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Rotorua

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ROTORUA,
NEW ZEALAND

**Maori culture, a place where you will
experience special people and age-old
traditions in a landscape like no other.**

**You'll be greeted by geothermal wonders
offering incredible contrasts**

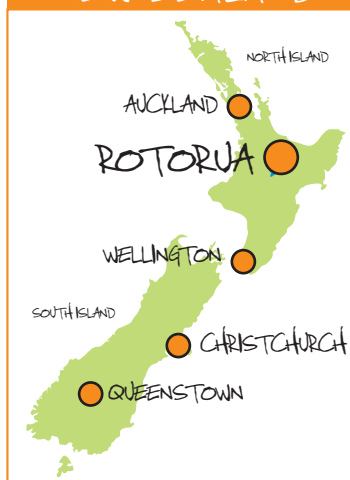
**– from boiling mud pools and erupting
geysers, colourful hot springs and
glistening silica terraces – that will
capture your imagination and fill your
senses as you take in the essence
of this special place we call home.**



Rotorua is a backpackers' paradise where thrills and adventure are part of our everyday culture. Within a 30km radius of the city centre there is an incredibly diverse range of scenery complemented by activities and attractions in every direction. Relax in a beautiful forest, unwind on a bush walk around a tranquil lake or take it to the extreme with an exhilarating adventure on a dormant volcano.

At night experience impressive cultural displays, a traditional hangi (earth oven) feast and be taken on a journey to meet Maori ancestors through song and dance. Afterwards there will be bars and clubs open to recount your day and meet new friends over a drink or two.

NEW ZEALAND



Located in the central North Island, Rotorua is a three hour drive by road or a short flight from Auckland. When planning your visit to this exhilarating destination be sure to allow enough time to experience the endless options available.

Challenge yourself
discover Rotorua
and feel the spirit!

important information

ROTORUA SHOPPING HOURS General shopping hours are from 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday, Saturday 9.00 am – 3.00pm. Sunday opening hours are at the discretion of individual shop owners however you will find the department stores will be open till around 2.00pm.

BANKS Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm daily. However there are also a number of currency exchange facilities around the city which are open on weekends. One is located in the Tourism Rotorua travel office, 1167 Fenton Street. There are also many ATM's which operate 24 hours. See city map for locations.

TRANSPORTATION Getting around Rotorua is simple with most backpacker accommodation within walking distance of the central business district. There are a number of transport options available including shuttles, local bus service and taxis. Some attractions and activities provide a free pick up and drop off service. There are also a number of budget rental car companies which can assist with inexpensive options.

THINK SAFE Rotorua is one of the safer destinations in the world-however it is important that normal care is taken, including: protect your belongings by locking all windows and doors at night and when leaving accommodation. Do not leave valuable items in your vehicle, keep photocopies of all your important documents, lock your vehicle when visiting attractions, do not leave your bags unattended and do not carry large amounts of cash. Most accommodation providers have safes available for use.

EMERGENCY SERVICES The 24-hour New Zealand emergency service phone number is 111 for police, fire and ambulance.

ROTORUA POLICE STATION Located at 1190-1214 Fenton Street.

LAKE SCARE MEDICAL CENTRE AND PHARMACY Open 8.30am – 9.30pm daily for non urgent medical assistance. 1165 Tutanekai Street, Rotorua. Phone: 348 4385

ROTORUA HOSPITAL Open for emergency medical treatment 24-hours a day. Pukeroa Street, Rotorua Phone: 348 1199

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS Remember all phone calls made to Rotorua from outside the city and within New Zealand, you must dial 07, followed by the number required.

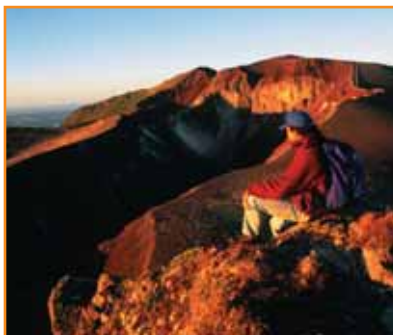
TOURISM ROTORUA TRAVEL OFFICE

Rotorua's official i-SITE. 1167 Fenton Street, Rotorua. Phone: 348 5179

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION Enquiries to Tourism Rotorua Travel Office, 1167 Fenton Street, Rotorua. Phone: 348 5179

BAR HOURS Licensed premises are able to trade seven days a week. The legal age to drink in New Zealand is 18. Bars are located on City Map, see back of brochure.

POSTAL SERVICES The New Zealand Post shop is located on Hinemoa Street and open from 7.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday, 8.00am – 4.00pm Saturday and 10.00am – 3.00pm on a Sunday



ROTORUA LAKES

Rotorua is famous for its lakes and the opportunities they offer for swimming, fishing, kayaking and other water sports. Most of the lake park reserve areas have coin operated BBQ areas for visitors use.

Some of the more popular places during the summer months for swimming are Hannah's Bay on Lake Rotorua, the Blue Lake, The Landing at Lake Tarawera and Boyes Beach at Lake Okareka. Most of the lakes also have associated walkways.

KUIRAU PARK Situated within the junction of Ranolf Street and Lake Road, only a 5 minute walk from the city centre. Here you can see boiling mud pools, hot steaming crater lakes and sulphur vents. There are two hot mineral foot pools in which you can soak your feet while visiting the park. Allow about 40 minutes.

SULPHUR BAY WALKWAY Great for those who don't have their own transport and are staying in the city centre. It starts at the Rotorua Lakefront promenade from where you can see out to Mokoia Island in the middle of Lake Rotorua. The promenade leads onto a path to Motutara

Point and Sulphur Bay. You will notice as you continue the water turns to a cloudy white colour. This area of the lake is situated on top of an active geothermal area, the water is warm and the smell sulphurous. This is also a significant wildlife reserve. Continuing around you will see boiling mud pools and sulphur vents. Stay on the pathway at all times, as the earth's crust is very thin and dangerous in places.

THE REDWOOD




















GROVE Rotorua has one of the most spectacular recreational playgrounds right on its back doorstep! Just a 5 minute drive from the city centre the Whakarewarewa Forest offers an opportunity to experience nature at its most beautiful. Famous for its grove of Coastal Californian Redwoods the forest has some of the finest walking and mountain bike trails in NZ. The network of walking tracks cater for all abilities and are clearly marked. For more information contact the Tenon Forests Visitor Centre on Long Mile Road.



THE BLUE LAKE Walk around the lake's circumference through exotic forest. It is about 5kms in length and takes about 1.5 hours. The south side of the lake also has good swimming beaches which are accessible from the walkway and from the lookout car park between the Blue and Green Lakes.

DISCOUNTS AND DEALS

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

1 Agrojet HOT DEAL	Agrojet, Swoop and Freefall Xtreme for \$105.00		<small>*Conditions: Valid till March 2007.</small>
2 Rotorua Bungy HOT DEAL	Bungy and Swoop or Agrojet or Freefall Xtreme for \$120.00		<small>*Conditions: Valid till March 2007.</small>
3 Buried Village FREE GIFT	Receive a FREE GIFT of a Photographic Postcard set of the famous Pink and White Terraces - by George D. Valentine, a 19th Century Photographer in New Zealand when you book the morning or afternoon guided tour.		<small>*Conditions: Valid only when booking a 1/2 day morning or afternoon tour. One per person, per season. Expires April 2007.</small>
4 Eco Thermal Tours 10% OFF	10% discount on all Eco Thermal Tours.		<small>*Conditions: Coupon must be presented for discount and booked directly with Eco Adventures. One coupon per person, not redeemable for cash.</small>
5 Freefall Xtreme HOT DEAL	Freefall Xtreme and Swoop or Agrojet \$100.00		<small>*Conditions: Valid till March 2007.</small>
6 Kaitiaki Adventures FREE SPA	Free hells gate spa with our full day Raft and Sledge combo. Many other wicked deals available- phone for details.		<small>*Conditions: Direct bookings only.</small>
7 Mountain Action HOT DEAL	Half hr Off Road Kartz, half hr horse trek, 3 Off Road Freestyle rides - All for a mad price of \$110.00 per person.		<small>*Conditions: Offer valid only on presentation of this coupon, not redeemable for cash. 16 years and over required. Valid till March 2007.</small>
8 NZONE FREE GIFT	The ultimate jump. Free gift to the value of \$15.00 when you make your tandem skydive from 9000,12000 or 15000ft - Achievement doesn't come sweeter.		<small>*Conditions: Offer applies upon presentation of this voucher and can not be combined with any other special offer.</small>
9 Off Road NZ FREE RED BULL	FREE can of Red Bull and FREE Golf Hole-in-1 to win \$1000 with every Overdrive or Max Package booked. Shuttle on request.		<small>*Conditions: Offer valid only on presentation of this coupon.</small>
10 Q&E Spa 10% OFF	Save 10% when you: Raft the Kaituna then relax at QE Spa Services with a therapeutic wash + mudbath, usually \$110pp; Mineral Pool + 1/2hour Massage, usually \$115.00; Mineral Pool + 1-hour Massage, usually \$140.00.		<small>*Conditions: Offer valid only on presentation of this coupon, valid only for one person per coupon, not redeemable for cash, not valid with any other offer and must be direct booking.</small>
11 Raftabout 10% OFF & FREE SPA	Save 10% and receive a free spa when you: Raft the Kaituna, The Geothermal Valley with the world renowned Pohutu geyser, korero tuku iho nature walk, The Carving and weaving school, and Middyay cultural performance.		<small>*Conditions: Not valid with any other offer. Offer valid only on presentation of this coupon (1 per person). Direct bookings only.</small>
12 Rainbow Springs 10% OFF	10% off admission at Rainbow Springs or Kiwi Encounter for every full paying visitor on presentation of this voucher. Reservations at Kiwi Encounter are essential as space is limited.		<small>*Conditions: Offer valid until March 31 2007. Not available with combo or any other special offers. Direct bookings only.</small>
13 Tamaki Maori Village FREE GIFT	Remember us with a taonga (treasure). A bone carving is our koha (gift) to you when you book the Realm of Tane and Tamaki Maori Village combo deal at \$99.00 (Inc).		<small>*Conditions: Offer is valid upon redemption of this advertisement and only with combo deal. This offer cannot be redeemed in conjunction with any other offer. Bookings of less than \$100 are valid for up to 6 months after Tamaki Maori Village experience.</small>
14 Te Puia 10% OFF	10% discount on normal gate entry which incorporates The Kiwi house, The Geothermal Valley with the world renowned Pohutu geyser, korero tuku iho nature walk, The Carving and weaving school, and Middyay cultural performance.		<small>*Conditions: Not redeemable for cash, must be presented for discount, is valid only for one person per brochure and can not be combined with any other special offer.</small>
15 Waimangu 10% OFF	10% discount Walk only. No other discount applies Turn left 14kms south of Rotorua off State Highway 5 (Taupo Highway) Ph: 07-366 6137.		<small>*Conditions: Not redeemable for cash, not valid with any other offer, offer only on presentation of coupon, offer only valid for one person per brochure.</small>
16 Wat-O-Tapu 10% OFF	10% off to every full paying visitor.		<small>*Conditions: Not redeemable for cash. Not valid with any other offer. Offer valid only on presentation of coupon and valid only for one person per coupon. Direct bookings only.</small>
17 Whakarewareware - The Thermal Village 10% OFF	10% off to every full paying visitor.		<small>*Conditions: Not available with any other offer. Not redeemable for cash. Offer valid only on presentation of coupon.</small>
18 Zorb 10% OFF	Receive 10% off the revolutionary zorb experience. Rotorua the home of Zorb.		<small>*Conditions: Not redeemable with any other offer. Direct bookings only.</small>
19 Planet Nomad SPECIAL DEALS	\$45 off accommodation for any of the 9 listed activities: \$5 per person per activity. Sledging or Rafting, Skydiving, Car Rental, Golf, Duck tour, Tongariro Crossing, Caving Waitomo, Jetboat, Swoop freefall.		

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Rainbow Springs

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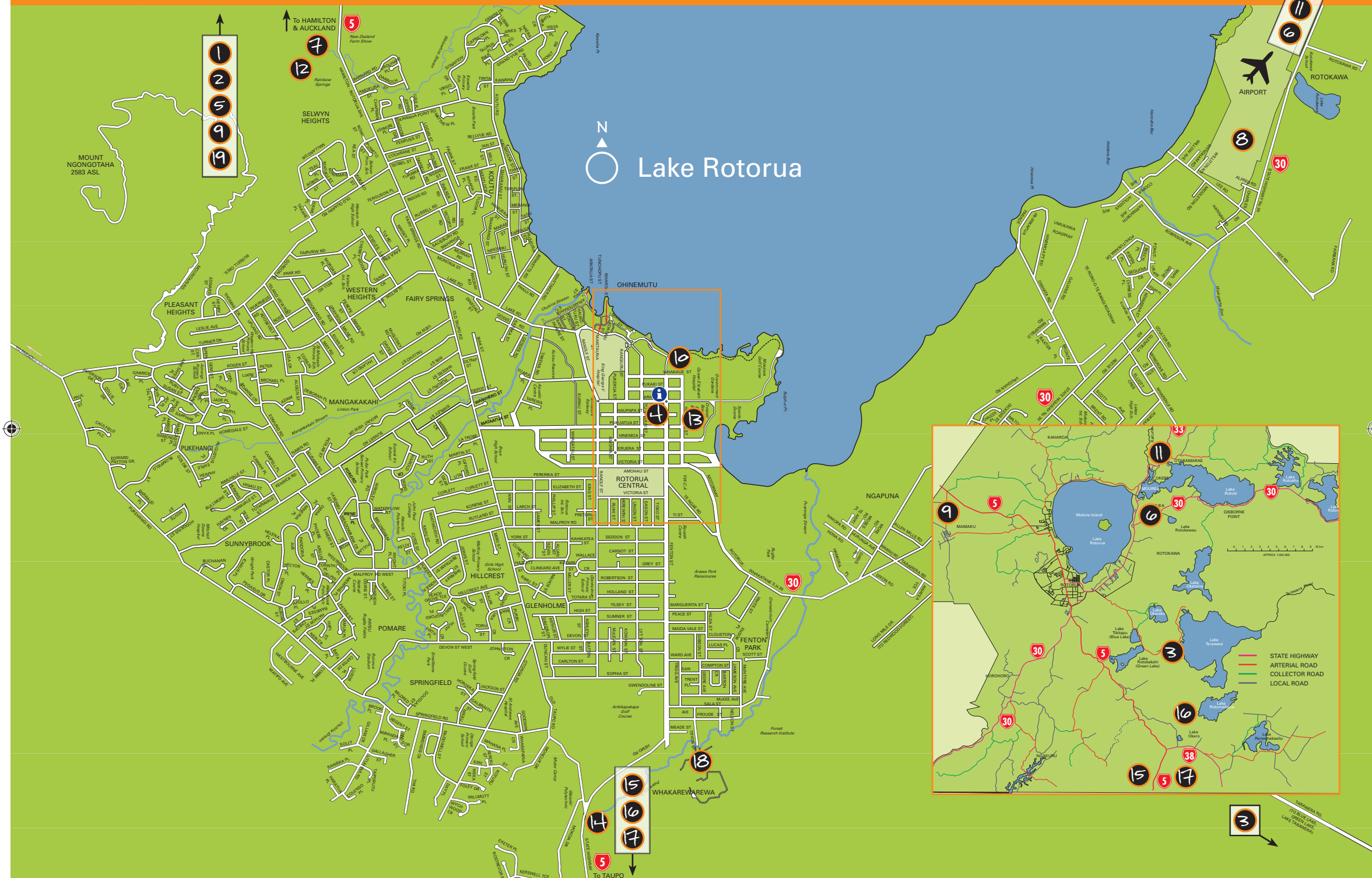
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LOCATION MAPS



CITY MAP



Map Key

	Hospital		Bank / ATM		City Focus
	Information Centre		Post Office		Public Toilet
	Police Station		Movie Theatre		Supermarket
	Bar		Internet Cafe		

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