Nestled on the banks of the mighty Waikato River, this region’s natural assets range from the glowworm caves at Waitomo to the rugged beaches of Raglan and the international gardens of Hamilton. Add the best of culture, sport and The Hobbiton™ Movie Set for a magical visit.

**DAY ONE**

**Explore by air** Start the day with a magical balloon ride and enjoy a glass of bubbles while the stunning scenery of Hamilton and the Waikato unfolds below you. Alternatively, take a scenic helicopter flight over Middle-earth or the beautiful, rugged west coast beaches.

**In the seat or the saddle** Enjoy the race action at Hampton Downs Motorsport Park with its full calendar of events. Alternatively, buckle up and try out the skid pan or experience a few exhilarating laps behind the wheel in a variety of supercars. For those who prefer cars of a more classic persuasion, Classics Museum encompasses beautifully preserved and restored automobiles as well as the Jukebox Diner, a themed eatery offering the complete 1950s experience. Groups that prefer horses to horsepower can opt for the region’s training establishment and stud tours. With a long-standing and illustrious history of thoroughbred racing and equestrian champions, they offer a wonderful behind-the-scenes look at the equine industry.

**Heritage lunch** Stop for lunch at the picturesque Ag Heritage Village, a stunning setting for a themed dining experience and a trip down memory lane. This collection of restored pioneer buildings is situated at Mystery Creek, home to the largest agricultural trade show in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Nature meets culture** As this region is home to the Māori King and cloaked by centuries of heritage, experience culture firsthand with a Māori powhiri (welcome) in the picturesque surrounds of Claudelands Park. Finish the day with dinner under the stars or a spectacular dining experience in one of the many onsite venues, including the impressive Claudelands Arena and the elegant Grandstand.
DAY TWO

**Underground adventures** Waitomo offers an underground playground like no other. Take an awe-inspiring walk and magical boat ride beneath a canopy of thousands of glowworms at the famous Glowworm Caves. If you’re feeling adventurous, try abseiling 100 metres into the Lost World or black water rafting through the caves on one of the many adventure tours on offer.

**Alfresco lunch** Marvel at the internationally renowned themed gardens at the Hamilton Gardens, located on the banks of the mighty Waikato River. Complete the experience with an alfresco lunch on the grand Medici Balcony overlooking the stunning Italian Garden. An international dine-around also works well, with the Japanese, English, American, Indian, Chinese and Italian gardens providing ready-made theming.

**Raglan sunset cruise** With its black sand beaches, world-renowned surfing, tranquil harbour and bohemian vibe, Raglan is a unique and relatively unknown slice of kiwi heaven. Explore Raglan Harbour on the *Wahine Moe*, a chartered catamaran designed for entertaining. Watch the sun set on the horizon whilst enjoying fine local cuisine or a traditional ‘kiwi feed’ of fish and chips.

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DAY THREE

**Row with the winners** Experience Waka Ama, New Zealand’s own version of outrigger canoeing, on Lake Karapiro, home of New Zealand rowing and training ground for many World and Olympic champions. Enjoy lunch on-site overlooking the stunning lake.

**Explore and relax** Take a tour of the beautiful historic town of Te Aroha, home to the world’s only hot soda water geyser. Visit the gallery of renowned local sculptor Adrian Worsley before choosing an afternoon of action or pampering. Take a spin on the Hauraki Rail Trail cycle route, or immerse yourself in the silky water of the Te Aroha Mineral Spas and enjoy a range of luxurious treatments.

**Middle-earth journey** Experience the magic of Middle-earth with a visit to The Hobbiton™ Movie Set. Take a guided tour around the picturesque set specially created for *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* films, before indulging in a dining experience like no other. The ‘Party Field’ provides a fantastic location for a market-like celebration. Themed activities are dotted around the set, Hobbit holes come to life and look-a-like movie stars set the scene, offering a world-class evening of entertainment. Finish your three-day visit with a spectacular fireworks display in the night sky above Bag End.

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