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Where magic runs deep

Situated in the central North Island, we're famous for Middle-earth Movie Magic, underground wonders, the iconic Waikato River, legendary surf beaches, great cycle trails and that's just the start...

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What we are known for...

Middle-earth Movie Magic

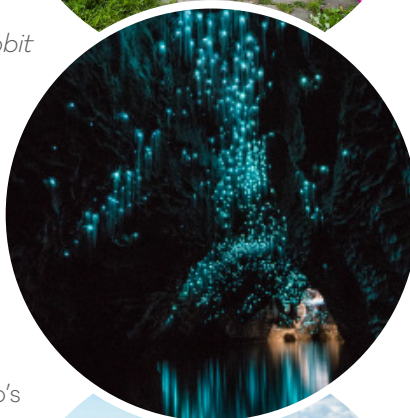
Experience a slice of the 'real Middle-earth' with a visit to the picturesque Hobbiton Movie Set™ near Matamata. See the living film set as featured in the *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies on a guided tour. Enjoy an exclusive Southfarthing brew at the Green Dragon Inn, while hearing spell-binding tales of how the set came to be.



Underground Wonders

Waitomo is famous for its walking tours past stunning limestone rock formations and gentle boat rides under thousands of twinkling glowworms.

The more adventurous will also enjoy Waitomo's underground playground of ziplining, abseiling and black water rafting activities.



Hamilton City

New Zealand's fourth largest city, situated on the banks of the mighty Waikato River, Hamilton is the region's main hub and the perfect place to base yourself for your first or last night stay in New Zealand.



Stay in Hamilton because...



Only 90 minutes south from Auckland International Airport - perfect for first or last night accommodation



Wide range of accommodation with better availability in peak times



Hub for iconic attractions Hobbiton™ Movie Set and Waitomo Glowworm Caves



Vibrant city that's easy to navigate



Award-winning eateries and gourmet foodie hotspots

Top Must Do's in Hamilton & Waikato

- 1** Experience a slice of Middle-earth Magic at Hobbiton Movie Set™
- 2** Explore the award-winning Hamilton Gardens
- 3** Discover the subterranean world of Waitomo with its limestone cave formations and twinkling galaxies of glowworms
- 4** Sample gourmet icecream, Oolong tea or craft beer in Hamilton City
- 5** Visit the surfing mecca of Raglan and soak up the bohemian atmosphere
- 6** Get up close to some native wildlife at Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari
- 7** Challenge yourself to some underground adventure with abseiling, ziplining & blackwater rafting in Waitomo
- 8** Country style escapes in beautiful small towns such as Cambridge
- 9** Iconic events including international sport fixtures, Fieldays, Balloons over Waikato and more.

Fun Facts



Year-round destination – mild winter temperatures and no snow.



High performance sport hub for New Zealand



See lots without travelling far – Go from sandy beaches, a vibrant city and rugged mountains to rolling farmland and underground adventures, all within an hour from each other!



Home to the Māori King



Friendly, welcoming people

