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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.

Bites of the Bay Food & Cidery Tour

from \$95 pp next tour 30th June



Fully guided tour with our knowledgeable local food guide - 4 to 5 hours duration.

Small group tour (maximum 14) with a minimum of 5 tasting visits. You might taste sourdough, local cheeses, olive oils, kiwi fruit, avocados, smoked meats, Manuka honey, gelato, pizza, seasonal fruits, to name a few. This tour also includes a cider tasting at a local and very popular cidery.

Learn about the people behind the food, as well as the history and the culture of the Bay of Plenty.

The Lion King Musical In Auckland

\$199 pp - extra date 14th July 2021



Experience the worldwide smash-hit musical THE LION KING, a worldwide phenomenon that redefines the expectations of theatre. Having played in over 100 cities in 20 countries, over 100 million people have experienced it, making it the most successful musical in theatrical history. Enjoy return door to door transport to Auckland, reserved seating, and great company as we experience the matinee performance of this internationally acclaimed musical.

Includes show tickets, transport to and from Auckland and home pick up and drop off.

Added a new date as the 11th & 18th July trip sold out. So we now run a trip on Wednesday 14th July.

Bites of the Bay Food & French Cafe

from \$95 pp next tour 28th July



Fully guided tour with our knowledgeable local food



guide - 4 to 5 hours duration.

Small group tour (maximum 14) with a minimum of 5 tasting visits. You might taste sourdough, local cheeses, olive oils, kiwi fruit, avocados, smoked meats, Manuka honey, gelato, pizza, seasonal fruits, to name a few.

This tour also includes a visit for some wonderful sweet crepes at a local French style cafe.

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Katikati Museum & Waihi Beach Day Out

from \$ 80 pp - next tour 29th July



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 12th August



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 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 antique and niche stores this quaint town is famous for.

Bites of the Bay Food & Winery Tour

from \$95 pp next tour 25th August



Fully guided tour with our knowledgeable local food guide - 4 to 5 hours duration.

Small group tour (maximum 14) with a minimum of 5 tasting visits. You might taste sourdough, local cheeses, olive oils, kiwi fruit, avocados, smoked meats, Manuka honey, gelato, pizza, seasonal fruits, to name a few.

This tour also includes wine tasting at Tauranga's only winery, accompanied by a tasting platter.

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Opotiki and Whakatane Day Out

from \$70 pp - next tour 26th August



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.

Bites of the Bay Food Tour

from \$70 pp next tour 29th September



Join our starter Bites of the Bay Food Tour with our knowledgeable local food guide - just 3 to 4 hours duration, a great day out. Small groups tour (maximum 14) with a minimum of 5 tasting visits. You might taste sourdough, local cheeses, olive oils, kiwi fruit, avocados, smoked meats, Manuka honey, gelato, pizza, seasonal fruits, to name a few. Learn about the people behind the food, as well as the history and the culture of the Bay of Plenty. We also have other options to choose from to extend the tour, such as wine, cider, beer and cocktails, see the other options below.

Bites of the Bay Food & Fish n Chips Tour

from \$95 pp next tour 27th October



Fully guided tour with our knowledgeable local food guide - 4 to 5 hours duration. Small group tour (maximum 14) with a minimum of 5 tasting visits. You might taste sourdough, local cheeses, olive oils, kiwi fruit, avocados, smoked meats, Manuka honey, gelato, pizza, seasonal fruits, to name a few. This tour also includes a lovely Fish n Chips lunch at a beachside cafe along the coast from Tauranga, in a beautiful setting. Learn about the people behind the food, as well as the history and the culture of the Bay of Plenty.

Rotorua Day Out

from \$80 pp - next tour 23rd September



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 9th September



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 7th October



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 shows us many underground caverns before we take a cruise to see the glowworms. After lunch (own cost) we head to Te Kuiti to see Sir Colin Meads Statue and explore the towns 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. We can plan the day to your groups specific interests.



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. 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. 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.

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. 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 Rotorua while your guide tells



cruise on Lake Rotorua 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.

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

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.

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