

Taupō



The heart of Aotearoa New Zealand's North Island, Taupō is a place of extraordinary natural beauty and wonder.

The Taupō region is home to

legendary waters, including the trout-filled Tongariro River, and of course Lake Taupō, its vast, sparkling lake lying in an ancient volcanic caldera born from one of the world's most spectacular eruptions. It is the source of the mighty Waikato River that leads to the epic Huka Falls, Aotearoa's most visited natural attraction.

Lake Taupō is also home to one of Aotearoa's most significant pieces of Māori art - the Ngātoroirangi Māori Rock Carvings. These stunning creations stand up to 14 metres above the lake, leaving visitors mesmerized.

Each of the awe-inspiring

volcanoes of the UNESCO dual World Heritage Tongariro National Park has a unique character. Aotearoa's largest ski fields are found on Mt Ruapehu, which also draws hikers to its peak in summer. The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is an unforgettable hike across a volcanic moonscape of gemstone-coloured mineral pools and steaming vents.

With welcoming resort towns, bustling lakeside villages and everything from world-class luxury lodges to comfortable lakeside motels to stay in, adventure, discovery and wonder lie just outside every door in the Taupō region.

TOP 10 MUST DOS

1. Sail, cruise or kayak to the magnificent Ngātoroirangi Māori Rock Carvings
2. Explore Taupō's geothermal wonders, geysers, mud pools and thermal waters
3. Admire the thundering 11-metre-high Huka Falls
4. Tackle the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, one of the world's best one-day hikes
5. Play some of Aotearoa's top 10 golf courses
6. Experience some of the country's best mountain biking trails
7. Catch a trout in the region's world-renowned fishing spots
8. Discover the adventure capital of the North Island
9. Browse boutique fashion, vintage and homeware stores in Taupō town
10. Ski or snowboard Whakapapa Ski Field, Aotearoa's largest ski area

TOP 5

for a RELAXING BREAK

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Soak in the mineral waters of Wairakei Terraces
2. Sail to the Ngātoroirangi Carvings with Sail Barbary
3. Glide to the Huka Falls with Huka Falls River Cruise
4. Stay in ultimate grandeur at Huka Lodge
5. Experience backcountry luxury with Poronui Lodge

TOP 5

for ADVENTUROUS ESCAPES

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Jet boat the Waikato River with Hukafalls Jet and Rapids Jet
2. Ride the white-water with Tongariro River Rafting
3. View Taupō like the tui do with Taupō Tandem Skydiving
4. Take the leap with Taupō AJ Hackett Bungy + Swing
5. Stay and play in the bustling town centre at Suncourt Hotel

Getting There

Taupō is centrally located in the middle of the North Island of New Zealand and is easily accessible by car, bus and plane.

If you're flying, major centres including Auckland and Wellington are less than an hour away, or if driving Auckland is 3.5 hours and Wellington 4.5, passing through many of the central North Island's quaint and quirky towns.

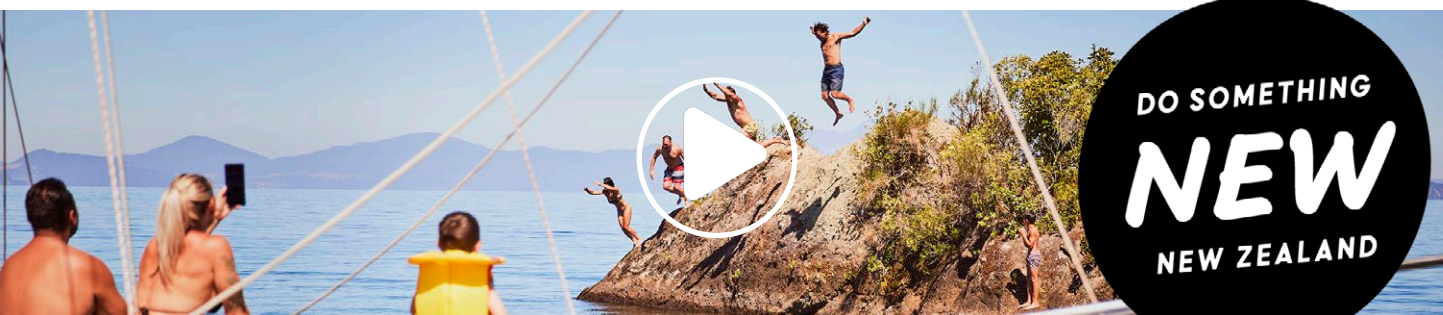
All major bus companies in the North Island offer shuttles to Taupō.

TOP 5

to EXPLORE YOUR PASSION

Paid Activities & Accommodation

1. Ride the Great Lake Trails with FourB MTB
2. Tee off at Kinloch Club, Jack Nicklaus-designed and tested
3. Hike the Tongariro Alpine Crossing guided with Adrift
4. Enjoy a fishing charter with Chris Jolly Outdoors
5. Rest and recharge, right on the lake edge at Millennium Taupō



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