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Foris Eco-Tours
BOUTIQUE TOURS IN NZ’S VIRGIN RAINFOREST

Te Puia
MAJOR SITE MAKEOVER AND REBRAND

Crankworx Rotorua 2016
WORLD’S BIGGEST MOUNTAIN BIKING FESTIVAL IS BACK
Kia ora – welcome to IN ESSENCE Rotorua 2015

We are proud to present this Spring Edition of IN ESSENCE Rotorua. As the quintessential trade guide for the region, it is a pleasure for us to produce IN ESSENCE. Showcasing some of our great existing products and offers, as well as promoting all that’s new, fresh, innovative and invigorated, we are confident that you will find this an informative and valued read.

We love it here and look forward to sharing with you and your clients the culture, nature, action, luxury and hospitality that makes Rotorua New Zealand’s Coolest Hot Spot.

Oscar Nathan
GENERAL MANAGER
DESTINATION ROTORUA

APPROXIMATE TRAVELLING TIMES
AND DISTANCES FROM ROTORUA:

- **AUCKLAND**........240km – 3 hours
- **HAMILTON**........110km – 1.5 hours
- **TAURANGA**........85Km – 1.5 hours
- **TAUPO**.............80Km – 1 hour
- **TONGARIRO**........170km – 2.5 hours
- **NAPIER**............220Km – 3 hours
- **WELLINGTON**.....470km – 7 hours

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TRAVELLING TIMES:

- **SYDNEY TO AUCKLAND**.................................................. 3 hours
- **GUANGZHOU/SHANGHAI TO AUCKLAND**...................... 11.5 hours
- **SINGAPORE/TOKYO TO AUCKLAND**................................. 11 hours
- **LOS ANGELES TO AUCKLAND**........................................ 14 hours
- **HOUSTON TO AUCKLAND**.............................................. 14 hours
- **HAWAII TO AUCKLAND**................................................ 8.5 hours
- **BUENOS AIRES TO AUCKLAND**...................................... 11.5 hours

DOMESTIC FLIGHT TRAVELLING TIMES:

- **AUCKLAND TO ROTORUA**................................................. 40mins
- **WELLINGTON TO ROTORUA**......................................... 50mins
- **CHRISTCHURCH TO ROTORUA**...................................... 45mins
- **QUEENSTOWN TO ROTORUA**.......................................... 3 hours
What's on

October 10
Hi-TEK Rotorua Ekiden
Lap the lake with your mates! Clients can share the 42km round-trip of Lake Rotorua with friends in this fun team relay race.

October 17, December 12, February 13
2W Gravity Enduro
Enduro encapsulates everything people love about the sport of mountain biking – the off-road adventure, physical and tactical challenge, test of skills, adrenaline fix, combined with fun social riding.

October 19-25
Okere Falls Store Beer Fest
Sit back in the beer garden and enjoy the imported German beer and Guggemusik, 30 piece brass band and drums at this one of a kind beer festival on the shores of Lake Rotoiti. The action runs all week, with the big nights being the Friday and Saturday.

October 24
NZO Whaka 100
Whether people are in it to win or just our for the adventure the ninth edition of the NZO Whaka100 has garnered a reputation throughout the southern hemisphere as the best 100 kilometres of mountain bike racing and is a fantastic achievement to complete.

November 14
Tarawera Trail Marathon
This spectacular run and walk is the only marathon or 42km run in the world that starts in the middle of an active Geyser Field at Te Puia and finishes at the natural Hot Water beach under Mt Tarawera.

November 13-15
Rotorua Festival of Gardens
Make your way through a wide array of gardens through the Rotorua area. This biannual event has everything, from small city gardens to expansive country gardens on the city fringe. Make your way around as many gardens as you please throughout this three day festival.

November 21 & 22
Podium Podiatry and Footwear Rotorua Running Festival
The running festival is a legendary weekend of running with race options for everyone and courses that showcase the city’s magnificent natural and cultural treasures.

December 19
Tarawera Ultra Marathon
Share the trails with world famous ultra-marathon runners. Choose from the 100km (Rotorua to Kawerau via Tarawera), 85km, or 65km options.

December 30
January 1 - GLO Festival
This is Rotorua’s celebration of everything cycling! Now in its fourth year, the Bike Festival brings together everything great about biking. The 2016 event will include the 24 hour World Champs, Bike the Lake and 2W Gravity Enduro, as well as heaps more fun and family friendly events.

February 12 – 21
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February 20-21
Wembo
The race across the globe comes to world famous Rotorua! Wembo is the world 24 hour mountain bike champs. To be held in the Whaka forest, join the fun in this non restricted event and race around the clock! One of the best endurance mountain biking events to come to New Zealand.

February 28
New Zealand Ocean Swim Series
Rotorua is the newest addition to the renowned Ocean Swim Series. In its inaugural event, this event will welcome swimmers into the freshwater of Tikitapu, the Blue Lake. With everything from a kids swim to the 3.3km event and tag team relay, this event caters for the whole family.

March 9 - 13
Crankworx Rotorua Festival
A five day celebration, Crankworx is a gathering of the bike-minded. See the best riders in the world descend on Rotorua for a week of whips, speed and style, downhill, enduro and slopestyle riding. The tricks on show need to be seen to be believed.
Rotorua Museum
Discover Rotorua’s epic stories

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
• Experience the eruption of Mt Tarawera in an immersive 20 minute multi-media cinema experience
• Discover Rotorua’s epic stories through regular guided tours
• Explore this grade 4 heritage building from basement to rooftop with panoramic views
• Enjoy great coffee and delicious food in the Museum Café

Explore the region’s rich culture, volatile landscape and dramatic history in this innovative, award-winning Museum. Where great stories begin...

Rotorua Stories Cinema: Discover the legends and science behind Rotorua’s awesome volcanic landscape in this 20-minute immersive cinema experience.

Bizarre history of the spa: Explore Rotorua’s iconic Bath House building. Venture into the depths of the mudbath basement; enjoy panoramic views from the rooftop viewing platform; and learn about the bizarre spa treatments once offered here.

Legends of Te Arawa: Enter the amazing world of the Arawa tribe; and follow their dramatic journey from origins across the Pacific to their lives in Rotorua today. Discover the epic stories that have shaped this region, meet famous leaders, and learn about Te Arawa’s unique culture.

Guided tours: Passionate guides bring Rotorua’s unique stories to life in hourly guided tours, included free with admission. Always something new: From contemporary art to endangered predators our changing galleries showcase a variety of exhibitions. Over the next six months these include:

Selling the Dream: Classic New Zealand Tourism Posters (Until 12 October 2015)
Rotorua Museum Art Awards 2015 (Until 12 October 2015)
AEIOU (21 November 2015 – 1 May 2016)

On the Wing – Urban release of the New Zealand Falcon

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY:
Type: Museum, Art Gallery, Maori, Family, History, Heritage
Parking: Free parking available
Cost: Adult: $12.00, Senior (65+ years): $11.00, Child (5-15 years): $9.00
Languages: Rotorua Stories Cinema is available in 5 languages including English, Māori, Spanish, German, French, Japanese, Mandarin and Korean.

Duration: Suggest 1.5 – 2 hours
Suitability: FIT/Groups. Private guided tours available for groups of 10+ FOC.

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Outrigger Adventures
Learn stories of the Maori people

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
• Experience the stories of Ihenga (Maori explorer)
• Paddle a traditional Maori canoe on the Ohau Channel and Lake Rotolli
• Learn a local tribal chant and paddle salute
• Meet a Kaumatua (elder) and hear local myths and legends

Outrigger Adventures presents a new and exciting Maori cultural activity to the market - Adventures of Ihenga.

Clients will ride on board traditional waka tete (canoe) and retrace the footsteps of the famous Te Arawa explorer Ihenga whilst travelling on the picturesque Ohau Channel and Lake Rotolli. It’s a great way to learn the stories of Maori people, going back as far as the discovery of Aotearoa through to the great migration.

Visitors will be given a unique welcome onto a local marae (place of meeting) by a local Kaumatua (respected person of knowledge) this will be followed by a short tour of the marae grounds, while learning of its connection with Ihenga and his arrival.

Extended options:
Other experiences are available, including the awesome trip to the secluded hot pools of Manupirua on Lake Rotoiti. Visitors will enjoy a soak in these thermal pools that are only accessible by water, before paddling back where lunch or dinner at the beach reserve will be awaiting their arrival (food is an extra cost).

Educational tours on board our waka Taurua consist of fun and learning. This is culturally focused and clients will experience the local birds and fauna of this beautiful area.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY:
Cost: Adult: $20, Senior (65+ years): $18, Child (5-15 years): $8
Type: Museum, Art Gallery, Maori, Family, History, Heritage
Parking: Free parking available
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New and exciting developments announced

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:

- New wānanga (schools) allows for greater visitor interaction with the art and the people who create it
- Visitors will better understand what NZMACI do and its' cultural contribution
- New cafe/restaurant site will overlook the geothermal wonders of Whakarewarewa Valley
- Two new brand marks launched to articulate Te Puia | NZMACI's unique culture and commerce model
- Visitors to Te Puia | New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute (NZMACI) will see a significant strategic site transformation in the next 18 months, with key developments including a new site for NZMACI wānanga (schools) and a new cafe/restaurant overlooking Te Whakarewarewa Valley.

The wānanga will be developed at the southern end of the main carpark and will offer a modern learning environment for students and tutors, while also allowing for greater visitor interaction, including galleries, artist residencies and studios for breakout activities such as tā moko (tattoo). The new space will not only better convey NZMACI's story and its' mission along with the national and international cultural contribution; it will also allow visitors to engage deeply with the cultural experience.

The second key development is the integration of the Te Puia brand with the art and the people who create it. Two new brand marks have also launched to articulate Te Puia | NZMACI's unique culture and commerce model. The new Te Puia brand represents the time-honoured guiding legacy while the NZMACI brand symbolises its work to keep Māori culture alive. A new brochure and over 200 new signs have been developed in line with this branding and make navigating the Valley easy with color-coded themes.

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- A cold plunge pool allows for hot and cold hydrotherapy to detoxify the body
- Centrally located and open until 11pm

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Overlooking Lake Rotorua, the Deluxe Lake Spa is the premium hot mineral bathing and relaxation area with five hot mineral pools, a cold plunge pool and geothermally heated recliners. Taking to the waters for a healing soak, this is where guests warm up their muscles, soften the skin and relax the mind. Surrounded by native New Zealand flora, natural rocks, two waterfalls and a grotto, the Deluxe Lake Spa is the ultimate sanctuary to rejuvenate the body.

Waters from two natural springs are fed into the mineral pools, with the slightly acidic Priest Spring mineral pool (40oc) relieving tired muscles, aches and pains while the four Rachael Spring alkaline mineral pools (95oc – 42oc) feature the antiseptic action of sodium silicate nourishing the skin.

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Rotorua Golf Club
A unique geothermal golfing experience

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- A unique geothermal golfing experience
- 18 hole, par 70 all-weather links-style course
- Fully equipped golf shop, a licenced restaurant and bar onsite
- Centrally located close to many accommodation providers and iconic Rotorua attractions.

This unique thermal course in the heart of New Zealand’s premier visitor destination is an all-weather links-style course with easy walking and an excellent Golfing layout. With 96 players able to tee off at one time, and hundreds able to play the course over a day, this is the perfect activity for golf loving groups or FIT clients. The central Rotorua location is close to all major hotels and conference venues and right next door to Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, Te Puia and The Maori Arts and Crafts Institute. The Rotorua Golf Club has a fully equipped professional golf shop with club, trundler and electric cart hire to ensure clients enjoy their round of Golf. After a memorable round at Rotorua Golf Club, clients can also take advantage of the fully licenced restaurant and bar. The club house can accommodate large groups for private functions as well as casual dining throughout the day. Please enquire about competitive group and trade pricing. Visitors are always welcome at Rotorua Golf Club; individual, group and corporate bookings and enquiries can all be made directly by contacting the Pro Shop or the General Manager. Clients will love Rotorua Golf Club – it’s a unique geothermal golfing experience.

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Volcanic Air/
Kaitiaki Adventures Combo

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- Combination 4WD and walking tour of Mount Tarawera with Kaitiaki Adventures
- Guided walk learning the history of Mt Tarawera
- Floatplane tour of Mount Tarawera, the Waimangu Volcanic Valley and the Rotorua Lakes District

Clients will experience a four wheel drive trip to the site of the largest eruption in our living memory, Mount Tarawera. A unique cultural experience awaits at the summit. Through a guided walking tour experienced guides share local knowledge about the eruption, the area’s history and the cultural ties Mount Tarawera’s owners “Ngati Rangihou” share with this iconic landmark. Upon completion of the 90 minute walk, clients descend by Four Wheel Drive to the shores of Lake Rerewhakaaitu to board a float plane. Departing the lake their flight climbs past the vibrant Waimangu Volcanic Valley and steaming cliffs before flying high above the craters and domes that lay testament to the scale of the 1886 eruption. Aerial views of the area offer a totally different perspective to those enjoyed on foot. The surrounding lakes district, native forests and distant volcanoes are all revealed as this flight of approximately 20 minutes in duration returns back to the shores of Lake Rotorua.

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Horse Trekking
Lake Okareka

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- Ride through tranquil native forest, finding stunning views of surrounding lakes and countryside
- Rides and horses to suit all abilities from beginners to experienced riders.
- Free photos are provided to customers.

Clients will Horse Trek through 500 acres of native bush and 1500 acres of working sheep and cattle farm while taking in stunning views of Lake Okareka, Lake Tarawera and Mount Tarawera. A wide range of horses available to suit all abilities. Each visitor is matched to a horse or pony according to their skill level. Guided treks are available from 30 minutes to 3 hours in duration. Predominantly catering for smaller numbers, riders with the ability to ride faster than a walk can find a horse and trail that suits. Helmets are provided for all riders and wet weather gear when needed free of charge. Riding will take place in all weather and it’s just as great in the rain.

Horse Trekking is the best way to see and experience the countryside and it’s loads of fun.

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**PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Your expert guide to one of the world’s premier rainforests
- Foris provide an educated take on New Zealand’s natural history
- A range of different tours available adapted to clients’ wants and needs
- Lunch and transport included

Who would go to Northern California and not see the Redwoods? What trip to Alice Springs would miss Uluru? Tom Lynch from Foris Eco-tours believes that anyone visiting Rotorua who does not see one of the world’s premier rainforests – Whirinaki Forest – is missing out on an equally spectacular experience.

1000 year-old trees stand 60m high and rare birds call overhead – Whirinaki is a world-class example of a unique rainforest that’s barely changed since dinosaurs roamed under the canopy – a must-see for visitors to New Zealand.

Foris is Latin for ‘outdoors’, a name invoking the scholarly expeditions of Victorian times – think Joseph Banks, the botanist on Captain Cook’s Endeavour. Foris offers an educated take on New Zealand’s natural history and gives people a great day out in stunning wilderness.

A full-day walk among giant trees with expert natural history interpretation, taking in the best bits of the spectacular and internationally-significant Whirinaki Forest and seeing rare birds in their natural habitat. All at an easy gentle pace, not a gut-busting hike.

River & Rainforest trip combines the best of both – a short walk in Whirinaki followed by lunch and a fun, gentle grade 2/3 river trip on the clear waters of the Rangitaiki River, a superb jewel of a river running through forest.

**PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY**
- A range of different tours available
- Lunch and Transport included
- Minimum numbers apply (2 for hiking, 4 for rafting)
- RRP: From $249pp
- Contact us – we’d love to work with you

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**PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:**
- New Zealand’s largest kiwi facility
- Both juvenile and adult Tuatara on display
- Daily exotic bird show
- Big Splash water ride

Clients will experience conservation in action at Rainbow Springs, an iconic kiwi attraction.

Opened in 1932, Rainbow Springs is a Natural oasis only 4km from the centre of Rotorua. Dedicated to showcasing the unique beauty of New Zealand’s flora and fauna, the team at Rainbow Springs are proud of the role they play in conserving many of the precious native species of New Zealand.

With the largest kiwi hatch facility in the country onsite, Kiwi Encounter gives an in-depth insight into the work done to help save New Zealand’s iconic national icon, the kiwi. Each season Kiwi Encounter hatches and releases over 100 kiwi chicks.

Over the coming summer Rainbow Springs will welcome many new additions to the park with their resident ducks producing ducklings, the Kiwi team nurturing their latest kiwi chick arrivals and the wildlife team settling in the latest additions to their reptile collection, with rare and exciting New Zealand species not displayed in the park before.

Tickets to the park include the daily bird show, unlimited rides on the recent addition the Big Splash, day and night time kiwi-viewing, animal experiences and can include guided tours on request.

Rainbow Springs is easily accessible, suitable for all ages and is a slice of New Zealand’s conservation and tourism history.

**PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY**
- RPP $40.00 per adult
- Transport available from iSite
- Guided tours are in English only
- Tours in Chinese, Japanese, Spanish and Indonesian are available on request
- Open 365 days a year
- Park is open daily from 8.30am
- Kiwi Encounter Tours operate between 10am and 4pm daily, on the hour
- Bird Show happens daily at 11.30

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**Adventure Playground**

Rotorua’s newest adventure centre

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Experience adrenaline-filled quad bike rides, stunning scenic horse treks, some fun with clay shooting, or scenic tours in our four-wheel drive buggies. At Rotorua’s Adventure Playground, go higher, see further, do more.

The amazing quad bike tours travel across farmland with stunning views over Lake Rotorua. All tours are guided by experienced guides who give a full safety briefing and training. Travel into the native bush stopping at various lookout points for fantastic photo opportunities. All safety and wet weather gear provided.

The fully guided horse treks start on the lower part of Mount Ngongotaha through farmland at a slow and steady pace, winding their way through native bush taking in the spectacular views over Lake Rotorua. Treks suit everyone from beginners to experienced riders with ponies and horses to match the rider’s ability. Customers will be given full instruction so they feel confident and enjoy the trek. Safety helmets and wet weather gear provided.

**PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY**

- Cost: Retail from $32.50 per adult
- Activity: Nature
- Hours: Open 365 days a year

| Farm Shows | Farm Tours | Demographic: suits all ages, for groups or individual transfers |
| 9.30am, 11.15am and 2.30pm daily | 10.40am, 12.10pm, 1.30pm and 3.40pm daily |

**The Agrodome**

A New Zealand icon

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In the heart of 350 acres of lush farmland, yet only 15 minutes from Rotorua city centre, sits New Zealand’s Agrodome. Famous farm fun for everybody!

The Agrodome was opened in the 1971 after the success of a show developed for the New Zealand government at the World Expo in Japan. It is now an award winning attraction with third generation family still working on the farm. For over 40 years, visitors from all over the globe have come to the Agrodome to see the world-famous Farm Show – starring a cast of talented animals.

Do the show, or the tour – or both! The Agrodome is open 365 days a year and is fantastic hands-on fun for the whole family in any weather. Over the summer months visitors will see hundreds of our woolly additions bouncing in the paddocks and may even get to feed one as part of our live show.

The Agrodome show includes live shearing demonstrations, 19 champion breeds of sheep and a cast of talented animals (sometimes including our guest!)

All guests are welcome to join the sheep onstage after the show for a unique photo opportunity.

Farm tours offer guests to the Agrodome a ride on our purpose built tractors across 350 acres of farm overlooking Lake Rotorua. They will feed loads of friendly animals, sample delicious kiwifruit juice and honey, and enjoy driving through orchards.

Visitors can complete their visit to the Agrodome with a trip to our Barnyard nursery to meet some of the baby animals. Two fantastic onsite souvenir shops also provide perfect shopping opportunities.

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PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- New supersonic harness is the closest people will get to flying
- Fly head first at speeds of up to 80kph down Mount Ngongotaha for 385m.
- The first commercial site to use the world Flightline plunge freefall system
- At the end of the zipline, free-fall with a 23 metre ‘leap of faith’ from the platform.

Clients will fly through the air like a superhero and freefall like a pro on Zoom Ziplines’ new harness and Flightline jumping system, the Zoom Zipline Supersonic, at Skyline Rotorua.

Cranking up the adrenaline, this new experience is as human beings can get to flying! Full body harnesses allow riders to get parallel to the earth before zooming head first down the zipline towards Lake Rotorua – reaching top speeds of up to 80kph over 385m. Wearing specially made full body harnesses to ensure both safety and comfort, riders can zoom side-by-side with a complete focus on the rush of zooming past the scenery and between the canopy of mature Californian Redwood trees. Zoom Zipline’s original seated harness is still available, allowing riders to lean back in the ultimate combination of sights and thrills.

The original 10 metre Quickjump – which sees rider’s freefall from the Zipline landing platform - is now just a warm up for the ultimate leap of faith. After the first jump, riders can don a new harness and head to the top of the platform for the big Flightline plunge. This 23 metre drop gives visitors the true feeling of what it’s like to freefall.

Skyline Rotorua is the first commercial site to use the world-first Flightline plunge system from Headrush Technologies in Colorado. The innovative zipline system is operated by Canadian company Zoom Ziplines in partnership with Skyline Rotorua, suitable for children and adults.

Zoom Zipline Supersonic flying

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Minimum weight: 27kg
Maximum weight: 125kg
Open year round: 9.30am – 5pm
English, Korean, Japanese, Chinese
FIT/Group: $45/adult

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Kawarau Jet
40 years of thrills

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- Iconic kiwi activity
- Speed, spins and adrenalin
- A range of options and packages available
- Convenient, lakefront location in the heart of the city

Kawarau Jet Rotorua is part of the world’s first commercial jet boat company and has been thrilling clients, from across the globe, for over 40 years, with this iconic New Zealand adventure activity.

Kawarau Jet operates a range of V8 powered boats that roar clients into a frenzy with their power and pace. Tours visit iconic landmarks with the guides providing information about the local people, the area and the historic events that have shaped Rotorua into the cultural and event capital of New Zealand.

Manupirua Hot Pools – 2.5 hour experience across Lake Rotorua, through the Ohau Channel and onto Lake Rotoiti to soak in natural hot pools. All the thrills of Jet Boating combined with the peace and tranquility of this beautiful area. It’s one of New Zealand’s most unique destinations and it’s only accessible by boat!

Hamurana Springs – Situated at the north end of Lake Rotorua this is the North Islands deepest and clearest natural spring. Clients speed across the lake then enjoy a 45min stroll around this natural wonderland. The waters of the springs are filled with trout and home many protected bird species.

Parasailing – Kawarau Jet also operates KJet Parasailing, one of the area’s most popular adventure activities. Clients will enjoy a free flight up to 400ft in the air whilst taking in an unobstructed 360 degree view of the lake, the city and the surrounding landscape. Clients are launched and retrieved from the purpose built vessel so no water contact is necessary.

All tours and activities depart from the Rotorua lakefront location. Only 5 mins walk from the centre of town or a short stroll from all of the hotels and motels.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
Cost from $50 per adult and $34 per child
Duration from 30 minutes
Life jackets and spray jackets provided
Booking Essential to avoid disappointment
Open 365 Days

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4WD Bush Safari - The ultimate 4 Wheel Drive adventure!
Rugged and remote, the trail ahead disappears into thick native New Zealand forest. A professional guide gives instructions while visitor’s hearts race with anticipation. The challenges come thick and fast.

Raceline Karting - The fast track to excitement!
Clients will experience the buzz and adrenalin of KartSport - in the driver’s seat Racing New Zealand’s newest and longest 1.2km outdoor circuit, visitors feel the anticipation as they suit up, pull on a helmet and prepare to race one of our racing karts. They will love experiencing the ground rushing past as the kart reaches up to 100km/hour on the 150-metre straight.
IN ESSENCE – WINTER 2015.

Skyswing
Rotorua’s highest adrenaline rush

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- Rotorua’s highest adrenaline rush set at Skyline atop Mt Ngongotaha
- Take in the views before reaching eye watering speeds of 150km/hour
- Suitable for thrill seekers aged 3 to 93

Challenge yourself on Skyswing, Rotorua’s highest adrenaline rush, is the adventure activity your clients have been waiting for. Reaching speeds of 150km/h, it’s a thrill they won’t forget. Skyswing is calling for all adrenaline-junkies, risk-takers and scaredy-cats to come face their fears on Rotorua’s highest adrenaline rush. It’s the perfect all-weather activity for families, teenagers, couples, grandparents or those looking to fly solo. Clients will grip onto the three-seated Skyswing as they’re slowly hoisted 50 metres above the ground. If they are brave enough to keep their eyes open they will capture the breath-taking views of Lake Rotorua and beyond before pulling the release and dropping into 150kph as they plunge off the side of Mount Ngongotaha in an exhilarating swing.

Located amongst the playground that is Skyline Rotorua, we guarantee your Skyswing rush will be something to remember. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

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INFORMATION KEY
Open every day 9.00am to late.
Can take 1-3 people at a time
Height of 110cm
Minimum height requirement: 110cm

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NZ Riverjet
Enjoy a scenic blast

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- Experience New Zealand scenery that few have ever seen on the Waikato River.
- On the return trip feel the excitement as the jet boat powers down the river at high speed.

NZ Riverjet tours that take visitors through great pine forests, past iconic open farmlands and through some of New Zealand’s most beautiful, unspoilt native rainforest. This is an opportunity for clients to experience the real New Zealand and hear stories of the region from the experienced driver and guide. The sleek black boat also goes through the magnificent Tutukau Gorge where canyon walls rise 50 dramatic metres above the magnificent Waikato River. The tour starts slowly to allow visitors to take in the scenery, but on the return trip it is time to find out how these boats can handle! Clients will be beyond excited with the famous Hamilton Jet spins and will love the thrill of whizzing past the trees and cliffs on their way down the Waikato River.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
35 minutes return
Suitable for children aged 3 years and older
Operates 10am daily

River Rats Rotorua
Raft and Kayak
A New Base for Adventure

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- Test your mettle facing the world’s highest commercially rafted waterfall.
- On a grade 2 scenic raft trip suitable for participants as young as 5, through to adrenaline pumping grade 5 action - culminating in a plummet down the world’s highest commercially rafted waterfall. This is an activity that your clients will remember for a lifetime.

River Rats offers something for everyone: from a gentle grade 2 scenic raft trip suitable for participants as young as 5, through to adrenaline pumping grade 5 action - culminating in a plummet down the world’s highest commercially rafted waterfall. This is an activity that your clients will remember for a lifetime.

There are also plenty of Rotorua kayaking options available at River Rats who offer unguided ‘freedom hire’ or guided tours across Rotorua’s pristine lakes, even stopping by at glow-worm caves and a secluded beach to enjoy a soak in Manapirua Spring Hot Pools – only accessible by boat.

After decades operating on the outskirts of town, River Rats have now relocated to bigger, brighter premises based at Rotorua Airport. This new base ensures that their iconic activities are even more accessible and the perfect option for itineraries.

Whether your clients are after a family adventure, a scenic day out or the thrill of a lifetime, River Rats Raft and Kayak is the perfect option.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
Dependent on Weather/ Conditions
Rafting tours from $125 RPR
Kayaking tours - $119 RPP
Tours start from 9am
All equipment/ wetsuits/towels provided
Groups/IFT

River Rats Raft & Kayak have been offering quality adventures for over 30 years. Priding themselves on a safety first attitude, you can be assured that your clients are in safe and professional hands whilst creating lifelong memories.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
Open 365 days
Rafting tours from $119 RPP
Kayaking tours - $119 RPP
Pronounced RAAF and KAYAK

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Nicara Lakeside Lodge
Lakeside luxury

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
• Intimate setting with limited access
• Luxury bed and breakfast
• Lakeside accommodation with extensive views
• Eco-friendly and environmentally minded hosts

Nicara Lakeside Lodge is superbly located 10 minutes from the centre of Rotorua. Close to many attractions, it is the ideal location for clients to stay and enjoy their Rotorua experience. Guests enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, evening wine tasting and nibbles, an extensive art collection and assistance with sightseeing planning. They are also able to depart on a float plane flight from the private jetty for an amazing scenic flight over Rotorua and the surrounding lakes. WiFi, laundry and kayaks are also complimentary for the stay, while all 3 guest rooms feature an ensuite, refrigerator and a choice of either king or twin configuration.

At Nicara they are also totally committed to reducing their impact on the environment in any way possible and encourage guests to do the same. They encourage guests to support their “Travelers’ Trees” campaign. By buying a native shrub for planting by the Hamurana Stream, visitors reduce their own carbon footprints.

Nicara Lodge has also been graded 5 Star by Qualmark. New Zealand’s independent agency, for the last 11 years while their environmental practices have earned an Enviro Gold Award from Qualmark and a Silver 2015 Greenleaders Award from TripAdvisor. Nicara has also been awarded the Lux 2015 Hotel & Spa Awards Luxury B&B of the Year – Rotorua, huge accolades for this boutique lodge.

The hosts, Heather and Mike Johnson, have decades of experience in the travel and tourism industry and are passionate about what they do. They always work to ensure their guests get the maximum enjoyment out of their stay and look forward to welcoming your clients to Nicara.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
3 stunning rooms available
Lakeview room from $485 per night
Off street parking
Children 12 years and over welcome
Open 365 days
FIT
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The Backyard Inn
30 years of hospitality

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
• The Backyard Inn turns 30
• Still owned and operated by the founding McLeay family
• Great value, down-to-earth, clean and comfy.
• Everything you need onsite - accommodation, café, bar and hot thermal pool

The Backyard Inn is celebrating its 30th Birthday!
The McLeay Family have a happy 30 year history with Rotorua’s iconic Backyard Inn (previously known as Kiwipaka). They built the unique Accommodation facility themselves – one of the first of its kind in New Zealand in the 1980’s. After all these years hosting visitors, the owners at Backyard Inn still go out of their way to ensure a fun, comfortable stay.

The Backyard Inn provides lodge and chalet style accommodation with a café & bar on-site. Set in large park-like grounds it is flanked by awesome sporting amenities and Kuirau geothermal park. The best of both worlds: Outdoors in the City!

Here are some of the things The Backyard Inn does well:
• Great value, down-to-earth, clean and comfy.
• Specialists in providing accommodation, meals for FIT and groups.
• Great for sport groups, social groups or fraternal societies
• 29 chalets accommodating 2-6 people
• 64 lodge rooms sleeping 2-6
• Tent and Campervan sites
• Cocoon Café provides good espresso, a refreshed menu and home baking
• Sound trips and travel advice to ensure your guests get the most out of Rotorua
• Great New Zealand beers and wine provided in the bar
• Wholesome and filling tailor made group meals, all made on-site
• A large conference/meeting room free of charge for guests that seats up to 120 persons.
• Manicured large park-like surrounds
• Warm and friendly making it easy for guests to stay and play “happy” in Rotorua’s magnificent adventure wonderland.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
7.30am to 9pm Summer
3 bed / Twin
Chalets from $65
Double / Twin
Groups in the Lodge
Groups Dinner / Bed and Breakfast from $48 per person

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Groups in the Lodge
Groups Dinner / Bed and Breakfast from $48 per person

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PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
3 bed / Twin
Charts from $65
Double / Twin
Groups in the Lodge
Groups Dinner / Bed and Breakfast from $48 per person

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VR Rotorua Lake Resort
Lakeside intimacy

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- Only property located on the shores of beautiful Lake Rotoiti
- 44 rooms and suites boasting stunning lake or garden views
- The Grill Restaurant offers the finest contemporary cuisine and the best of NZ wines
- Intimate, sheltered resort, ideal for groups and FIT

Set over 6 acres on the shores of the beautiful Lake Rotoiti, VR Rotorua Lake Resort is located just 15 minutes’ drive from central Rotorua. It features a heated outdoor pool, 2 hot tubs, a sauna and tennis courts. Guests also enjoy free WiFi.

VR Rotorua Lake Resort features 42 stylish rooms including 34 Superior Lake View rooms, 6 Deluxe Garden View rooms and 2 suites. Each room features: Sky TV, personal bar, tea and coffee making facilities, under floor heating, bathrobes, Blue Earth amenities, separate bath and shower unit and French doors that open onto the lawn or balcony.

Exercise in the fitness centre or explore the surrounding areas using a rental bicycle. The resort has a private boat service that can be used for fishing charters and trips to Manupirua Hot Pools. Free transfers to Rotorua city centre are also available.

The Grill Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and serves modern New Zealand cuisine. There is a lounging area with a fireplace and the bar offers a large variety of some of New Zealand’s best wines. Choose to dine inside or outdoors on the terrace, with private dining platforms overlooking Okawa Bay.

VR Rotorua Lake Resort is just 7 minutes’ drive from Rotorua International Airport, Hell’s Gate Massage & Hot Pools and Kaituna River Wild Water Rafting & Scenic Walks. The world famous Whakarewarewa Forest is also only 10 minutes’ drive away.

Let your clients discover the joys of VR Rotorua Lakeside Resort – its kiwi lakeside living at its best.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
Check-in time: 2.00pm
Check-out time: 10.00am
Minimum stay: 2 nights
24 x Rooms with one king size bed
21 x Rooms with two queen size beds
3 x Lake View King suites
Special access rooms are available.

Holiday Inn Rotorua
Mountain bike equipped

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
- Set on the edge of the Redwood forest, overlooking the Geothermal Reserve.
- Features mountain bike storage facilities and wash station cleaning facilities
- All year round heated outdoor pool and spa.
- Kids stay & eat free at Holiday Inn.

Holiday Inn Rotorua is an ideal destination for families, adventurers and those wanting a relaxing getaway. Clients will appreciate a hotel where they can enjoy a warm and genuine welcome, a relaxing atmosphere and sumptuous dining options.

The Redwood forest is home to some of the country’s top mountain bike trails, and the Holiday Inn is conveniently positioned just five minutes away from the trail entrances. With purpose-built mountain bike and adventure equipment washing and storage facilities, the Holiday Inn is the logical choice for clients who love the outdoors.

The hotel accommodation offers comfortable, spacious, contemporary, well-appointed guest rooms. Complimentary Wi-Fi is offered to all IHG Rewards Club members along with late checkout.

Guests are invited to experience the Holiday Inn hallmarks including pillow choice and mattress toppers for a great night’s sleep. We are a 100% non-smoking hotel and offer a variety of rooms types suited to families, couples, individuals and groups.

Holiday Inn Rotorua has a great dining option at Chapman’s Restaurant & Bar. With a strong local reputation, Chapman’s Restaurant is renowned for serving up fresh contemporary cuisine. The famous dinner buffet or the a la carte menu is sure to please everybody.

PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
Mountain bike facilities
Restaurant facilities
24-hour reception
Open 365 days
Heated swimming pool & spa pools

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PRODUCT INFORMATION KEY
Check-in time: 2.02pm
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Minimum stay: 2 nights
21 x Rooms with two queen size beds
3 x Lake View King suites
Special access rooms are available.
**Regent Of Rotorua**

**Glamour in the city**

The Regent of Rotorua is Rotorua’s newest designer Boutique Hotel offering stylish luxury accommodation, restaurant, wine & cocktail bar, all with a touch of glamour.

In 2015 the Regent was listed one of New Zealand’s top 25 Luxury Hotels, Small Hotels, Hotels for Service and Hotels for Romance; no wonder the Regent has been awarded Trip Advisor’s prestigious ‘Travelers’ Choice’ award for 5 years running!

Each of the rooms and suites in Regent of Rotorua are uniquely designed featuring contemporary décor including free unlimited Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, an outdoor heated swimming pool, thermal mineral pool and mini gym. Our 1, 2 and 3 bedroom suites provide the ideal option for families.

The hotel facilities include 3 thermally heated outdoor plunge pools, along with a private indoor mineral pool and two restaurants. The club restaurant offers daily fine dining and live entertainment on Saturday nights or by request. The memories restaurant offers breakfast and is popular for our high tea with two sittings daily at 11am and 2pm. In addition, the gate bar, hotel lobby, street café and poolside areas are wonderful places to relax and to take in the gracious surroundings that the Princes Gate Hotel offers.

The menu in the Regent Room restaurant offers contemporary Pacific fusion food as well as small sharing plates and tapas with an outdoor courtyard area for dining or just relaxing poolside. Winner of the Beef and Lamb Excellence Awards in both 2013 and 2014.

NEWLY Awarded the Rotorua Hospitality Award as Outstanding Hotel Restaurant 2015.

Be sure to consider the Regent of Rotorua. Your clients will thank you for it.

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**Princes Gate Boutique Hotel**

**History in the heart of Rotorua**

Built in 1897, the 118 year old Princes Gate Hotel offers something different in a world of hotels that are becoming more of the same. This historical, private New Zealand hotel is Rotorua’s boutique group and FIT product. With its charming Victorian architecture, the building is an icon of the city. It is centrally located at one of Rotorua’s finest addresses, directly opposite the Government Gardens, with its 5 hectares of beautifully manicured grounds and historical buildings, including the Rotorua Museum. It is also only a two minute walk from the lakefront, city centre, restaurants and bars.

The Hotel consists of both hotel and apartment style accommodation. 34 Hotel rooms are in the original building. Each room has been named after individuals who have made a contribution to Rotorua’s historical past. The décor is a blend of timeless elegance with modern luxury with chandeliers shimmering from high studded ceilings. In the adjacent apartment suites, complex, guests will find 17 one and two bedroom suites, with separate bedrooms, lounge and kitchenettes.

The hotel offers free Wi-Fi, free car parking and genuine New Zealand hospitality.

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**1191 Pukaki Street, Rotorua**

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**PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Boutique historical hotel offering a range of accommodation options
- Centrally located in CBD
- Mineral pool and thermally heated plunge pools
- Complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel

**PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Central location within walking distance to the lake front, Eat Street, shops and attractions
- Chic, stylish boutique accommodation for couples, honeymooners and families
- Award winning restaurant, heated outdoor thermal pool, indoor mineral pool and mini gym
- Winner of Trip Advisor’s Travellers Choice Award for 5 years running.
**PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Winner of the New Zealand Beef and Lamb Award in 2015
- The restaurant is located at the exclusive Wai Ora Lakeside Resort & Spa situated on the shores of Lake Rotorua
- Specialize in the use of indigenous herbs and ingredients
- Can accommodate groups, individuals and special occasions

Visitors will experience Rotorua’s best contemporary dining experience with Mokoia Restaurant. The best kept secret among locals and visitors alike, the restaurant is located at the exclusive Wai Ora Lakeside Resort & Spa situated on the shores of Lake Rotorua, the perfect location to wine, dine and relax. A 2015 Certificate of Excellence winner on Tripadvisor, Mokoia has the reputation of being one of Rotorua’s best restaurants for a reason.

Guests are able to indulge in the variety of gourmet dishes. Mokoia caters daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner, high teas or even just a treat poolside in a beautiful location. Their shared dining and dinner service specializes in high-quality Pacific Rim infusion cuisine using indigenous herbs and spices express the essence of the contemporary New Zealand culture. Guests are also offered the opportunity to “share dine” with a selection of dishes from the menu served on a platter to share, giving them the chance to taste and sample many different flavours. All their indigenous herbs and spices are grown onsite, literally fresh from the garden and prepared together with fresh local produce and ingredients. Sourcing the highest quality cuts of lamb, beef, pork and salmon from local suppliers, their decadent dishes will excite your client’s palates, tempting and satisfying even the most discerning foodie. Mokoia specializes in intimate dining and can create a unique menu altered to every need or dietary requirements.

Mokoia Restaurant is the ideal venue for any special occasion, group function or simply to enjoy dining at its best. Experience the best with Mokoia Restaurant.

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**STRATOSFARIE**

Rotora’s most decorated restaurant in 2015

**PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Freshly prepared “A la buffet” highlighting locally sourced ingredients and premium free-range prime cuts cooked to order
- Modern Kiwi seasonal mussel dish created for the menu by NZ MasterChef winners Kasey and Karena served daily
- Combine lunch or dinner with a Volcanic Hills wine tasting since its $2 million redevelopment, Stratosfare Restaurant has quickly assured its dining reputation, hosting the TRENZ 2015 farewell event and winning: Outstanding Restaurant, Outstanding Waiter, Outstanding Bartender and Best Emerging Chef at the 2015 Rotorua Hospitality Awards.

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Set atop Mount Ngongotaha, diners gaze upon 180 degree views of Lake Rotorua and its surrounding city while Stratosfare takes them on a gastronomic journey of freshly prepared buffet, cooked to order dishes and cocktails to match your mood, serving both lunch and dinner.

The recent redevelopment of the restaurant has created a variety of function spaces, capable of hosting up to 1,100 people. Earlier this year, Stratosfare hosted the 2015 TRENZ Farewell Function, where more than 1,000 guests enjoyed a night of great dining and entertainment, to outstanding feedback.

A dedication to food excellence means Stratosfare sources from the best local ingredients, such as beef sourced from Mangatu Farms in Gisborne, where farmers have been working their ancestral lands for over 200 years. Stratosfare chefs know exactly where the meat has come from and how it was reared and fed, allowing an undeniably fresh and totally New Zealand dining experience.

Located just five minutes from the city centre a visit to Stratosfare is easily added to any itinerary bookings can be made by arrangement or online and can also include Volcanic Hills Winery tours and tastings.

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Children under 5 years free with a paying adult

Lunch daily from 11:30am - 2pm

Dinner daily from 5:30pm - late

Wine tasting 5:15pm

Open all year round

FIT/Group

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www.skyline.co.nz/rotorua/ssr_restaurant/
After setting up Volcanic Hills Winery in 2009, owners/operators Sean and Brent decided that they didn’t just want to make wine, they wanted to see people enjoying it. Now visitors can tour the Volcanic Hills Winery at the base of Mount Ngongotaha before taking the gondola up to the Volcanic Hills Tasting Room. They also sell their wine by the case and can arrange shipping to a number of destinations around the globe.

Volcanic Hills
Award winning wines with a view

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
• Taste a variety of award winning wines, sourced from New Zealand’s best growing regions, all made in Rotorua
• Tour New Zealand’s best wine-making regions all from the comfort of the panoramic tasting room
• Breath-taking views of Lake Rotorua from the Volcanic Hills Tasting Room, at the summit of the Skyline Rotorua Gondola
• Unique New Zealand products available for sale on-site.

Crankworx returns to NZ in 2016

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS:
• Crankworx is the world’s largest mountain biking festival
• Held for the second year at Skyline Rotorua from 9-13 March, 2016
• Rotorua is the first stop of the Crankworx World Tour, followed by Les 2 Alpes, France and then Whistler, Canada
• Get creative with a location or event based itinerary including Crankworx

Mountain biking’s defining celebration descends on Skyline Rotorua Gravity Park from March 9 - 13, 2016. Crankworx brings the world’s downhill, slopestyle and endurance legends together with the superstars, rising stars, and the next generation of mountain bike riders for five days of competition, concerts, and mountain bike culture. Capturing the world’s attention, all eyes are on Skyline Rotorua’s Gravity Park as riders throw down massive tricks and shred dirt gold in the six events. There’s also Kidsworx for the little ones, an expo and live music entertainment.

Explore Central North Island
Rotorua is the perfect place to explore the adventure playground of New Zealand and there are great opportunities to create mountain bike itineraries that include Crankworx. A North Island road trip has a lot of mountain bike park options to add in the mix:
- Woodhill Mountain Bike Park – Auckland’s mountain biking home turf with over 30km of single track
- Four Forty Mountain Bike Park – South-east of Auckland boasting 440 meters in vertical height
- Whakarewarewa Forest, Rotorua – Over 145km of mountain bike tracks with an International Mountain Biking Association gold-level ride centre status.

Crankworx Rotorua 9 – 13 March, 2016
- The world’s largest mountain biking festival
- Held for the second year at Skyline Rotorua from 9-13 March, 2016
- The world’s first year-round, gondola accessed mountain bike park and the host location for Crankworx Rotorua
- Taupo Craters of the Moon mountain bike Park - featuring over 50km of trails.

Event-based
• Join us in these events with some innovative itinerary planning:
  - Rotorua’s Bike Festival 12 – 21 February, 2016 - 5000 riders, 30 events, 10 days
  - Crankworx Rotorua 9 – 13 March, 2016 - The world’s largest mountain biking festival
  - Queenstown Bike Festival starting 27 March, 2016 - 10 days, 25 events
  - Bikefest Nelson 30 Jan – 14 Feb, 2016 - 3000 cyclists, 26 events

IN ESSENCE – WINTER 2015.
INFORMATION KEY
- Single day pass: Adult NZ$25, Child (10-14) NZ$12
- Five day pass: Adult NZ$65, Child (10-14) NZ$30
- Events: Whip-off, Pumptrack
- Events: Downhill, Dual Speed and Style
- Events: Enduro, Slopestyle

INFORMATION KEY
- Dining capacity: 50 seated, 100 standing
- Summer 11am – 7pm (October – April)
- Winter 11am – 4pm (May – September)
- RRP: Wine tasting $12.50
- 3130
Rotorua Achieves Gold Level Mountain Bike Status

The International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) has awarded Rotorua with their most prestigious gold-level ride centre status. This positions the destination as one of six preeminent Ride Centres in the world.

The official International Association for Mountain Biking, IMBA has been dedicated to enhancing and preserving mountain biking experiences since 1988. With more than 35,000 individual members and over 100,000 supporters, IMBA is the global authority for all things mountain biking.

Four years ago a tiered recognition system was introduced to recognise the very best trails and ride centres in the world, and to be announced as one of the elite few is a great achievement. Rotorua has emerged as a world-class venue for mountain bikers,” says Mark Eller, IMBA’s communications director. “It was an easy call to recognize Rotorua as a gold-level Ride Centre because it offers everything we look for, from lift-served gravity trails to extensive riding in natural settings.”

Staff at IMBA select candidates for Ride Centre recognition on an invitation-only basis. The destination can then submit a detailed application before being assessed in line with strict evaluation criteria. To achieve the gold-level rating, the Rotorua Ride Centre scored an exceptional grading of 92 out of a possible 100.

President of the Rotorua Mountain Bike Club Gregg Brown said that the gold-level status is a credit to Rotorua’s passionate Mountain Biking Community.

“Rotorua has a legacy of two to three decades of dedicated and passion for the sport we love.”

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ACTION AND ADVENTURE 72-HOURS IN Rotorua

**DAY ONE – THE SKY’S THE LIMIT**

- Arriving in Rotorua midday, grab lunch before heading out on your epic adventure.
- Make your way to Rotorua Lakefront and hop on Kawarau Jet for some tandem parasailing. After the high-speed spins on the lake make your way to Skyline Rotorua.
- At the top of Mt Ngongotaha, the thrill of the Luge, the Skyswing, the Zoom Zipline and the beautiful nature walks will keep you entertained for hours. Take a moment and enjoy the extensive views of Rotorua, the surrounding lakes and geothermal areas.
- Once you’ve had your fill of adventure, stop in to Volcanic Hills to enjoy some wine tasting before heading next door for the culinary delights of the award winning Stratosfare Restaurant & Bar.

**DAY TWO – NATURE AND CULTURE**

- Get picked up after a breakfast and head to NZ River Jet, for the ultimate geothermal thrill, combining a jet-boat experience and an optional walk in a geothermal reserve.
- Catch your breath at the Waipa Store before heading out into the Redwoods to experience what some call the world’s best Mountain biking trails.
- Tonight you will experience Maori culture at its finest in the city where it all began. By the geyser or deep in the rainforest, share stories, traditions and customs of this proud and powerful culture, discover the meaning of Manaakitanga.
- Finish off the evening with a late-night dip at Polynesian Spa!

**DAY THREE – ACTION AND ADVENTURE**

- Start the day with a trip to Adventure Playground. Enjoy stunning views as you ride through the countryside by horseback before jumping on a quad bike to explore uncharted vistas and panoramas of the region.
- After lunch, head out to Agroventures Adventure Park, and find out why Rotorua is the adventure capital of the North Island. Experience five New Zealand unique adventures in one location; including the world’s only Shweeb, human-powered monorail racetrack.
- Tonight, hang out with the locals on Eat Street soaking up the atmosphere and savouring some casual contemporary kiwi kai (food) and local brews.

**DAY FOUR – THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM**

- Spend the morning learning about this magnificent region at the Rotorua Museum. Stop by the Museum shop to collect souvenirs and mementos from your visit to the North Island.
- Before leaving head out to Off Road NZ and prove yourself on New Zealand’s longest and most advanced karting circuit. Venture into the native forest as you drive your own 4x4 off-road vehicle or leave it to the professionals and ride the Monster 4x4 Thrill Ride.
Discover some of the great walks and trails that Rotorua has to offer

**Hamurana Springs**  
Approx. 30 minutes loop walk under towering redwoods as you marvel at the magical blue, green & turquoise waters of Hamurana.

**Lake Rotorua Lakeside and Sulphur Point walk** – 2 hours  
Discover steamy thermal areas as you enjoy the scenic lakeside trail on the edge of downtown Rotorua.

**Skyline Nature Walk** – approx. 15 mins to one hour (dependant on trail)  
View exotic and native plantings as you take advantage of the fantastic views atop Mt Ngongataha.

**Blue Lake Track** – 1.5 hours loop  
Amidst native bush & quiet beaches, this track provides stunning vistas over the Blue & Green Lakes.

**Te Puia** – approx. 1 hour  
Situated in the Whakarewarewa Valley, see the Pohutu Geyser erupt and so much more at Te Puia.

**Whakarewarewa Forest ("the Redwoods")**  
30mins to 8 hours (dependant on trail)  
Amongst the towering Californian Redwoods, you’ll find breathtaking views of the city, lakes & scenery.

**Lake Okareka Boardwalk**  
1.5 hours return  
This wetlands boardwalk displays a variety of native birdlife and spectacular views of bushland & farmland.

**Okere Falls Track** – 30mins one way  
A site of cultural & spiritual significance, gaze out over the Kaituna River & the spectacular Okere waterfalls.

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**Rainbow Mountain – 1 hr 30mins one way**  
Get a complete 360 degree view over the region, after climbing the Rainbow Mountain Summit Track.

**Tarawera Trail – 5 to 6 hours one way (Water Taxi pickup available)**  
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Getting here

Rotorua is located in the central North Island and is just 2.5 hours (234km) drive from Auckland. The Rotorua International Airport is one of the busiest regional terminals in the country, offering services to Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown and Sydney.

What’s the weather like?

Rotorua enjoys a pleasant climate with plenty of sun in summer and crisp, clear days in winter.

Average temperatures:
- Summer 22.3°C
- Autumn 18.1°C
- Winter 12.5°C
- Spring 16.8°C

Getting around

Rotorua’s well-developed infrastructure and excellent public transport system means minimal travelling time within the city. To explore the outer environs and lakes, rental cars and shuttles are the best options. Most major rental car companies have depots in Rotorua. Shuttle and coach services leave from the Rotorua Visitor Centre and i-SITE on Fenton Street.

Shopping

Rotorua city centre has more than 250 shops to choose from including specialty department stores, fashion stores, book shops, pharmacies, arts, crafts, and photographic outlets. Rotorua also has a number of open markets, including the Saturday Kuirau Park Market, Thursday Rotorua Night Market and the popular Lakefront markets most weekends.

Dining

With more than 90 places to choose from, Rotorua offers a wide range of casual café and restaurant options.

Famously Rotorua
A quarterly magazine on key upcoming events in Rotorua, suggested itineraries and tips on how to best enjoy Rotorua in every season and school holiday.

Love North Brochure
See lovenorth.co.nz to watch a video and download a guide showcasing the wonders of the North Island with itinerary options for getting around.