



**The Mighty
Waikato**
Business Events

**4 days in the
Waikato –
Unforgettable
Experiences**

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Make your staff and incentive winners feel truly rewarded with these unforgettable experiences. From adventure, to relaxing, to great food, this is the perfect four-day Waikato escape.



Day 1

Hamilton Gardens

The award-winning Hamilton Gardens is Hamilton city's most popular visitor attraction and has a truly unique concept. It is a living museum of 18 gardens that spans 4000 years of human culture and civilisation, from the Ancient Egyptian Garden – the only recreation of a Middle Kingdom temple garden in the world – to the Concept Garden of contemporary times. Here delegates can either explore at their own leisure or take a guided tour which can also include morning or afternoon tea, or lunch in one of the magnificent gardens.



Vilagrad Winery

At Vilagrad Winery near Hamilton the winemaking, musicmaking Nooyen brothers are the fifth generation of their family to let the good times roll. Celebrating 100 years of winemaking, the family's vinicultural legacy dates back to when their great grandfather, Ivan Milicich, planted grapes on his dairy farm. Today, the brothers have their own 3 Brothers Band and make award-winning wines, including the eponymous range. You can take a group tour of the vineyard and enjoy a tasting!



Overnight - Novotel Tainui Hamilton

Novotel Tainui Hamilton is a perfect base for exploring the city and the Waikato region. Overlooking the mighty Waikato River, this 4* hotel is in the heart of Hamilton, adjacent to the SkyCity Casino and entertainment complex. Guests also have easy access to nearby shopping, dining and entertainment, or relaxing riverside walks. Novotel Tainui features 217 rooms, an award-winning restaurant, lobby bar and a health club.



Day 2

Raglan Surf School

New Zealand's original surf school, with highly experienced, friendly instructors who have got your back whether you're a newbie or advancing your skills. With the aim to get you up and surfing! Depending on your level and experience Raglan Surf School offer a range of options to choose from. Raglan's beautiful Ngarunui beach is the perfect place to learn for beginners looking for small fun waves as well as for more advanced surfers looking to hone their skills out the back.

Wahine Moe

Let the captain and crew take you on a fun filled scenic journey back in time, exploring the outer reaches of Raglan's historical Whaingaroa Harbour.

With over 122 kms of coastline the Raglan Whaingaroa harbour has many stunning features, views, stories and activities to enjoy. Relax as you sail past the ancient limestone rock formations while the captain and crew share tales of the area's history. Witness the bird and marine life in their natural habitat.

You haven't experienced Raglan unless you've been on the water, so jump on board. 1.5 hour sunset harbour cruise is a perfect activity for your small group to enjoy together on the water. You can choose to include a fresh fish and chip meal from the Raglan Fish at the Harbour.

Overnight – Raglan Sunset Motel

Raglan Sunset Motel is a fresh 4* accommodation in the beating heart of Raglan. With gorgeous coastal style rooms and a selection of room types this is the best spot for any Raglan Trip. Head straight down to the beach at the end of the street where the tidal inner harbour moves swiftly for swimmers, kayakers, paddleboarders or for the brave who jump off the infamous Raglan footbridge. Town and around is flat, perfect for walks, cycling, the skatepark, playground or wander down to the wharf.



Day 3

Sanctuary Mountain

Many of the native plants and trees thriving on the protected slopes of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari are used in traditional Māori herbal medicine – rongoā. Now you can join a knowledgeable practitioner on a rongoā rākau tour to gain insights into the many benefits that can be derived from the plants and trees surrounding you as you walk. Frequently an award winner, Sanctuary Mountain took the Community Engagement category in the 2021 New Zealand Tourism Awards. Judges said the maunga (mountain) is the way tourism should be and a true point of difference on the world stage.



The Grassroots Trust Velodrome

Located in Cambridge in the heart of Waipa home of the champions territory. The Grassroots trust velodrome invites you to have a go at cycling on the impressive wooden circuit. This fun 1-hour experience is a taste of what its like to be a champion cyclist. You can also watch hard-core riders train and compete, and you might just spot an Olympian.



Overnight – Hidden Lake Hotel Cambridge

Hidden Lake Hotel is a boutique slice of contemporary New Zealand. It's difficult to believe you are so close to Hamilton Airport and all that the Waikato has to offer.

Contemporary styling is a feature of rooms and apartments with superior appointments and technical luxuries. Enjoy the designer interiors and scenic outlooks while being pampered with share plates, local wines and spa treatments



Day 4



Hobbiton™ Movie Set

Even if you've already had breakfast, Bilbo Baggins invites you to share his love of good food with a second breakfast tour at Hobbiton Movie Set, near Matamata.

This fully guided tour of where the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings trilogies were filmed includes a legendary second breakfast. The table is piled high with a hearty spread fit for any Hobbit – or human. PS: Did you know Hobbits enjoy up to seven meals a day, so here's your chance to eat up.



Duck Island Ice Cream

Founded by chefs and ice cream enthusiasts, Duck Island has been hand crafting small batch ice cream in the Waikato since 2015. Duck Island ice cream is a Waikato icon and you can not miss stopping by and enjoying some of the unique and tasty flavours. From strawberry coconut lime to Maple honeycomb and smoked almond you are sure to find a flavour to delight your taste buds.

