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Day Trips and Tours from the Tauranga area

Here are a selection of our shorter trips and tours for people in the Tauranga area. Tours can also be run on any date [depending on availability], for a minimum of 10 persons, so are ideal for clubs, associations, retirement villages or larger groups of family members or friends wanting a private tour on a date that suits them.

If what you would like to see or do is not shown below then please contact us and we will be pleased to set up a specific day tour or trip to suit you.

The tours are usually small group tours from 10 to 20 persons. We operate a range of tour vehicles from 12 to 35 seats and can run multiple vehicles for larger groups, so please contact us for details and prices for smaller or larger groups.

Tours prices are based on the number of people booking, so you will see rates for single persons, couples [or 2 persons] and groups of 3 or more. We have differential pricing due to the time and cost involved in providing home pickups. So to get the best price it would be good to buddy up with others so we can pickup from one address.

For more details on any of the below trips just click on the Tour name, the picture or the price & date info bar.

Inside Dali - a multimedia experience

From \$99 pp - 12th June



Profiling one of the 20th century's greatest surrealist painters, Salvador Dalí, the exhibition combines cutting-edge technology, imagery, real objects, and illusions.

Audiences will be given a fascinating insight into some of Dalí's famous masterpieces and a full chronological trip through Dalí's life in pictures; the Divine Comedy Room that will show Dalí's controversial commission for Alighiere's Dante's Inferno; as well as the Mirror Room where viewers will be exposed to Dalí's surrealist work in a 360-degree setting.

The immersive experience will captivate audiences of all ages with floor-to-ceiling high-resolution moving imagery of surrealist masterpieces and surround sound.

Girl From The North Country

From \$179 pp - 2nd and 9th July



After sold-out seasons on the West End and Broadway, Girl From The North Country has taken the theatrical world by storm and is now one of the most critically acclaimed multi-award-winning productions of the 21st Century.

In an uplifting story of American life in 1934 Minnesota, a group of wanderers cross paths at a guesthouse. Standing at a turning point in their lives, they realise nothing is what it seems, but as they search for a future, and hide from the past, they find themselves facing unspoken truths about the present.

Now showing at the Auckland Civic Theatre.

Wicked the Musical in Auckland

From \$139 pp - Cancelled



Another smash-hit show 'WICKED the Musical' is flying into SkyCity Theatre for a limited season in February 2022, The Barfoot & Thompson Season of WICKED the Musical takes the characters we know and love from the land of Oz – and makes us look at them through different eyes.

Our day trip WICKED has been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. We hope to be able to run this day trip at a later date when restrictions are lifted.

Tour charge includes tickets to the show and a home pick up and drop off!

Katikati Museum & Waihi Beach Day Out

from \$ 80 pp - next tour date TBC



Explore closer to home as we visit our 'Mural Town' of Katikati. First stop is the fabulous Western Bay Museum where we will be treated to a 'step back in time' guided tour including authentic scones cooked on the range, and tea served in old bone china.

Next we will take a stroll to enjoy the murals that the town is famous for.

Leaving Katikati behind we head to the Waihi Beach RSA for lunch. This famous local buffet is always a hit with diners, and the RSA commands wonderful views out over the coast. On our way home we will visit historic Bowentown, and admire the sweeping vistas of the Bay and Matakana Island.

Putarurua & Tirau Day Out

from \$60 pp - next tour date TBC



Time to explore the beautiful South Waikato region on our day trip around the Putaruru and Tirau areas. We start the day with a short walk (800m each way) to see the famous Blue Spring, which is so clear it accounts for around 60% of New Zealand's bottled water.

Then, we will head to Putaruru for a cuppa at the Over The Moon Cheese factory to enjoy an introduction to the award-winning cheese factory and sample some of their delicious products.

Our final stop will be in Tirau ('Corrugated Capital of the World') where you have time for a bite to eat (your cost) and browse some of the niche stores this quaint town is famous for.

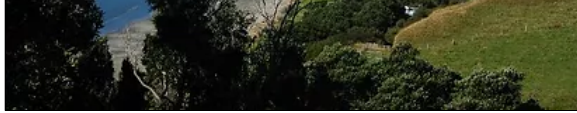
Opotiki and Whakatane Day Out

from \$70 pp - next tour date TBC



Let us show you something a little bit different as we explore the Eastern Bay of Plenty out beyond Whakatane. After a morning tea at the very popular Red Barn café, we continue our drive through Ohope and around the scenic Ohiwa Harbour to Opotiki where we will visit the little know but interesting Opotiki Museum. Here you can view the history of Opotiki and surrounding area.

A highlight for many is the 100 year old shelves and original fittings from Opotiki's Shalfoon and Francis



grocery and hardware store, opened in the late 1800s. After lunch we head to the Hukutaia Domain, where a local guide will take us for a wonderful walk in this 5 hectare reserve of remnant forest.

The Wedding Singer Musical in Auckland



Sunday 3rd 10th & 17th July 2022 - from \$159 pp

"THE '80's ARE BACK WITH NOSTALGIC VENGEANCE"

Based on the smash-hit Hollywood movie starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, comes a hilarious musical comedy that celebrates all the fun of the 80's. Following sold out performances on Broadway, across the UK and Australia, this feel-good smash features your favourite characters, and a sparkling new soundtrack that does for the 80's what hairspray did for the 60's.

Come join the party and just say YES to the most joyful, romantic musical in years. We look after the transport to and from Auckland, with a door to door service.

Now running at the Brice Mason Theatre in Auckland.

Rotorua Day Out



from \$80 pp - next tour TBC

Join our small group tour to our closest city of Rotorua, less than an hours drive away. We begin by heading out to the Blue and Green Lakes, each with their own story, followed by a morning cuppa at The Landing café on the shores of Lake Tarawera. On the way back to Rotorua we stop at the enchanting Redwoods Forest to admire these amazing trees.

Next we will see some of the geothermal sights the city is famous for – including Kuirau Park in the heart of the city, where there are bubbling mud pools and steaming vents. For the afternoon you have the choice of either a relaxing soak in the adult pools at Polynesian Spa or a ride up the famous Skyline Gondola for great views.

Karangahake Gorge & Waihi Day Out

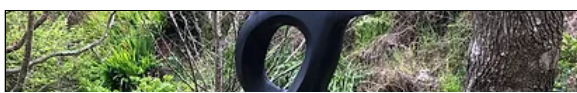


from \$70 pp - next tour TBC

Join our small group Day Out to explore an area full of history, ride a historic train into the Karangahake gorge, once a bustling community of gold miners, with remnants of the machinery once needed to extract this precious metal. We travel north from Tauranga, through the mural town of Katikati and on to Waihi.

First up is a ride on the Goldfields Railway - travelling from Waihi to Waikino Station where we will enjoy a Devonshire Tea. Then by road through the picturesque Karangahake Gorge for an easy short walk to view some of the historic stamper batteries and tunnels. Heading back home we will stop to view the Martha Mine in Waihi, a huge open-cast gold mine still bearing gold to this day.

Waikato Gardens Day Out



from \$70 pp - next tour TBC

Join us and explore the glorious gardens of the Waikato. Before we visit our first garden today we make a stop for morning tea at a popular local café.



Then it's time to enjoy the sprawling Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum – 17.5 hectares of transformed quarry which is now home to over 20,000 trees and more than 100 sculptures.

Next, it is on to Hamilton Gardens – the Waikato's most visited tourist attraction. This 54 hectare public park occupies a grand location overlooking the Waikato River. Admire the stunning variety of themed gardens, as well popular features such as the rose garden,

rhododendron lawn and woodland walk. There is also a wonderful café on site if you fancy a bite to eat.

Waitomo Caves & Te Kuiti

from \$145 pp - (runs on demand)



Visit the legendary Glowworm Caves at Waitomo and the town of Te Kuiti, birthplace of Rugby legend Sir Colin Meads. We stop for morning tea on the way before visiting the world famous caves.

A guided tour through this amazing natural cave system followed by a cruise through the flooded caverns will let you see the amazing spectacle of the glow worms and stunning rock formations.

After lunch (own cost) at the cafe in Waitomo we head to Te Kuiti to see Sir Colin Meads Statue and explore the town museum before heading home.

Waihi Beach RSA Lunch

from \$60 pp - (runs on demand)



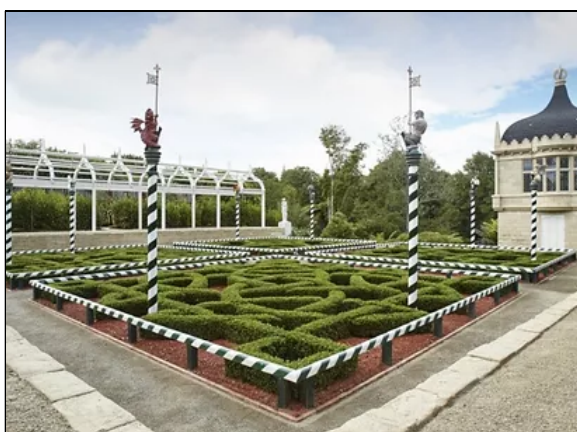
Join our fun and relaxing day out for lunch at the Waihi Beach RSA, with time to enjoy some local sights and activities. Always a favourite for the great food, beautiful views and good company.

We have time for a walk along the stunning beach, or include some of the special seasonal events such as the Sunday Markets, local art gallery's or other things along the way depending on the date. We can plan the day to your groups specific interests and there are plenty of options that can be added.

From wine and cider tasting, a Gold Mine tour.

Hamilton Gardens Day Tour

from \$85 pp - next tour date TBC



Explore the collection of gardens at the beautiful Hamilton Gardens. After a stop for morning tea on the way [your cost] we will join our Gardens Guide for a private 75 minute tour around many of the feature gardens.

After the tour there is time for lunch at the Café (at own cost) following which you have time to wander on your own to see the garden displays that interest you most. We then return directly back to Tauranga.

The tour usually departs at 9am and returns at 5pm, which makes for a nice relaxing day with time to really enjoy the gardens.

Karangahake Gorge - & Winery

from \$95 pp - (runs on demand)



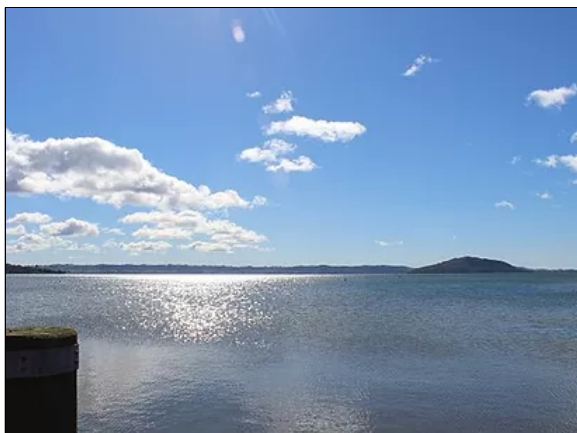
Our tour lets you experience the history of the stunning Karangahake Gorge with a short guided walk alongside the river. See the remains of the gold mining industry that once thrived here, past the gold stamper batteries as our easy route follows the old railway, so a nice gentle stroll.

This is followed by lunch and chance to sample fruit wines, ports and schnapps, all hand-crafted in small batch vats at the Karangahake Winery Estate.

We can add options such as the Waihi Gold Mine tour, the Katikati Museum and Wine Tasting (additional charges would apply).

A Taupo Day Out

from \$70 pp - (runs on demand)



The possibilities are endless on our day out to Taupo, this 7 hour trip gives us plenty of time to see the sights, such as the Huka Falls, the Aratiatia rapids, the Lava Glass factory and of course the gorgeous lakefront.

We can add on a cruise up the Waikato River to foot of the Huka Falls, or maybe a cruise on Lake Taupo to visit the Maori rock carvings.

Plenty of free time in Taupo for shopping and lunch (at your own cost) before heading back to Tauranga on the rural roads via Rotorua City and Lake Rotorua.

Waimangu Volcanic Valley

from \$95 pp - next tour date TBC



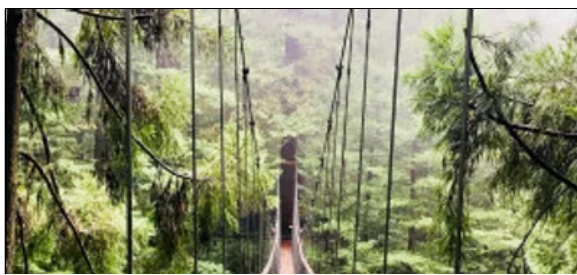
Explore the worlds youngest geothermal valley – the Waimangu Volcanic Valley just south of Rotorua. Time for a light lunch on arrival (your cost) and then head off [mostly down hill] on a 1 hour guided walk, past hot springs, steaming craters and the amazing landscape.

Next we take a 45 minute cruise on Lake Rotomahana while your guide tells the history of the lake, the Pink and White Terraces and the Mount Tarawera eruption of 1886 which changed the local landscape significantly.

Limited time at this price as the Waimangu fee is currently less than half price.

Rotorua City & Redwoods

from \$85 pp - (runs on demand)



Our adventure today is the Redwood Treewalk in Rotorua. This is a must do experience, and with 700m of walkways, 28 swing bridges, the walk offers a unique view over the forest below and the treetops above.

This award winning eco-tour is set among the 118 year old Redwood trees. Morning tea is included before the walk and we have plenty of time after to tour the sights



of Rotorua, such as the Blue and Green lakes, the Government gardens.

Options can be added (at extra cost) to visit the geothermal sights of Te Puia, Hells Gate or Wai-O-Tapu.

Fish N Chips by the sea

from \$50 pp - next tour date TBC



A classic kiwi day out, a Fish N Chip lunch [including desert] by the sea at the historic Bay of Plenty settlement of Maketu. Time to take a walk on the beach to work up an appetite and then sit down with friends at the Maketu Beachside Café overlooking the sea with Mount Maunagnui in the distance, a stunning location for a lovely lunch.

We will take a scenic ride home to see some of the sights, past Kiwifruit and Avocado orchards before returning to Tauranga.

For groups this tour can be tailored to suit your own interests, contact us to discuss options.

Historic Sights of Tauranga

from \$70 pp - (runs on demand)



Join our half day tour to see and learn about the history of our fast growing city of Tauranga. From the historic Elms Mission House and gardens, the battle site of Gate Pa and stories of the conflicts of the 1800's, our city has a rich history that is often overlooked.

We include morning tea and cakes to keep us sustained on this easy and informative trip around what is the best place to live in New Zealand.

For the ultimate local history tour we can include The Tauranga Historic village and the authentic Bain Watkins House, a real time warp local property.

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