



Mount Maunganui

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TAURANGA & THE MOUNT OCEAN & BEACH ADVENTURES



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MAGNIFICENT MAUAO

Visible from anywhere in Mount Maunganui is our beautiful maunga, Mauao. Perched at the entrance to Tauranga Moana, Mauao means "caught by the morning sun" - and an adventure to the summit at sunrise is a pretty special way to start the day.

Not so keen on an early start? No worries! Walking to the top of Mauao (or around the base track) is memorable at any time of the day - the view from the top is worth the walk.

There's a lot of history and stories to be told; download the Arataki Cultural Trails app and learn the legends as you walk.

After a long day exploring, there's no better way to relax than with a soak at Mount Hot Pools - located at the foot of Mauao. These are the only hot ocean water pools in the world - enjoy the healing properties of bathing in warm salted water - it's good for the soul!

HIGHLIGHTS

Visit one of NZ's most instagrammed spots.



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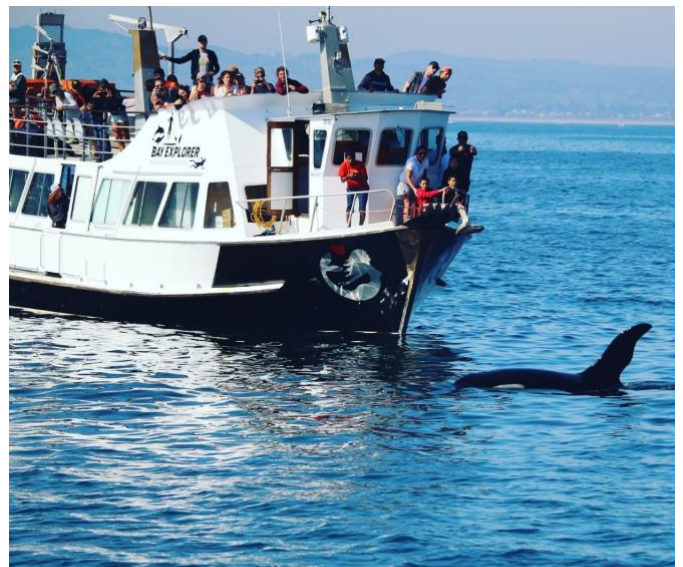
OH, THE OCEAN!

You can't visit the Bay of Plenty without experiencing some of our epic ocean activities! Whether you want to get up close to some of our friendly marine wildlife, or you want to pick up a new skill - there'll be something to suit you here!

Here's some top experiences on the water:

- Bay Explorer's half-day Dolphin & Wildlife Cruise
- Dolphin Seafaris' Dolphin Encounter (swim with dolphins)
- 1-hour Scenic Cruise (with optional stop-off at Matakana Island) with Kewpie Cruises
- Learn to paddle board with East Coast Paddler
- Evening Glow Worm Kayak Tour with Waimarino

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



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HIGHLIGHTS

Dolphin & wildlife encounters and glow worm-filled canyons.



BEACHED AS!

Mount Main Beach has been voted New Zealand's favourite beach by TripAdvisor for the past 7 years - and it's not hard to see why!

This safe swimming beach is great for swimming in all year round (okay, it might get a bit cold in Winter, but there's always people surfing and swimming!).

It's a super accessible beach, with plenty of parking, public facilities, cafes and restaurants, and some of the best ice cream shops around!

The Mount is a great place to grab a surf lesson, you'll find plenty of instructors dotted along the beach.

HIGHLIGHTS

Hangout at NZ's best beach!



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WAYS TO SEE TAURANGA & THE MOUNT

There's plenty of ways to get out and see the Bay of Plenty - here's a couple of extra special ideas:

V8 Trikes

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.

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See the Bay by trike or from the air!

Aerius Helicopters & Adventure Helicopters

For an extra special treat - book a scenic flight with Aerius Helicopters or Adventure Helicopters; choose from an epic range of packages and flight options, these guys will have you flying above Mauao, up the coast, out to a winery - or wherever you choose!



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WHERE TO STAY

There's plenty of accommodation to choose from during your time at the Mount and Tauranga, some popular options include: Pacific Coast Lodge & Backpackers, Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park, Mission Belle Motel, The Beaumont Apartments, or Mount Backpackers.

If you're looking for accommodation in Tauranga City, some great options include: Trinity Wharf Hotel, Hotel on Devonport, Clarence Hotel, Hotel Armitage, and the soon-to-be opened Wanderlust New Zealand (opening 22 October, 2020).

WHERE TO EAT

You'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing where to eat in Tauranga and Mount Maunganui.

Downtown Tauranga has a wide range of delicious eateries, from high end waterfront dining at Harbourside, to arguably some of the best dumplings (the lamb and kale are a must!) and street food at Our Place. Stroll along The Strand and choose from one of the bars, restaurants or cafes and sit back, relax and watch the world (and a few boats) go past.

Mount Main Street is a busy hub of restaurants, bars and boutique shopping. No matter what you're in the mood for, you'll find something tasty to satisfy your tastebuds. The laidback surf vibe at Astrolabe is appealing if you're after a casual meal or drink - it's great for families with a large outdoor area. For something a little more fancy, head to No.8 or Alpino. Rice Rice Baby is newish to the Mount, it's always busy and once you've been, you'll see why!



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