



KINLOCH

· MANOR & VILLAS ·

Activities & Experiences



Signature Experiences

Strike out into a mystical world full of natural beauty and endless wonder.

Below is a collection of sightseeing and active adventure recommendations. If you are looking for something to do at our lodge, we do have some great indoor and outdoor games suitable for every age. Movies are also available. Just ask one of our team members for assistance.

Tongariro Crossing

ACTIVE / NATURE & SCENERY



One of New Zealand's 'Great Walks'. The Tongariro Alpine Crossing in Tongariro National Park is one of New Zealand's most spectacular tramping tracks and is considered the most popular one-day tramp in New Zealand.

The Tongariro National Park is a World Heritage site that has the distinction of dual status, as it has been acknowledged for both its natural and cultural significance. The crossing passes over the volcanic terrain of the multi-cratered active volcano Mt Tongariro, passing the eastern base of Mt Ngauruhoe. The 19.4km walk is renowned for its barren yet beautiful 'moon-like' volcanic activity, and views of the surrounding countryside below.

This is an alpine hike and clients must have a suitable fitness level to complete the crossing. Our guides will inspect clothing and footwear to ensure they have the appropriate attire. If the client does not have suitable clothing or fitness, the guide has full discretion to discontinue the tramp due to health and safety concerns.

Guiding operations during the summer months only. A client list of essentials will be sent when booking this tramp.

Duration: Approx. 7 hours + 3 hours return travel.

Suitable: High level of fitness required.

Blue Duck Project Raft Experience

ACTIVE / NATURE & SCENERY



Take a rafting adventure down the stunning and picturesque Tongariro River with the expert Raft Guides and Conservation legends from Tongariro River Rafting, based in Turangi. Join in the conservation effort to bring the extremely endangered Blue Duck (or Whio) back to its natural habitat on the Tongariro River. You'll check and set predator traps on the banks of the river during your rafting adventure and view some of the most stunning scenery in the North Island only accessible by raft.

Duration: Allow a full day, including travel to Turangi.

Suitable: Minimum age of 13 years.

FISHING

ACTIVE / SCENIC & NATURE

New Zealand is one of the world's premiere trout-fishing locations, so it comes as a surprise to learn that the trout was introduced to this country.

New Zealand did have a native freshwater sports fish – the Grayling, regarded as good angling and excellent eating – but it became extinct soon after the introduction of the brown trout. Brown and rainbow trout were introduced from Europe and North America respectively in the late 1800s.

Having left most of their diseases and all their predators behind, they have thrived in this country wherever conditions are suitable. Brown trout predominantly inhabit the rivers and streams of this country, while more rainbow trout are to be found in the lakes of the region," The Kinloch Manor offers world-class fly fishing with one of the country's top guides, our resident fisher Ed. We have a diverse range of waters available to us and with Ed you will fish some of the most beautiful areas in the country.



Guided Backcountry Fly Fishing

New Zealand boasts some of the best year-round brown and rainbow trout fishing in the world. Many nearby lakes and rivers make the region a true trout fisherman's mecca. Ed will take you to the best spots in the area to ensure a fly-fishing experience you will cherish for the rest of your life. Includes all equipment, transport, and guide.



Raft Fishing

Most of the upper Tongariro river can only be reached by kayak or raft, with its crystal-clear pools and unspoiled runs you'll enjoy exceptional fishing. Open to anglers from December 1st to May 31st each year. For anglers seeking uncrowded waters and large numbers of quality fighting fish, this can be trout heaven."



Wilderness Backcountry Heli Fishing

For a truly unique experience try our wilderness heli fishing allowing access into wilderness terrain boasting unspoilt fishing not easily accessible by any other means. Our helicopter drop-in enables you to enjoy some great back country fly fishing. Sight fishing for double figure backcountry browns is a thrill you won't forget. This is pure New Zealand fly fishing at its best – you'll be hooked! Please enquire about pricing for heli fishing.

Duration: Half and Full day available

Suitable: Novice to expert

At the Kinloch Manor

Golf

ACTIVE



Designed by one of the game's best strategic thinkers, Kinloch is New Zealand's only Jack Nicklaus designed golf course.

With panoramic views of New Zealand's largest fresh-water lake, Lake Taupo and the natural beauty of rugged rural farmland, this world-class championship Par 72 course is a hybrid between a links and a Parkland course although it is often compared to the classic link courses of Scotland and Ireland. Kinloch will challenge every level of golfer, but you'll certainly enjoy it. Don't miss your opportunity to play one of the best courses in the world. Our Golf Academy is offered complimentary to all our Lodge Guests. Featuring a signature Jack Nicklaus designed Driving Range plus putting and chipping greens, The Kinloch Club offers arguably the best practice facilities in New Zealand.



Tennis

ACTIVE

Anyone for tennis?

Our all-weather surface, floodlit tennis courts are available for your enjoyment with tennis rackets and balls provided on request.



Spa

RELAXING

Tranquil Escape

The Kinloch Spa is serenely located in a private part of the lodge giving you your own haven from the outside world. We've taken pampering to a new level thanks to our full spa experience. Escape with a relaxing beauty and organic wellness treatment, you will feel all of life's worries melt away.

In the Area

SKIING/SNOWBOARDING

ACTIVE / SCENIC & NATURE

With Mount Ruapehu on our doorstep, why not take up the opportunity to enjoy some exceptional skiing.

Tongariro National Park



Choose from Whakapapa (New Zealand's largest ski area) or Turoa (boasting the longest vertical drop in Australasia).

Both ski areas are located within the Tongariro National Park, a Dual World Heritage Area, and have the highest lift accessed terrain in New Zealand. Plus, Tukino Ski Field, Mount Ruapehu's lesser-known gem is located on the eastern side of the mountain. Tukino Ski Field offers the rare combination of adventure minus the crowds and is operated and maintained by club members.

HIKING

ACTIVE / NATURE & SCENERY

The area around Taupo has some of the world's best trails on offer! Below are just a few, ask our staff for more information.

SELF-GUIDED



K2K - Kinloch to Kawakawa

Starting at the western end of the beach, you will find glorious views as you climb from Whangamata Bay and onto the broad cliff. Through bush dominated by rewarewa, the track winds downwards after the rocky lookout point. Take a dip in the lake or sit lakeside for a picnic and return via the same track or continue the Orakau trail to the Whangamata Rd carpark.

Duration: 9km one way, 19km to Whangamata Rd car park (3+ hours)

Suitable: Moderate fitness required



W2K - Whakaipo to Kinloch

A steady climb up through native bush and onto the headland, providing spectacular views across Lake Taupo.

Duration: 14km 4hr 30 min walk

Suitable: Moderate fitness required

In the Area



GUIDED HIKES

Get the most out of your hike with a guided instructor. The history of this volcanic region combined with the stunning scenery, crystal clear rivers, a huge lake and strong Māori culture make it one of the most interesting areas for walking and hiking. Options include Bird Watchers Walks, Lake Rotopounamu, Taranaki Falls, Tama Lakes, Waihohonu Hut and many more. Ask our team for more information.

BIKING

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BIKE ON YOUR OWN

On-site bikes

If you feel like exploring the Kiwi way, we have the gear you need. From bikes and helmets to even electric bikes. Cycle around the property and into Kinloch Village or get amped on the famous K2K or W2K trails.



GUIDED BIKING

Our private guided biking experiences are tailored to your individual fitness level so you can enjoy the wonderful scenery and natural surrounds of Lake Taupo.

Options include Aratiatia Dam, Huka Falls, Kawakawa Bay, Orakau Trail, Waihahato, Waihora, Kotukutuku Bay and more.

In the Area

LAKE FISHING & CRUISING

ACTIVE / SCENIC & NATURE



Fish Her

Join your Skipper Susan, for a trout fishing and sightseeing adventure from Kinloch Marina to the Western Bays on a 6.2-metre Stabicraft hardtop. She ties her own flies and would love to share her fishing experiences with you. Fishing trips are minimum of 3 hours with Scenic Cruises starting from 1 hour.

Half Day Lake Fishing & Cruise

A four-hour private launch charter with an experienced skipper and crew. This is your chance to experience Taupo's renowned trout fishing. Experience the beauty of Lake Taupo and its magnificent surrounds, plus an opportunity to view Māori rock carvings. Enjoy a sumptuous buffet luncheon with NZ wines & beverages and get your freshly caught trout cooked for you on board. Fishing licences are included. Clay target shooting is also available (conditions apply).



Full Day Lake Fishing & Cruise

An eight-hour private launch charter with an experienced skipper and crew. This full day on the Lake will give you a great day out to enjoy the best that Taupo offers with trout fishing, clay bird shooting, swimming during the summer months and the stunning scenery of the Western shores of Lake Taupo. Morning tea, a sumptuous buffet luncheon, NZ wines and beverages are all included. Plus, an option to view Māori rock carvings. Kayaking and stand-up paddle boards are also available on request.



Daily Scenic Cruises

Take a 1.5-hour scenic cruise on board the Cruise Cat.

Cruise in comfort to the Māori Rock Carvings and around the picturesque bays of Lake Taupo with a live commentary on the volcanic history and Māori mythology surrounding the area. With fabulous views of secluded bays and the spectacular snow-capped mountain peaks of the World Heritage Tongariro National Park.

Varying departure times for Winter/Summer. Tea/coffee and a homemade muffin complementary during your cruise.

In the Area

HELICOPTER TOURS

SCENIC & NATURE

With our own helipad on site at the Kinloch Manor, how could you resist the temptation to sit back in style and see our amazing scenery from the air? Our B3A Star Squirrel Jet Helicopter seats up to six passengers in comfort and is flown by a highly experienced, local pilot who loves to share his knowledge of the district. Below are some of our favourite flights.



Tongariro World Heritage Flight

Take a scenic flight into the world heritage site of Tongariro National Park with spectacular views of the Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro volcanoes. And finish your journey with a flight over the roaring Huka Falls before landing back at Kinloch.



Visit Treetops Lodge & Estate

Visit our sister lodge near Rotorua for an estate tour, mountain bike ride, light lunch or native food trail followed by a cooking lesson. Or extend your stay in the district and book in for a few nights to experience a different style of luxury where you really are getting away from it all. This eco-lodge is situated in the wilderness; ancient native forest is all you can see for miles around.



Private Hobbiton Tour

Fly over the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park to Hobbiton for a private tour of the sheep farm and movie site where you'll learn about how the set was created and hear other fascinating tales about the movies' production. As well as identifying key scenes from the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit films, you'll also see the Hobbit Holes, enjoy a drink at the Green Dragon Inn and visit other key aspects of Middle Earth's "The Shire". Lunch is available by arrangement.



Golf at Kauri Cliffs or Cape Kidnappers

We are happy to arrange a helicopter transfer for a round of golf at Kauri Cliffs or Cape Kidnappers. Located in the beautiful Bay of Islands, Kauri Cliffs is on par with The Kinloch Club as a world-class golf course as is Cape Kidnappers in the Hawkes Bay. Designed and built by David Harman of Golf Course Consultants, Orlando, Florida. This par 72 championship golf course offers five sets of tees for every level of golfing ability.

In the Area

FLOATPLANE TOURS

NATURE & SCENERY

Taupo's Floatplane scenic flights offers a range of tours in their high wing Cessna 206 Floatplane. Fly over the snowcapped mountains of New Zealand's World Heritage Tongariro National Park, be in awe of our Volcanic Plateau, and the calming blue serene waters of Lake Taupo and Rotorua.



A Taste of Taupo

This scenic flight with Taupo's Floatplane involves a watery take-off from Taupo Bay, turning over beautiful Acacia Bay, the headwaters of the Waikato River then across to the bubbling mud pools and steam vents of "Craters of the Moon" thermal area. The flight path will then pass over the bore fields of the Wairakei Power station, following the maze of pipework to the power station itself followed by an aerial circuit of the magnificent Huka Falls, then over the town, and coming into land along Taupo's lakefront.



Orakei Korako

Your plane departs from Taupo Marina and climbs majestically through the beautiful Whakaipo Bay and on to view the Huka Falls, Craters of the Moon and the Hidden Valley of Orakei Korako. Land alongside a floating jetty on the Waikato River for a 1-1 ½ hour journey into the hidden valley of Orakei Korako - "The Place of Adorning". Wander through a valley of unbelievable colour, bubbling hot springs, gushing geysers and unimaginable natural beauty preserved by its isolation from the outside world. Your return flight passes over the mighty Huka Falls and Taupo township before landing along the lakefront.



Mt Ruapehu Scenic

Take off from Taupo Marina and enjoy stunning panoramic views of Turangi, Mt Pihanga, Lake Rotoaira, the Blue and Emerald Lakes, the Tama Lakes and the summit of Mt Ruapehu. You'll discover the Crater Lake and Mt Ruapehu ski slopes.

Then we fly over Mt Ngauruhoe (Mt Doom) to view into the centre of this classic volcano and over to Mt Tongariro viewing the Red Crater, Blue Lake, old lava flows and the most recently active Te Mari Crater before we begin our descent over Lake Taupo to land along the lakefront.

In the Area

ACTION & ADRENALINE

ACTIVE



Rapids Jet Boat

Jet boat White Water Rapids!

Taupo's Waikato River and Huka Falls provide the water, Rapids Jet provides the fun. Shoot through the narrow canyon on crystal clear waters, surf the pressure waves of Nga Awa Purua Rapids and hold on for the spins! Don't forget your raincoat for the water splashes!



Sky Dive

Seeking an adrenaline rush? This one is for you!

Taupo Tandem Skydiving is NZ's original full-time tandem drop zone since 1992. Over 200,000 people have sky dived with them, are you next? Skydive at 12,000, 15,000 or even 16,500 ft for over one minute of freefall, reaching speeds of 200kph! Feel the adrenaline above stunning snow-capped volcanoes and beautiful Lake Taupo, New Zealand's home of skydiving. Taupo Tandem



Bungy Jump

Two awesome activities located at one stunning site.

Taupo Bungy is New Zealand's highest water touch bungy jump, with the world's first cantilever platform. You choose to touch the crystal-clear Waikato River with your fingertips, fully submerge yourself or stay high and dry. Then try the feet-first, mind-blowing rush of the Cliffhanger extreme swing. Harnessed and attached, you will then be brought out 44 metres above the river, dangling mid-air, until your countdown or surprise release. Plunging straight down reaching speeds of 70 km p/h as you freefall towards the river, then arcing up to 180°. Solo and tandem swings and bungy jumps available.



Motor Sport

Taupo is the "Home of New Zealand Motorsport"

Take the wheel of one of the world's most popular sports cars and drive yourself around the bends of Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park's international motor racing circuit. Your pro-driver instructor will show you how to tackle Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park's sweeping bends and thrilling straights then you're let loose to enjoy the feeling of piloting your own fun sports car at whatever pace you're comfortable with.

In the Area

EXPLORE ON YOUR OWN

SCENIC & NATURE



Huka Falls

The sheer volume of water flowing over the falls amounts to 220,000 litres per second - enough to fill one Olympic sized swimming pool in 11 seconds!

Enjoy the walking tracks alongside the river and wander around the different viewing platforms, taking in the falls from all angles. You can bring a picnic and spend the day here. On a sunny day, the water is an amazing, crystal-clear blue.



Huka Honey Hive

Take a guided journey into the life of a Worker Bee. Learn about the plants, flowers and vegetation these amazing creatures thrive on, what threatens and what strengthens them. You will be guided through the magnificent wildflower gardens and on to the unique and iconic Manuka Garden to learn why the honey created from these plants is so prized around the world. Then sit back and sample some of the best honey in the world.

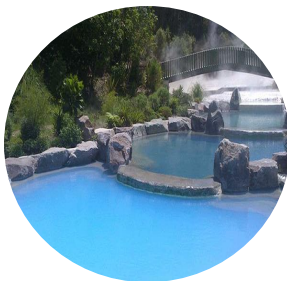


Aratiatia Rapids

These jaw dropping Aratiatia Rapids are formed when the dam gates of the Waikato River are opened a few times a day. The rapids were used in the filming of Peter Jackson's movie, The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug.

Summer release hours: 10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm.

Winter release hours - 10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm.



Taupo DeBrett Hot Springs

Fun and Relaxing for the whole family. Option of private pools.

Wairakei Terraces Hot Springs

Revitalising for Body and Soul

No Children under 14, please

*We wish you a wonderful stay at The Kinloch Manor.
Please enjoy all we have to offer*