exclusive-use stays, enjoy private chef experiences, and arrive via helicopter
- Rates are available on request
- The property is wheelchair accessible and welcomes guests aged 15 and over

Heartland Ambassador Hotel Hamilton



In the heart of the mighty Waikato, Hamilton is a cultural hub for the rich agricultural and pastoral surrounds, as well as many iconic Kiwi tourist attractions nearby.

Location is also key for the Heartland Ambassador Hotel Hamilton, perfectly positioned with only a short walk to many of the city's key attractions like FMG Stadium, Seddon Park, Claudelands Event Centre and the CBD.

Note

- Breakfast Available daily 7-10am - \$32 for full cooked buffet

Standard Studio Room

Our Standard Studio Rooms come with two queen beds sleeping up to 4 guests. All rooms come with a private balcony or patio
Our Superior & Superior Plus Studio Rooms come with two queen beds sleeping up to 4 guests. All rooms come with a private balcony or patio and all the amenities you need for a short stay.

Motel style room

The motel style rooms come with 1 and 2 Bedroom options have a Queen Bed, and 2 or 4 single beds sleeping up to 6 guests. Perfect for families or small groups, all rooms come with a kitchenette and dining table. Couches available in selected rooms. All rooms come with a private balcony or patio.

Product Type	Accommodation - Hotel / Motel
Contact	Emma Courtney
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Phone	+64 7 839 5111
Address	86 Ulster Street, Hamilton
Website	www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz/locations/new-zealand/hamilton
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	38 rooms / Sleeps 152 12 Motel units sleeping 51
Qualmark	3.5 Hotel rooms 3 Motel rooms

Ibis Tainui Hamilton



The hotel is your gateway to the Waikato region commanding a unique location on the Waikato River. Just minutes from bustling Hamilton city and a short stroll from local attractions including SkyCity Casino, BNZ Theatre and Waikato Museum. An ideal base for your holiday, you're within an easy drive of Hamilton Gardens and Hamilton Zoo and just an hour's drive from the regions incredible Waitomo Glowworm Caves and Hobbiton™ Movie Set.

Rooms & Facilities

The hotel offers 126 well-appointed accommodation rooms. Located in the heart of the city along the mighty Waikato River, the hotel also boasts Maakona restaurant & bar and conference space for up to 80 delegates.

Product Type	Accommodation - Hotel
Contact	Deborah Couchman
Trade contact email	deborah.couchman@accor.com
Phone	+64 27 470 0046
Address	18 Alma Street, Hamilton
Website	www.all.accor.com
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	126 accommodation rooms, mixture of king and twin
Qualmark	3.5 star - Gold

Jet Park Hamilton Airport Hotel



Located only a short walk from Hamilton airport terminal, Jet Park Hamilton Airport Hotel is the ideal place to stay for business or leisure. The fully refurbished 4-star hotel offers 62 accommodation rooms, with five conference rooms for up to 200 people.

The distinctive countryside setting, paired with generous hospitality and meticulous attention to detail, ensures that each stay is more than just a place to rest for the night.

Accommodation

The modern, refurbished accommodation offers a range of options, including superior rooms, executive suites, and family suites. Each room is equipped with individually controlled air conditioning, an office desk and chair, iron and ironing board, a safe, Chromecast, SKY TV, unlimited Wi-Fi, and tea and coffee facilities.

Guest Facilities

Guests can enjoy a range of facilities, including an outdoor swimming pool, tennis court, basketball hoop, onsite gym, garden space, guest laundry, and complimentary overnight parking for the duration of their stay. Dining options include the Koura Café for casual bites, as well as the onsite à la carte bistro, Propeller Restaurant and Bar, which features an inviting outdoor beer garden.

Meeting Facilities

JetPark's Conference Centre, equipped to host up to 200 guests, features a private boardroom and four spacious conference rooms with the capability to open onto a private courtyard setting. Each space is equipped with full AV facilities and benefits from natural lighting.

Product Type	Accommodation & Conference Centre
Contact	Stuart Thompson
Trade contact email	Stuartt@jetpark.co.nz
Phone	+64 9 275 4100 0800 538 466
Address	201 Airport Road, Hamilton, 3282
Website	www.jetparkhamilton.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	62 Rooms/ 2- 4 per room
Qualmark	4 Star - Silver

Oar & Paddle



The Oar and Paddle is an established and very popular accommodation provider offering a special uniqueness and charm making it a favoured place to stay at Lake Karapiro. With top quality furnishings and stunning lake views, nestled in large mature grounds. We offer privacy yet our close proximity to Cambridge and ideally positioned to enjoy lake sporting events being adjacent to the Te Awa cycle track enabling guests to experience the best of both worlds.

Note

- Rates and dates on request

The Oarhouse Chalet

A stand-alone luxury two bedroom, two ensuite, Chalet with an unsurpassed out look up and down Lake Karapiro. Full kitchen, spacious lounge, air-conditioning, fire place, decking and out door dining, carport and laundry.

The Paddlehouse

Two bedroom, two ensuite Cottage, Kitchen, very generous lounge, air-conditioning. Enjoy fantastic views to the lake with the privacy of your own outdoor area.

The Scullers Suite

A very large room with two Queen beds and the possibility of adding another Single bed, ensuite. Private entrance, tea and coffee making facilities, small fridge, large TV, air-conditioning.

Product Type	Accommodation - Self-contained - Boutique
Contact	David Coldicutt
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Phone	+64 21 827388
Address	808 Maungatautari Road Cambridge
Website	www.oarandpaddle.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both (small groups)
Rooms / Sleeps	1 S/C Chalet Sleeps up to 6 people 1 S/C Cottage / Sleeps up to 5 people 1 Suite sleeps up to 5 people

Takapoto Estate - The Lakehouse



Takapoto Estate is a 600-acre property that sits on three kilometres of waterfront on Lake Karapiro in the Waikato region. Takapoto Estate has been lovingly restored with native trees and plants that now provide a thriving eco-sanctuary to the neighbouring Mangatautari Mountain - an initiative that saw the addition of over 800,000 native plantings.

On this foundation, Takapoto Estate has built world-class equestrian facilities, function areas, boutique cottage accommodation, a horse breeding program, vineyards and wines, a market garden, and Angus bulls. Takapoto Estate encapsulates everything that is beautiful about its surroundings and provides a place for future generations to enjoy its bounty.

The Lakehouse

The Lakehouse cottage at Takapoto Estate is a luxurious and serene escape with stunning views of Karapiro. The pantry and fridge are stocked with breakfast items that were produced and harvested from the Estate's own chickens, bees, Angus beef, vineyard, olive trees and market garden, making for a truly unique and memorable experience. Whether you're looking to relax and take in the natural beauty of the surroundings or explore all that the region has to offer, The Lakehouse is the perfect place to stay.

Partner your guest stay with a range of our tour offerings for a totally immersive taste of Waikato and our exclusive estate.

Product Type	Accommodation - BnB - Boutique
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Phone	+64 27 3885920
Address	90 Finlay Road, Maungatautari 3494, Waikato
Website	www.takapoto.co.nz
FIT / Groups	FIT

Note

- Not suitable for small children

Tuakau Hotel



Established in 1875, Tuakau Hotel is a historic boutique property that has been part of the local community for over 150 years.

The hotel combines heritage character with modern comfort, offering guests a stay that reflects its long-standing place in the region while meeting the needs of today's travellers. It is well suited to independent travellers, couples and small groups seeking an accessible and comfortable base in the North Waikato. Open year-round, Tuakau Hotel is a 4-star Qualmark-rated property with a Gold Sustainable Tourism Business Award.

Note

- Historic boutique hotel with a legacy dating back to 1875
- Ideal for FIT itineraries and flexible travel plans
- Convenient first/last night stay near Auckland

Accommodation

Tuakau Hotel is a historic boutique hotel located in North Waikato, just 45 minutes from Auckland Airport and conveniently positioned between Auckland and Hamilton. Offering 23 rooms including studio, executive and apartment-style accommodation, the hotel is ideally suited to Free Independent Travellers (FIT), couples and small groups.

The property is well positioned as a first or last night stay for international arrivals, or as a convenient stopover when travelling through the central North Island. It offers a boutique alternative outside the city while remaining within easy reach of major transport routes. Guests can enjoy a relaxed stay with an onsite bar and restaurant, complemented by local cafés and amenities within walking distance, and easy access to the Waikato River and surrounding rural landscapes.

Product Type	Accommodation - Boutique Hotel
Contact	Shiela Junsay
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Phone	+64 21 719075
Address	1-3 George Street, Tuakau 2121
Website	www.tuakauhotel.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	23 rooms - sleeps 51
Qualmark	4 Star - Qualmark Gold

Lake Karapiro Lodge



Lake Karapiro Lodge is situated on a ridge with stunning views overlooking Lake Karapiro, Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari and beautiful Waikato rural farming area. 15 minutes south of Cambridge on SH1. Lake Karapiro Lodge is a luxury lodge offering private, peaceful, and elegantly furnished guest suites with king-sized beds, ensuites, and a guest lounge with an open fire in winter. Facilities include a spa pool, infrared sauna, and, in season, a heated saltwater pool. Opened in 2001, Lake Karapiro Lodge has a strong reputation for its amazing views, its quiet restful environment to re-charge, and celebrate special occasions. Room rates include a full silver service breakfast using locally sourced ingredients and prepared from fresh directly to the table.

Note

- To ensure the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of all guests, the lodge advises that the environment is not suitable for children
- The lodge operates an on-site waste disposal system and harvests and treats its own potable water

Suites

The Versace Suite (Superior) features iconic Versace ceramic tiles and vanity, a large bath, and a separate shower. It includes a lounge area with period furniture and a dedicated Juliet balcony offering expansive views and sunsets.

The Sir Tristram Suite (Superior) is named after the renowned Cambridge Stud gelding, Sir Tristram, by Sir Patrick Hogan. It features a large bathroom with a separate bath and shower, along with a lounge area furnished with period pieces and a dedicated Juliet balcony with expansive views and sunsets.

The ground floor suites comprise three spacious suites with outdoor patios overlooking the lake and surrounding countryside, ideal for enjoying the afternoon sun and sunsets. Each suite includes a generous private ensuite, luxury bathroom amenities, a smart TV, and a work desk.

Product Type	Boutique Luxury Accommodation
Contact	Colin Pauling
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Phone	+64 21 997107
Address	1829F Tirau Road, Karapiro, Waikato 3484
Website	www.karapiro lodge.co.nz
FIT / Groups	FIT
Rooms / Sleeps	2x Superior Suites with full bathroom / Sleeps 4 3x Lake View Rooms with private ensuites / Sleeps 6

Matamata Lodge



Set across 10 acres of rolling pasture, this unique lifestyle property offers a peaceful rural escape with opportunities to interact with cattle and friendly pet sheep. Conveniently located just 5 minutes from Matamata and a short drive to the Hobbiton Movie Set.

Guests can choose between a private self-contained Studio or Cabin, both recently renovated to a high standard and offering picturesque farm views. Enjoy open space, stunning sunsets and a tranquil countryside setting.

Note

- 7 day cancellation period
- Self check-in
- Continental breakfast is included
- 20 minutes from Hobbiton™ Movie Set

The Studio

A spacious, newly renovated studio set within the Kaimai Ranges, surrounded by native bush and offering a peaceful, private retreat. Thoughtfully designed with modern comforts and a relaxed, contemporary feel, it's ideal for couples or solo travellers.

The Cabin

Perched on the edge of the Kaimai Ranges, this cosy cabin offers a peaceful rural escape with sweeping countryside views. Designed for comfort and relaxation, it combines rustic charm with modern amenities in a tranquil natural setting.

Product Type	Accommodation - BnB - Self Contained
Contact	Alyson Wilcock
Trade contact email	info@matamatalodge.co.nz
Phone	+64 21 948508
Address	608 Old Te Aroha Road, Matamata
Website	www.matamatalodge.co.nz
FIT / Groups	FIT
Rooms / Sleeps	1 Studio / 2 people – King bed or Twin

Castaways Resort



Situated on the wild coastal cliff tops of Karioitahi Beach on the west coast of Auckland, New Zealand, Castaways Resort is perfect for an effortless escape, a one-of-a-kind wedding, a distraction-free conference, or place to unwind before commencing your NZ adventures.

The newly renovated Castaways Restaurant & Bar offers relaxed à la carte dining 365 days a year, and Bersantai Day Spa can treat you to a truly indulgent experience. All of this is within an hour's drive from the Auckland CBD or airport - so close to Auckland, yet a true escape from the ordinary.

Studios

Studio units feature a generous intimate space with living area, super-king bed (or two singles), ensuite bathroom and a kitchenette with cooking hob, microwave/ convention oven, and tea and coffee making facilities. Each studio also has a private deck with ocean views.

Chalets

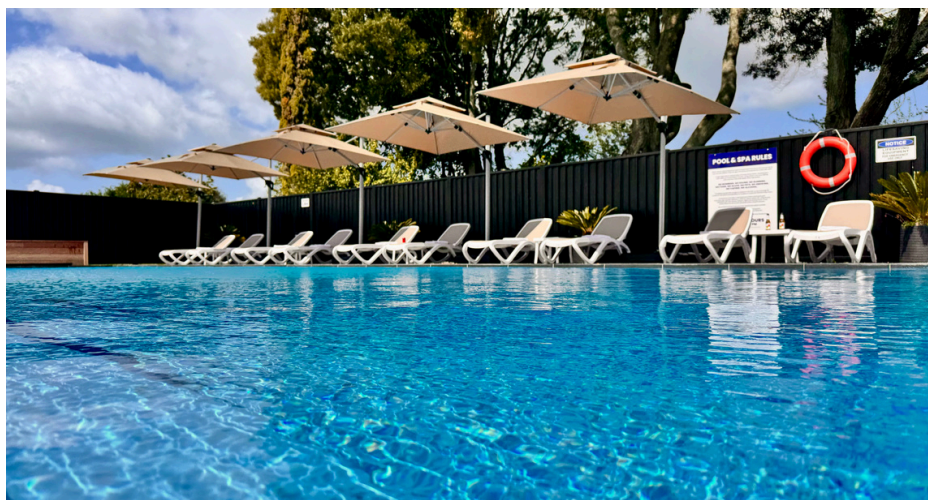
The private two-bedroom chalets offer panoramic views over Karioitahi Beach. Each chalet includes two large bedrooms, a full kitchen, laundry facilities, an open-plan dining and lounge area, and a balcony to enjoy the stunning west coast sunset. The chalets accommodate up to four guests, with each bedroom featuring its own ensuite.

Villas

The new Villas feature full kitchen and laundry facilities, an open-plan dining and lounge area, and decks off each of the two bedrooms and the lounge. Each bedroom has its own ensuite and super-king beds (or two singles).

Product Type	Accommodation - Resort
Contact	Diliara Reed
Trade contact email	diliara@marsdengroup.co.nz
Phone	+64 21 1254780
Address	685 Karioitahi Road, Waiuku 2683
Website	www.castaways.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	10 Studios / 2 people per Studio 15 Chalets / 4 people per Chalet 16 Villas / 4 people per Villa
Qualmark	4 Star

Podium Lodge



The vision of Podium Lodge was to create a one-of-a-kind accommodation experience. One that thrived on a love for our region, sport and community. Designed with an ‘Olympic Village’ feel in mind, Podium Lodge is a place for visitors to enjoy the spirit of Cambridge – from cyclists and sports teams, to schools, families, and independent travelers.

Note

- Strategically located in the peaceful town of Cambridge, at the heart of the Waikato
- Located just five minutes from State Highway 1, making it easily accessible from all directions
- With 30 rooms and a large dormitory, over 100 guests can be comfortably accommodated

Studios

Sleeps max 2-3 guests. Comfort is not compromised in this functional and modern studio room. Spacious and well-appointed. Bathroom facilities include a bath. Self-catering kitchenette. Quality king single beds or a super king and superior linen give the promise of a restful sleep.

2-Bedroom Apartments

Four king single beds or 2 Super kings (or combo). Kitchenette facility for easy self-catering. Lounge area. Cleverly designed bathroom amenities, enable guests to rest and relax after a day of training, competing and activity.

Dormitory

A 14-bed sleeping option, purpose-built for large groups or teams travelling and staying together. Features include: Large kitchen, Two lounges, Dining room, Bathroom amenities, quality beds and linen in dormitory style sleeping quarters.

Product Type	Accommodation - Motel, Self-Contained
Contact	Andy Huang
Trade contact email	manager@podiumlodge.co.nz
Phone	+64 27 8288889
Address	20 Peake Road, Cambridge
Website	www.podiumlodge.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 studios – sleep 2 • 6 x 2bedroom apartments – sleep 4 • Dormitory – sleeps 14 /4 bedroom house – sleeps 8
Qualmark	4.5 Star - Silver

Raglan Holiday Park Papahua



Situated on a peninsula in the Raglan Harbour, Raglan Holiday Park is almost entirely surrounded by water. Vehicle access is by a lone road bridge making our Raglan accommodation a private hideaway. Just 2 minutes walk to the beach – this is peace and tranquility at its best. Raglan Holiday Park offers tent sites, powered campervan or caravan sites, backpacker type accommodation, cabins, self contained and motel units. We also offer a small conference facility, our Hui Room for hire. So look no further for your ideal Raglan accommodation.

Note

- Exclusive group facility rates on request

Self Contained Accommodation

Kitchenettes or full kitchens, Tea & coffee, Queen and king beds available, private bathrooms, smart TV, outdoor deck/courtyard.

Bunkroom / lodge / cabin and camping facilities

Communal kitchens, bathrooms, dining areas, games room, TV room, BBQ areas, Laundry facilities, Free WIFI.

Facilities available for all guests

Free WIFI, playground with jumping pillow, BBQs and outdoor dining, games room, laundry facilities.

Product Type	Accommodation - Holiday Park Motel / self contained Camping Cabins / Lodges
Contact	Gillian Le Prou
Trade contact email	groups@raglanholidaypark.co.nz
Phone	+64 7 825 8283
Address	61 Marine Parade, Raglan
Website	www.raglanholidaypark.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100+ camping sites • Group Lodge and Bunkrooms sleep 54 or 28 • 6x Holiday and Cozy Cabins • 20x Motel self contained units- Studio, 1 & 2 bedroom

Rural Tours Limited



Rural Tours is New Zealand's largest Country Stay accommodation provider. Based in Cambridge, Waikato, Rural Tours has 30+ years' experience, and an extensive database of hosts throughout the region. Our team has a reputation for providing a prompt and efficient reservations service. Our clients will experience the rural lifestyle and learn about farming and sustainability from their hosts. Highlights of a Country Stay include experiencing daily rural and local activities, as well as sharing the delight of home-cooked dinner and a hearty breakfast. You'll enjoy conversation with your hosts and relaxing in the wide-open spaces of New Zealand's beautiful countryside.

Accommodation

You will be accommodated in a guest room within the family home, or in some cases you will be accommodated in self-contained accommodation. You will become a part of the family for the duration of your stay and treated as friends rather than guests. Each Rural Tours Country Stay is offered on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Product Type	Farmstay accommodation (Nationwide)
Contact	Reservations
Trade contact email	reservations@ruraltours.co.nz
Phone	+64 7 827 8055
Address	Various around Waikato
Website	www.ruraltours.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Qualmark	Silver

Notes

- Rates on request

Distinction Hotel Hamilton



The Distinction Hamilton Hotel and conference centre is located in the Forest Lake suburb of Hamilton, Waikato. Our rooms are comfortable and ideally suited to both FIT travellers and groups. Guests can enjoy dining at the popular Garnett's Restaurant & Bar.

Restaurant & Bar and receive complimentary access to the hotel's gym plus free off- street carparking set close to the Te Rapa racecourse and over the road from Waterworld.

Note

- All superior rooms have been refurbished
- Standard rooms all have new beds

Suites

Spacious, well equipped, air-conditioned suites. Offering a separate lounge and bedroom area. Private ensuite containing a spa bath & separate shower. Perfect for couples wanting a romantic escape or for those requiring a separate lounge area to host friends or colleagues

Superior Rooms

Refurbished, spacious, air-conditioned Hamilton hotel rooms. Superior King Hotel Rooms with one King bed or 2 x queen beds, perfect for families or friends travelling together. Offering a modern, chic, contemporary vibe.

Standard Rooms

These air-conditioned Hamilton hotel rooms are a popular choice for families. Fridge, tea and coffee making facilities. Ensuite with shower over bath and complimentary Distinction toiletries.

Product Type	Accommodation, Food & Beverage
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Phone	+64 7 849 0860
Address	100 Garnett Avenue, Forest Lake, Hamilton
Website	www.distinctionhotelshamilton.co.nz
FIT / Groups	Both
Rooms / Sleeps	146 Rooms, 1 Suite
Qualmark	Silver

Villa Walton



Villa Walton offers elegant and relaxing accommodation within its historic homestead, established in 1904, and its recently renovated private cottage, set among beautiful gardens where it also hosts garden tours and weddings for up to 50 guests. Excellent dining is available, and all room rates include a full breakfast. Located in the picturesque Matamata area, overlooking local dairy farms and the Kaimai Ranges, this peaceful retreat is centrally positioned for Hobbiton™, Cambridge, Te Aroha, Hamilton, Tauranga, Rotorua, and Waitomo.

Orr Room

A Queen size bed in compact but gorgeous room with own lovely en-suite.
Cole Room A large room with luxury King bed and en-suite and air conditioned.

Bray Room

A second large King room with en-suite and air conditioning. All rooms have safes, fridges, etc.

The Walton Cottage

The self-contained cottage is a favourite with couples wanting a romantic getaway. A private outdoor bath, private courtyard and every amenity makes this a popular room. Sleeps two only.

Product Type	Accommodation - BnB - Luxury Boutique
Contact	Sue & Neil McGregor
Trade contact email	info@villawalton.co.nz
Phone	+64 7 888 3585 / mob: +64 21 237 7849 (Sue)
Address	303A Walton Road Walton, Matamata
Website	www.villawalton.co.nz
FIT / Groups	FIT and Groups of up to 4 couples
Rooms / Sleeps	4 Beds / 8 people

Note

- Adults only, unless booking whole property
- Open all year - no seasonal rates
- Wholesale rates available on enquiry
- Evening meals by prior arrangement



Transport

Riverside Adventures



Reliable shuttle transport connecting key cycle trails and touring routes

Riverside Adventures provides scheduled and on-demand shuttle services across the Waikato and central North Island, supporting cycle trails, self-drive itineraries and multi-day touring with flexible transfers, luggage transport and group options.

Location	Cambridge / Lake Karapiro
Fleet	Shuttle vehicles (bike + passenger transport)
Capacity	Up to 20 (Larger groups on request)
Website	www.riversideadventures.co.nz
Contact	+64 27 728 7448

Guardian Transports



Professional private transport and charter services based in Hamilton

Guardian Transports offers reliable, tailored transport solutions including airport transfers, group charters and corporate travel. With a modern fleet and experienced drivers, they provide flexible options to support FIT, group and inbound itineraries across the Waikato and wider North Island.

Location	Hamilton
Fleet	Vans, minibuses, accessible vehicles
Capacity	12-18 seat vehicles + larger group solutions
Website	www.guardiantransports.co.nz
Contact	+64 21 533 800

Oli Campers



Boutique campervan hire offering flexible, self-drive travel experiences

Oli Campers provides stylish, compact campervans for exploring the Waikato and wider New Zealand at your own pace. Designed for comfort and ease, their vehicles are ideal for FIT travellers seeking freedom, flexibility and a seamless self-drive experience.

Location	Hamilton Airport
Fleet	Campervans & Motorhomes
Capacity	2-6 berth vehicles
Website	www.olicampers.com
Contact	+64 27 399 1019

Great North Tours



Private, customised touring across Waikato and the wider North Island

Great North Tours offers personalised small group and private tours, connecting visitors with iconic destinations such as Hobbiton, Waitomo, Rotorua and Raglan. Flexible itineraries range from day trips to multi-day journeys, led by knowledgeable local guides.

Location	Hamilton
Fleet	Premium vans/small Coaches
Capacity	Up to 11 pax
Website	www.greatnorthtours.co.nz
Contact	+64 21 266 1316

RaD Car Hire



Flexible, affordable car rental for self-drive itineraries

RaD Car Hire Hamilton offers a wide range of reliable vehicles, from compact cars to 12-seater vans, with convenient city and airport pick-up options—ideal for exploring the Waikato and wider North Island at your own pace.

Location	Hamilton City & Hamilton Airport
Fleet	Cars, SUVs, EV Cars, vans (up to 12 seater)
Capacity	1 to 12 pax
Website	www.radcarhire.co.nz
Contact	+64 7 839 1049

Hamilton Airport



Regional airport gateway providing seamless domestic and international access

Hamilton Airport offers convenient, less congested access to the Waikato, with direct flights to key domestic and Australian destinations. Located close to Hamilton and Cambridge, it provides an efficient entry point for FIT, self-drive and group itineraries.

Services	Domestic & International flights
Routes	Christchurch, Wellington, Sydney, Gold Coast
Access	12 mins to Hamilton/Cambridge
Website	www.hamiltonairport.co.nz
Contact	+64 7 843 1888





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