

An aerial photograph of Lake Taupō, New Zealand. The water is a deep, dark blue. In the upper center, two people are swimming on their backs. In the bottom left corner, the white hull and deck of a motorboat are visible, angled towards the center. The text is overlaid on the image in a serif font.

THE EVENT EDIT

TAUPŌ

& TŪRANGI

INSIDE: LAKE TAUPŌ'S
STANDOUT VENUES,
EXPERIENCES & EVENT
IDEAS

Wairakei Resort
Tongariro Lodge
Taupō Sailing Adventures
Get Set Event Hire
Tongariro River Rafting
Hukafalls Jet
Taupō International Motorsport Park

A group of people wearing red helmets and life jackets are in a yellow inflatable raft on a river. The river is surrounded by a dense, lush green forest with tall trees. The water is a deep green color. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the raft and the surrounding forest.

ABOUT

Lake Taupō Collective

Bringing together some of the region's most experienced and distinctive business events operators, the Lake Taupō Collective showcases the depth, flexibility, and personality that make Taupō such a compelling destination for conferences, incentives, and executive retreats. Anchored by accommodation leaders Wairakei Resort Taupō and Tongariro Lodge, and supported by standout experiences including Taupō Sailing Adventures, Tongariro River Rafting, Hukafalls Jet, Taupō International Motorsport Park, and Get Set Event Hire, the Collective offers organisers the confidence of working with trusted local experts who know how to deliver memorable programmes from arrival to farewell.

Supporting partners Sequoia Estate, Tongariro Wilderness Adventures, and specialist teambuilding services providers further extend the region's capability, adding boutique venues, wilderness experiences, and engaging group activities that strengthen connection and create genuine standout moments.

Together, the Collective represents a collaborative approach to business events in Taupō - combining iconic landscapes, high-energy experiences, and seamless event delivery. Coordinated locally by tourism marketing specialist Michelle Caldwell of Destinate NZ, the group makes it easy for organisers to unlock the very best of the region through a single connected network of passionate operators.



WHERE BIG IDEAS MEET GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

Set across 169 acres of geothermal parkland just minutes from the shores of Lake Taupō, **Wairakei Resort Taupō** offers something many conference venues can't: space to think, room to connect, and an atmosphere that genuinely inspires.

With numerous versatile event spaces set against rolling lawns and fresh Taupō air, Wairakei Resort is more than just a venue – it's a unique destination.

Whether it's a corporate getaway, a team-building retreat, a function, or a exhibitions and gala dinners, the resort offers the rare combination of scale, scenery, and simplicity, combined with recreation and real authenticity.

Now proudly managed by **Accor**, the resort brings the added advantage of global credibility and connectivity through the ALL – Accor Live Limitless programme. Meeting planners can earn and redeem points on qualifying events while enjoying access to exclusive rewards and the reassurance that comes with one of the world's most recognised hospitality networks. For organisations with international teams or loyalty programmes already aligned with Accor, this adds immediate value and familiarity.



THE PERFECT BALANCE OF ACCESS AND ESCAPE

The location of Taupō itself also strengthens the story. As a central North Island hub, it's easy to get to, yet feels a world away from the city bustle.



WHY CHOOSE WAIRAKEI?

Wairakei Resort Taupō is purpose-built for gatherings that need to run smoothly from arrival to farewell. With up to 11 flexible meeting spaces and capacity for events of up to 600 delegates, the venue adapts easily to different formats – from exhibitions and plenary sessions to breakouts and gala dinners.

Importantly, everything sits in one integrated location.

With 187 guest rooms on-site, tailored catering, experienced event coordination, and full AV support available, organisers can deliver multi-day programmes without worrying about transfers or logistics between venues. Delegates stay connected to the event experience from start to finish. And despite its scale, the setting never feels corporate. Surrounded by native landscapes and geothermal features, the environment naturally encourages fresh thinking and relaxed networking.

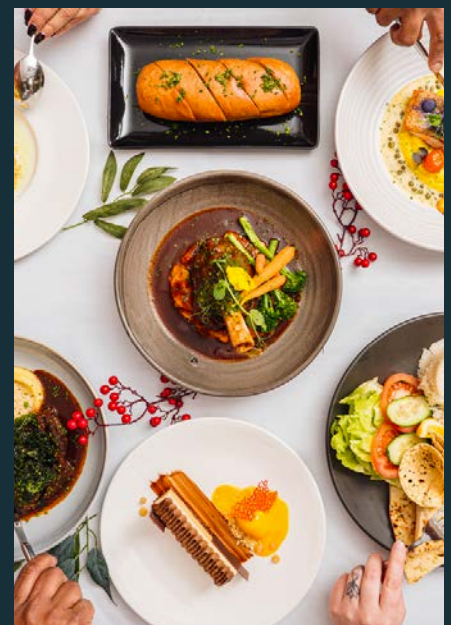
www.wairakei.co.nz/

A DESTINATION THAT ENERGISES DELEGATES

Great conferences are remembered for what happens outside the meeting room as much as inside it – and this is where Wairakei truly shines.



Wairakei is not a sterile conference centre or a luxury lodge – it's a place where corporate retreats and celebrations share the same stage as poolside chats, and rounds of golf... and let's not forget the disco room!



RIVERSIDE ESCAPES

EXECUTIVE RETREATS WITH ROOM TO BREATHE

Set on the banks of the legendary Tongariro River and framed by the dramatic landscapes of Tongariro National Park, **Tongariro Lodge** offers business events organisers a refined yet relaxed venue for executive retreats, incentive escapes and conferences that prioritise connection, focus and memorable shared experiences.

Just 35 minutes from Taupō Airport on the southern shores of Lake Taupō, the lodge combines timeless character with genuine Kiwi hospitality – delivering a hosted experience that feels both personal and seamless.

Tongariro Lodge provides accommodation for up to 100 delegates in separate single-bedroom chalets and 2–5 bedroom villas, all with private facilities and scenic river or mountain views. This layout supports privacy, comfort and flexibility for multi-day programmes.



Beyond the meeting room, Tongariro Lodge opens the door to some of the Central North Island's best-kept secrets – from quiet riverside walks and world-class fly fishing to lesser-known scenic trails, local food experiences, and seasonal alpine adventures. Our team works with trusted local operators to curate authentic experiences that add those unexpected “wow” moments to any conference or incentive programme.

DISCOVERING HIDDEN GEMS



The Delta Conference Room accommodates up to 110 delegates, complemented by additional breakout spaces including the Anglers Den. Large windows throughout the meeting areas maximise natural light and views, while expansive decking creates ideal spaces for alfresco breaks or evening functions.

Connection Comes Naturally Here



DISCOVER A TRUE CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND INCENTIVE DESTINATION

Few venues offer access to such a diverse range of iconic New Zealand experiences within minutes of the conference room. Activities include:

- world-class fly fishing on the Tongariro River
- the Tongariro Alpine Crossing
- skiing on Mt Ruapehu
- river adventures and scenic walks
- curated team-building programmes tailored to your group

These experiences make Tongariro Lodge particularly well suited to hosted incentive programmes and executive off-sites where time together outside the meeting room matters.

HOSTED DINING THAT BECOMES PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

Evenings at the lodge are a highlight. Groups can enjoy four-course plated dinners, gourmet barbecues, themed dining experiences or relaxed buffet service, all delivered with warm hospitality and a strong sense of place. Fireside conversations and shared meals often become the moments delegates remember most.

For planners seeking a distinctive alternative to a traditional hotel conference venue, Tongariro Lodge offers a character-filled setting where timeless surroundings meet effortless delivery — and where business events feel genuinely immersive rather than routine.

www.tongarirolodge.co.nz



WHITEWATER WITH A SIDE OF TEAM BONDING



If you're looking to energise your agenda and get your team out of the boardroom, Tongariro River Rafting has just the experience for you. Located in the heart of the Central North Island, this is whitewater with purpose – an adventure that builds bonds, boosts morale, and leaves lasting memories.

Take your group on a thrilling Grade 3 whitewater journey down the Tongariro River – ideal for incentive programmes, leadership retreats or team-building with a twist. Surrounded by native bush and exciting rapids and home to the native Whio, your team will paddle together, laugh together, and maybe even surprise themselves with what they achieve.



MAKE A SPLASH WITH YOUR NEXT TEAM EVENT

After something a little more relaxed? The Grade 2 Tongariro Explorer is a fantastic option for networking in nature.

This gentler trip still offers the beauty and magic of the river but in a more laid-back format – ideal for mixed ability groups, icebreakers or reflective strategy sessions on the water.

Each trip is led by friendly, experienced local guides who create a safe, welcoming environment for all.

Whether your goal is connection, celebration or just something completely different, this is the kind of off-site that gets people talking – and remembering.
www.trr.co.nz

LUXURY ON THE LAKE



When it comes to unforgettable event settings, it's hard to beat a private yacht gliding across the crystal-clear waters of Lake Taupō. Taupō Sailing Adventures offers a premium way to host – with style, scenery, and serenity all in one incredible package. Choose from a sleek, spacious sailing catamaran or a beautifully restored traditional yacht, and let the lake become your venue. Whether you're entertaining key clients, rewarding your team, or hosting an intimate celebration, these private charters are made for those who value experiences that feel both effortless and extraordinary.



Each cruise can be tailored to suit your group, with options ranging from sunset sails to wellness retreats, lakefront ceremonies, or even strategic small-group workshops. Gourmet catering and drinks can be arranged onboard, so all you need to do is relax and enjoy the horizon.

This is event hosting at its most relaxed and refined – a chance to step away from the ordinary and connect in one of New Zealand's most breathtaking natural environments. For corporate groups wanting to impress, reset, or simply enjoy time together in a meaningful way, Taupō Sailing Adventures is the ultimate off-site experience.

www.tauposailingadventures.co.nz



UP CLOSE WITH POWER:

Incentive Moments That Only Happen at Huka Falls

Few experiences in New Zealand deliver the same mix of accessibility, adrenaline, and shared impact as Hukafalls Jet – one of Taupō's signature incentive activities.

Hukafalls Jet holds the exclusive concession to take guests right to the base of Huka Falls, New Zealand's most visited natural attraction. For incentive planners, that exclusivity creates a genuine "only in Taupō" moment that's difficult to replicate elsewhere.

The experience is also designed with groups in mind. With up to four boats operating at once, each carrying 17 passengers, and departures every 30 minutes, it fits easily into conference schedules while maintaining energy and momentum. Operating since 1990, Hukafalls Jet brings more than three decades of river expertise and industry-leading safety standards – an important consideration for organisers managing duty of care for their guests.

Easy to Include, Hard to Forget

For incentive planners, Hukafalls Jet also delivers something increasingly valuable – a genuine shared "wow" moment that translates beautifully into delegate storytelling and social content. The dramatic setting, turquoise water, and proximity to the Falls create instantly recognisable imagery, while the fast-paced format keeps energy high across the programme. It's an experience that works equally well as a headline activity or a memorable half-day inclusion.



The Kind of Shared Moment People Talk About Later

And then there's the experience itself: the acceleration, the famous 360° spins, the spray, and the sudden arrival at the base of the thundering Huka Falls. These are the shared moments that become lasting conference memories.



Just 10 minutes from Taupō's CBD and easily accessed from SH1 and SH5, the experience slots seamlessly into wider Central North Island incentive itineraries. Set among native bush, geothermal features, and the dramatic Waikato River corridor, it also delivers a spectacular natural backdrop for group photography and storytelling.

www.hukafallsjet.com



MEETINGS WITH MOMENTUM



Looking for a venue that delivers energy, impact, and something a little unexpected? Just 10 minutes from Lake Taupō township, **Taupō International Motorsport Park** offers a distinctive setting for business meetings, conferences, corporate functions, and client events designed to stand out.

Modern, light-filled suites overlooking a stunning rural landscape provide flexible spaces suited to strategy sessions, product launches, and team gatherings. With a dedicated events team, flexible catering options, and ample free parking, everything you need is conveniently located in one place.



TAKE YOUR EVENT TRACKSIDE

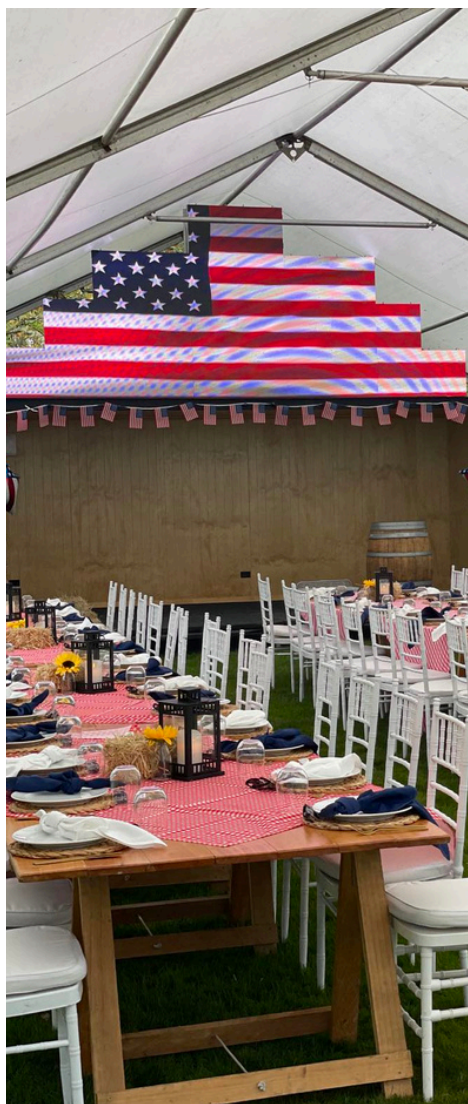
Where the venue really shifts gears is with its on-site team-building experiences. Step beyond the meeting room and onto the track with activities that bring groups together in a memorable way.

Challenge colleagues on the 400m outdoor go-kart circuit and compete for leaderboard glory, take the wheel of a powerful Subaru WRX alongside a professional driver, or test your skills in the MX5 fun drive challenges including the Slalom of the



Gods and gymkhana course. At Taupō International Motorsport Park, business events come with real momentum – combining professional facilities with experiences your team will still be talking about long after the day ends.

www.taupomp.co.nz/group-bookings#



SEQUOIA ESTATE – Private Estate Perfection

Hidden just minutes from Taupō, Sequoia Estate is a private estate that blends elegance, privacy, and natural beauty – making it the ultimate backdrop for exclusive business events, retreats, and celebrations.

This sophisticated estate is surrounded by lush, manicured gardens and mature sequoia trees, offering a sense of tranquillity that feels worlds away from the everyday. From strategy sessions that inspire big thinking to gala dinners under the stars, Sequoia is designed to help you create something extraordinary.



*Host your event somewhere
truly special*



The estate offers two distinct outdoor event spaces:

The Oval – a large, flat expanse of rich green lawn, ideal for hosting marquee events, long-table lunches, concerts, or product launches. With a built-in stage and plenty of space, it's perfect for big ideas and even bigger celebrations.

The Lawn – a more intimate setting close to the lodge, framed by gardens and perfect for relaxed welcome drinks, ceremony-style gatherings or even morning yoga for wellness-focused retreats.

This is a venue where moments become memories – and events become unforgettable.

www.sequoiaestate.co.nz

Inside the lodge, five beautifully appointed bedrooms and a newly built, separate deluxe honeymoon suite make it easy to host multi-day events.

Whether you're welcoming senior leadership for an overnight strategy session or bringing together your best clients for a weekend escape, Sequoia Lodge delivers comfort, luxury, and exclusivity in equal measure.



Bring the style

STYLISH.
SEAMLESS.
STRESS-FREE.



- Full-service event hire for corporate events, gala dinners, and outdoor functions.
- Marquees, furniture, decor, lighting and more – all delivered and set up for you.
- Experienced event stylists who understand the business events space.
- Your one-stop shop for transforming any venue into a showstopper.

www.getseteventhire.co.nz



BREAKOUT WITH PURPOSE

*Short on time, big on impact –
team experiences that energise.*

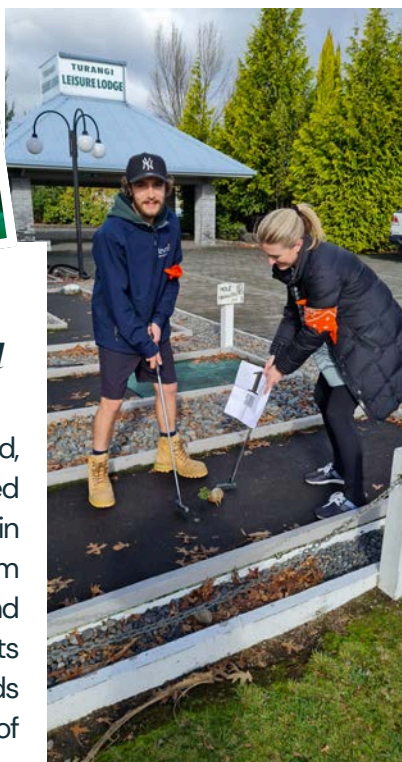


Traditional Team Building Challenges - Think old-school games, fresh energy.

Short on time? These fast-paced, interactive challenges are designed to energise, connect and entertain – all in 20–90 minutes. From communication games and physical puzzles to classic contests with a twist, every activity builds teamwork, trust, and a whole lot of laughs.

Expect:

- Obstacle relays that test balance and coordination
- Logic puzzles that require lateral thinking and collaboration
- Trust-based challenges like blindfolded games and human knots
- Physical teamwork with ropes, rafts, and a bit of friendly chaos
- Plus surprises like axe throwing, balloon tricks, and five-way tug-o-war



Waikato River Raft Float - Peaceful, scenic, and ideal for connection.

Float the Waikato River on raft – no experience needed. A great way to unwind, network, or reflect between sessions. Can include team building activities along the way or incorporate a race. Float under the bungy site along the stunning Waikato River.



Mountain Biking Fresh air, epic views, and trails for everyone.

Explore Taupō's beautiful trails, from adventurous forest tracks to the gentle, lakeside Lions Walkway – practically flat and perfect for all fitness levels.

Tour de Trout Scavenger Hunt

Tech meets teamwork in this fast-paced Taupō challenge.

Explore the town, complete creative tasks, and race the clock – all while capturing your movements on camera. Perfect for competitive teams, or just for a good laugh.

THE ULTIMATE OFF-SITE



When you truly want to escape the noise and focus on what matters, Tongariro Wilderness Adventures delivers an experience that's as powerful as it is peaceful.

Tucked deep within the remote Central North Island, this wilderness lodge is the ultimate off-grid retreat. Completely off the beaten track with no phone signal* to distract, it's an environment designed for clarity, connection, and real conversations. Perfect for executive teams needing space to think big, reconnect, or simply recharge.

Off-grid. On-point. Team retreats like no other.

Whether you're planning a high-impact leadership retreat, a strategic planning session, or a total team reset, this is a setting that inspires. The lodge is available for exclusive use, offering complete privacy and a bespoke experience crafted around your group's needs.

Fully hosted and curated by passionate locals, your stay can include guided walks through untouched native bush, adventurous 4WD Can-am tours, wellness activities like yoga or pilates, and evening stargazing that feels like stepping into another universe.

This isn't your typical offsite – it's a transformative experience in a location few people will ever get to see. Unplug, slow down, and reconnect with your team in a place that's as extraordinary as the work you'll do there.

*Starlink is available.





EXTEND YOUR *Stay*

For conferences hosted in Auckland, Rotorua, Hamilton or the wider central North Island, Taupō offers an easy and highly rewarding pre or post-event extension.

Just 3.5 hours from Auckland, 1 hour from Rotorua and 2 hours from Hamilton, Taupō is ideally placed for delegates looking to turn a business trip into a memorable long weekend.

With lake, mountain and geothermal landscapes, premium accommodation, boutique venues, exceptional dining and a wide range of visitor experiences – from sailing and jet boating to rafting, geothermal walks, wellness, golf and scenic adventures – Taupō gives conference guests the chance to slow down, reconnect and experience another side of New Zealand.

It's accessible, easy to package, and packed with experiences that leave a lasting impression.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

3 Days 2 Nights – Taupō & Tūrangi
Team Incentive Trip



DAY 1

Start the morning on Lake Taupō with Taupō Sailing Adventures, cruising to the Ngātoroirangi Māori Rock Carvings. Travel south to Tūrangi for an afternoon with Tongariro River Rafting – fresh air, teamwork, rapids and plenty of laughs. Finish with dinner and accommodation at Tongariro Lodge, surrounded by peaceful grounds and lodge-style hospitality.

Arrive in Taupō and head straight to Taupō International Motorsport Park for a fun go-karting challenge. Next, feel the power of the Waikato River with Hukafalls Jet, racing to the base of the mighty Huka Falls. The day ends with a gala dinner and overnight stay at Wairakei Resort.

DAY 2



DAY 3



Enjoy breakfast before departure, with optional add-ons including fly fishing, scenic walks or a relaxed lakeside stop. In just 48 hours, Taupō delivers adventure, connection, nature and memorable moments — all beautifully packaged for incentive groups.





Weddings, Functions, Special Events
GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ, NZ

LET'S TALK — PLAN YOUR NEXT TAUPŌ EVENT

Ready to create something unforgettable?

Whether you're planning a leadership retreat, an incentive escape, or a high-impact team event, we're here to help bring it all together. We represent some of the Taupō region's most trusted, unique and inspiring event partners – and we'd love to work with you to design an experience that your guests will never forget.

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