

# ROTORUA



**Rotorua's Māori heritage and unique geothermal landscape make it one of the most memorable conference and event locations in the world. One of New Zealand's premier tourist spots, its geysers and thermal spas, lakes and forests, adrenaline activities, and Māori cultural experiences are a major drawcard for visitors seeking adventure and rejuvenation. With a wide selection of venues and thousands of rooms in everything from luxury lodges to accessible central city hotels, Rotorua is hard to beat for business event organisers.**

## ACCESS

Rotorua Airport is served by Air New Zealand and is a gateway to the central North Island regions. It receives regular daily flights from Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch. Visitors flying directly to Rotorua will land at Rotorua Airport, 8 km drive from the centre of the city. Most will then travel the short distance into Rotorua by taxi or coach, or, for something a little different, stretch limousines or other prestige cars can be arranged.

## VENUES

Rotorua has a variety of flexible meeting and event venues that make the most of the district's stunning natural environment, from purpose-built venues on the edge of Lake Rotorua, to mountaintop options accessible by gondola. Guests can enjoy a unique, open-air setting surrounded by Redwood trees, or a function space with views across a dramatic landscape of steam and geysers.

The city's largest venue is the modern Energy Events Centre. Located on the edge of Lake Rotorua within the manicured and picturesque Government Gardens, the large 8,255 sqm centre incorporates 10 separate spaces ideal for conferences, exhibitions, and award dinners. The venue can accommodate 2,600 delegates for a seated banquet, or 4,000 people theatre-style. Skyline Rotorua, perched on top of Mount Ngongotahā, can accommodate up to 350 guests for a banquet dinner or 1,000 guests for a cocktail function. At the Sir Howard Morrison Centre, the Sir Owen Glenn Theatre offers a modern tiered theatre for 950 people.

Many of Rotorua's quality 4.5-star hotels can provide conference space for up to 500 delegates and can cater to a diverse range of event configurations.

## ACCOMMODATION

With more than 4,000 rooms and 14,000 beds on offer in the wider region, it's easy for business and incentive travellers to find accommodation to suit their tastes in Rotorua. Lakeside, bush, and rural luxury retreats nestle in secluded spots, while 13 accessible hotels provide convenient bases for delegates who want to be located centrally.

## GETTING AROUND

Central Rotorua is easy to explore on foot. Luxury coaches are also available, or for a convenient small-group option, catch a taxi or shuttle.



Skyline Restaurant

## MEMORABLE INCENTIVE OPTIONS

**BE REJUVENATED** in Rotorua's hot mineral waters. Unwind at the acclaimed Polynesian Spa, renowned as one of the world's top ten day spas. Indulge in the luxurious Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa or immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Hell's Gate Geothermal Reserve and Mud Spa. Explore the bubbling mud-pools and geysers of Rotorua's geothermal parks.

**GET ADVENTUROUS** with an array of adrenaline-pumping activities, from diving into ZORB and rolling down steep slopes in a large transparent ball, to feeling the rush of jet boating or white-water rafting. Take your adventure to new heights with ziplining experiences offered by Rotorua Canopy Tours and Rotorua Ziplines, soaring above lush forests and cascading waterfalls.

**MEET** the local Māori people and experience the manaakitanga (hospitality) of our Indigenous people. Learn about our culture, traditions, and beliefs. Welcome your delegates with a pōhiri (traditional welcoming ceremony), learn to dance with poi or perform the haka, or feast on a traditional hāngi.

**START** your day in the forest with Off Road NZ. Go on a 4WD Bush Safari, race 390cc 4-stroke karts or experience the Monster 4X4 Thrill Ride.

**BE EXHILARATED** on a sightseeing tour with scenic flights for those that want to explore Rotorua's unique geothermal landscape from the air.

**ENJOY** a leisurely cruise on Lake Rotoiti on and take a soak in natural hot pools only accessible by boat.

## PRE AND POST TOURING OPTIONS

**VISIT** Hobbiton™ Movie Set in Matamata where scenes from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit were filmed. Take a guided tour to see the famous Hobbit Holes before relaxing with a drink at The Green Dragon Inn.

**TRAVEL** to world heritage site Tongariro National Park. Visit volcanic Mount Ruapehu during winter to enjoy skiing and snow sports at Whakapapa and Turoa ski fields. In the summer, walk the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, an eight-hour 19km walk, named as one of the top ten walks in the world.

**MARVEL** at glowworms and ancient stalactite and stalagmite formations in the Waitomo Caves in Waikato, north of Rotorua. Walking, abseiling, rock-climbing and underground 'black water rafting' tours are available.

**TEE OFF** at one of several world-famous golf courses south of Rotorua, near Taupō - one of the golfing meccas of New Zealand.

**LINGER** over a sumptuous lunch at a winery restaurant or follow the wine trail to more than 35 cellar doors to sample award-winning wine in Hawke's Bay, south-east of Rotorua.

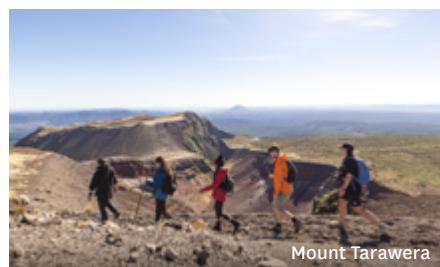
**TRY YOUR HAND** at fly fishing for brown trout and rainbow trout in unspoilt rivers within a short travelling distance of Rotorua.



Katoa Jet



Wai Ariki Hot Springs & Spa



Mount Tarawera



Te Pā Tū



Waimangu Volcanic Valley



Te Puia