

TAURANGA, NOUA ZEELANDA

Glorious Bay of Plenty: Rich Land, Rich Culture

This tour explores the incredible abundance and productivity of the land in the aptly-named **Bay of Plenty**. You will meet a **Maori family** who are descendants of the migrants who arrived on the first ocean-going canoes from central Polynesia more than 650 years ago. Hear their stories and enjoy their **songs** and **dances** as they trace their family history through the genera...

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Approximately 4 hours



Hell's Gate Thermal Reserve & Lake Rotoiti Cruise

New Zealand is located on the Pacific Ring of Fire and the Volcanic Plateau, which you will visit today, is where its geothermal activity is manifested in erupting geysers, steaming fumaroles, mud pools and hot spring water. From the pier, a one-hour motor coach ride brings you south through the kiwifruit-growing region of Te Puke (pronounced tee-pookey) to the active **Hell's Gate Geoth...**

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Approximately 6¼ hours



Hobbiton Movie Set

Join this fascinating tour to the **Hobbiton movie set** near Matamata, where you will step back in time to JRR Tolkien's *Middle Earth*. You'll cross the Kaimai Ranges and head across the Waikato lowlands to the set that was built in 1999 for the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Filming commenced in December, 1999, and the stars on site were Gandalf (Sir Ian McKellen), Fro...

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Approximately 5 hours



Mamaku Eco Railcruising & Geothermal Nature Walk

Here's something different and fun. A coach transfer takes you to Rotorua's Mamaku Railway Station for the exclusive Seabourn experience of **railcruising**. You'll hop into a 4-seater self-drive eco railcar, spaced far apart from the next car so that there's nothing ahead of you but the unobstructed curve of the rail stretching out into the distance with the scenery ...

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Approximately 8½ hours



Rotorua Geothermal Exploration by Bicycle

This fully guided **bicycle tour** explores the geothermal wonderland and Maori cultural heart of New Zealand. Visit some natural and cultural sites in Rotorua and learn about the significance of the area to the Maori people. Begin with a stop at a modern-day Maori community and see geothermal activity all around you as you cycle approximately seven miles among bubbling mud pools, steaming v...

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Approximately 6½ hours



Rotorua Geothermal Wonderland

Leave Tauranga for a 90-minute scenic drive inland through kiwifruit country. Arriving in **Rotorua**, you will visit Te Puia, where young Maori apprentices are taught the ancient arts of carving and weaving. From here, you will begin a walking tour through Rotorua's largest **geothermal reserve**, Te Whakarewarewa. The spectacular geothermal activity in this area has made Rotorua o...

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