ROTORUA - NEW ZEALAND



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Directions from Auckland

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 At end of road, tree-lined lane with two "reddy-brown" houses set below hills. Go through gate and head up the hill (below houses) which will lead you approximately 2.5km through New Zealand native forest.

 Arrive at Treetops Lodge and Estate.

Directions from Taupo

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HUNTING

In the nineteenth century the European settlers to New Zealand wasted no time in making up for the lack of mammals in this country by introducing a variety of game species from Europe and elsewhere. Captain Cook himself introduced pigs, which rapidly reverted to something approaching the wild boar of Europe, and subsequent introductions included goats, chamois, thar, and half a dozen species of deer. Pigs and deer (of several species) can be hunted on the Treetops Estate, and if your main goal is a magnificent rack of antlers acquired in record time, this may be all

However, if you want a true wilderness experience our hunting guides can take you by helicopter deep into the heart of the Urewera Mountains where your day's hunting will be an experience of a lifetime. An added

attraction to hunting in New Zealand is that in this country these introduced mammals are now regarded as pests so your hunting of them is considered a benefit to the country.





SALT-WATER FISHING

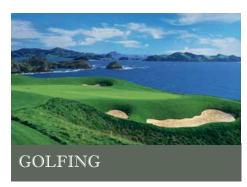
Big game fishing got off to a rather slow start in New Zealand. Indeed, it was not until the American writer Zane Grey visited the country in the early 1920s, then wrote a best-selling book about his exploits – Tales of the Angler's Eldorado, New Zealand, published in 1926 – that the sport as we know it today really got started.

Most big game fishing occurs of the eastern coast of the North Island, from Hawke Bay north-wards to the Bay of Islands. The Bay of Plenty is in the centre of this zone. During the late summer pelagic fish such as swordfish, blue, black and striped marlin, can be caught. The Bay of Plenty is considered to be the yellowfin tuna capital of the world while if you fancy fishing for shark, Hawke Bay is where these fish, especially the make shark, are most common.

While you are welcome to catch your fish for eating or mounting, New Zealand also encourages an active "tag and release" programme, and many anglers prefer this form of the sport today.

Away from the game-fishing season there is still no shortage of fish to be had. Around White Island the fisherman will encounter terakihi, ling, huge bass, hapuka and feisty kingfish – a great challenge for the angler. Further inshore, you will catch not only terakihi and kingfish but also snapper, kahawai, gurnard and john dory

Whatever the time of year, and whatever your salt-water fishing preference, our fishing guides will be able to arrange boat charter and equipment to meet your needs.



Golf is one of New Zealand's most popular sports, and one in which we excel. Indeed many of the country's top golfers hail from Rotorua itself. It is not surprising, therefore that this country boasts some of the world's best golf courses as well as hundreds of others that can provide a pleasant day's activity. From Treetops both levels of course are easily

Whakarewarewa Golf Course, home of the Rotorua Golf Club, is the closest course to Treetops being only 15 minutes drive away on the outskirts of Rotorua town. The 18-hole course has a length of 5562 metres for men and 5170 for women. Situated within a long drive of the famous Pohutu Geyser, it is located on the same geothermal field, and several steaming lakes are among its more unusual hazards!

Wairakei International Golf Course was rated in the top 100 in the world outside of the USA by the US Golf Digest in 2005. This beautiful 18 hole, par 72 course is situated next to State Highway 1 about one hour's drive south of Treetops, or 15 minutes by belicoster. minutes by helicopter.

The course is 6444 metres long and lies on 450 acres of rolling countryside. Opened in 1970, it was designed by leading English golf course designers Commander John Harris and Michael Wolveridge, and Australian champion golfer Peter Thomson. Green fees vary from \$100.00 for a New Zealand registered golfer, through \$150.00 for other registered golfers, to \$200.00 for a non-registered golfer.

Cape Kidnappers Golf Course is situated at the southern tip Cape Kidnappers Goir Course is situated at the southern tip of Hawke's Bay. From Treetops it can be accessed either by helicopter – a journey of about one hour – or by chauffeur-driven car – a drive of about 3 ½ hours. This stunning course is one of only two in New Zealand listed in the Golf Digest Top 50 in the World.

The views from the course are breathtaking, for the links are situated above dramatic cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The course is par 71 and 6400 metres long. It was designed by American award-winning designer, Tom Doak, who has said of the Cape Kidnappers course, "enjoy your game and enjoy the setting... you may never play golf somewhere like this again." Green fees range from \$180.00 for New Zealand residents during the winter to \$400.00 for overseas visitors at all times



WINE TASTING

New Zealand has a long history of wine growing, dating back a century to the arrival of vintners as immigrants from central Europe. The first vineyards were created north-west of Auckland but today, while some of the longest-established wineries still but today, while some of the longest-established wineries stirl maintain a presence in the area, the major wine-growing regions of the country are mostly further south – from Gisborne to the southern South Island. Of these regions the wine-growing areas of Auckland, Gisborne and Hawke's Bay are within easy reach of Treetops by helicopter. Most of the vineyards are open to the public, many serving food as accompaniment to their own wine, and a day spent wine tasting would well-reward the connoisseur.

It would be an impossible task to list the individual merits of the various wineries here. Suffice it to say that not only do many New Zealand vineyards enjoy an international reputation and produce wines that are among the best in the world but also that many of the best - eq, Craggy Range, Te Mata, Sileni - can be accessed from Treetops. However, a few pointers may serve





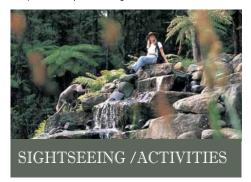




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to direct you to some of the speciality winemakers. For port and sherry enthusiasts a trip to the tiny west Auckland based, family-owned vineyard of Mazuran's is a must. A deliberate policy of not growing too large means that, even within New Zealand their world gold-medal-winning fortified wines are not well known or widely available.

New Zealand is the home of some excellent champagne-style wines. While several vineyards produce a sparkling wine, the winery of one of the best known, Lindauer, is to be found at the McDonalds (Montana) Winery on the outskirts of Napier in Hawke's Bay. And, for anyone with an appreciation of fine cider, the Gisborne region is home to the gold-medal-winning cider, which is exported throughout the world.



Hiking

Hiking, or 'tramping' as it is known in New Zealand is a popular pastime and one that can be enjoyed on many levels from Treetops. Simply walk out the door and you are at the trailhead of over 50km of walking tracks through the forest of the estate. Walks vary in length from a few minutes to several hours, and in difficulty from an easy stroll to considerably more strenuous. There is native forest galore, spectacular views, and one of the most picturesque waterfalls in New Zealand. See our dedicated walking guide for more details.

Should you feel like venturing further afield, a number of beautiful walking tracks are located in the forest bordering the Rotorua lakes of which the ring track around **Blue Lake**, and the **Eastern Okataina Walkway** can be particularly recommended. Then there is the loop track within the **Whirinaki Forest**, one of the few undisturbed remnants of lowland rainforest left in New Zealand, where you will be awed by the cathedral-like majesty of the trees. Alternatively, you can thrill to the sight of an entire river bursting out of a cliff face at Tarawera Falls. face at Tarawera Falls.

Tongariro National Park - two hours drive away. Starting at the Whakapapa Visitors' Centre, a number of walks lasting anything from a couple of hours to a full day take you through alpine beech forest and open tussock country to waterfalls and lakes. Or you may wish to undertake the famous Tongariro Crossing. To do so you will need to arrange for transport, since the walk is one way, and you have to be dropped off and collected. The track begins in the Mangatepop Valley, which is followed to its head, with mighty Mount Ngauruhoe looming on the right. A steep climb brings you to the crater rim of Mt Tongariro. Crossing the crater, a wide expanse of scoria and lava flows, and skirting round Red Crater and Blue Lake, you emerge on the northern slopes of the mountain at Ketetahi Hot Springs. From here you descend back below the tree line Hot Springs. From here you descend back below the tree line to eventually reach the carpark some eight hours after setting out. The mountaintop sections of the track are snow-covered in winter, and recommended only for experienced alpine hikers.



Skiing

If your visit to Treetops is during the winter months, you may wish to go skiing on Mt Ruapehu. A helicopter can have you wish to go skiing on Mt Ruapehu. A helicopter can have you on the snow in about half an hour, or you can drive there in about two hours. Two ski resorts located on the mountain make this the largest skiffield in New Zealand. Equipment can be hired at either, and ski lessons (from beginners through to advanced masters) arranged. The slopes vary from easy beginner's slopes to considerably more technical ones for the experienced skier. The ski season generally commences in June and continues as long as there is a sufficient snow base – at least as late as Orthore least as late as October.



Caving

One of the natural wonders of New Zealand are glow-worms. In reality the larvae of midges, the glow-worms live on damp banks and overhangs where their tiny lights form extraordinary star-like constellations at night. Such a bank can be seen within a couple of minutes walk of the back door of Treetops. Imagine what the effect must be when the entire roof of a vast subterranean cavern is festooned with their lights. It is a sight that can be seen in the many caves of the Waitomo region, about 1 1/2 hours drive from Treetops.

The caving experience can be tailored to suit your abilities from a leisurely glide on a boat through wide caverns to an exhilarating 'black water rafting' experience, when, clad in a wet suit and with a rubber inner tube gripped firmly in hand, you will be tumbled along some of the faster underground streams of the area.



Mountain biking

The Rotorua region is one of the world's great mountain biking destinations. The Whakarewarewa Forest, only 15 minutes drive from Treetops, has over 300km of dedicated mountain bike tracks, varying in difficulty from beginner's tracks to trails only the highly skilled or the totally crazy would attempt!

Bikes can be hired, and guided trips organized from the mountain bike car park. Alternatively, several of the trails on the Treetops Estate are bikable, and the lodge has a number of mountain bikes for the use of guests.



Maori culture

Rotorua is the spiritual home of the Maori. If you wish to learn about the indigenous people of New Zealand, you will find no better place to do so. A number of Maori cultural experiences are available ranging from one-hour shows of song and dance to complete evenings. You can watch Maori carving and weaving in practise at the Te Puia Cultural Centre. And many shops, both at tourist centres such as Te Puia and in town, offer a wide range of Maori arts and crafts, ranging from the traditional to

If you have the time and inclination, a visit to Ohinemutu, on the Rotorua lake edge is worth the effort. This is the site of the original Maori settlement of the region, and is still the centre of the Te Arawa tribe. Wharenui (carved meeting houses) are around every corner, while boiling springs (the reason why the Maori originally chose the site for a settlement) bubble at the road side and in private gardens. St Faith's Church, with its extensive Maori carving is also well worth a visit.

You can experience the Maori culture by yourself, or arrange a personal tour with a Maori Chief as your guide to this fascinating living culture. Or, for a more "hands on" experience a master carver from the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute at Te Puia will take you on a tour, and give you a lesson in this art.



Sun and surf

Some of the most beautiful beaches in New Zealand can be Some of the most beautiful beaches in New Zealand can be found on the Coromandel Peninsula, about two hours drive from Treetops. Even closer (only an hour) are the vast ocean beaches of the Bay of Plenty, stretching in an almost unbroken swathe of sand from Waihi in the east to Whakatane in the west. Visit the popular surf beach at Mt Maunganui, and join the crowds on the sand or in the restaurants that back the beach, or choose a more secluded spot and have miles of beach to yourself. Surf board hire and surf schools are available in several locations for those who wish to try this exciting sport.



Sight seeing

The list of places in the Rotorua area worth visiting simply to look and marvel is almost endless. The Treetops Estate itself is your own private paradise, with its sparkling streams, spectacular waterfall, and magnificent views. Further afield there are the numerous geothermal areas, where well-formed paths enable numerous geotnermal areas, where well-formed paths enable you to walk safely among steaming mudpools, boiling springs, bubbling geysers and silica terraces of extraordinary colour and variety. In complete contrast are the many beautiful, forest-girt lakes of the region. You may wish to thrill to the sight of Huka Falls, about an hour's drive away, where the entire Waikato River – the largest river in New Zealand – thunders through a narrow gorge before plunging over a 9-metre waterfall.

Or visit the towering volcanoes of Tongariro National Park – the highest mountains in the North Island – or take a helicopter to White Island for a visit to an active volcano – an experience you'll never forget.

If wildlife is your thing, perhaps you'd like to go on a dolphin safari in the Bay of Plenty. Or visit the kiwi breeding facility at Kiwi Encounter; marvel at the ancient tuatara, and cheeky kaka and kea parrots at Rainbow Springs; or watch the rare New Zealand falcon in flight at the Wingspan falconry centre.



The list goes on...

We have not even touched on many of the things you can do in this extraordinary area:

- Rotorua Museum or the Arts Village
- Lion touching (no, we're not joking) Bungy jumping Zorbing
- Farm shows
- Luging Thermal baths
- Go-karting
- KayakingRafting

For adults or children, old or young, golfers or skiers fishermen or bikers, we are confident that you will find something to your liking within a day trip of Treetops Lodge and Estate.













LOCATIONS

Mayor and White Islands

Named by Captain Cook in 1769, "Mayor" because he saw it on Lord Mayor's Day (November 3), "White" because "so it always appeared to us", these two volcanic islands form the northern margin of the Bay of Plenty. Mayor Island is a collapsed volcanic cone, the rugged skyline being simply a rim of hills around a wide "caldera" in the centre. Once a popular big game fishing resort, since 1993 the island has been the hub of the Tuhua Reserve, providing protection for both the wildlife on the island and the fish in the surrounding sea. "Tuhua", the Maori name for the island is also the name for obsidian, the so-called volcanic glass, which is common on the island and was highly prized by the Maori in pre-European times.

Mayor Island has been dormant for over 6,000 years, in marked contrast to its close neighbour White Island, the most active volcano in New Zealand. White Island (actually just the crater rim of a 700 metre high volcano) is in an almost constant state of mild eruption, and many believe (wrongly) that its name refers to the steam cloud that usually towers above it. In fact it seems Cook saw it during a quiescent phase, and the "white" moniker refers, perhaps, to the gannet colonies nesting on the island. With more violent eruptions every few years, the island is continuously monitored by vulcanologists.

The waters around both islands are renowned fishing and scuba diving localities. White Island is 35 minutes by helicopter from Treetops, or about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours by boat from Whakatane.

Bay of Plenty

Well named by Captain Cook, although he was referring to the coast rather than the sea, the waters of this huge bay afford some of the best game fishing in New Zealand. Game fishing boats can be chartered from either Tauranga or Whakatane, for an unforgettable day's fishing. Surf casting from one of the endless white sand beaches that gird the bay is also popular, while for the non-fisherman there is surfing, sunbathing, or day trips from Whakatane to White Island and the opportunity to spot dolphins or even large whales.

East Coast

From East Cape to Hawke Bay (or "Hawke's Bay", the name still used for the surrounding land given in 1769 by Captain Cook in honour of Edward Hawke, first Lord of the Admiralty) is a game fisherman's paradise. Fishing boats can be chartered from either Gisborne or Napier.

Te Urewera

The Urewera mountain range, thickly carpeted in primeval forest, is one of the great wilderness areas of New Zealand. Much of it is protected in Te Urewera National Park, including beautiful Lake Waikaremoana (= "sparkling waters"), site of some of the best bush hiking in New Zealand. Hunting for other and pigs is popular throughout the area, even within the boundaries of the national park since, as introduced animals, they do not attract the protection extended to native species. The fishing in rivers and lakes is superb. From Treetops the area is best accessed by helicopter, a trip of about one hour.

Cape Kidnappers

The cape was named by Captain Cook when his Tahitian cabin boy was kidnapped by local Maori who thought him (wrongly as it turned out) to be in need of liberating. The cabin boy in turn liberated himself, and swam back to Cook's ship! Cape Kidnappers is the site not only of the largest gannet colony in New Zealand, but also of one of the best golf courses in the world. The Cape Kidnappers Golf Course runs along the cliff tops, affording panoramic views over the Pacific Ocean and the bay. The golf and the gannets can be accessed by helicopter or car from Treetops, and a visit can be combined with one to the Hawke's Bay vineyards.

Hawke's Bay and Napier

One of the premiere wine-growing regions of New Zealand, Hawke's Bay boasts almost forty of the country's best wineries. Many of these are open to the public for wine tasting and meals. Napier itself is a magnet for Art Deco enthusiasts from throughout the world. The original town was almost completely destroyed in 1931 by a massive earthquake and subsequent fire. Rebuilt in only a few years at the height of the Art Deco craze, the town today is a living showcase of the style, and hosts an annual Art Deco weekend every summer.

Gisborne

New Zealand's third largest wine-growing region is also its most remote. More than a dozen vineyards produce some of the country's best wine, and the area is also home to award-winning cider.

Ruapehu

Towering to 2797 metres, Ruapehu is the highest mountain in the North Island. It is an active volcano that erupted in the mid 1900s (leading to the deaths of over 150 people) and again in the 1990s. Contrasting with this violent heritage, Ruapehu is also the North Island's winter playground, boasting the biggest skifeld in New Zealand, and numerous walking tracks on the lower slopes.



Tongariro

Tongariro is the name of a mountain, a National Park, and one of the best trout rivers in the country. Tongariro National Park encompasses not only this mountain but also the neighbouring volcanoes of Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu. It can claim the distinction of being the fourth oldest National Park in the world, coming into being in 1887, only a few years after Yellowstone in the USA.

Ngauruhoe is the most active mainland volcano in New Zealand, having erupted over 60 times since 1839, although it has been dormant since 1975.

Tongariro is the location of the famous Tongariro Crossing track, one of New Zealand's Great Walks. Hikers start in the foothills of Mt Ngauruhoe, then, over the course of an energetic day, climb to the summit craters of Mt Tongariro, passing steaming vents and volcanic lakes, before descending down the far side. The views are incomparable but be warned: the weather can be fickle and temperatures can fall rapidly; if planning on making the crossing, check weather forecasts and be prepared.

The Tongariro River, like several other smaller rivers flowing into Lake Taupo, is a fly fisherman's paradise! Trout are not native to New Zealand, and a trout hatchery ensures the rivers and the lake remain well-stocked. Turangi township, at the mouth of the river, styles itself, with some justification, the trout capital of the world.

Lake Taupo

Approximately 30 km across, Taupo is New Zealand's largest lake, and one of its deepest. Like most of the geographic features of this part of New Zealand, it is the result of volcanic activity, being composed of a number of vast overlapping craters (or, more accurately, 'calderas'). Its crystal-clear waters provide excellent trout fishing, and the lake is also popular for swimming, and boating.

Rotorua

Officially the name of a lake (Roto = lake, rua = basin, a reference to the approximately circular valley in which the lake lies. This lake, like most of the others in the area was named about 700 years ago by the first Maori chief to penetrate to the centre of the North Island), Rotorua is also the name of the major town in the area, and of the entire "lake district" region.

Lake Rotorua boasts the highest catch rate for rainbow trout in the world. Lakes Rotoiti, Okataina and Tarawera are not far behind. Several of the larger lakes are popular for boating, while some of the smaller ones, such as Blue Lake, are used chiefly for swimming and water sports.

The Rotorua region is New Zealand's Maori cultural centre, with many opportunities to experience the unique culture and buy authentic souvenirs. It is also the hub of the Volcanic Plateau, and as such is surrounded by a number of extraordinary geothermal features, including geysers, mud pools, crystal clear geothermal springs, and geothermal baths ranging from public pools to secret hot streams meandering through the forest.

Last but not least, the immediate vicinity of Rotorua Township boasts a quite extraordinary number of golf courses!

Tarawera

Lake Tarawera is one of the most beautiful lakes in the area, a Mecca for fishermen and boaties alike, its crystal-clear waters overshadowed by the imposing bulk of Mount Tarawera. Fishing Lake Tarawera is a must for any serious fisherman, and the lake also offers boat cruises, water skiing, and kayaking. A special feature is Hot Water Beach (reachable only by boat or helicopter) in the shadow of the mountain, where a series of geothermal springs behind the beach and even beneath the sand ensure you can bathe in warm water, even in the depth of winter. For the energetic the Vanishing River Walk is fascinating. Follow the crystal clear waters of the Tarawera River (be sure to take swimming costumes and towels if the weather is hot: the swimming holes of the river can be very tempting!) but slowly, over the 1 ½ hour walk, the river vanishes, only to emerge from a cavern in a cliff at the spectacular Tarawera Falls.

Mount Tarawera was the source of the most violent eruption in New Zealand in historical times when it erupted in 1886. Today it is dormant once more and guided 4-wheel vehicle drives to the summit can be arranged.



TROUT FISHING

New Zealand is one of the world's premiere trout-fishing locations so it comes as a surprise (even to some New Zealanders) to learn that the trout is an introduced species to this country. New Zealand did have a native freshwater sports fish – the Grayling, regarded as good angling and excellent eating – but it became extinct soon after the introduction of the Brown Trout.

Brown and Rainbow Trout were introduced from Europe and North America respectively in the late 1800s. Having left most of their diseases and all their predators behind them, they have thrived in this country wherever conditions are suitable, while trout hatcheries ensure that even more marginal habitats remain stocked to capacity.



Brown Trout are the major trout of the rivers and streams of this country, while Rainbow Trout predominate all the lakes of the region save Rotorua and Rotoiti, both of which contain mixed populations.

The Treetops Estate itself boasts a number of tranquil trout pools and gurgling trout streams. Alternatively our experienced guides can take you further afield, by 4-wheel-drive or helicopter, for one day or for several days, to the lakes or to trout streams set deep in the wilderness that only they know about. See our dedicated trout-fishing brochure for further details.

And if you've ever wondered...

Have you ever wondered how a top quality fishing rod is made? Quite probably not, but now that we mention it... Well wonder no more. Rotorua is home to one of the world's top fishing rod brands, and a visit to their factory can be arranged to see how a modern fishing rod is made, assembled and tested.

Fly Fishing the New Zealand Way

In the Nineteenth Century settlers from Britain brought a tradition of fly-fishing with them to New Zealand. However, they soon ran into problems. In the 'home country', fly fishing was the pursuit of the wealthy, a fact reflected in the complexity of the flies which required not only a master craftsman to make them, but also the resources of the British Empire to furnish the raw materials. In egalitarian New Zealand, fly-fishing was open to anyone, but neither the expertise nor the materials to make the flies were readily available while the cost of Britishmade flies was prohibitive. The result was the development of a home-grown tradition of making uniquely New Zealand flies; a tradition that has continued to the present day.





















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AROUND AND ABOUT ROTORUA

The secluded, half-moon valley of Treetops nestles on the very edge of the Mamaku Plateau, in the heart of one of the most picturesque and remarkable areas in New Zealand. Over a dozen lakes lie amongst rugged hills, cloaked in primeval forest, while less than an hour's drive away is Lake Taupo, the largest lake in New Zealand. At a somewhat greater distance is remote Lake Waikaremoana, best reached by helicopter for the drive is long and tortuous. Scattered throughout the region are not only some of the most spectacular geothermal features to be seen anywhere in the world, but also an impressive array of volcanoes – extinct and active!

As if all this were not enough the area is also a centre for Maori, the original inhabitants of the land, who's intricately carved marae (meeting house complexes) are frequently seen. Then there is the fishing, the hunting, the golf, the vineyards, the skiing, the walking... In fact the region probably offers more for the day-tripper than anywhere else in New Zealand; indeed quite possibly than anywhere else in the world!

