

History continued

1867 the Waikato tribes attacked in retaliation for the part the Arawa had played in preventing the east coast reinforcements getting through for the Maori King movement. In the course of these wars the Arawa threw in their lot with the government and thus gained the backing of government troops.

With the wars virtually over in the early 1870s European settlement around Rotorua exploded, particularly as the army and government personnel involved in the struggle had broadcast the scenic wonders of the place. People came to partake the waters in the hope of cures for all sorts of diseases, and so Rotorua's tourist industry was founded. Rotorua's greatest attraction was the fabulous Pink and White Terraces, formed by the sinter deposits of silica from volcanic activity. They were destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Tarawera on June 10, 1886. A road was cleared in 1884 to make access easier from Auckland and in 1894 the Auckland-Rotorua railway was completed.

POINTS OF INTEREST

1 Robins Park A beautiful park with a rose garden and hothouse.

2 Monmouth Redoubt A fortified site during the the Maori Wars. Elms Mission Station House

3 The Elms Mission Station House on Mission St. was founded on the site in 1835, and the present house was completed in 1847 by a pioneer missionary. It is furnished in period style. The grounds contain gardens and several historic buildings.

Beyond Tauranga

Mount Maunganui Walking trails go around and up Mt. Maunganui for magnificent views. You can climb around on the rocks on Moturiki Island, which is actually joined to the peninsula.

The beach between Moturiki and Mt. Maunganui is good for surfing, and swimming. There are excellent hot saltwater pools at the foot of the Mount, on Adams Ave.

Rotorua Located about 1.5 hours south of the port is one of the country's major resorts, famous for its geothermal activity – geysers, hot springs and bubbling mud pools – and Maori culture.

Matakana Island Sheltering Tauranga Harbor, this elongated island is a quiet rural retreat just across the harbor from Tauranga.



Two-thirds of the island is pine forest, providing the island's main industry, and the rest is farmland on the western side of the island. Matakana Island has 15 miles (24 km) of pristine white-sand surf beach on its eastern side and is also good for windsurfing, kayaking and fishing.

Kiwi Fruit Orchards Located about 22 miles (36 km) from Tauranga you can visit the orchards and shop, see a video about kiwi fruit and sample some kiwi fruit or kiwi fruit wine. The complex is also a theme park for children.

Te Puke Vintage Auto Barn has over 60 vintage cars on display.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Tauranga and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing, consult your Shore Excursion Brochure, Shore Excursion TV Channel or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, guests are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Tipping: Tips or gratuities are not normally expected for normal service in New Zealand. However, you may wish to show your appreciation by tipping for extra service or kindness.

Local Cuisine: A variety of restaurants are within walking distance from the port. The region's specialties include wines, fresh fish and kiwifruit.

Local drink: Kiwi fruit wineries are open for tours and you can sample this uniquely New Zealand wine. There are a number of other wineries in the district; inquire at the Visitor Information Centre for hours of operation.

SHOPPING FACILITIES Tauranga city galleries and craft shops offer a variety of art, craft and antique goods. Mount Maunganui's shopping center features a wide variety of shops and is within easy walking distance of the port. Tauranga is a city, which has a much wider range of shops and facilities, than those found at Mount Maunganui.

LOCAL CURRENCY The currency is the New Zealand Dollar. Foreign exchange rates fluctuate. There is also a slight variation for cash or traveler's checks.

POST OFFICE & TELEPHONE FACILITIES The Post Office is located on Maunganui Road, a 10-15 minute walk from the dock. Exit the port through the gate onto Salisbury Avenue, continue until the roundabout, turn left into Maunganui Road, and the Post Office is approximately 150 yards (150 meters) ahead on the left.

There are phone booths situated right on the Maunganui wharf, which take all major credit cards and New Zealand Telecom calling cards. The Information Centre and most newspaper and magazine shops sell phone cards. Dial the following access numbers to place a call with your personal calling card:

AT&T: 000.911

MCI: 000.912

SPRINT: 000.999

TOURIST INFORMATION The Tauranga Information & Visitors Centre may be found at 95 Willow St.

TRANSPORTATION Tauranga has a local bus service which provides transport to most locations around the area, including Mt. Maunganui and Papamoa. The ferry service to Mt. Maunganui operates in summer. Taxis are available at the wharf.

USEFUL WORDS & PHRASES The language spoken is English; however, Maori greetings are finding increased popularity. Here are a few phrases:

Hello • Kia ora

Good bye • Haere ra

Welcome • Haere mai!

Very well, thank you, ok • Kei te pai

Thank you • Ka pai

How are you? • Kei te pehea koe?

Woman • wahine

Ocean • wainui