



 Mount Maunganui Beach

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3-NIGHT MOUNT MAUNGANUI BEACH GETAWAY

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DAY 1: ARRIVE & CHILL

Take your time on the drive into Mount Maunganui; to get a real taste for this beachfront paradise, be sure to drive along Marine Parade and check out the beach on one side, and some of Aotearoa's most expensive real estate on the other.

HIGHLIGHTS

Stay in one of NZ's best beachfront holiday parks.

Check-in at Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park

This campground is epic. Located at the foot of Mauao, Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park is the ideal spot to park up your caravan, pitch a tent, or stay in one of the well-appointed cabins. With the Main Beach on one side and Pilot Bay on the other - you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to ocean and beach adventures!

Mauao Base Track

Locals and manuhiri (visitors) flock to the base track of Mauao for a scenic stroll (or run, if you're that way inclined). You can start from the Surf Club end, or the Pilot Bay end and the easy walk will take about 45 minutes (longer if you stop to take photos, which you will). If you're lucky, you'll see some of our friendly wildlife including seals and plenty of sea birds. Say "hi" to the locals and be sure to keep left so others can pass.

Tip: download the Arataki Cultural Trails app and learn about the history and stories of Mauao.

Dinner at Astrolabe

Grab a bite to eat Mount Maunganui's iconic Astrolabe Restaurant and Bar. Located in the heart of downtown the Mount, you'll find something for everyone on the menu. If you happen to be in town on a Tuesday, you can grab a beer and a burger for ten bucks (lovingly referred to as 'Tight Ass Tuesday').





DAY 2: BEACHED AS

Today, you chill. Take your time - grab a coffee (there's plenty of cafe's across the road from the campground serving great coffee and food), breathe in the salty sea air, and figure out how you're going to spend your day.

Need some tips? We've got you covered...

- Grab a towel, a good book, some sunscreen, and some water and take your pick between the Mount Main Beach and Pilot Bay. If you're keen for some waves, head to Main Beach. For slightly calmer waters, Pilot Bay is your best bet.
- Keen to learn how to surf? Mount Main Beach is a great destination for surfers of all levels - including learners. There's no shortage of breaks and there's often a good right point break off the tip of Moturiki/Leisure Island. There are plenty of surf schools dotted along the beach if you're keen to get a lesson from a pro.
- Book a session with East Coast Paddler; you can hire a board or even book in for a lesson to learn the art of stand-up paddle boarding
- Jump aboard the Kewpie for a scenic 1-hour cruise around Tauranga Harbour. You can even jump off at Matakana Island, and get picked up later.
- Climb to the summit of Mauao. It wouldn't be a visit to the Mount if you didn't grab a selfie at the top of our iconic maunga. For good reason, this is one of the most instagrammed spots in NZ - the climb to the top is definitely worth it!
- Book a tour with V8 Trikes; these epic trikes are the ideal way to see a bit more of the area - and loads of fun to boot! There is a range of tours to choose from, or customise your own if there's somewhere special you want to go.
- For all the thrill-seekers out there - check out Baystation, home to Blokarts! These fun little wind-powered go-karts will keep everyone entertained, especially those who love a bit of a race! You can also experience drift triking, paint ball and laser tag at the same place.
- Treat yourself to a waffle cone from Copenhagen Cones. Across the road from the Mount Hot Pools (and usually with a queue out the door) is one of longest-standing ice cream shops in the Bay. You can smell the delicious waffles being cooked fresh, ready for you to fill with ice cream and plenty of toppings!

At the end of the day, grab some fish and chips and head to Pilot Bay to watch the sunset.



HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the best of the Bay with our amazing activity providers!



DAY 3: BEACH BREWS

There's more to Mount Maunganui than just epic beaches. Something we're a little less famous for is our emerging craft beer scene; our relaxed down-to-earth lifestyle has given rise to a bunch of innovative micro-breweries, they're definitely worth checking out!

Brew Bus will take you to the beers! Travel in style to a few carefully selected local breweries where you'll sample some of the best, and get a behind the scenes look at where the magic happens. It's a great day out and is perfect way to see the Bay!

Finish the day off with some more brews and some ridiculously good dumplings at The Rising Tide. Located inside the Mount Brewing Co. brewery, this laidback restaurant and bar is a favourite among the locals - and with 39 craft beers and ciders on tap, you can see why! We recommend a tasting paddle - it's the best way to sample a few of the beers!

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DAY 4: HAVE A WHALE OF A TIME

Make the most of your last day in the Bay - book a marine wildlife tour with Bay Explorer or Dolphin Seafaris! A half-day tour out on the water will see you get up close with some of our precious marine wildlife.

Bay Explorer's 5-hour Dolphin & Wildlife Cruise gives you a genuine kiwi experience and the opportunity to get up close with dolphins, whales, seals, and plenty of other epic wildlife! Hear from the Captain - a qualified marine biologist - as he takes you along the pristine Bay of Plenty coastline - he'll share some of the history of region while on the lookout for sealife. Don't forget your camera - the crew will get you as close as possible to capture all those photo opportunities

Ever wanted to swim with dolphins? Dolphin Seafaris' 5-hour Wildlife Tour will help you tick that one off the bucket list! Head out of Tauranga Harbour past Mauao and keep an eye out for the local common dolphins; the boat is equipped with swim bars for the best in-water experience - the dolphins swim alongside you while you're in the water! It's doesn't get better than that!

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Get up close (and even swim) with our marine wildlife.



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