

Ports & Excursions



Tauranga, New Zealand

New Zealand's natural bounty is always on display at the Bay of Plenty. It was Captain James Cook who in 1769 aptly named this bay, thanks to the prosperous Maori villages of the region. Tauranga, the chief city, is a bustling port, an agricultural and timber center and a popular seaside resort. Tauranga is also the gateway to Rotorua - a geothermal wonderland that is the heart of Maori culture. A 90-minute drive from Tauranga, Rotorua is New Zealand's primary tourist attraction.

Your ship docks near the foot of Mt. Maunganui, which rises 761 feet above the bay. Across the harbor, Tauranga offers scenic tidal beaches at Omokoroa and Pahoia. The region boasts fine beaches, big-game fishing, thermal springs and seaside resorts.

Points of Interest

1 Tamaki Maori Village (Maori Concert & Hangi)

A visit to the Tamaki Maori Village, proud winner of New Zealand's Supreme Tourism Award, is a fun way to learn about the heritage and cultural legacy of the Maori. Experience Maori singing and dancing, and sample traditional food.

2 Rotorua

A place of natural beauty, Rotorua is the geothermal capital of New Zealand and home to 16 incredible lakes.

3 Te Puia Thermal Reserve

Learn about the Maori culture at the fascinating Te Puia Thermal Reserve, home to a re-creation of an early Maori village, the magnificent Pohutu geyser, boiling mud pools, and the National carving and weaving school.

4 Rainbow Springs

Spread over 22 beautiful acres, Rainbow Springs is a must-see destination for nature lovers. Explore the trout pools, view 135 varieties of native trees and observe exotic native birds, including New Zealand's national emblem, the kiwi.

5 Skyline Skyrides

Rotorua's Skyline Skyrides is the perfect venue for a family day out. Enjoy the thrilling gondola cable-car ride up the side of Mount Ngongotaha, experience the fun of the high speed Luge, while soaking up the stunning panoramic views.

6 Waiotapu

Wai-O-Tapu, Maori for "Sacred Waters", is an active geothermal area found in New Zealand's Taupo volcanic zone. This thermal wonderland boasts breath-taking erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools, mineral terraces and steaming volcanic lakes.

7 Agrodome

See New Zealand through the eyes of a farmer on this unique 160-hectare sheep and beef farm. Watch sheep dogs in action, a sheep shearing demonstration, view 19 breeds of sheep and purchase woolen products at their shop.

8 Polynesian Spa

One of New Zealand's leading international day spas, the Polynesian Spa boasts many sumptuous spa and massage therapies. Enjoy their four relaxing hot spring pools, as well as the stunning views of Lake Rotorua.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Te Puia Thermal Reserve, Maori Arts & Agrodome
TRG-100 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit:



You will see:



9 hours from \$269.00 (AUD)

Join a Maori guide and explore Te Puia Thermal Reserve, a geothermal valley of boiling mud holes, spouting geysers and mineral terraces. Tour the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, where young apprentices learn traditional artistic skills. Watch a demonstration of sheep-farming skills and view prized sheep breeds at Agrodome.



Most Popular
Wai-o-tapu Valley & Rainbow Springs
TRG-105 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit:



You will see:



9 hours from \$319.95 (AUD)

Travel to the Wai-O-Tapu thermal valley, where the "Sacred Waters" include mud pools, geysers and volcanic lakes. Tour Rainbow Springs, view the trout pools, and observe exotic native birds, including New Zealand's national emblem, the kiwi. Enjoy lunch and a Maori performance onboard the Lakeland Queen, a stern-driven paddle vessel ideal for Lake Rotorua's shallow waters.



Off the Beaten Path
Waimangu Volcanic Valley & Rainbow Springs
TRG-110 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit:



You will see:



9 hours from \$319.95 (AUD)

Explore Rotorua's premier eco tourist attraction, Waimangu Volcanic Valley, and enjoy a cruise on Lake Rotomahana, the world's youngest geothermal area formed by a volcanic eruption in 1886. View the many volcanic craters, lakeside geysers, steaming vents and rich bird life. Enjoy a buffet lunch before continuing to Rainbow Springs, home to a trout pools, 135 species of native trees and a nocturnal Kiwi House.



Premium
Maori Heritage: Lake Tarawera & Geothermal Villages
 TRG-120 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will see: **9 hours** from **\$319.95 (AUD)**

Follow the story of the Maori Legacy. In 1886, a volcanic eruption blasted Mount Tarawera in two, creating the Waimangu Volcanic Valley and burying the silica formations called the Pink and White Terraces forever. Enjoy a motor launch cruise across Lake Tarawera, visit and learn how the eruption devastated the village of Te Wairoa, now the Buried Village. You will hear how survivors re-located to Whakarewarewa Village and continued with their guiding traditions today. At the Whakarewarewa Thermal Village which is situated in an active geothermal valley you can learn about their day to day life and how they keep their culture alive during a guided visit and Maori cultural performance.



Maori Cultural Highlights
 TRG-200 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 42

4 hours from **\$129.95 (AUD)**

A Maori guide takes you on an exploration of Maori heritage and early New Zealand life. Visit a traditional meetinghouse and watch a performance of traditional dances and chants. View Maori arts and crafts before taking a scenic, brief narrated drive about Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty.



Tauranga City Drive, Elms Mission Station & Kiwi 360
 TRG-210 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

4.5 hours from **\$129.95 (AUD)**

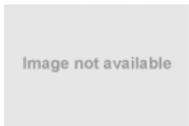
Take in Tauranga's scenic highlights on a narrated scenic drive about the bay. Visit the historic Elms Mission Station, founded in 1835. Tour Kiwi 360 for a look at this important New Zealand crop - the furry fruit was once known as the Chinese gooseberry. Enjoy morning or afternoon tea during your tour.



Tauranga by Private Vehicle - Van Class Full Day (With Driver/Guide)
 TRG-900 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 6

9 hours from **\$2,049.95 (AUD)**

A private vehicle is the perfect solution for passengers who wish to tour on their own, or who want the flexibility of designing their own itinerary.



Tauranga by Private Vehicle - Car Class Full Day (With Driver/Guide)
 TRG-905 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 2

9 hours from **\$1,899.95 (AUD)**

A private vehicle is the perfect solution for passengers who wish to tour on their own, or who want the flexibility of designing their own itinerary.



Tauranga by Private Vehicle - Van Class Half Day (With Driver/Guide)
 TRG-910 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 6

4 hours from **\$1,299.95 (AUD)**

A private vehicle is the perfect solution for passengers who wish to tour on their own, or who want the flexibility of designing their own itinerary.



Tauranga by Private Vehicle - Car Class Half Day (With Driver/Guide)
 TRG-915 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 2

4 hours from **\$1,099.95 (AUD)**

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Special Interests



Tamaki Maori Village
 TRG-295 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 45

You will visit: You will see: **6 hours** from **\$254.00 (AUD)**

An authentic Maori experience, exclusive to Princess Cruises, this award-winning cultural experience is a journey back in time where you will visit a traditional village as it comes to life with tribal chants and dances. Discover the Maori world of myths and legends and enjoy a traditional hangi feast you will not want to miss.



Te Puia Thermal Reserve, Maori Arts & Agrodome (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)
 TRG-101 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit: You will see: **9 hours** from **\$269.95 (AUD)**

This departure is space set aside on lift-equipped vehicles for wheelchair confined passengers - please be sure to read the Notes section of the tour description regarding requesting this space. Join a Maori guide and explore Te Puia Thermal Reserve, a geothermal valley of boiling mud holes, spouting geysers and mineral terraces. Tour the Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, where young apprentices learn traditional artistic skills. Watch a demonstration of sheep-farming skills and view prized sheep breeds at Agrodome.



Hobbiton Movie Set
 TRG-225 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

5 hours from **\$204.95 (AUD)**

Join this fascinating tour to the Hobbiton movie set near Matamata where you will step back in time to JRR Tolkien's Middle Earth to enjoy the visual experience and story telling of the guides. After your visit into Middle-Earth, you will relax with a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat.

Activities & Adventures



Skyline Skyride & Luge
 TRG-425 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: You will see: **6 hours** from **\$179.95 (AUD)**

Board an eight-passenger gondola at Skyline Skyride and climb the slopes of Mount Ngongotaha for sweeping views of Lake Rotorua. Enjoy a fun-filled gravity ride on a three-wheel cart using a unique braking and steering system, giving the rider full control. There is a choice of three tracks for a combined total of three miles of track options to ride.



Lake Rotoiti Kayak & Thermal Pool
TRG-745 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 10



6.5 hours from \$254.95 (AUD)

Enjoy a two-hour Kayak on Lake Rotoiti viewing the beautiful expansive scenery and geothermal vents. Paddle to the Manupirua thermal hot pools for a soak in the hot waters while taking in the breath-taking landscape of Rotoiti.

Nature & Wildlife



Premium
Rotorua & Polynesian Spa Experience
TRG-150 | Tauranga, New Zealand | Group Size: 8

You will visit:



8.5 hours from \$384.95 (AUD)

Experience the very best of Rotorua by chauffer driven luxury van. Visit Kiwi 360 and learn about kiwifruit. Join a Maori guide for a walk through Te Puia Thermal Reserve, home to geysers, fumaroles and hot springs. Enjoy a lunch of fresh New Zealand cuisine at a local hotel before visiting the Polynesian Spa, on the shores of Lake Rotorua, for a relaxing soak in the hot mineral pools.