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- SUMMER 2018/2019



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Introduction

Welcome to the 2018/2019 edition of Explorer Highway showcasing our stunning highways Pacific Coast Highway, Thermal Explorer Route, the Central Plateau Volcanic Loop and surrounding areas. Renowned for its natural beauty, stunning coastline, green pastures, misty rainforests and pristine golden beaches, there are endless options for your summer escape activities in this area. See inside for what's on offer including dining, attractions, local events and more...

Explorer Highway is a journey to be discovered!

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THE KERERŪ- 2018 BIRD OF THE YEAR

NEW ZEALAND MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT

Bay of Plenty Times

December 2018





HELP SAVE KAURI WHEN VISITING THE UPPER NORTH ISLAND



Kauri trees grow throughout the upper North Island; if you're in natural forest and you're in the upper North Island, it's likely you'll be near kauri trees. People are the main way that kauri dieback disease is spread, through the movement of contaminated soil on footwear. But by taking the time to clean your footwear and other gear, responsible visitors like you are helping save kauri from extinction.

Remember:

- 1. Clean all soil off your footwear and other gear (including hiking poles, clothing and bags), every time you enter or leave a forest area. This is to avoid introducing kauri dieback disease to a new area, or moving it from an area where the disease is. A pinhead of soil is enough to spread the disease.
- Don't go off-track for any reason (including to hug

a kauri!). A kauri's roots are extremely delicate, grow close to the surface, are susceptible to disease, and can grow outwards 3x as far as a tree's branches.

The Dept of
Conservation has
recently closed
many walking tracks
throughout the Upper
North Island to prevent
the spread of kauri
dieback disease. Check
the website www.doc.
govt.nz or contact the
local office for up to date
track information before
starting your trip.



The Pacific Coast Highway Coromandel route is breathtaking and so good for the soul. With a mountainous interior cloaked in native rain forest and more than 3400 kilometres of dazzling white sand beaches, it is a relaxed haven that is unspoiled.

Activities and attractions are plentiful, from fishing and diving to hiking and cycling.

Located on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island and within an hour and a half drive of the major centres Auckland, Hamilton and Rotorua.

WHANGAMATĀ

Voted best beach in New Zealand 2018



CATHEDRAL COVE

The track down to the cove begins at the northern end of Hahei and takes about 2 hours. Otherwise explore the breath-taking coastline of the reserve by kayak, water taxi or scenic boat cruises



HOT WATER BEACH



DRIVING CREEK RAILWAY & POTTERY

Go back in time with this amazing railway that climbs the mountain through kauri forests to the 'Eyeful Tower'. Wander through sculpture gardens and bush walk. Visit the craft shop. www.dcrail.nz

THE COROGLEN TAVERN

Call in for a brew, good meal and cheeky kiwi banter at this icon kiwi pub. www.coroglentavern.co.nz

THE 309 ROAD ADVENTURE

The road is 22km long and connects the East and West of the peninsula. The gravel road will take you on a journey through dense bushland with spectacular views as you follow alongside the river. Starting from Whitianga, must do's along the way:

309 Honey is known throughout the region for the variety of honeys that it produces:

Egan Park is a large grass and treed area beside the Mahakirau Stream — a good place for a picnic and a swim.

Waiau Kauri Grove is a spectacular group of Kauri trees that feature 13 massive specimens and twin Kauri all viewed up close and personal.

Waiau Waterfall is a five minute walk where you will find at the base a pristine waterhole surrounded by boulders.

Castle Rock is the core of an old volcano that rises above the bush on the backbone of the Peninsula.

The Waterworks a family fun quirky theme park about 10 minutes from Coromandel. With 70+ attractions made mainly from recycled materials and powered by water. www. thewaterworks.co.nz



HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL



A highlight of the Hauraki Rail Trail includes bike riding through the stunning Karangahake Gorge. The trail follows the path of two historic railway lines, and is broken up into 5 sections that can be done in a day. Starting at Pūkorokoro Miranda and ending at Matamata.

A number of short walks including the Windows Walk and Rail Tunnel Loop, as well as the longer walks of Karangahake Mountain and the Karangahake Historic Walkway, can all be experienced in the gorge. For more information visit www.thecoromandel. com/paeroa

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Whether you're after beautiful bush and river walks and cycle trails or, if you enjoy nothing better than whiling the day away in antique shops and galleries, Paeroa's the destination for you. Spend some time in the stunning Karangahake Gorge, one of the 14 Wonders of New Zealand or cycle the Rail Trail, rich in pioneering history. Enjoy a paddle boat ride at the Maritime Museum or spend the day discovering treasures in our antique shops and art galleries. Learn all about the history of L&P, and, have your photo taken with

our 'big bottle'! Paeroa has a reputation for awesome annual events. Check out all the details at www. paeroa.org.nz or give Jo at Positive Paeroa on 07 862 6999.



Waihi is known as the country's 'Heart of Gold', where the gold-mining heritage is embraced and on display side-by side with current mining using

modern-day extraction methods. Check out Martha Mine via the Pit Rim Walkway to view the local open-pit mine that is still fully operational.

WALKING TRACKS, OLD TUNNELS AND MINING HISTORY

The Karangahake Gorge historic walkway follows the old Paeroa to Waihi railway line with the remainder of the track following the banks of the Ohinemuri River. Old mine buildings and machinery can be seen from a number of locations on the walkway.



RELAX AT WAIHI BEACH



With an 8km stretch of beautiful white sand, relax at the beach, fish off the rocks or try boogie boarding or kayaking. Enjoy nature coastal walks to Orokawa Bay and further out to Homunga Bay.

Venture into town and enjoy the unique boutique shops and the various cafes & restaurants.

EXPLORE, TOUR AND DISCOVER



A visit to the Gold Discovery Centre is a must. Waihi Gold Experience offers hands on interactive activities telling the story that spans 3 centuries, Then take the Waihi Gold Mine Tour and visit inside the fence to experience modern-day gold mining up close. www. golddiscoverycentre.co.nz

KAURI PROTECTION ZONE

The Kaimai Mamaku
Conservation Park is home
to a magnificent taonga, the
kauri tree. These giants stand
proud in one of New Zealand's
most unique ecosystems.
Our kauri forest is threatened
by a microscopic killer:
KAURI DIEBACK DISEASE.

CLEAN YOUR GEAR

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Stay on track

You can help save our Kaimai kauri for future generations to enjoy.







Just 40 minutes drive north of Tauranga lives the countries largest outdoor art gallery with over 70 pieces of work in the collection which consolidates the towns reputation as NZ Mural Town. Katikati is also known as the Avocado capital of NZ with many roadside stalls selling the superfood and other avocado products available in the retail stores.

THE ARTS JUNCTION

Welcome to Katikati's newest arts facility and Visitor Information Centre

This facility gives all the arts in Katikati a home to base themselves from and visitors a taste of our creative nature and local products. We encourage people to use the facility for meetings, workshops, exhibitions, live performances, film nights, fundraisers, or simply just anything you want. Katikati

is consolidating its boutique arts village reputation with the following must sees: Western Bay Museum, Open Air Art Gallery, Harry Maddox Gallery, Waterford Gallery, Katikati Art Group Gallery, and the artisan crafters – Arty Tarts. Not forgetting our wonderful op shops and vintage outlets.

We are now the destination that everyone has been looking for.



A BIG STORY TO TELL

The Western Bay
Museum is a small, 21st
century Museum situated
in Katikati that tells a big
story. They take immense
pride in the historical
cultural and artistic
stories of the area and
present these narratives
in fresh and interesting
ways, utilising a
permanent collection

of objects and artefacts including a permanent Taonga Māori display. Exhibitions change regularly throughout the year.

There is a 1900s school room programme and group experiences and the only planned Northern Irish Settlement in the world!

MAGICAL FAMILY NIGHT OUT



Every year the Katikati Twilight Concerts have an exceptional line up of top class performer showcasing outstanding music talent. Set in a picturesque riverside setting, make sure you pack the beach chairs, rugs and picnic hamper and enjoy a magical evening with the whole family.

www.katikaticoncerts.co.nz

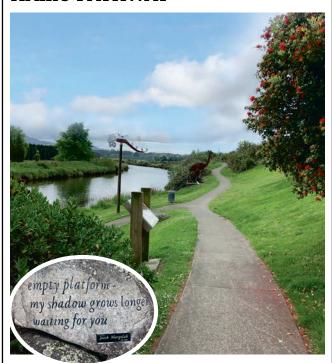








HAIKU PATHWAY



Wander by the Uretara Stream just behind the town's main street and take time out to read the poems engraved on the stones. The Haiku Pathway is the largest collection of haiku 'stones' outside Japan.

BIRDS & GARDENS

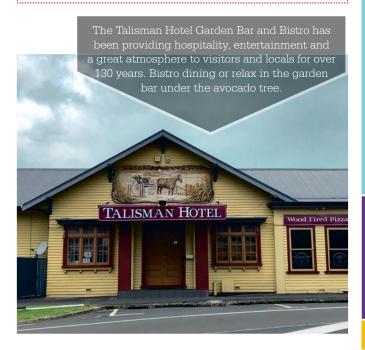


The Katikati Bird Gardens is a great family day out and beautiful place to unwind. Featuring a wide range of native, and exotic birds, as well as water-lily ponds, mature trees from around the

world, flower gardens and natural wetlands, the gardens are a delight all year round. Plus there is a cafe and gift shop on site. Visit www. birdgardens.co.nz to find out

GET BACK TO NATURE

Sapphire Springs Holiday Park & Thermal Pools is set in 32 hectares of beautiful native forest at the foot of the Kaimai Ranges. Relax in one of 3 warm outdoor thermal pools and 2 hot private spas set in a picturesque natural bush setting. Take a wander through the beautiful native bush with walks ranging from 20 minutes to an hour.





Adults: \$25 Season Ticket: \$60
Children: 15 and under free with an adult
Season tickets available at Katikati Information Centre or

Season tickets available at Katikati Information Centre or online at katikaticoncerts@gmail.com or by phoning Dianne on 07 549 3522. Single entry available at gate (cash only). All concerts to be held at Haiku Reserve, Main Road, Katikati. Gates open at 5pm – Music at 6pm. If wet check information line 07 549 3549

Season tickets available from the Information Centre located in The Arts Junction.



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LEVERET ESTATE

For more info visit: katikaticoncerts.co.nz

Whether you want to dine, shop or explore Tauranga is the place to be. It is the largest city in the Bay of Plenty and located at the entrance to the Tauranga

Harbour and nestled beside magnificent Mauao (Mount Maunganui). With a relaxed lifestyle, there is always plenty to see and do all year round. Visit the art gallery, enjoy some downtown shopping, or purchase local produce at the weekend markets. Wander along the water front on the Strand where the kids can play at the playground and then enjoy a meal or coffee at various restaurants and cafes overlooking the harbour.

CATCH OF THE DAY





BOUNCING FUN

Dialled Indoor Entertainment Centre offers an amazing trampoline park, separate inflatable park, virtual reality centre, rage room and birthday party rooms. From 14 December to 31 January 2019 check out the Dialled Waterpark located at The Strand – the hottest place in town to play! www.dialled.co.nz

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A TASTE OF YESTERYEAR



The Historic village on 17th Avenue is a collection of original and replica buildings from early Tauranga set in gorgeous gardens and natural bush surrounds. Stroll the cobbled streets, see the grand buildings and shop for a great selection of local art and gifts.

LOCAL PRODUCE

The Farmer's Market every Saturday morning is at the Tauranga Primary School. The best seasonal produce pantry idea and tasty treats can be found at the market. With live music and hot coffee on hand the market is a perfect Saturday morning outing. Don't forget your reusable bags!

MAGICAL EXPERIENCE

For a magical experience combine glow worms and kayaking. On Lake McLaren at dusk take a guided tour that will paddle you to the enchanting glow worm canyon. A truly unique experience. www.glowwormkayaking.com

WATERFRONT MAGIC



The Strand water front is great for the kids – with a playground, water fountain. Have your photo taken with Hairy Maclary and friends bronze sculptures.

WAIKAREAO ESTUARY

A 10km easy loop track around the estuary is shared with walkers, bikers and dogs. With a mixture of boardwalks over mudflats and gravel walk ways, wander through bush and watch the bird life when the tide is out.

PORI PORI WATERHOLE

Pori Pori Water Hole is located off State Highway 29 on Poripori Road. The water hole is along the Wairoa River and parking is available at the start of Poripori Road. Surrounded by rocks and forest Pori Pori waterhole is a magical place to visit for swimming and bring a picnic for a fun day out.



HIDDEN GEM

Bring your walking shoes and visit the Te Puna Quarry Park. It's an easy wander through spectacular gardens, packed with sculptures and a mix of native and exotic plants, including a butterfly house and garden. Admire the magnificent views over the Bay of Plenty and bring a picnic. www. quarrypark.org.nz



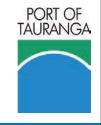
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28th December - South Pacific Midget 40 lapper

5th January - South pacific Super Saloon Champs

26th January - Burger King Super Saloon Series

9th February - Super Stock Car Rumble

14th February - NZ Stock Car Champs – practice – 'Free Public Entry

15th February - NZ Stock Car Champs

16th February - NZ Stock Car Champs

2nd March - Demolition Derby

9th March - NI Midget Champs

30th March - Bay Champs

6th April - Super Stock Rumble

27th April - Harry Fredrickson Stock Car Gold Cup

4th May - Closing Night Fireworks

- MIDGETS SPRINT CARS MINI STOCKS
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Come early and enjoy a buffet meal with the family, walk through the pits, meet the drivers and see the race cars up close before racing starts!!

Secure KIDZONE with bouncy castle, face painting plus more

Tickets available at: Flamecrusher, Eventfinda, ASB Arena or at the Gate

- Family entry (2 adults & 3 children from 5 to 15 years) \$60.00
- Adult entry \$25.00 Senior entry (65 years and over Gold card) \$10.00
- Child entry (5 years to 15 years) \$10.00 Under 5 Free

Prices can vary for some meetings. Please check the website.





FARMERS MARKET

Tauranga Primary School, 31 Fifth Avenue, Tauranga

Every Saturday morning 7:45am – 12:00pm

Locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh meat, smoked and fresh fish, artisan hand crafted food, flowers and plants gather in the historic school grounds.

DINNER IN THE DOMAIN

Papamoa Beach Domain, Tauranga Every Thursday from 13 December to 28 March from 5:30pm – 8:30pm

A weekly food market with a difference. Providing a selection of the best food trucks as well as a licensed area so you can enjoy a glass of locally brewed beer.

FAT FREDDY'S DROP

Wharepai Domain, Cnr Cameron and Hamilton Sts, Tauranga Saturday 5 January 2019 @ 4:00pm Freddy's annual summer roady around NZ with some incredible

Freddy's annual summer roady around NZ with some incredible tour bus buddies will serve up one massive summer tour.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

The Historic Village, Seventeenth Ave West, Tauranga

Starting Thursday 17 January 2019 7:30pm – 10:15pm – see www.eventfinda.co.nz for more show times

Is the story of a Jewish moneylender who demands that an antisemitic Christian offer "a pound of flesh" as collateral against a loan. First performed in 1598, Shakespeare's study of religious difference remains controversial.

INTERISLANDER SUMMER FESTIVAL - TAURANGA RACES

Tauranga Racecourse, 1383 Cameron Rd, Greerton, Tauranga

Wednesday 2 January 2019 10:30am Enjoy a fun family day out with kids activities, live music and on-track entertainment at one of the biggest race days of the year.

BLACKCAPS V SRI LANKA - 1ST ODI

Bay Oval, Blake Park, Kawaka Street, Tauranga

Thursday 3 January 2019 2:00pm – 10:00pm

International cricket is a NZ summer experience.

BLACKCAPS V SRI LANKA -2ND ODI

Bay Oval, Blake Park, Kawaka Street, Tauranga

Saturday 5 January 2019 2:00pm - 10:00pm International cricket.

TAURANGA RECORD FAIR

The Jam Factory, 17th Avenue, Historic Village, Tauranga Saturday 5 January 2019 11:00am – 4:00pm

Records, Records and more Records...the first Record Fair in NZ of 2019.

TIME-TRAVELLING MAKERS' FAIRE - AKA NZ MEDIEVAL FAIRE 2019

Southey Field, 664 Devonport Road , Tauranga

Saturday 19 January 2019 9:00am and Sunday 20 January 2019 9:00am

Step back in time with entertainment form Medieval times, more modern times and even alternative reality times. Watch working craftspeople and Living History re-enactors offering a variety of activities to watch and have-a-go.

ONE LOVE 2019

Tauranga Domain, Cameron Rd, Tauranga

Saturday 26 January 2019 11:00am and Sunday 27 January 2019 11:00am

Now in its fifth year, One Love has well and truly established itself in the hearts of Reggae Fans from all corners of the globe as one of the most vibrant and popular summer music festivals.

BLACKCAPS V INDIA - 2ND ODI

Bay Oval, Blake Park, Kawaka Street, Tauranga

Saturday 26 January 2019 3:00pm – 11:00pm

International cricket at its best.

BLACKCAPS V INDIA - 3RD ODI

Bay Oval, Blake Park, Kawaka Street, Tauranga

Monday 28 January 2019 3:00pm - 11:00pm International cricket

WHITE FERNS V INDIA - 2ND ODI

Bay Oval, Tauranga Tue 29 Jan 2019 2:00pm / Cricket International cricket

MELTED ICE CREAM & FROZEN DESSERT FESTIVAL

Tauranga Waterfront, The Strand, Tauranga

Saturday 9 February 2019 10:00am - 2:00pm / 2:00pm-6:00pm / 6:00pm-10:00pm

The Scoop NZ's first ever ice cream and frozen dessert festival. Featuring cooking demonstrations, live music, food trucks, entertainment, competitions, and a whole heap of ice cream.

NATIONAL SKATE DAY

Memorial Park, Devonport Road, Tauranga

Saturday 2 March 2019 11:00am – 2:00pm

Fun that the whole family join in and give it a go - skates available for use free of charge or bring your own.

THE EXTRAVAGANZA FAIR

Memorial Park, Devonport Road, Tauranga

Saturday 2 March 2019 9:00am and Sunday 3 March 2019 9:00am

A fun family affair with market stalls, arts and craft, food, musical entertainment, circus shows, performers, tiny homes - including open home and kids shows & games. THE LITTLE BIG MARKETS PAPAMOA

The Papamoa Pony Club, 491 Papamoa Beach Rd, Mt Maunganui

Held on the third Saturday of every month from 9am - 2pm

Enjoy live music, experience street food, shop for all things crafty, designer and hand-made.

SOUTH PACIFIC MIDGET CAR SERIES

Baypark Speedway, 81 Truman Lane, Mt Maunganui

Friday 28 December 2018 6:30pm – 10:00pm

NZ's best Midget Car drivers take on the top drivers from the USA and Australia.

TOTARA LATINA

Totara St, 11 Totara St, Mt Maunganui Saturday 29 December 2018 9:00pm – 1:00am A fiery night of music and dance. Don't miss the biggest Latin Party of the summer.

SOUTH PACIFIC SUPER SALOON CHAMPS

Baypark Speedway, 81 Truman Lane, Mt Maunganui

Saturday 5 January 2019 6:30pm – 10:00pm

The best Super Saloon drivers race for the coveted annual title of South Pacific Champion.

D1NZ ROUND 1 - THE SUMMER SMOKE OUT

ASB Arena at Baypark, 81 Truman Lane, Mt Maunganui Saturday 12 January 2019 10:00am and Sunday 13 January 2019 10:00am Check out NZ's best drifters battling it out in the stadium, sliding along the concrete walls and turning tyres into smoke!

WE RUN THE NIGHT - RUNNING FESTIVAL

Mt Drury Sound Shell, Marine Parade, Mt Maunganui Saturday 19 January 2019 7:00pm – 11:00pm Run The Night with distances including a 21km half marathon, 14km, 7km.

MOUNT MAUNGANUI LIONS & LIONESS 19TH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Mount Maunganui Sports Centre, Cnr Maunganui and Hull Road, Mt Maunganui Friday 25 January 2019 – Sunday 27 January 2019 Get a bargain, books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's and Vinyl Records.

PINIC IN THE PARK

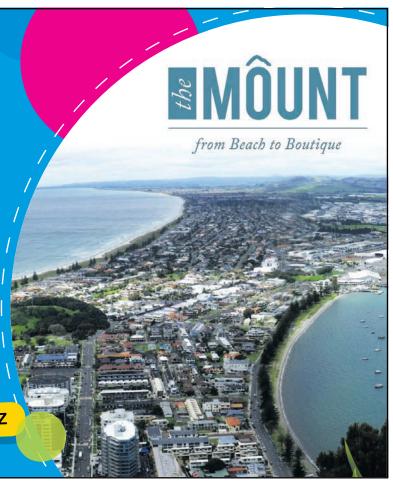
Coronation Park, Maunganui Road, Mt Maunganui Saturday 9 February 2019 4:30pm – 8:30pm Amazing design and craft vendors and some of the best street food the Bay has to offer.

You will find some of the best boutique shopping here in New Zealand right in the heart of Mount Maunganui. Options are sure to suit every taste, style and budget. From high end women's and men's fashion boutiques to trendy surf shops, contemporary and fine art galleries, souvenirs, exquisite jeweller's and bespoke furniture - something is bound to catch your eye.

Mount Mainstreet have over 60 different cafes, bars and fine dining restaurants with a central hub to relax and enjoy the sun and atmosphere right in the heart of Mount Mainstreet.

Say goodbye to big malls and shop in the sunshine at one of the most popular strips of shopping and dining in the country. A relaxed atmosphere that you will not forget with passionate locals and business owners. Experience Mount Mainstreet.

WWW.MOUNTMAINSTREET.CO.NZ



The beaches at Mount Maunganui are numerous and safe for swimmers and surfers. The top spot for swimming is the main beach located at the foot of the Mount and facing the Pacific Ocean – always remember to swim between the flags. Pilot Bay has calmer waters and safer for little kids. Also a great spot to hire a kayak. A family night out, bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and watch the sun go down as the cruise ships depart the harbour. Crab a cruise ship schedule at www.port.tauranga.co.nz

CAFÉ CULTURE



Across from the main beach are a number of cafes to enjoy a meal or coffee while taking in the vibe and ambience of the area.

RELAX & UNWIND



Soak, relax and unwind at the Mount Maunganui Hot Salt Water Pools. www.mounthotpools.co.nz

SHOPPING DELIGHT

Downtown at Mount Maunganui is popular for boutique and souvenir shopping and top class restaurants.

LOCAL ICON



UP AND AROUND THE MT



The Mount base track is a great scenic walk and is suitable for all levels of fitness. Watch out for marine life as the walk takes you from surf to harbour.

Climb to the top of Mount Maunganui and be wowed at the 360° views out to Matakana and Mayor Islands and then the views over Mount main beach towards Papamoa and Whakatane. The walk is suited to a slightly more advanced level of fitness.

CLASSIC FLYERS

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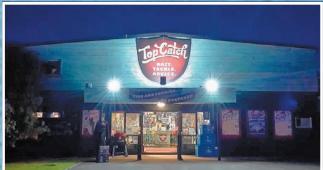
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14 great stores - check www.topcatch.co.nz for locations

One of the most popular walks in the Bay is the cherished Papamoa Hills. With endless views overlooking the plains and coastline below, this walk certainly delivers in the scenery stakes. Enjoy a mixture of farmland, native forest and archaeological Māori pa sites – walking along the terraced pa remains gives an insight into the

prime positioning that pa sites required for defence purposes.

Te Puke is the Kiwifruit capital of the world. Stroll along the Te Puke Heritage Walkway and relax in the sunny outdoor plaza which links the town centre with nearby Jubilee Park. With a variety of shops and cafes, it is well worth stopping off for a break before heading south

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

Just 400 metres from the beach, Papamoa Plaza has always been at the forefront of providing a great shopping experience. Anchored by The Warehouse and Countdown, Papamoa Plaza has that great lifestyle balance that this area is known for! With an amazing retail mix, the Plaza offers more than 40 shops including a Food Court, McDonalds, Paper Plus and Robert Harris to name a few. A two minute stroll away you'll find Fashion Island. The name speaks volumes – it's all about fashion! Retail stores include Bendon, Jacqui E. Portmans and Supre plus much more.

BLOKART ADVENTURE

Super easy to use and great fun for the family, blokarting, the land sailing machine. Or if you are more daring try the electric drift karts - three-wheeled machines that are designed to get you very sideways. Bookings essential. www.baystation.co.nz



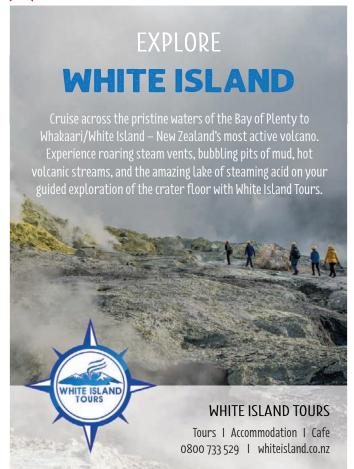
KAIATE FALLS

Kaiate Falls is a 30 minute drive from Tauranga. Sign-posted from Welcome Bay Road as "Kaiate Falls". Drive up Waitao Road and after about 4.9kms turn left at Kaiate Falls Road. Walk through the forest to the falls, where water tumbles down a ravine in a series of cascades. The swimming hole is located at the base of the lower falls. Is a



beautiful spot to cool down in summer.















Looking for something a little different this summer? Like camping but want a bit more comfort?

How about feeling like you're off the beaten track, surrounded by beautiful native bush, next to a natural steam with a close by waterfall? Sounds superb right!

GLAMOROUS camping – glamping – has come to the Pakini Valley, Opotiki, ready and waiting for holidaymakers to enjoy during the best of summer weather.

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EXPLORE OHIWA HARBOUR



Hire a kayak and explore the Ohiwa harbour. With six islands, many hidden beaches and great picnic stops, it's a wonderful place to explore and view the populated bird life. You may even get the chance to encounter rays and occasionally orca who visit the harbour.

Whakatāne

Located at the mouth of the Whakatane River or heliconter Visitors should

EXPERIENCE THE POWER

Located at the mouth of the Whakatāne River, Whakatāne is a unique coastal town with a variety of activities on offer. Being an active volcano, White Island is a key attraction

that can be visited by boat or helicopter. Visitors should also consider checking out the local beaches, swimming with dolphins, whale watching, chartered fishing cruises, surf tours and more.

ART HUB

The community's arts and culture hub, Te Kōputu a Te Whanga a Toi, hosts the Horizon Energy Library, the Whakatāne District Museum display and three gallery spaces. The Horizon Energy Library offers self-checkout, after-hours returns, comfortable places for reading and research, and interactive opportunities for young people. The Centre's Museum display offers engaging experiences with stories and taonga (treasures) of the Whakatāne District.



MOTU TRAILS CYCLEWAY

With three trails to choose from - and the option of combining them all - the Mōtū Trails offer a range of cycling itineraries depending on age, fitness level and



riding ability. The trail stretches between Ōpōtiki in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, and Matawai, on the way to Gisborne. Your riding options include the spectacular Dunes Trail along the Pacific Coast, the magnificent Mōtū Road Trail through bush and historic farmland to/from Matawai, and the awesome adventure of the Pakihi Track.

Frontier Helicopters White Island Volcano Adventure takes you to the edge and into a continuously active volcano, a living breathing geological giant where you will experience the power of nature in its untouched form. Your view from high above takes in towering steam columns, bold landforms and intricate textures make for an awesome spectacle. Flying over the volcano you can sense the energy of each billowing crater and steam vents. Land, and take our one hour guided walk and experience the raw energy and rich colours of White Island.



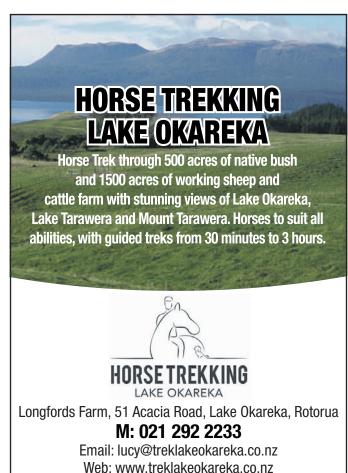
MEET THE LOCALS

The Ōhope Craft Market is one of the Bay of Plenty's biggest and most vibrant markets with local crafts, food, plants and produce. Held every two weeks on Saturday from 8am over summer and monthly over winter. Talk to local food producers, pick up some bargains and see a range of crafts and gifts from local artisans.

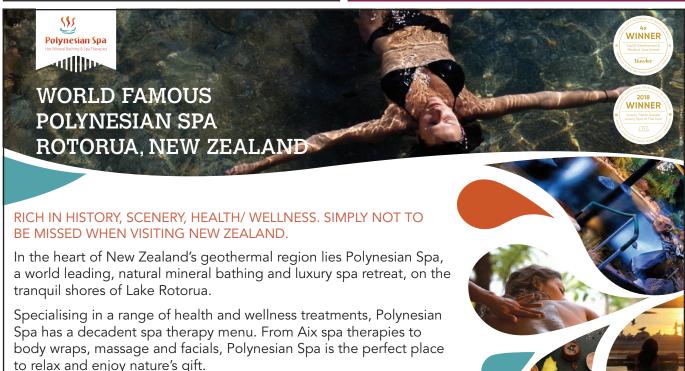
LOCAL WILD FOOD CHALLENGE 2019

Saturday, 2 February 2019 - 2:00pm to 8:00pm at Mahy Reserve in Ōhope

Whakatāne will host its fourth Local Wild Food Challenge. The challenge is to get outside and hunt, gather, forage, barter or fish for local wild food and create a dish of your choice, then write a story about it. If you are from Whakatāne, you will know that hunting, fishing and gathering is a way of life for us. Our region is brimming with wild food and natural abundance, which makes it perfect to hold an event with the purpose of creating an awareness of precious natural resources and the environment.







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Rotorua is a geothermal wonderland with an abundance of activities and Māori culture. The city is home to a number of world-firsts including the Luge, OGO, Zorb and the Shweeb as well as the highest commercially rafted waterfall in the world, Okere Falls. In Te Puia's Whakarewarewa Valley, there are bubbling mud pools and the 30m-tall Pohutu Geyser, which erupts many times daily. It's also home to a living Māori village and the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute, with traditional wood carving and weaving schools.

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EAT STREAT

Eat Streat is one of Rotorua's coolest hot spots in the city. At the lake end of Tutanekai Street, you will enjoy quality restaurants, cafés and bars as well as the famous Lady Jane's Ice Cream Parlour.

LOCAL SPOT

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A favourite holiday destination Taupō is placed on the northern shores of Lake Taupō and offers a large choice in shopping and dining. Lake Taupō was formed by a massive

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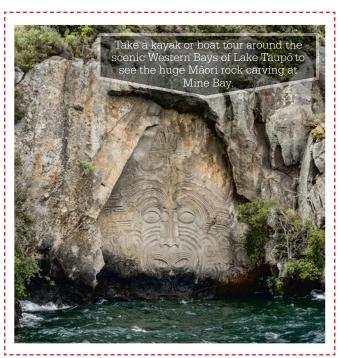
Taupō Market vibrant. cheerful, weekly market that is

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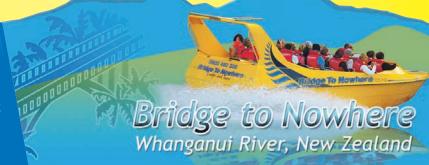




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