



Taupō Business Events Guide

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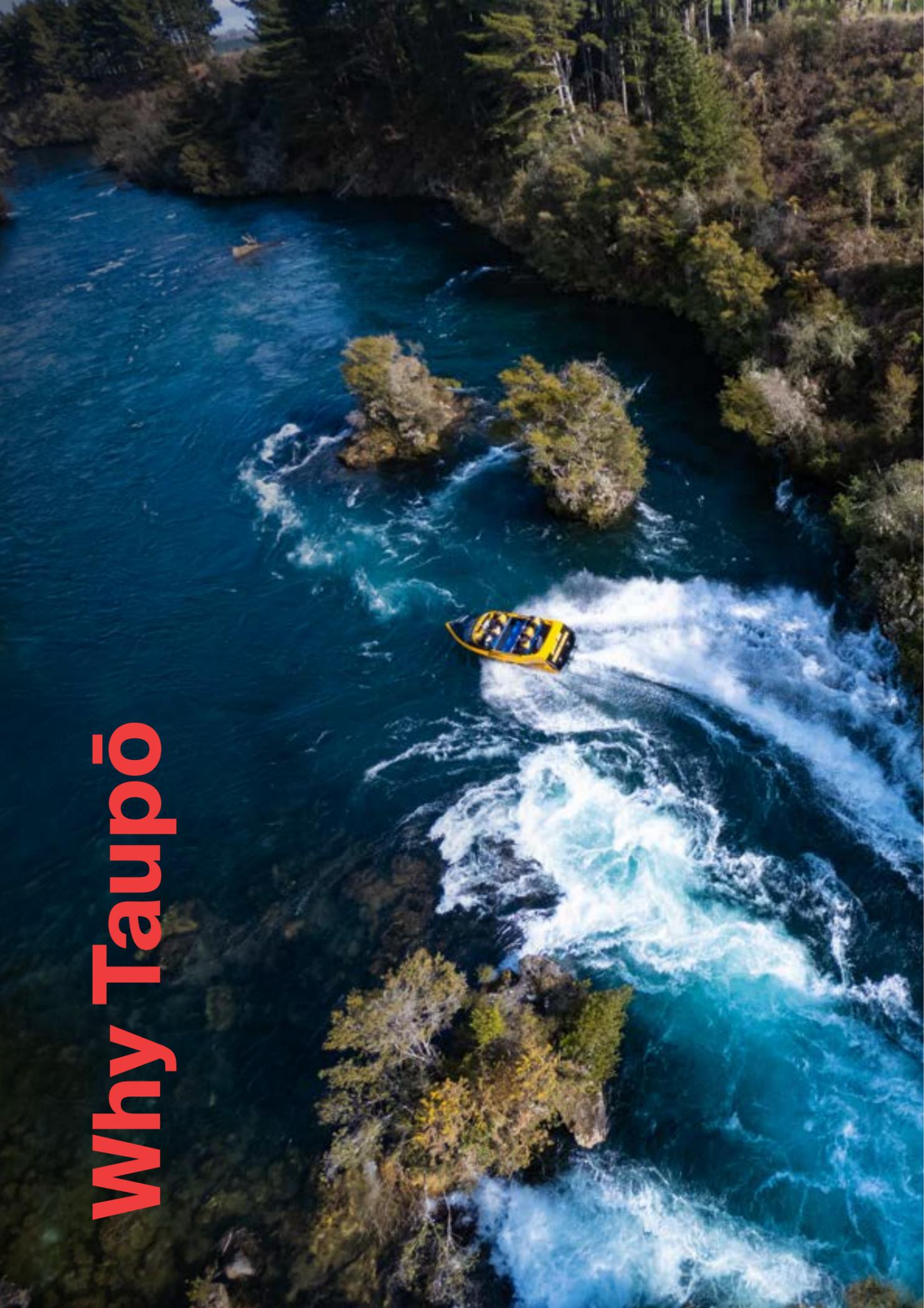


This is the Taupō region. The heart of Aotearoa New Zealand's beautiful North Island.

Natural wonders, adrenaline fuelled jets and jumps, crystal-clear lakes, leisure activities and locals that love to share our rich cultural history through experiences. There's never a shortage of things to see and do, as well as high quality venues, accommodation, eateries, and bars. Meet in the middle when you hold your next business event, and bring your colleagues to work, stay, and play, right in the heart of this place.

Your group will feel a part of our community when you visit and immerse yourselves in a region renowned for genuine and exceptional hospitality. Join the innovators, creators, and game-changers in a location that boasts one of Aotearoa's most inspiring backdrops.

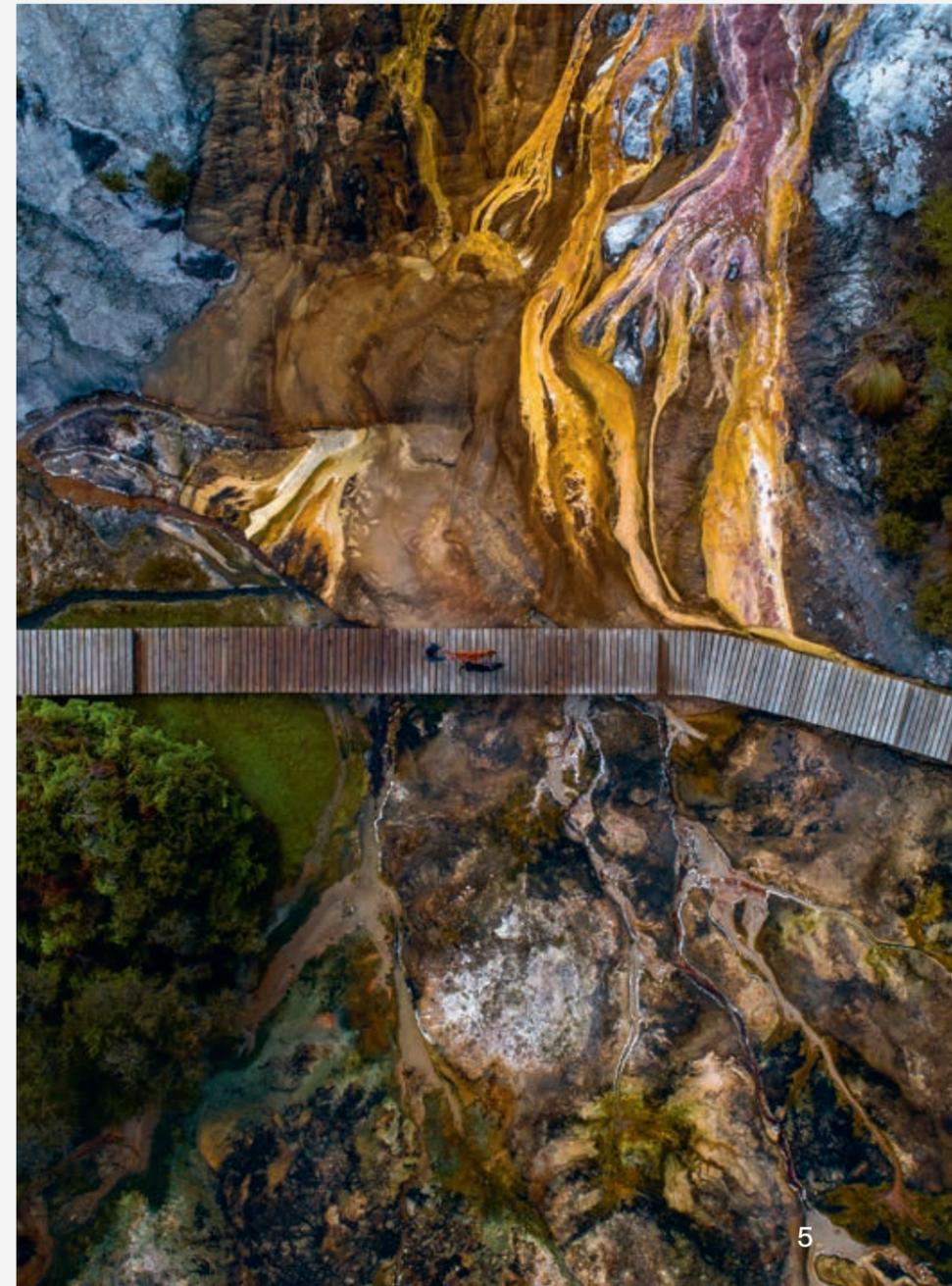
Why Taupō



Something for everyone

Rich cultural background, diverse heritage, and incredible surroundings are just some of the highlights of the region.

Taupō is a natural playground brimming with exciting activities and adventures to get the blood pumping and teams working together, along with quiet retreats that provide the ideal environment to reward and rejuvenate.





Friendly locals

Our community will welcome your group with open arms, where adventure is encouraged, and experiences cannot wait to be shared. Locals here are passionate about the region, history, and lifestyle, and will ensure your group have an unforgettable time.

Unique spaces

However big or small your event, Taupō has the capacity to make it happen – from secluded retreats, to conference facilities for up to 600. You will find a range of extraordinary locations that can be tailored to fit your unique function including boutique lodges in beautiful surroundings, contemporary meeting facilities, bespoke nature experiences, and luxury escapes.

Unforgettable escapes

Where sophistication meets fun, Taupō is the place to visit to cultivate a team culture that excites and energises. Leave the boardroom behind and inspire new solutions to old problems with loads of opportunities to get out and explore. You'll find the perfect work-life balance here with something for everyone – world-class hiking and biking trails, internationally renowned golf courses, innovative adventure activities, all located in one of the most stunning regions in New Zealand.

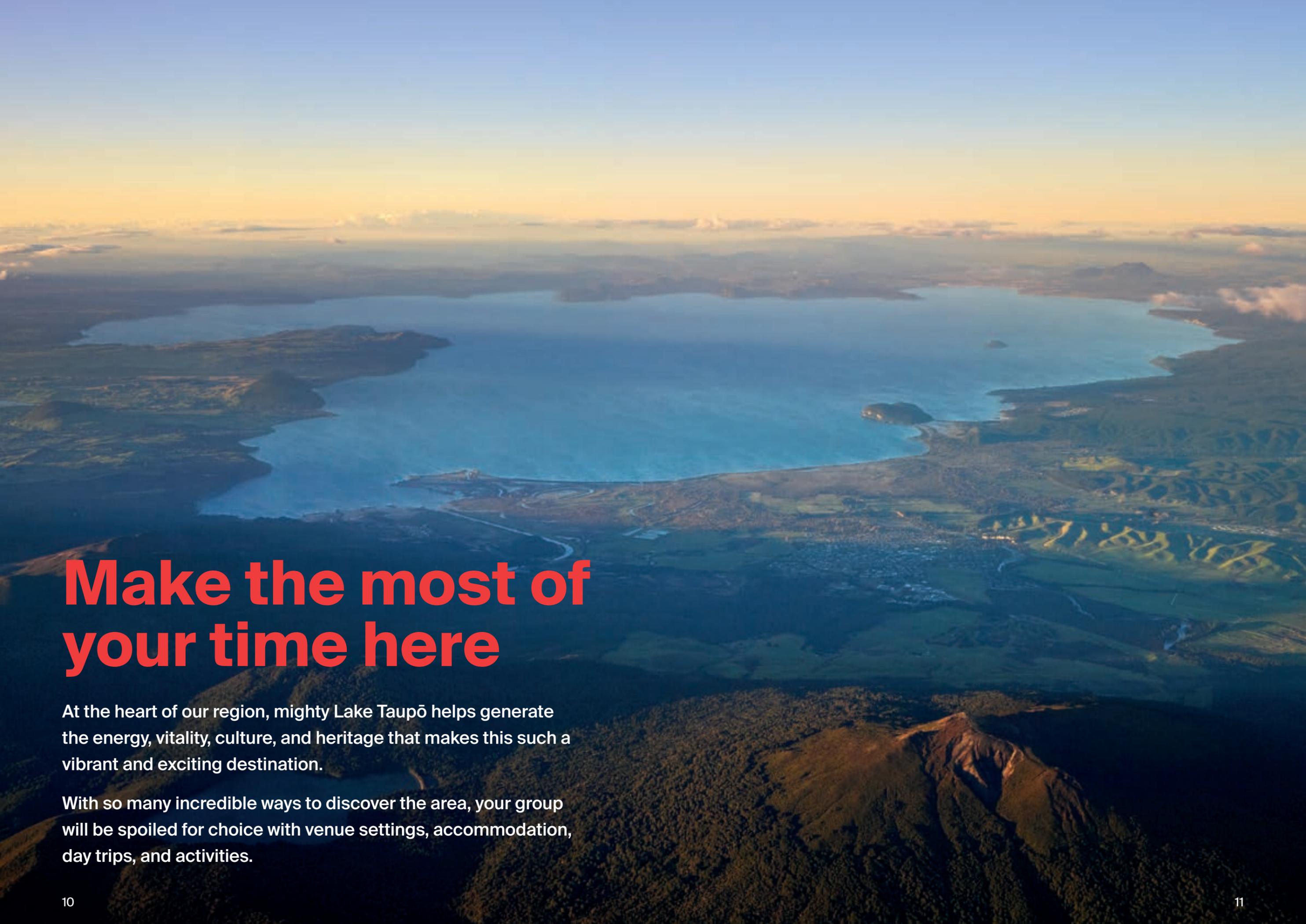


Located in the heart of NZ's North Island

Taupō's majestic terrains and sparkling waters are only a short drive or flight away from New Zealand's largest cities. Once here, your group can enjoy the stunning lake shore views, or visit some of our cultural hotspots such as Tūrangi, Tokaanu, or Rotorua (each under an hour away by car). Or shred, hike, or bike some of our best slopes and tracks in Tongariro National Park (less than 90 minutes by car). Enjoy the scenic drives and aerial views the region has to offer...

The journey here is just as impressive as the destination.



An aerial photograph of Lake Taupō, New Zealand, taken from an elevated position. The lake is a vibrant blue, surrounded by green hills and valleys. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, indicating sunset or sunrise. The foreground shows a dark, forested mountain slope.

Make the most of your time here

At the heart of our region, mighty Lake Taupō helps generate the energy, vitality, culture, and heritage that makes this such a vibrant and exciting destination.

With so many incredible ways to discover the area, your group will be spoiled for choice with venue settings, accommodation, day trips, and activities.



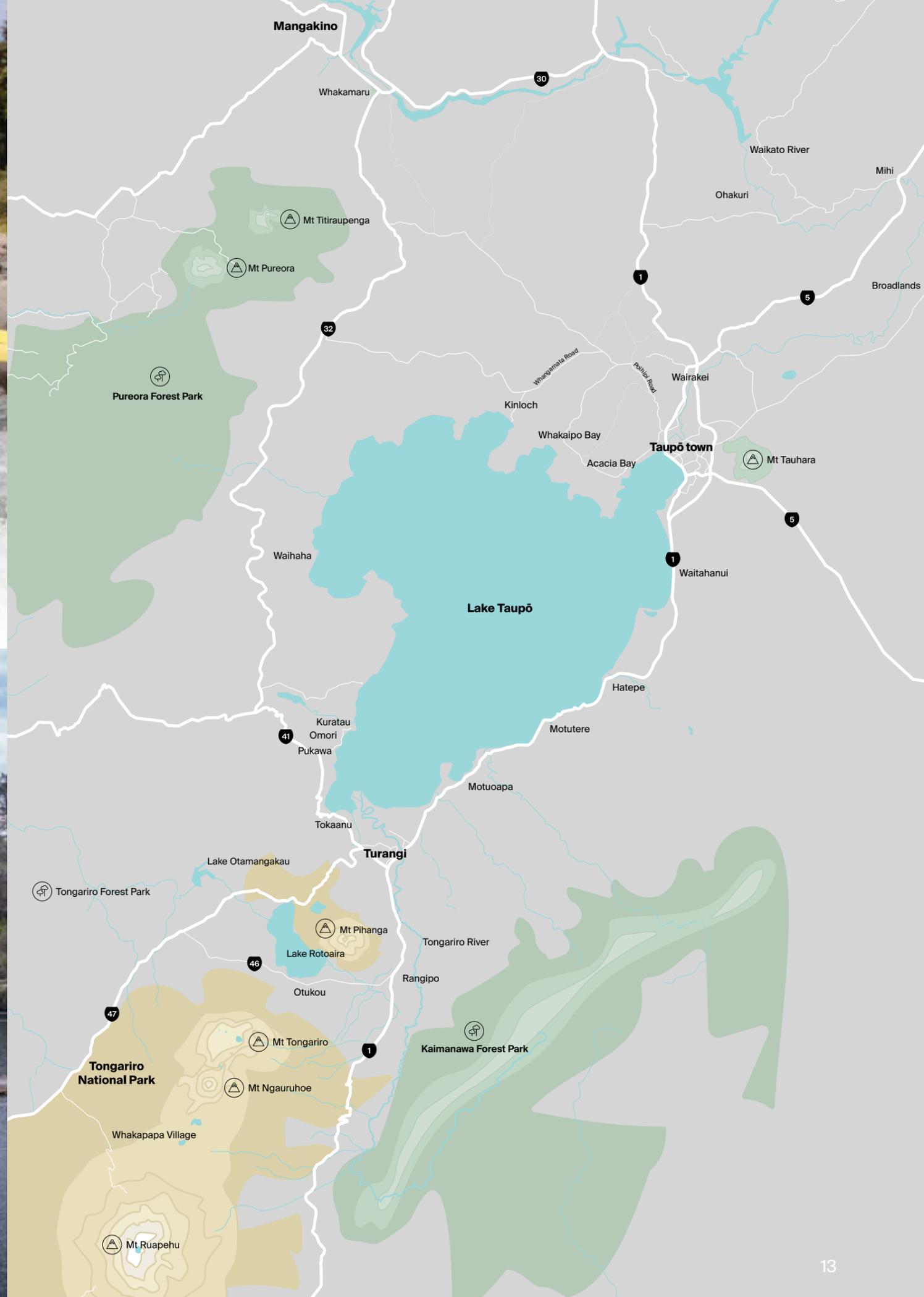
Tūrangi



Kinloch



Mangakino



When to visit

No matter what the time of year, there is plenty to see and do in the Taupō region.

Summer

December / January / February
18°C – 30°C

From the first early dawn rays to the late evening sunsets, Taupō's long summer days are filled with the promise of endless fun. The region's lakes are abuzz with boats, kayaks and swimmers. Up above skydivers sail through the clear blue skies. In the rivers, the trout are in peak condition, and ready to strike, and in the forests native trees are heavy with berries to attract birds.

Autumn

March / April / May
12°C – 25°C

In Taupō, autumn is the season to relax and indulge the senses. As the heat of summer cools into crisp mornings, warm days and star-filled nights. Lakeside walks, hikes and biking are the best way to see the spectacular autumn colours. A boat cruise is a relaxing way to admire the scenic wonders of Lake Taupō. For keen golfers, any one of the top-class golf courses offers a great day on the fairways.

Winter

June / July / August
-2°C to 15°C

As winter snow blankets the mountains and the days turn cold with azure blue skies, Taupō becomes the ultimate alpine holiday destination. Opening in July, the ski areas at Ruapehu are a dazzling playground, with slopes to suit all levels of skill. After a day on the slopes, the geothermal hot pools of Taupō and Tūrangi will quickly warm chilly bones and re-energise tired muscles.

Spring

September / October / November
8°C to 21°C

Spring weather makes for the perfect season to visit Taupō, as the first breath of warmth makes all things possible. The Ruapehu ski areas stay open later than anywhere else in Australasia, with Whakapapa open to the end of October. Thanks to the free-draining, pumice-rich soils of the region, the trails around the forests and lake are ready for hiking and biking on the mild, clear days.

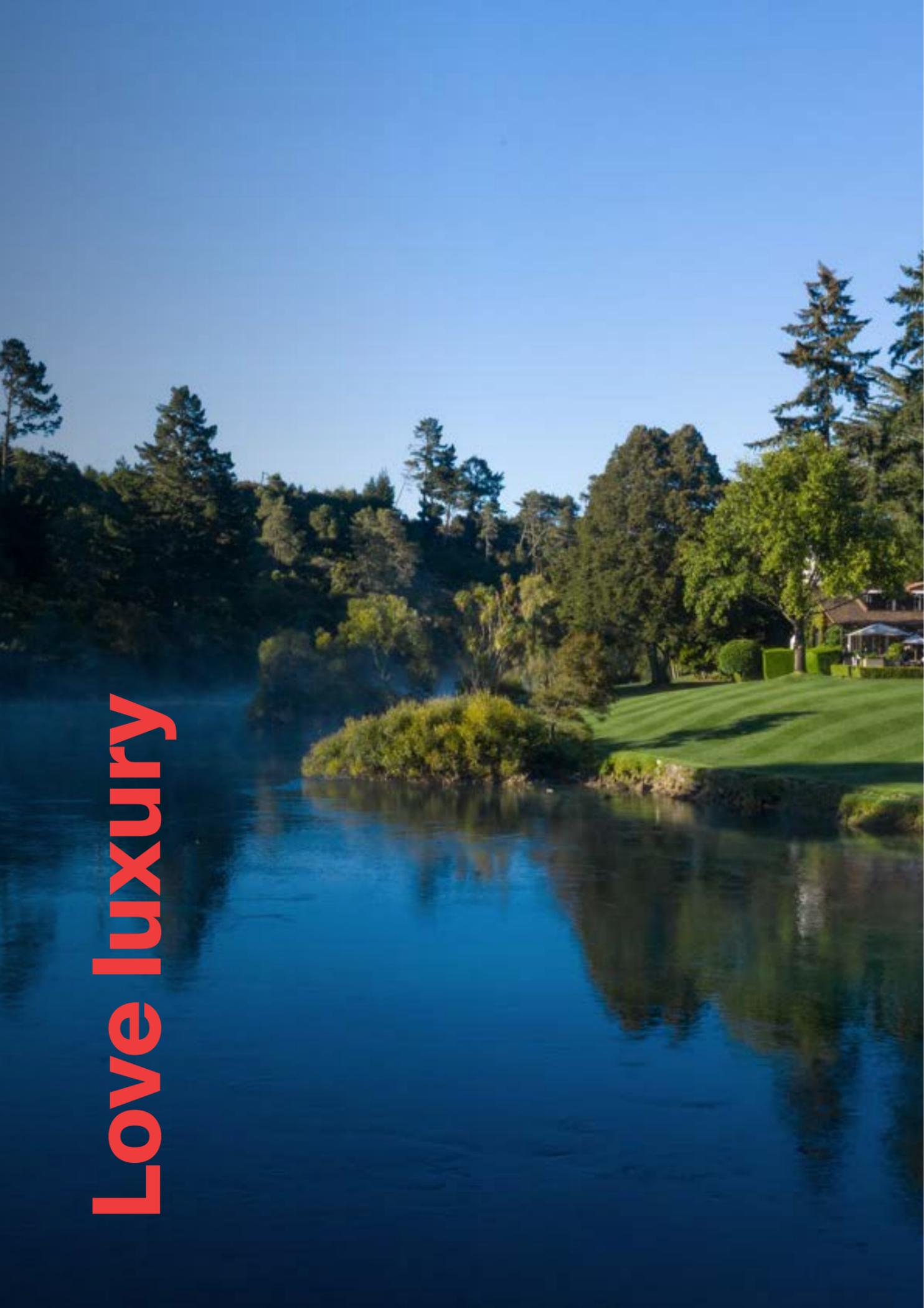




See & do

Whether you're here for business, luxurious incentive escapes, outdoor adventures, or cultural connection, Taupō is the perfect location to work, stay, reward, and recharge.

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How we can help

Destination Great Lake Taupō Business Events provides free assistance for meeting, incentive and conference planners. We make sure you're not just ticking the right boxes when planning your event, but also designing unforgettable experiences for everyone involved.

Our extensive local knowledge and business network enables organisers to streamline information, efficiently research, and plan outstanding events. We'll go the extra mile to help make your event one to remember – from intimate management retreats through to dedicated conferences.

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Site inspections & familiarisation tours

We welcome the opportunity to host you in the region to introduce yourself, your clients, or your conference committee to what the region can offer.

Bid support

Assistance and preparation when vying to host your national or international event in Taupō.

Tender support

Provide the Business Events Team with an anonymous brief on your event and we can arrange with suppliers to tender for your event.

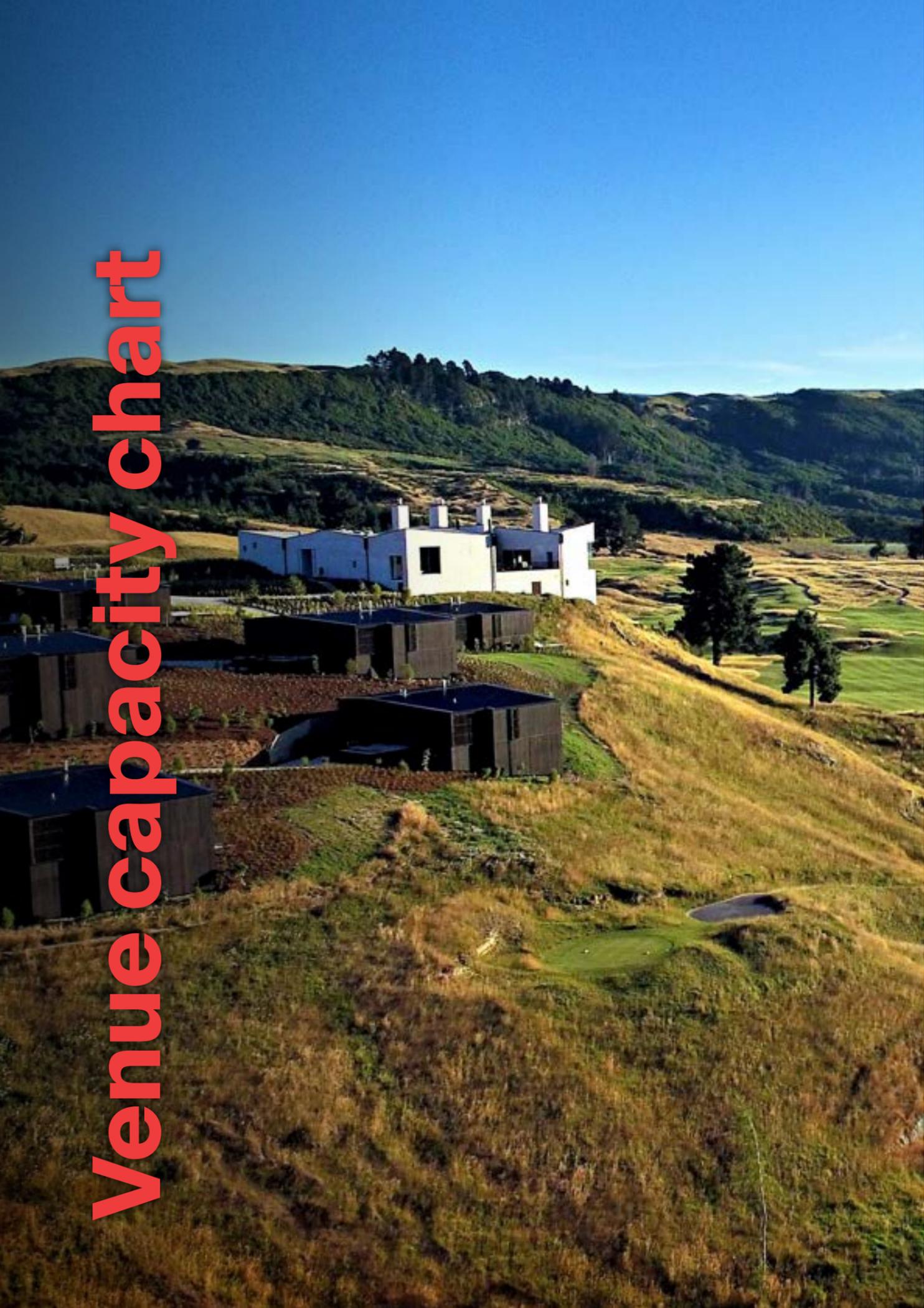
Impartial advice & planning assistance

Recommendations, support and quote assistance when planning your event. One phone call to the Taupō Business Events Team can save you hours. We have local knowledge on what will work best for your group, itinerary or event. Including pre & post touring options, partner programmes and incentive itineraries.

Promotional materials

Supply of local guides, images, videos and text for use within your event promotion, goodie bags or on-site during your event.

Venue capacity chart



Venues	Room Capacity					No. of meeting rooms	No. of acc rooms
	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom		
Wairakei Resort Taupō	700	350	500	700	75	7	187
The Great Lake Convention Centre	650	250	400	750	30	3	N/A
Hilton Lake Taupō	260	150	200	260	72	5	113
Suncourt Hotel & Conference Centre	120	60	100	200	30	5	52
Lava Glass & Sculpture Garden	N/A	N/A	30	50	N/A	N/A	N/A
Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels	120	120	100	120	40	3	51
Oreti Village	150	80	150	150	40	4	40
Tongariro Lodge	120	75	100	150	50	3	57
Quality Inn Acapulco Taupo	85	45	78	130	38	2	39
Chris Jolly Outdoors	N/A	70	120	120	N/A	4	N/A
2Mile Bay Sailing Club	N/A	N/A	250	400	N/A	1	N/A
Poronui Lodge	40	24	50	80	20	2	11
Kinloch Manor and Villas	80	50	220	220	20	2	18
Lake Taupō Cruises	N/A	N/A	N/A	70	N/A	1	N/A
Huka Lodge	25	N/A	20	52	20	2	25
Huka Falls River Cruise	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	N/A	1	N/A
Sail Barbary	N/A	N/A	N/A	24	N/A	1	N/A
Mind Junction	N/A	N/A	N/A	80	N/A	1	N/A
Mavericks Gastropub	120	120	200	200	N/A	1	N/A
Broadlands Lodge	200	N/A	150	200	N/A	1	N/A
AJ Hackett Taupō Bungy & Swing	N/A	N/A	65	150	N/A	1	N/A
Taupo Sailing Adventures - Tiua	N/A	N/A	N/A	35	N/A	1	N/A
Rapids Jet	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	1	N/A
Taupo International Motorsport Park and Event Centre	60	30	50	100	12	8	N/A





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Under 2 hours

Sumptuous dining selections are on offer throughout the town, boasting exclusive spots to eat, drink, and retreat. For some of the best of Taupō on a plate, dine with The Brantry and enjoy their fresh, seasonal catering options. If it's a decadent degustation you had in mind, book Embra for an intimate corporate event, and let their flavours transport you around the world. Or spoil your group with a bespoke menu delivered by Wild Roots, who will guide you through a lavish food and drink journey.



From 2 to 4 hours

Discover your inner sailor and experience a truly authentic tour of the region with a private boat trip aboard the Regal Flyer, Levante, or Kindred Spirit – complete with elite fishing guides and crew. There is no better way to view Lake Taupō than sailing atop it in style. With mouth-watering food options available, designed by local chefs, using produce from the region – you'll experience a completely unique sailing experience and embrace all that Taupō has to offer from the most spectacular seat in town.



From 4 to 6 hours

Delight your group with an afternoon at Poronui Lodge, nestled in the secluded Taharua Valley. Try out some of the most legendary fly fishing in the pristine rivers around the lodge, tour the undulating hillsides via horseback, or hone your skills at the Poronui shooting school. Once your group has worked up an appetite, head to The Cellar for your very own food and wine tasting event. The perfect venue for a gourmet meal, where your guests will be impressed with fresh ingredients and delicious flavours.



From half to full day

Spend an unforgettable business event at Kinloch Manor as you are treated to architecturally designed spaces, flavoursome menus, and five-star hospitality. Later, challenge your group to a golf experience like no other at Aotearoa's only Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, where the fairways are flanked by craggy hills and panoramic views over Lake Taupō. Let Kinloch Club provide you with everything your next event needs and spend your time here in paradise.



Luxury accommodation

Completely immerse yourself with a stay in Taupō, at some of Aotearoa's most revered accommodation locations. The oasis that is, Huka Lodge, awaits you. Set above rolling green lawns and manicured gardens, framing the cerulean waters of the Waikato River. For the more adventurous, experience wild perfection at Owahaoko, Te Whare Ruruahu – an exclusive wilderness cabin only accessible by helicopter, perfect for smaller executive teams or incentive trips. Taupō's luxury accommodators will



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For an action-packed adrenaline fix, Taupō has a vast array of adventurous activity options on offer for small to medium groups. Take a leap of faith and do a bungy jump or rope swing over the mighty Waikato River with AJ Hackett Taupō Bungy & Swing, best enjoyed tandem. Get back to ground level and test your problem-solving skills with teamwork at Confinement Escape Rooms Taupō, or jump on a jet boat with Rapids Jet or Hukafalls Jet for high-speed action-packed fun on the water.



From 2 to 4 hours

With more time up your sleeve, hit a high with unbeatable views as you skydive above Lake Taupō with Taupō Tandem Skydiving. If you're happier with two feet on the ground, challenge your group to an Ambrose golf tournament on Wairakei Resort's 9-hole course, or explore a 169-acre geothermal property by foot or bike, with a Segway course along the way. Head to the lake for a yacht match race with Taupō Sailing Adventures or relax aboard an eco-educational lake cruise on Sail Barbary.

From 4 to 6 hours

For larger group sizes or longer timeframes take a scenic lakeside drive to Turangi with Nimons & Sons and go whitewater rafting with Tongariro River Rafting! Learn about the rare and endangered native duck, the Whio, and get hands-on maintaining the essential defence line to protect this native bird. There's a huge range of other activities to add to your Turangi trip, with mountain biking, raft fishing, paintball and even an overnight Wilderness e-Biking Adventure to choose from.



From half to full day

With trails galore, FourB Mountain Biking customise mountain bike trips to your group size and whatever length of time you have available. Grab some bikes and hit the Great Lake Trails, Timber Trail, Huka Falls River Trail or Craters Mountain Bike Park, and add on a scenic boat trip to wind down and cap off the day. Dial things up for the group and hire bikes for team challenges or races, or head to the Wairakei Tourist Park for a bunch of exciting and fun group-based activities.



After dark

Adventure continues in Taupō as the sun sets behind the mountains. Entertain your group on a private evening cruise or set them out to catch 'the big one' by trout fishing at dusk. Take a sunset kayak adventure on Lake Taupō or stargaze lakeside or from a natural geothermal hot pool. Take your tastebuds on an adventure by exploring the Friday Night Market at Wairakei Resort or head to one of the great bars in the town centre before resting up for the next day of new adventures.



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Soak up the natural benefits of Taupō's geothermal wonderland. Unwind in thermal waters at Taupō De Brett's springs followed by cocktails and canapés at Hilton Lake Taupō and Bistro Lago. Or take a break from your adrenaline adventures and relax at Wairakei Terraces. If retail therapy is more in order, discover local goodness at the Saturday Taupō Market and the Sunday Market Central, or explore boutique shopping at the pedestrian-friendly Taupō Central, also packed with devine cafés.



From 2 to 4 hours

Stay on par with your group at Wairakei Resort Taupō's 9-hole golf course – one of the best 9-holes in New Zealand and a great way to get your 10,000 steps in. Or head out onto the lake: choose from a private fishing charter and clay target shooting with Chris Jolly Outdoors, sailing on a beautiful 47' yacht with Taupō Sailing Adventures, or going your own way and learning a new skill in the Two Mile Bay Sailing Club's custom-built sailing boats, stand up paddle boards or kayaks.



From 4 to 6 hours

Many find sanctuary on a golf course, but it's rare to find a golf course that is also a sanctuary. Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary is thought to have scored a world first! Blending with the natural rolling countryside and developed to meet rigorous standards for world-class championship competition. Play a round then explore the wildlife sanctuary, which acts as a crèche for kiwi chicks and a breeding space for takahe as well as a home to pheasants, guinea fowl, pekin ducks and fallow deer.



From half to full day

Indulge in excellence at Poronui Lodge for a high-end experience – one of the world's finest sporting lodges with bespoke adventures tailored to guest's individual interests. Guided activities include hiking, horse-riding and archery within the 16,000 acre wilderness playground, with plenty of extras such as heli-rafting, hunting and fishing. Poronui's Wild Team Challenge is another luxury and wilderness experience that's ideal for groups of 20 - a great corporate team building option.



After dark

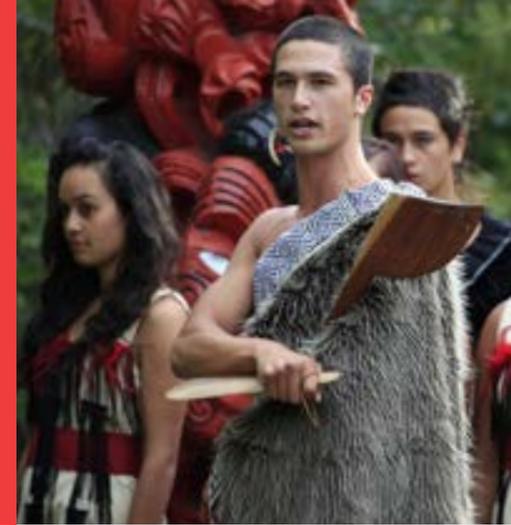
At the end of a fun day your group will be assured a great night's sleep at one of our business-focused hotels - Wairakei Resort, Suncourt Hotel & Conference Centre, Millennium Hotel, Hilton Lake Taupō or Acapulco Motor Inn. For added touch of luxury choose from Huka Lodge, Poronui Lodge or Kinloch Manor & Villas. An evening soak in one of Taupō's natural hot pools gazing at the stars, followed by delicious cuisine, will ensure your group has a restful sleep and is recharged for the next day's activities.



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Even with limited time to spare, Taupō has a huge variety of arts and culture activity options on offer for small to medium groups. Lava Glass Gallery & Café offers a unique opportunity to watch first-hand the fascinating art of glass blowing in their studio, inspired by the surrounding landscape. Add to the experience with a stroll through their nationally recognised glass sculpture garden. The onsite café can cater for a group morning/afternoon tea, lunch or pre-dinner canapé event.



From 2 to 4 hours

Have extra time up your sleeve? A cruise to see the famous Ngātoroirangi Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings is a must for groups visiting Taupō. Chris Jolly Outdoors, Sail Barbary, Lake Taupō Cruises and Taupō Sailing Adventures all operate on the lake and groups can work with one or all companies to create a unique cultural experience. Regal Flyer is a fully catered luxury charter cruise accommodating up to 75 people that is ideal for corporate groups, team building and incentive events.

From 4 to 6 hours

For larger group sizes or longer timeframes consider combining a Hike & Cruise. Explore Kinloch to Kawakawa – a guided hike and cruise combo with Chris Jolly Outdoors. Be met at your accommodation and transferred by 4WD to the start of a spectacular two-hour hike to Kawakawa Bay, where a launch will be waiting with a sumptuous lunch onboard, wines and beverages, followed by trout fishing, clay target shooting (conditions apply) and viewing Ngātoroirangi Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings.



From half to full day

For larger group sizes or longer timeframes, mix and match a range of cultural experiences on a scenic drive with coach company Nimons & Sons. Make sure you include a wander through the numerous art galleries. Visit Lake Rotoaira where the Ka Mate haka was born, Taupō Museum and a fortified village. Add on the Taupō Art Connection Art Trail for an inside peek into the studios of local artists. Finish off with a local craft beer tasting or wines with a view along the lakefront or onboard a luxury launch.



After dark

End your day in style. Enjoy wood-fired pizzas and Peroni at Two Mile Bay Sailing Club – Taupō's only over-water venue, and soak in unrivalled waterfront views of Lake Taupō at night. Head out on the water and take an evening cruise to the Ngātoroirangi Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings – one of New Zealand's most extraordinary contemporary Māori artworks. Taste foods from around the world at Wairakei Resort's International Market Street Food night market or dine out at local restaurants.



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Taupō offers plenty of bite-sized tastes when it comes to food-related experiences. Wander Wairakei Resort's International Market Street Food night market, host an adventurous and sweet team building activity to create a Gingerbread House at Hilton Lake Taupō, sip delicious teas and nibble on a scrumptious array of treats while overlooking the lake at Bistro Lago's Timeless High Tea, or wind down with a pizza and Peroni at Taupō's only over-water venue, Two Mile Bay Sailing Club.



From 2 to 4 hours

Test your team's mettle with 'Masterchef-style' wild food challenges at Poronui Lodge, where they live off the land – albeit with luxury lodgings and fine wine to fall back on. Dine alongside a tranquil geothermal stream at Wairakei Resort, or choose from dining options at the Millennium Hotel and Resort Manuels Taupō including the award winning Edgewater restaurant or their lakeside bar overlooking the tranquil waters of Lake Taupō. Book into one of the many eateries for a long lunch.

From 4 to 6 hours

Experience Māori culture by making and eating your own traditional hangi onsite at Hilton Lake Taupō. Treat your incentive group to some of New Zealand's best cuisine when they stay at Huka Lodge or Kinloch Manor & Villas. Challenge your group to catch their dinner with a fly fishing experience or take a progressive lunch – sampling local signature dishes at different destinations. Incentive groups can head skyward on a heli-lunch – combining delicious cuisine and sensational views.



From half to full day

Start your day by indulging in Aotearoa's largest selection of artisan honey products at Huka Honey Hive. Excite the senses with an array of 100% pure NZ and mānuka honey, mead, natural health and wellbeing products, and take part in an interactive beekeeping tour where you will take home a jar of your own hand-spun honey. Then head into town to sample some of Taupō's award-winning local craft beer at a range of bars and restaurants sprinkled in the township and along the lake's edge.



After dark

Taupō's food scene heats up after dark, with plenty of bars and restaurants available offering your group a memorable night out that will more than satisfy their taste buds. Catering for small to large groups, Taupō serves up cuisine with the passion of fresh local ingredients matched with outstanding chefs and service. Whether it's casual fun dining or uber smart formal dining, Taupō can cater for you, ensuring your group will finish the day recharged and ready for a rewarding sleep.



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