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Day 1-7 Auckland, Wellington, Lake Taupo

From Auckland to Ohakune with views of Mt Ruapehu, then to Wellington to visit friends and explore. From there to Hastings and the east coast, and finally up...

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Day 7 Volcanoes Flight

Our spectacular flight from Lake Taupo south to the 3 volcanoes: Mt Tongariro, Mt Ngauruhoe and Mt Ruapehu (this time viewed from the north) - active volcanic...

40 images



Day 8-9 Lake Taupo

The Haku River Walk to the Haku Falls, cruise the northern part of Lake Taupo on the M.V. Kemp, and see the daily rise of the Aratiatia Rapids as they release...

58 images



Day 10 Rotorua

Gondola ride for views of Lake Rotorua, explore the Blue Lake (with circuit walk) and view the Green Lake, visit Lake Tarawera.

39 images



Day 11-12 Waimangu Volcanic Valley

Walk down the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, a cruise around Lake Tarawera with close up views of Mt Tarawera and active volcanic sulphur vents - after walking or...

86 images



Day 12-13 Katikati

Visit friends at Katikati and walked around Kauri Point before heading north to Tairua.

17 images



Day 13-15 Tairua and the Coromandel

Visit friends in Tairua, explore the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula - Hahei, Whitianga, Whangapoua, Coromandel Town, Waiau Falls.

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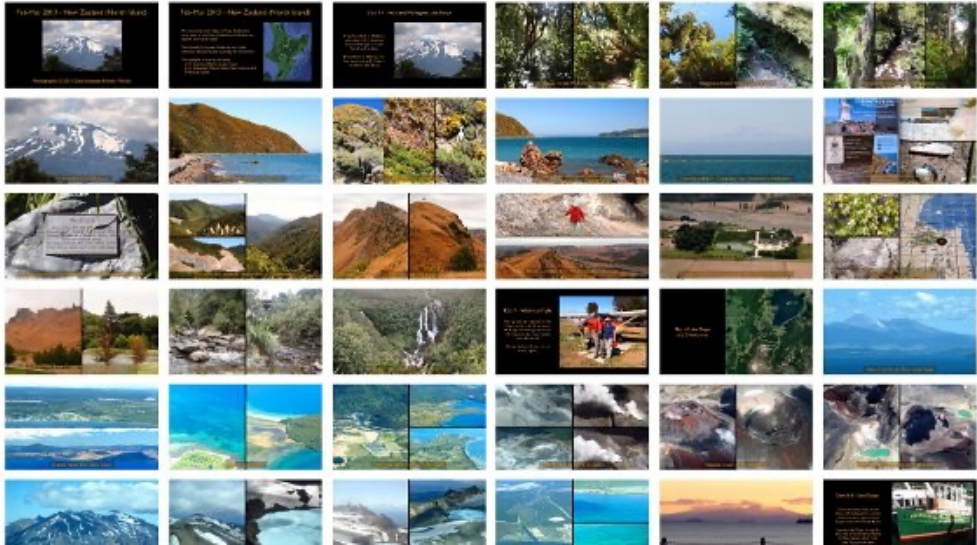


Day 15-17 Waiheke Island

Back to Auckland and the ferry across to Waiheke Island - spectacular views, food and wine, and walks - hard to leave but in the end back to Auckland and home.

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4 images

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Mt Ruapehu from Ohakune



Map of North Island of New Zealand

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North Island Locations
[Map produced using Google Earth Pro]



Rangataua Forest Walk near Ohakune



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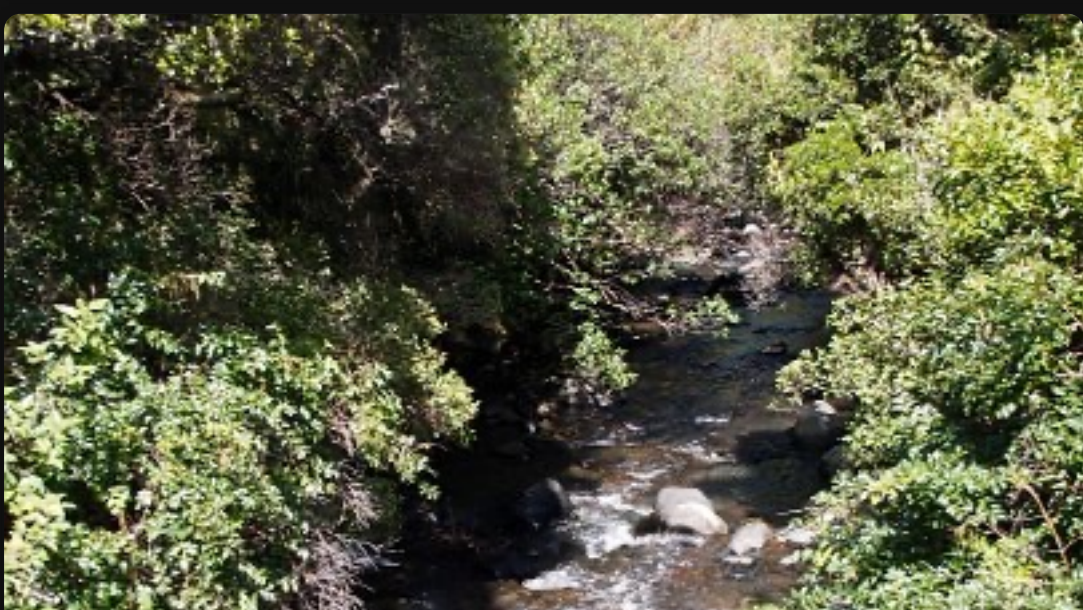
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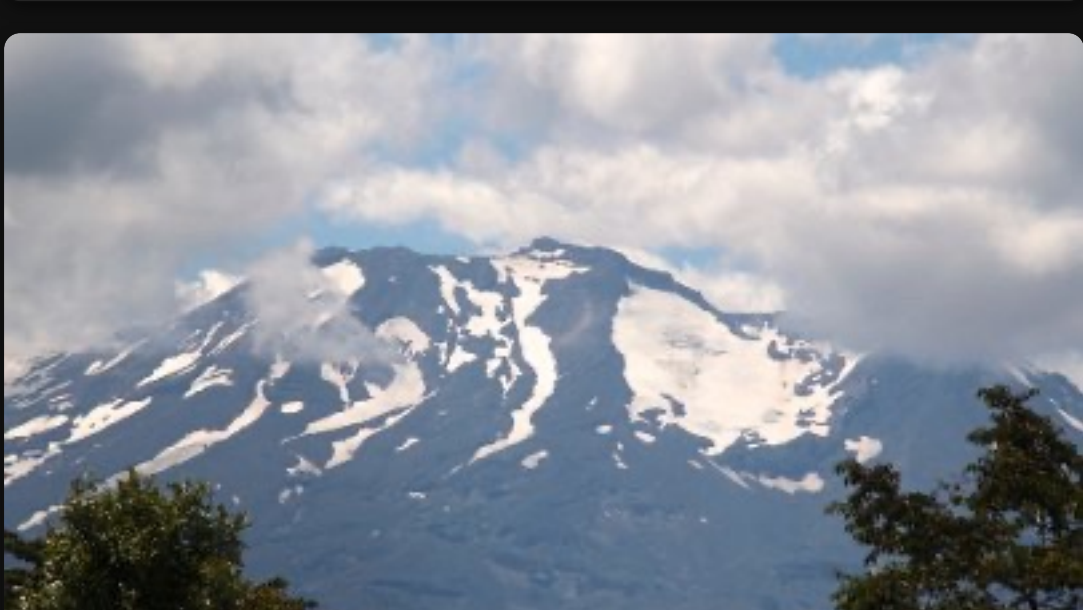
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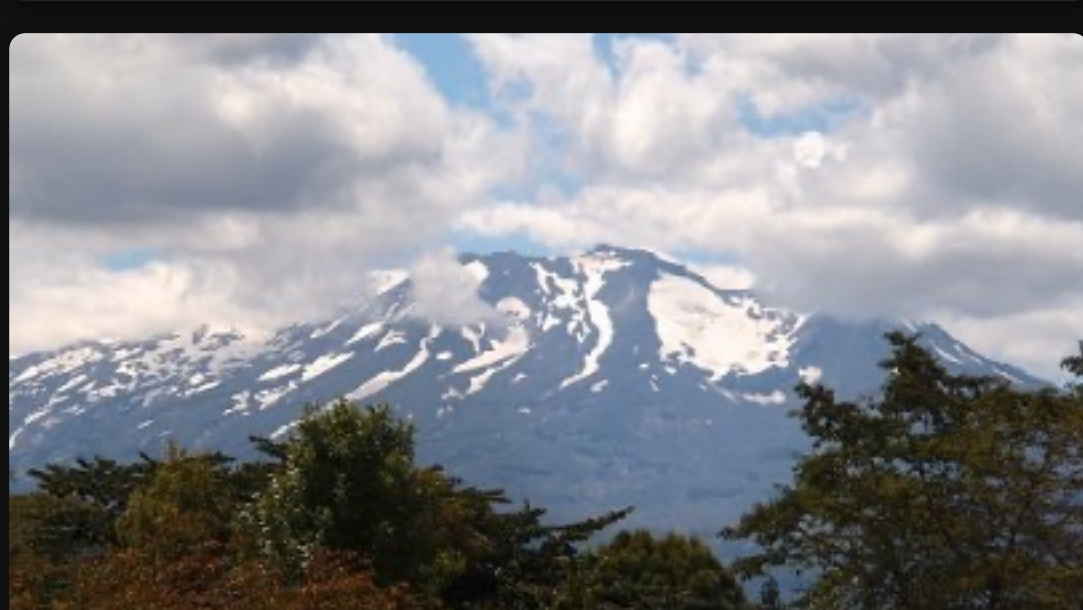
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Mt Ruapehu from Ohakune



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Camp Bay near Eastbourne, Wellington



South Island from Camp Bay near Eastbourne, Wellington



South Island from Camp Bay near Eastbourne, Wellington



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Shells at Camp Bay near Eastbourne, Wellington



Notice Board at Burden's Gate near Eastbourne, Wellington



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Wahine Memorial at Burden's Gate near Eastbourne, Wellington



Rimutaka Hill, between Upper Hutt and Featherston



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Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



Intrepid climber at Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



Craggy Range Vineyard from Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



View westwards from Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



Flowers on Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



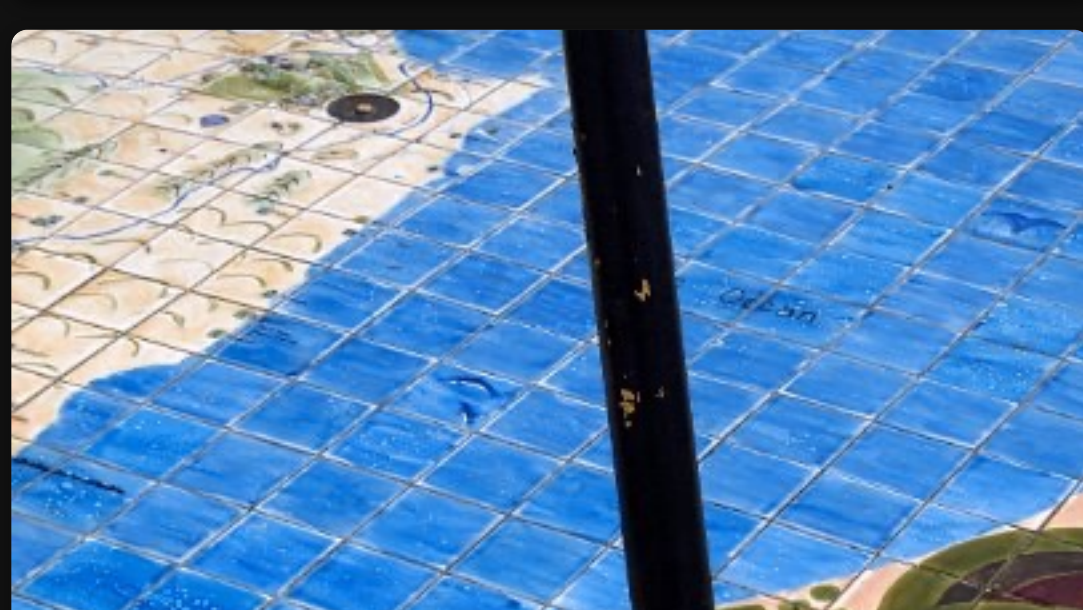
Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



Fossil on Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



Mosaic Map on Trig Point on Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



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Te Mata Peak from Craggy Range Vineyard near Hastings



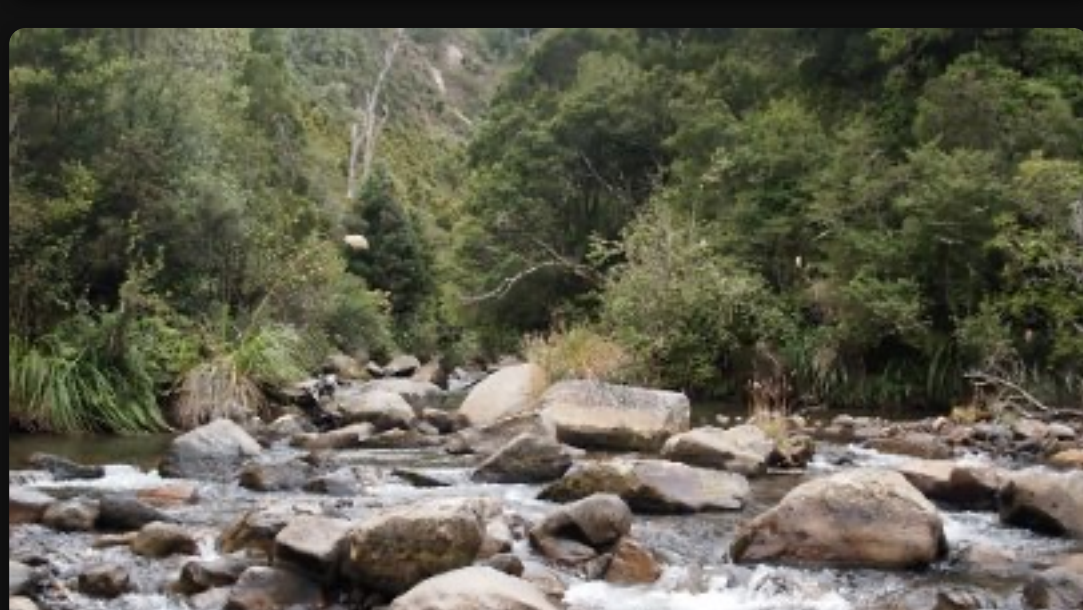
Te Mata Peak from Craggy Range Vineyard near Hastings



Gardens at Craggy Range Vineyard near Hastings



Te Mata Peak from Tukituki Valley Road near Hastings



Lunch spot on Mohaka River, road from Hastings to Taupo



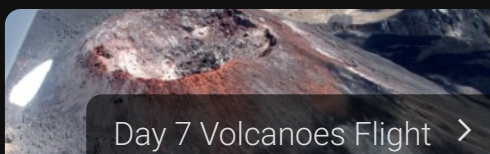
Lunch spot on Mohaka River, road from Hastings to Taupo



Waipunga Falls, road from Hastings to Taupo



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Anne and Dave in front of Volcanoes Flight plane
[Pilot photo]



Map of Lake Taupo and 3 Volcanoes
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View of volcanoes from Lake Taupo



Distant views from Lake Taupo



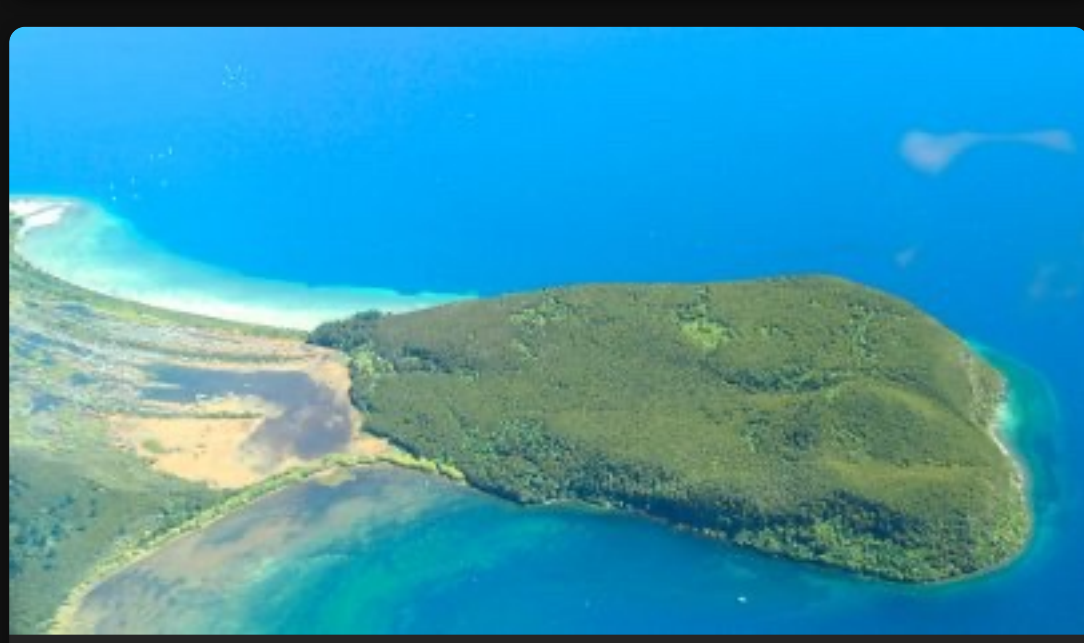
Distant views from Lake Taupo



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Edge of Lake Taupo



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Tongariro River entering Lake Taupo



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Volcanic activity on Mt Tongariro



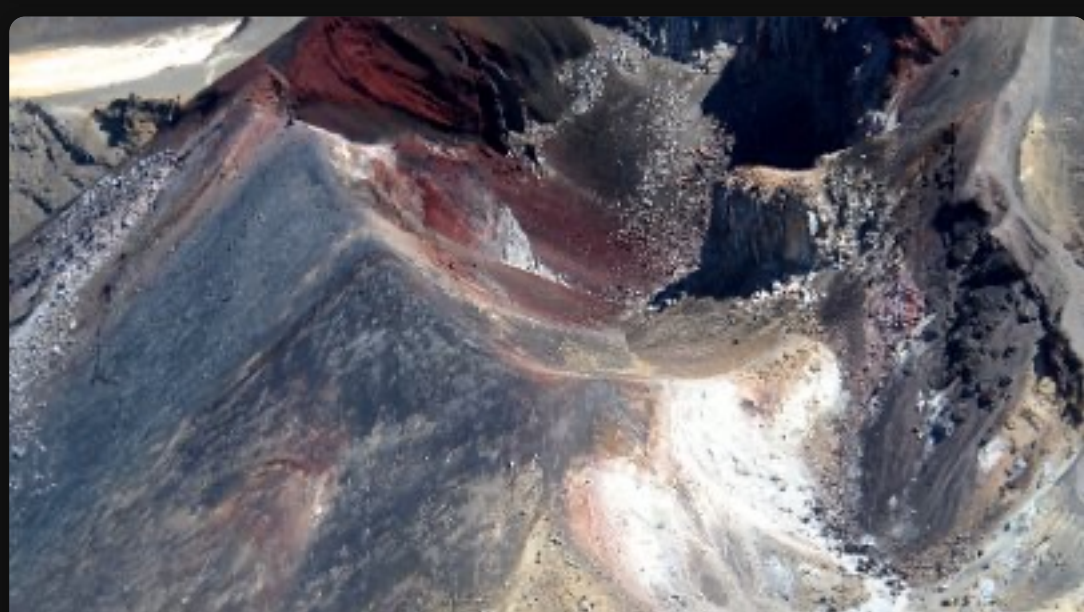
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Volcanic crater and lake on Mt Ngauruhoe



Volcanic crater and lake on Mt Ngauruhoe



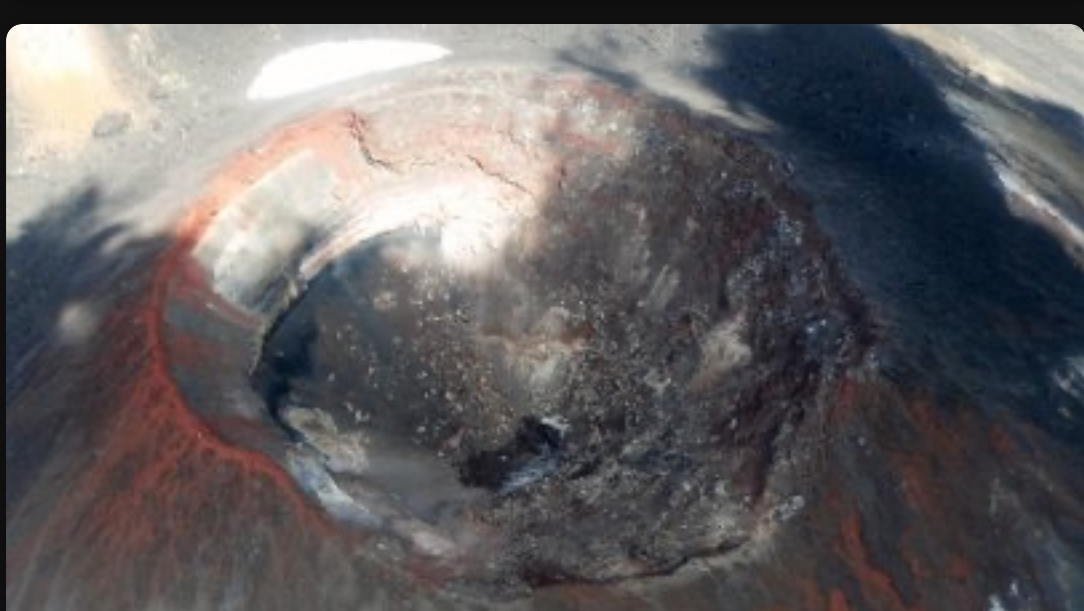
Blue Lake on Mt Tongariro



Volcanic crater on Mt Tongariro



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Volcanic crater on Mt Tongariro



Mt Ruapehu from north



Lower Tama Lake between Mt Ngauruhoe and Mt Ruapehu



Mt Ruapehu



Mt Ruapehu



Crater lake on Mt Ruapehu



Crater lake on Mt Ruapehu



Avalanche scar on Mt Ruapehu



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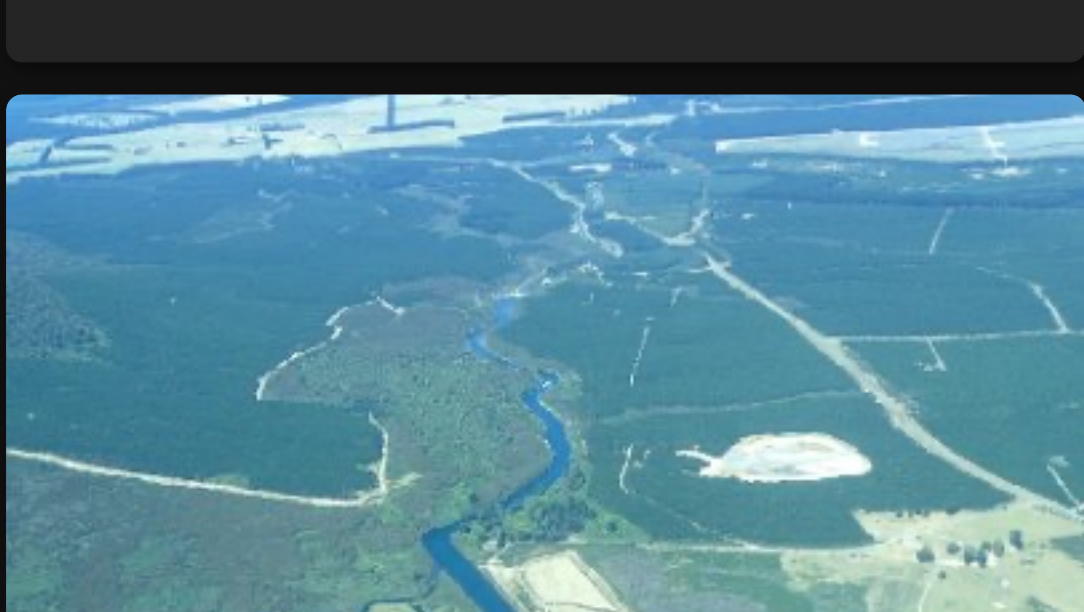
Crater lake on Mt Ruapehu



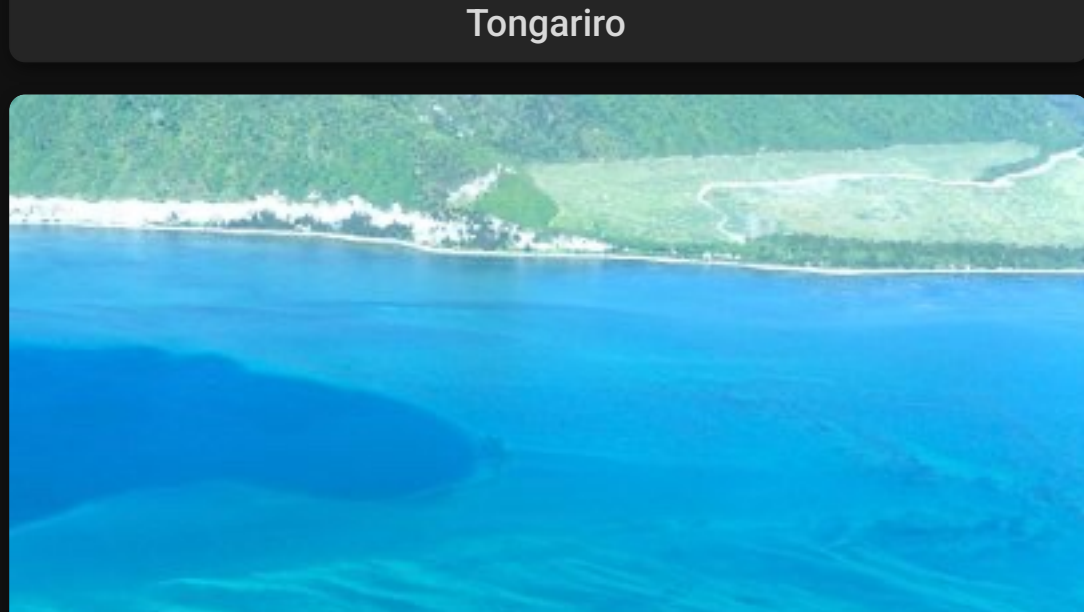
From Mt Ngauruhoe towards Tongariro Crossing and Mt Tongariro



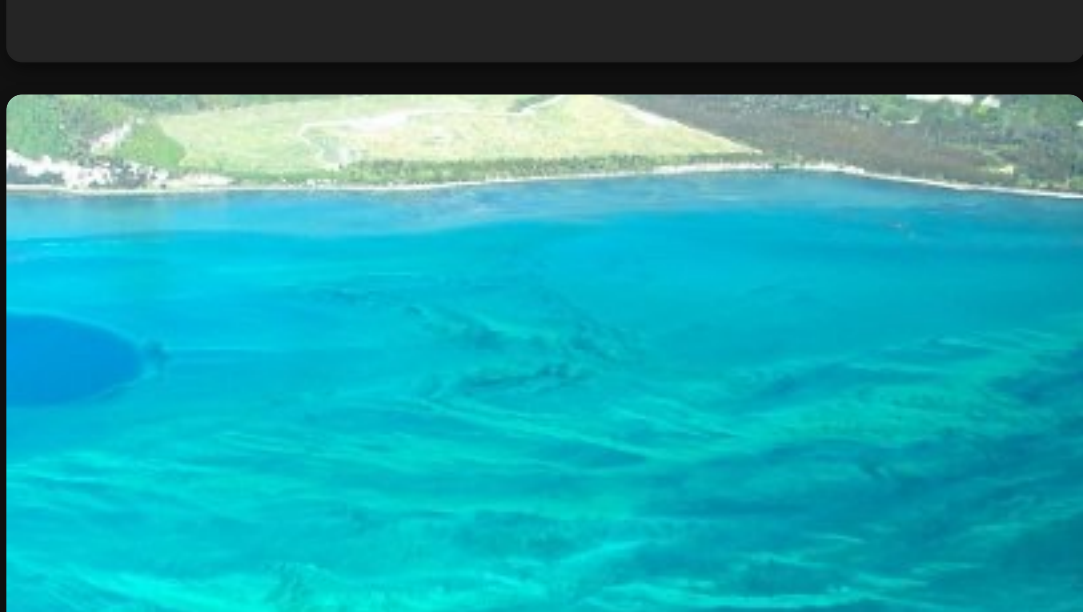
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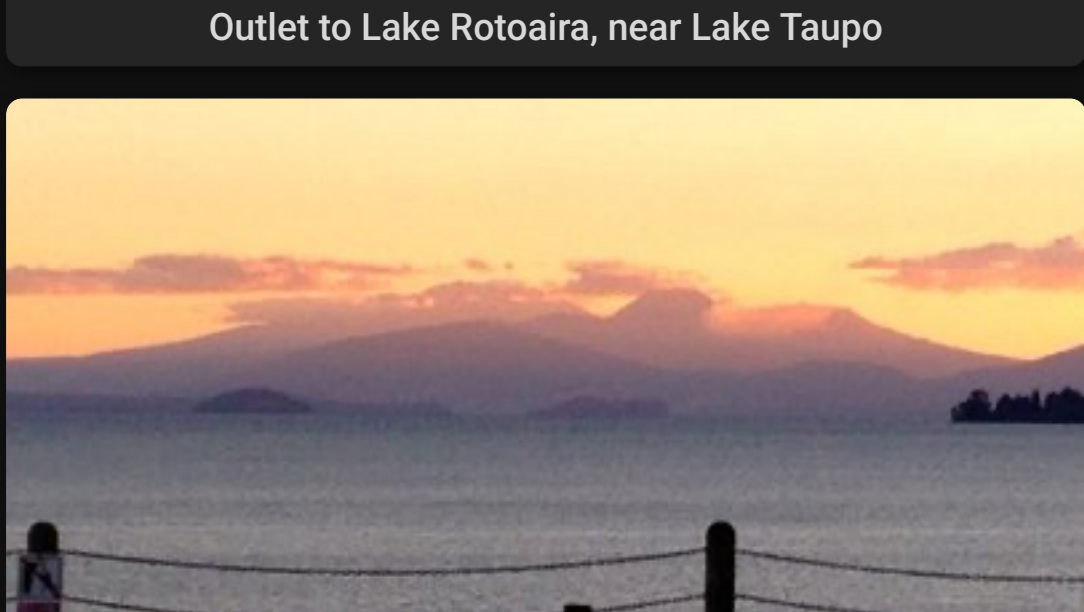
Outlet to Lake Rotoaira, near Lake Taupo



Edge of Lake Taupo



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Evening view over Lake Taupo



Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



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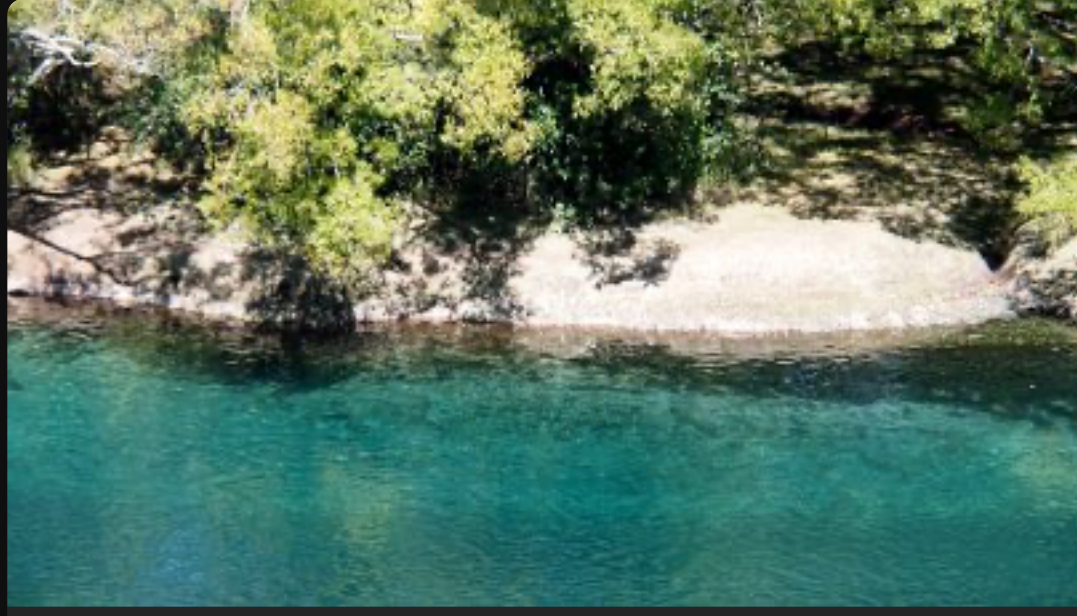
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Flowering tree on Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Bird nesting holes on Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Small Rapids on Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Tree on Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Large Rapids on Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Huka Lodge on Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Huka Falls on Waikato River



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Near Huka Falls on Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



Near Huka Falls on Huka Falls Walk, Waikato River



MV Kemp Lake Taupo cruise boat



Adult bird near MV Kemp



Young birds near MV Kemp



Across Lake Taupo to the volcanoes - Tongariro (right), Ngaurohoe (cone) and Ruapehu (snow)



Acacia Bay, Lake Taupo



Jerusalem Bay, Lake Taupo



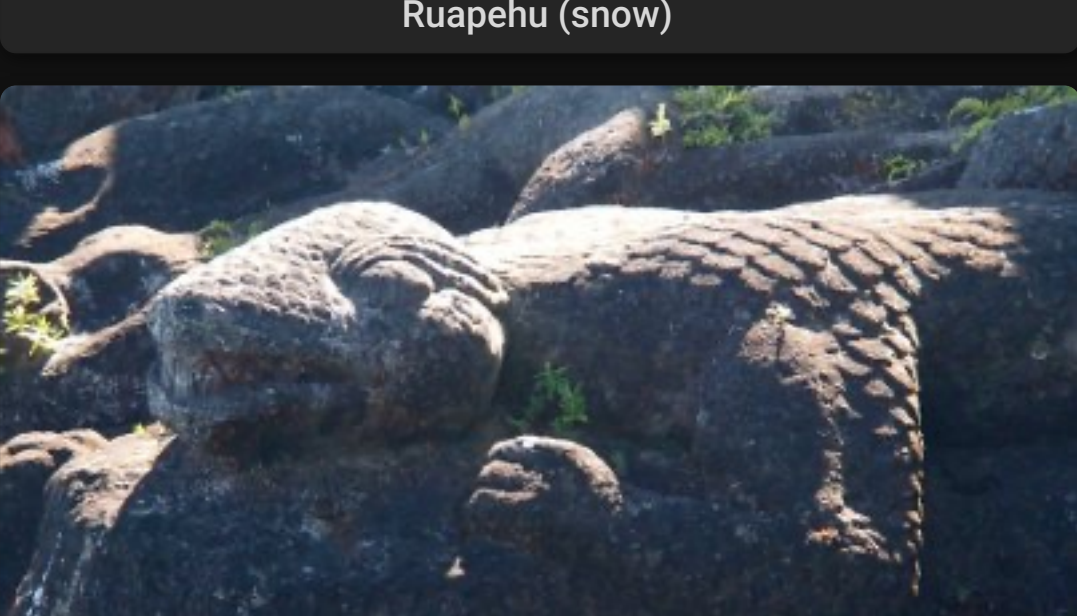
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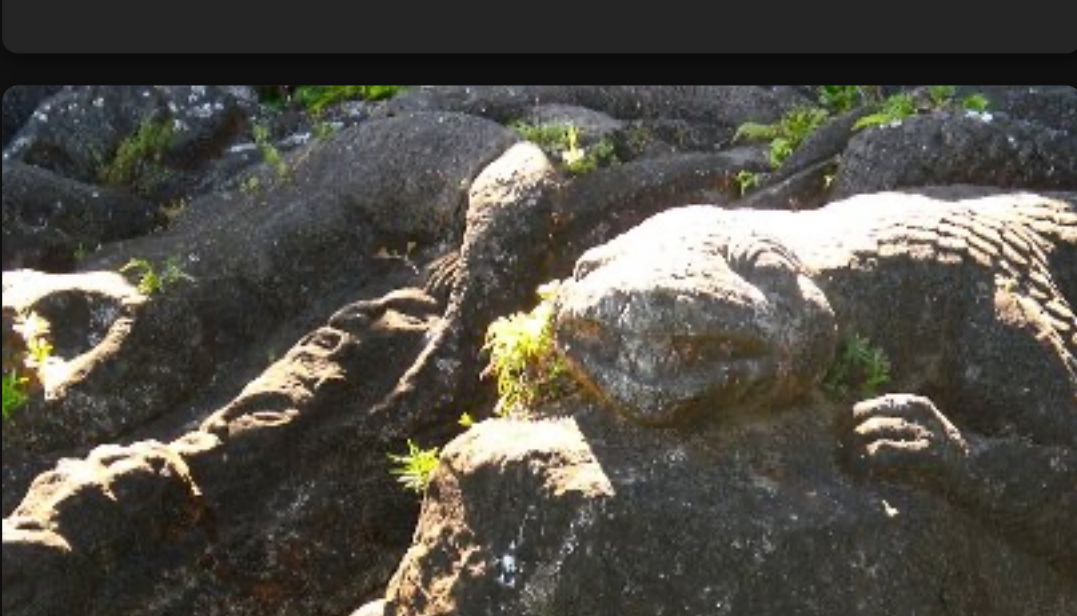
Lake Taupo cruise sailing boat



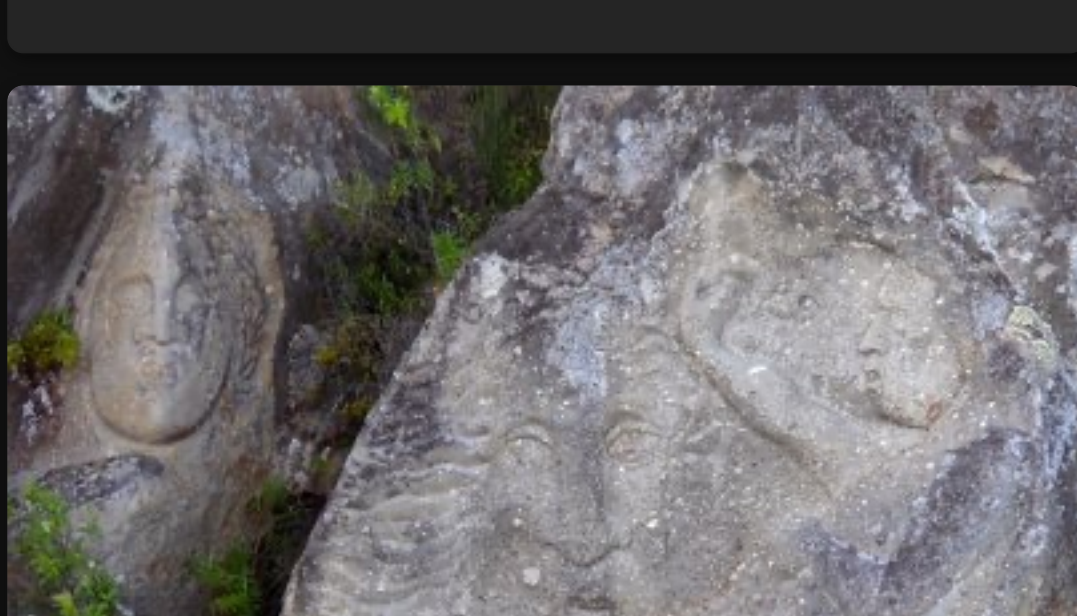
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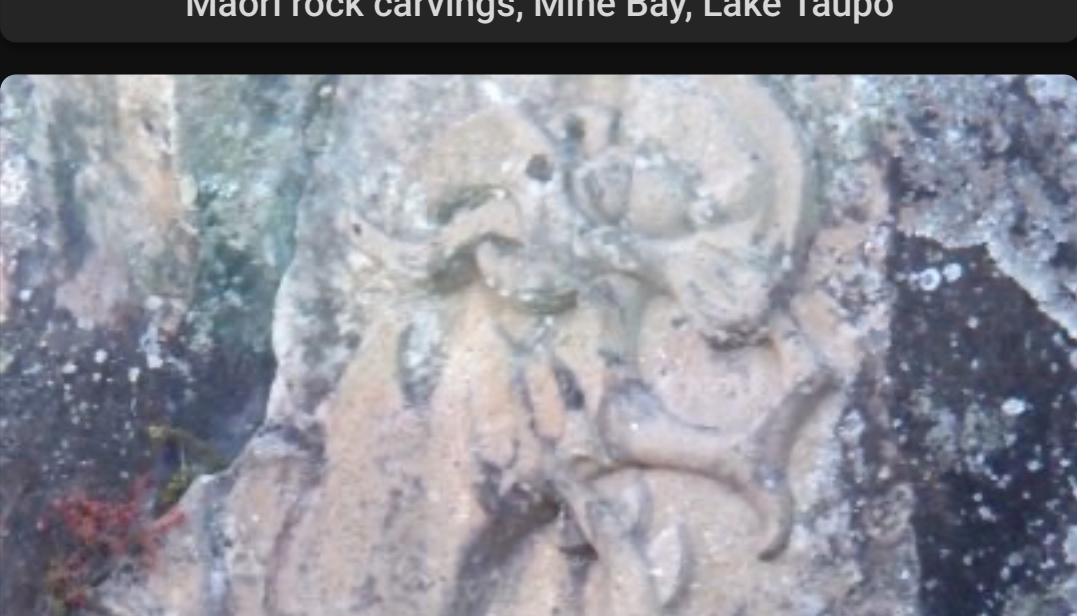
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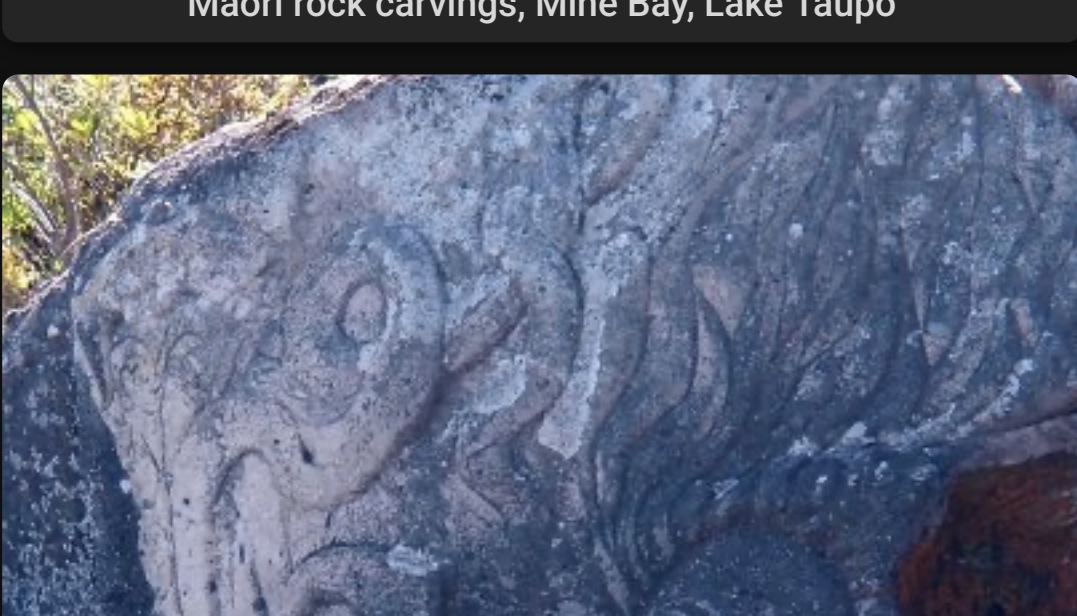
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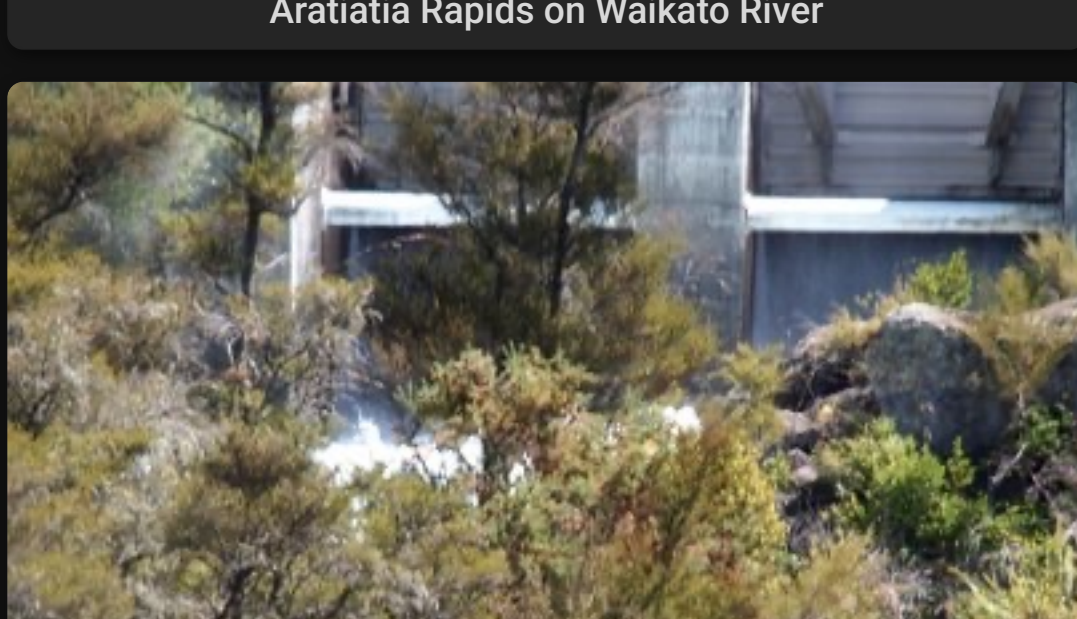
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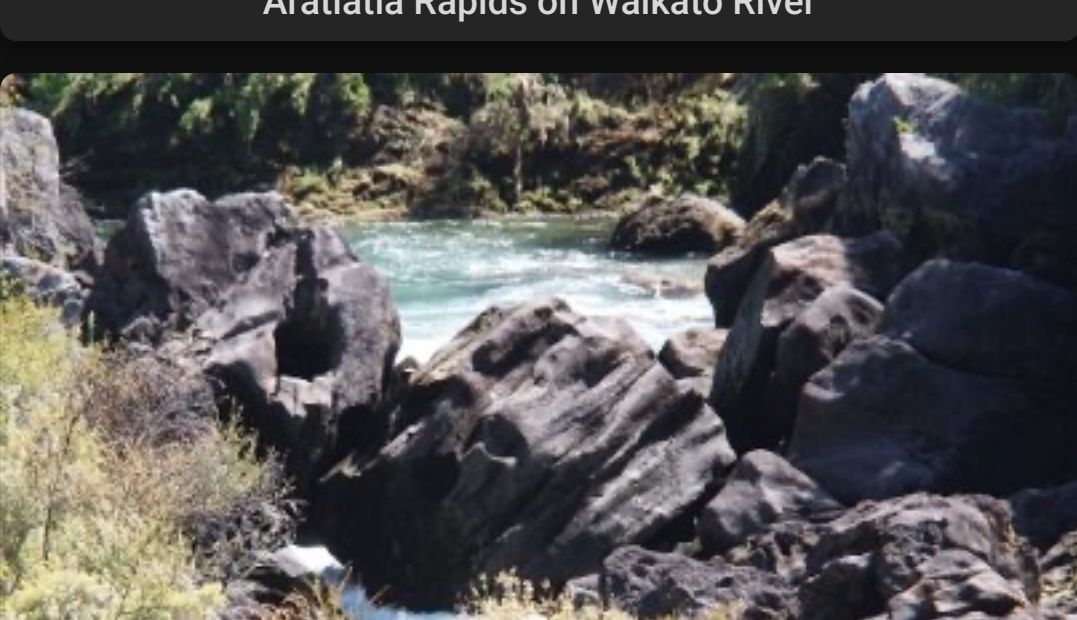
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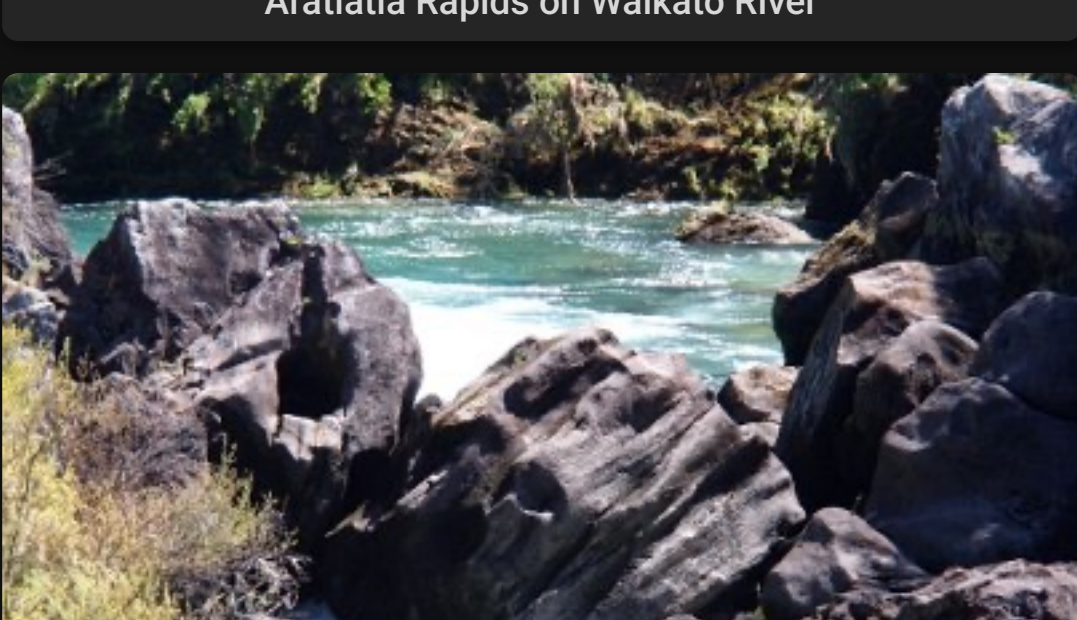
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Water arriving at Aratiatia Rapids on Waikato River



Water rising at Aratiatia Rapids on Waikato River



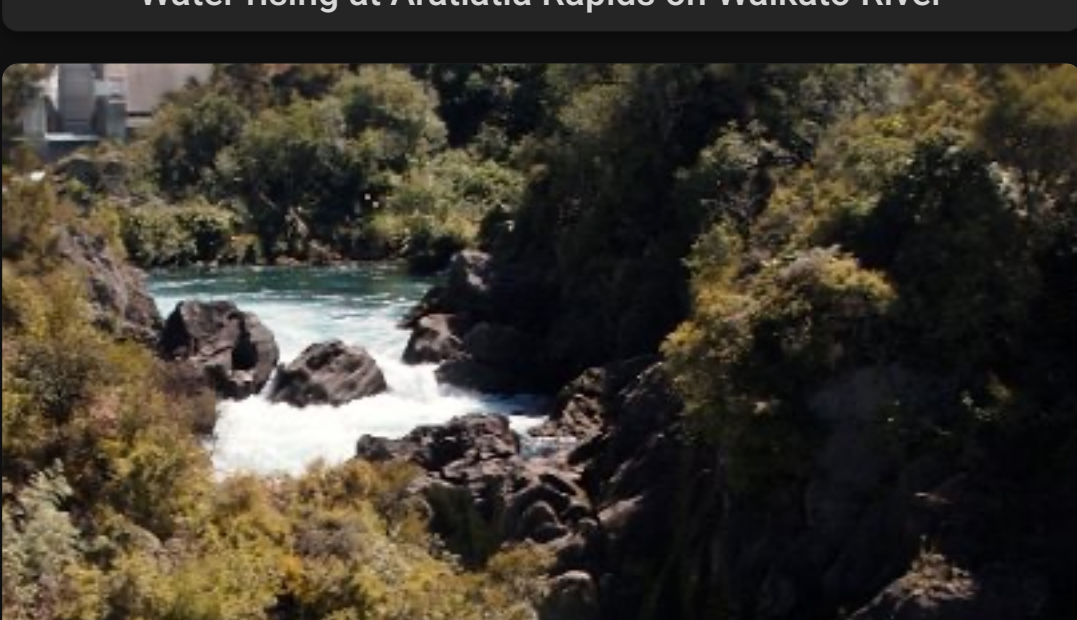
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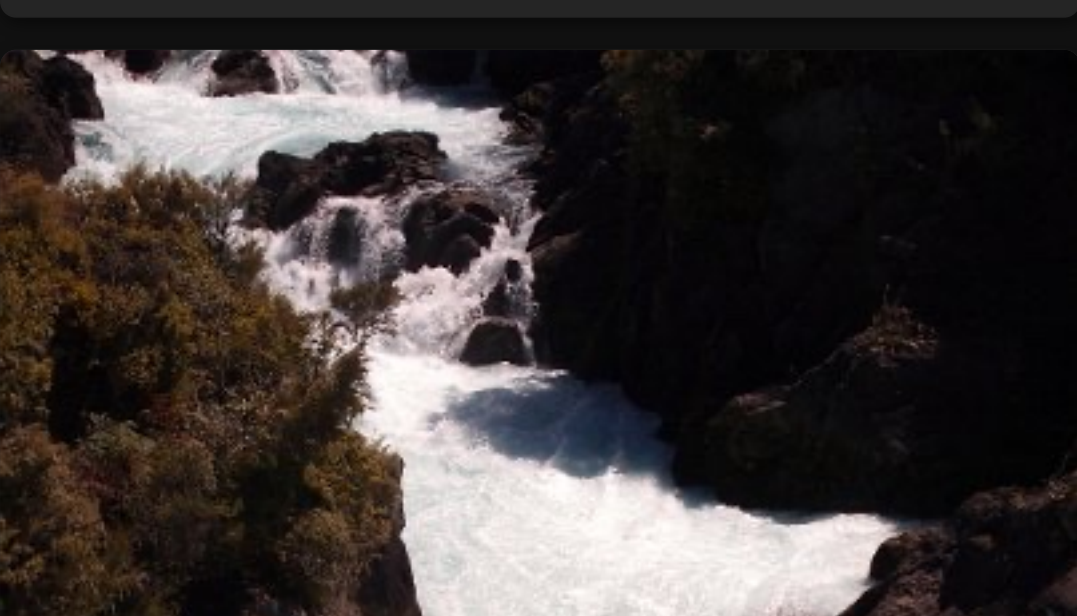
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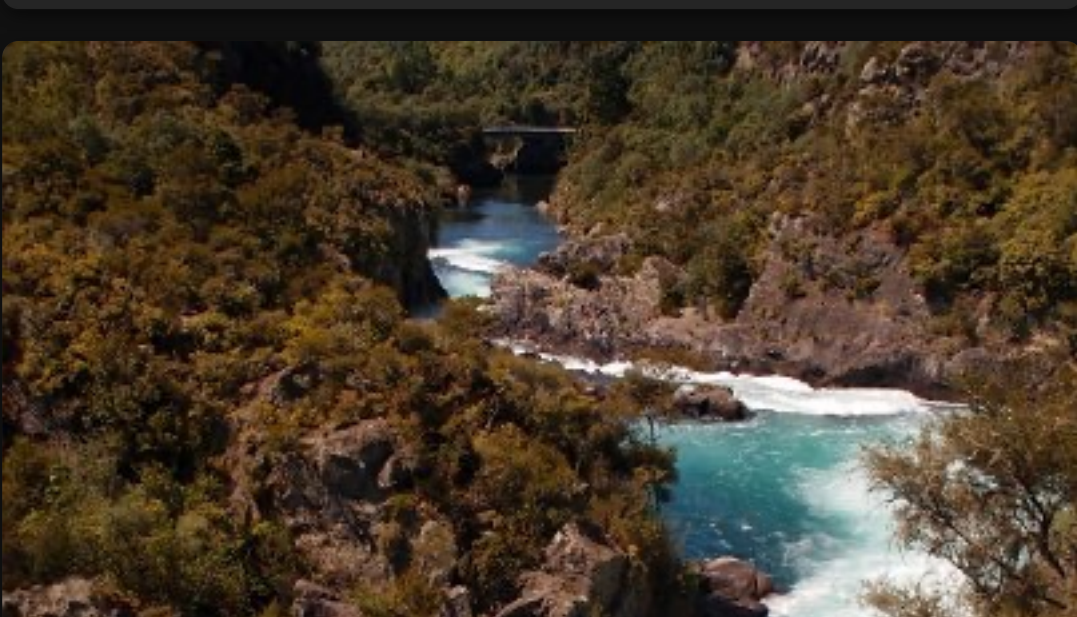
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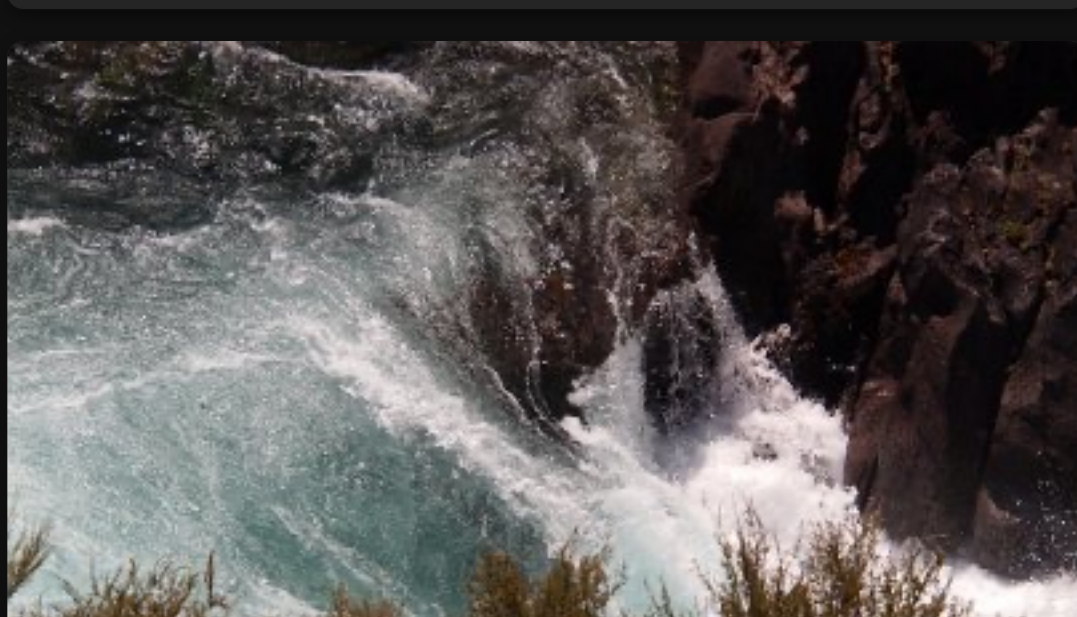
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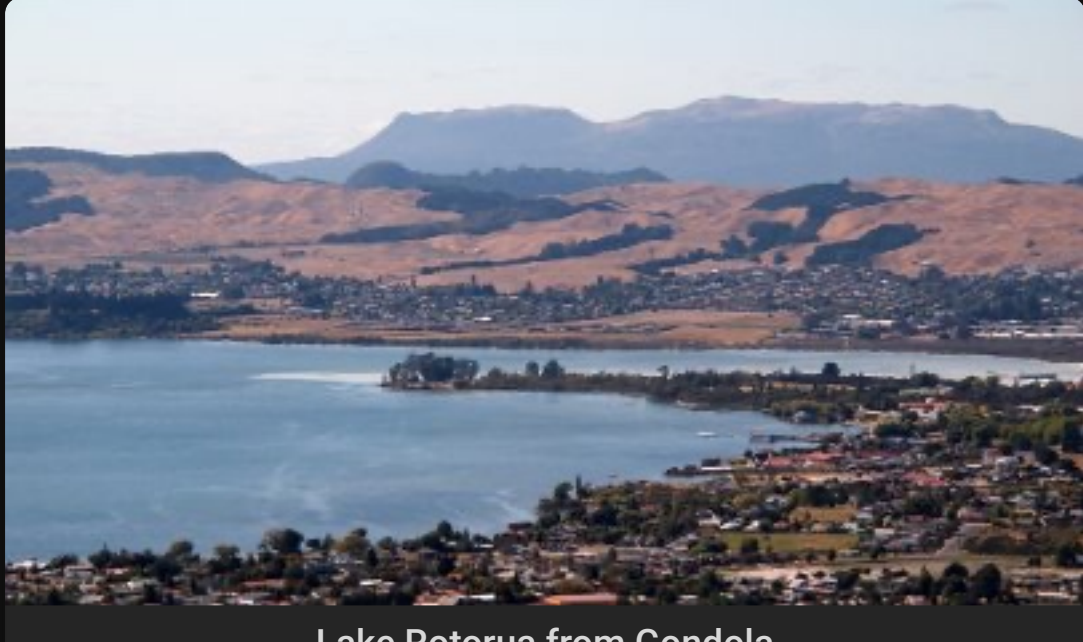


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Day 10 Rotorua

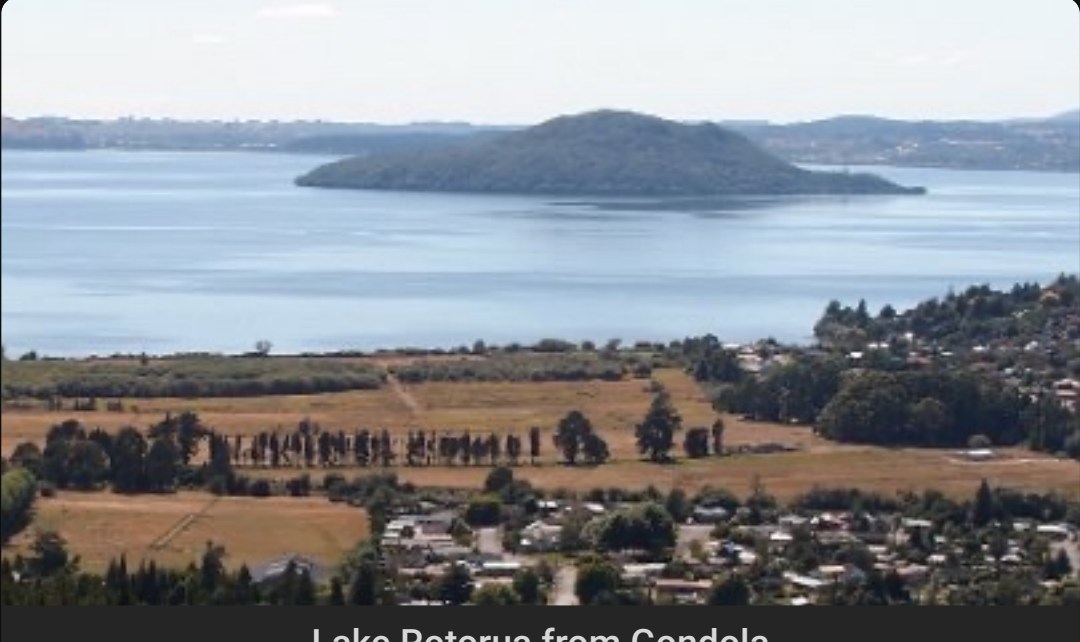
Gondola ride for views of Lake Rotorua, explore the Blue Lake (with circuit walk) and view the Green Lake, visit Lake Tarawera.



Lake Rotorua from Gondola



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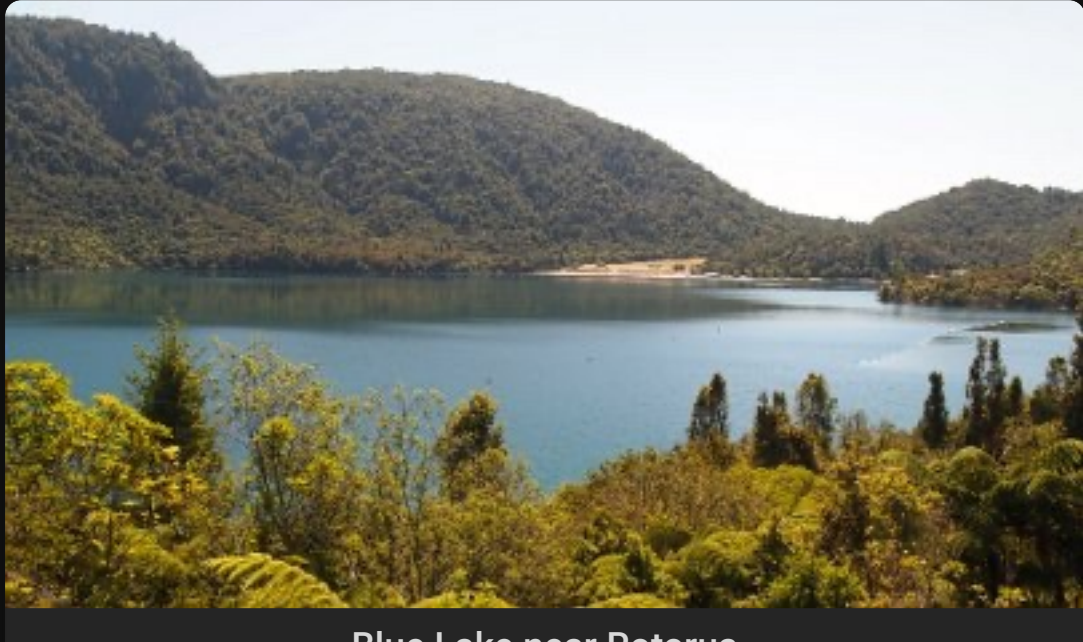
Lake Rotorua from Gondola



Blue Lake near Rotorua



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Tikitapu / Blue Lake

- Named as the place where the daughter of a high born chief lost her sacred greenstone neck ornament (Tikitapu).
- 150 hectares in size, deepest point 27.5 metres.
- No surface outlet, probably drains via underground to Lake Rotokakahi.
- Formed approximately 13,500 years ago.
- Turquoise blue from above due to reflection from white rhyolite and pumice bottom.

Sign for Blue Lake near Rotorua

Rotokakahi / Green Lake

- Named lake of the shellfish (kakahi).
- 440 hectares in size, deepest point 32 metres.
- Flows to Lake Tarawera via Te Wairoa stream.
- Formed approximately 13,300 years ago.
- Emerald green from above due to shallow, sandy bottom.
- Privately owned by local iwi (Maori), this lake is sacred (tapu). No boating, swimming or fishing is permitted.

Sign for Green Lake near Rotorua

Tikitapu/Blue Lake Circuit

This track is marked in a clockwise direction. Please follow the blue arrows starting from the other (north east) end of the main beach.

5.5km – 1.5 hours



Sign for Blue Lake Circuit Walk near Rotorua



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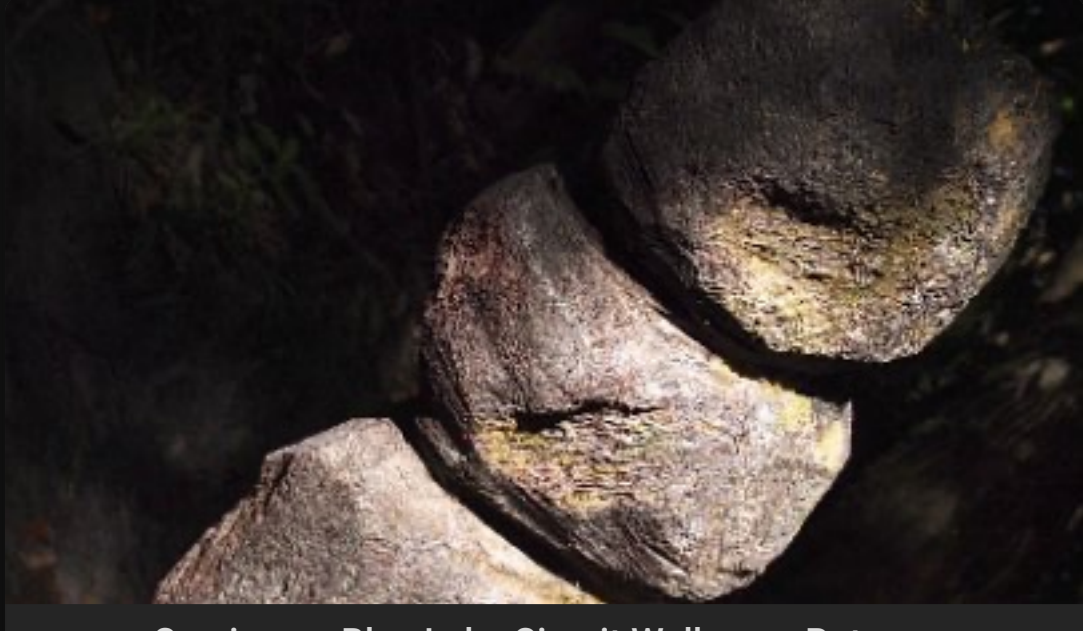
Blue Lake Circuit Walk near Rotorua



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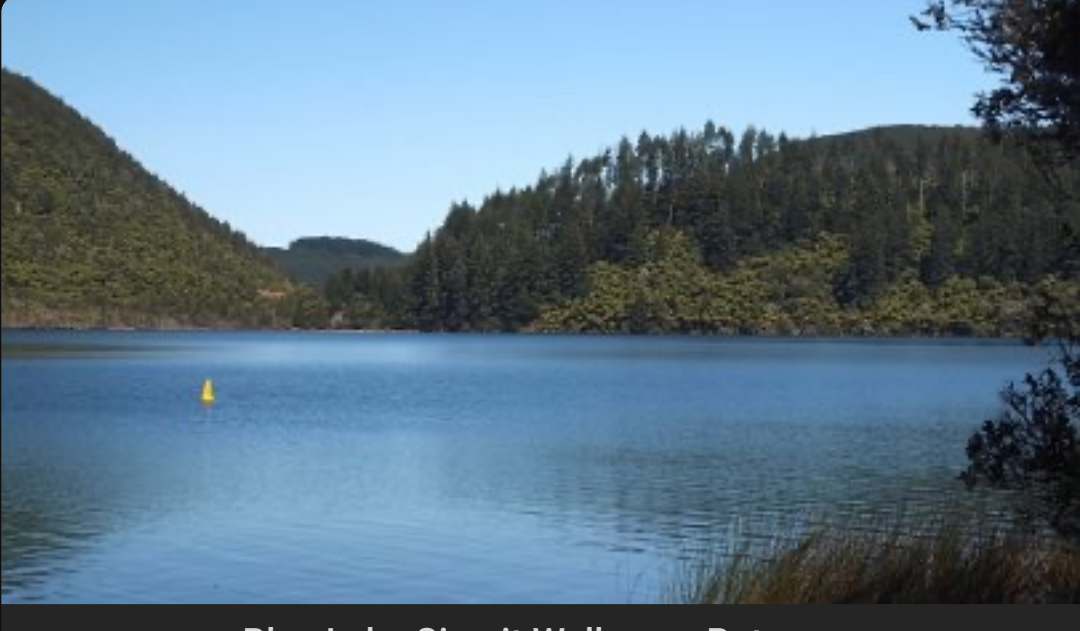
Carving on Blue Lake Circuit Walk near Rotorua



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Green Lake view near Rotorua



Mt Tarawera from Lake Tarawera



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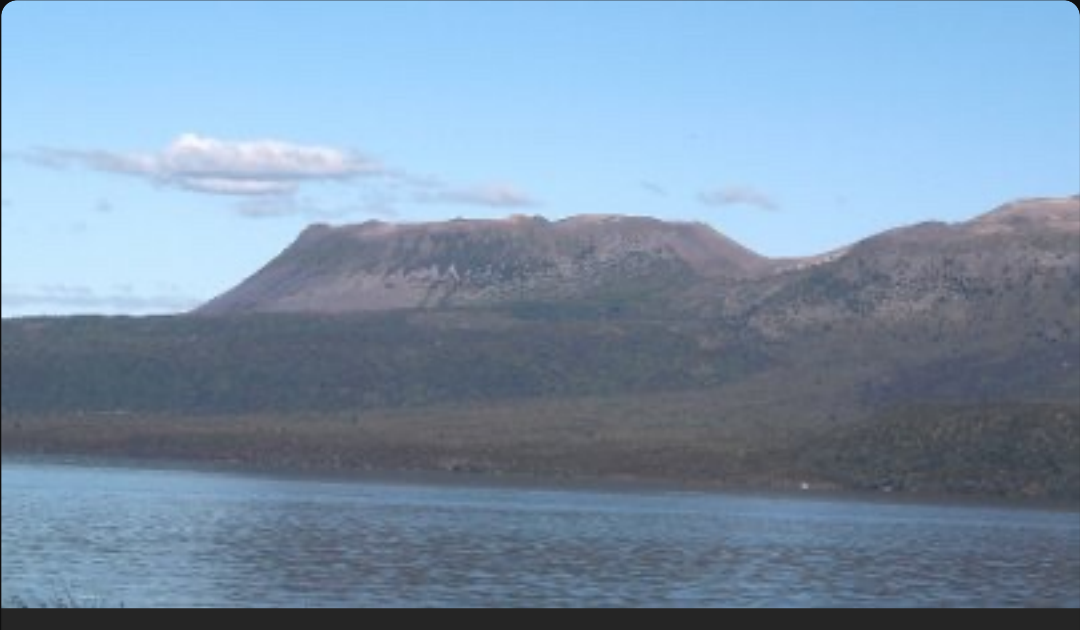
Amphibious vehicle on Lake Tarawera



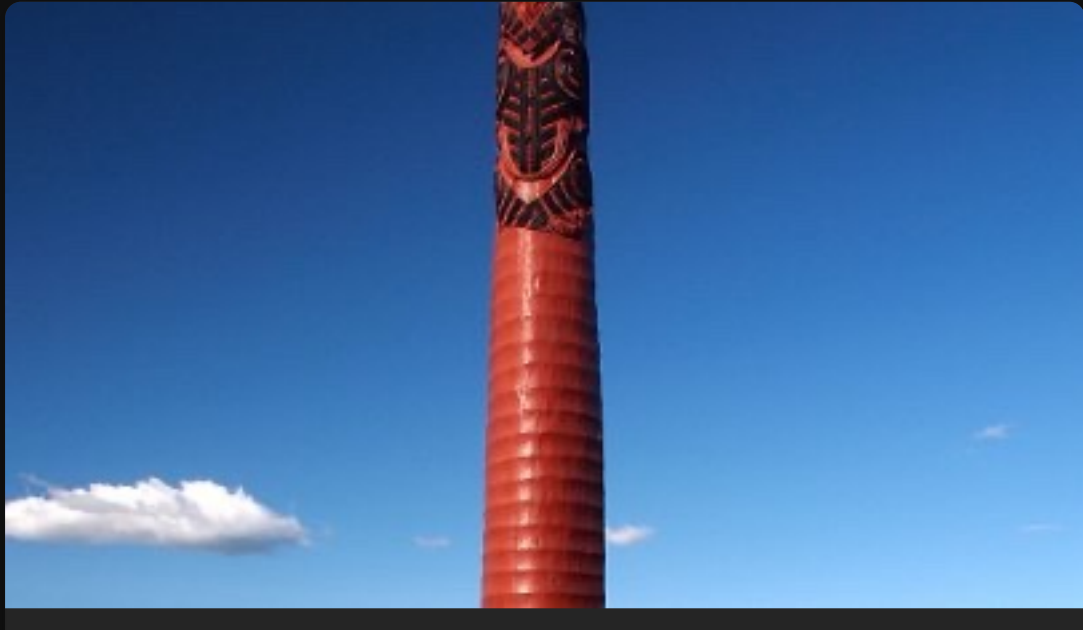
Black swans on Lake Tarawera



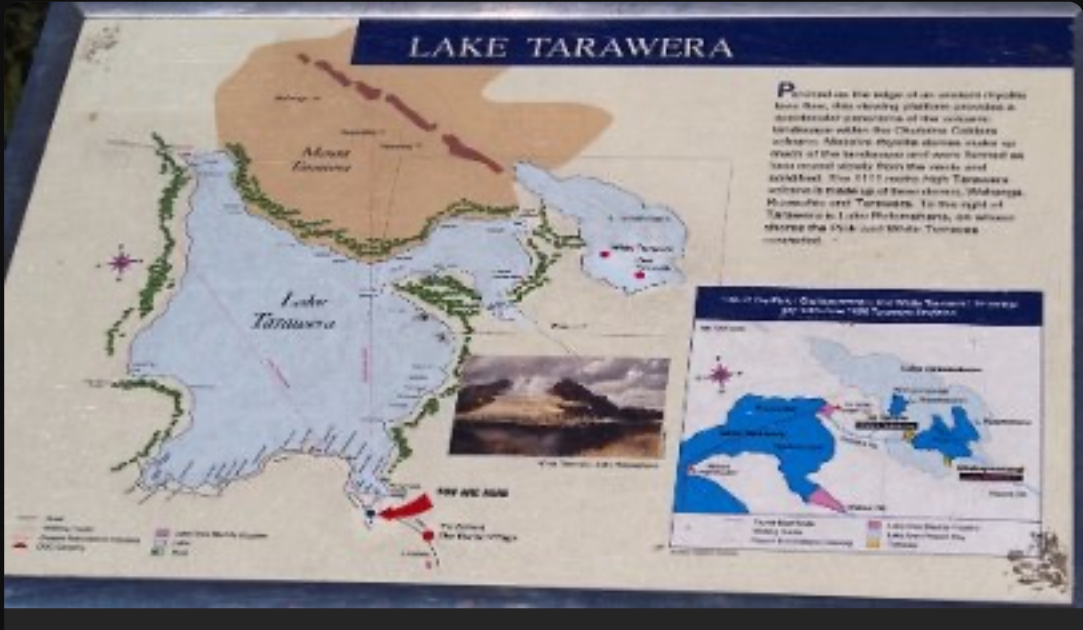
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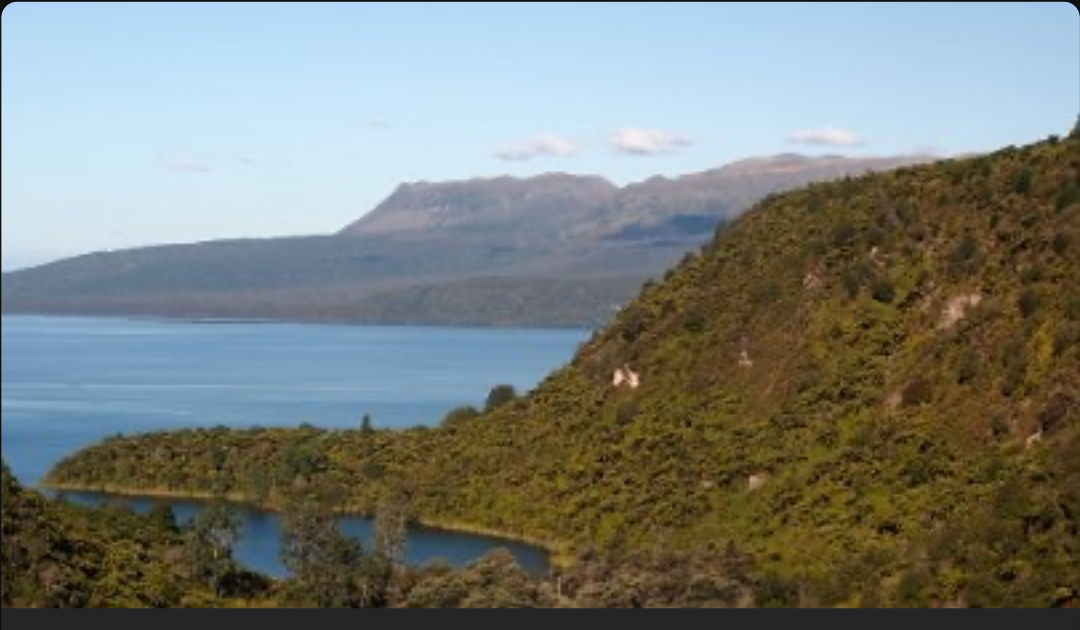
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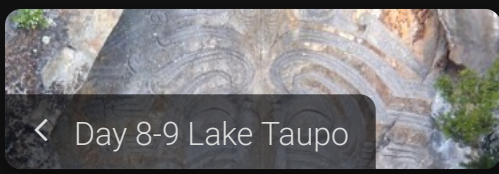
Mt Tarawera eruption monument



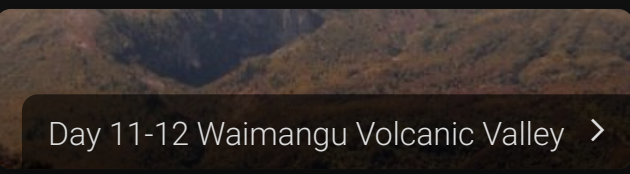
Sign for Lake Tarawera and Mt Tarawera



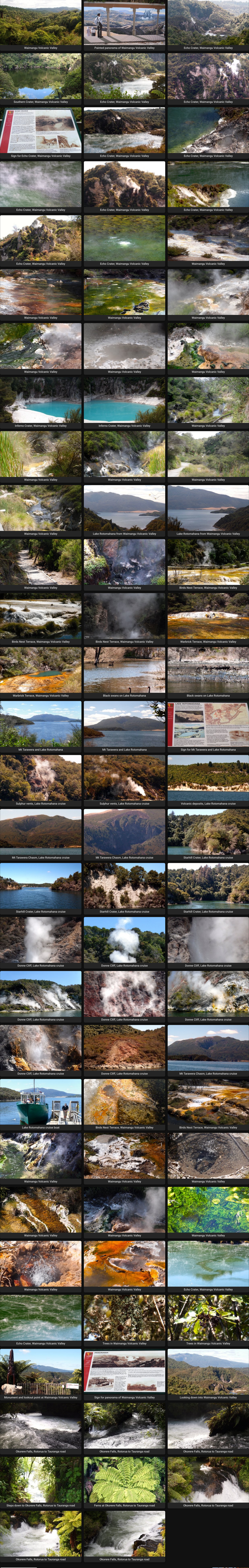
Lake Tarawera from access road

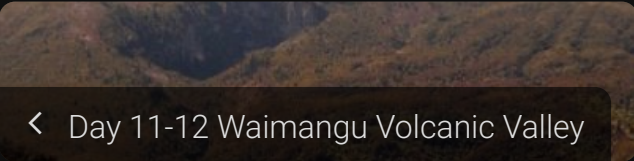
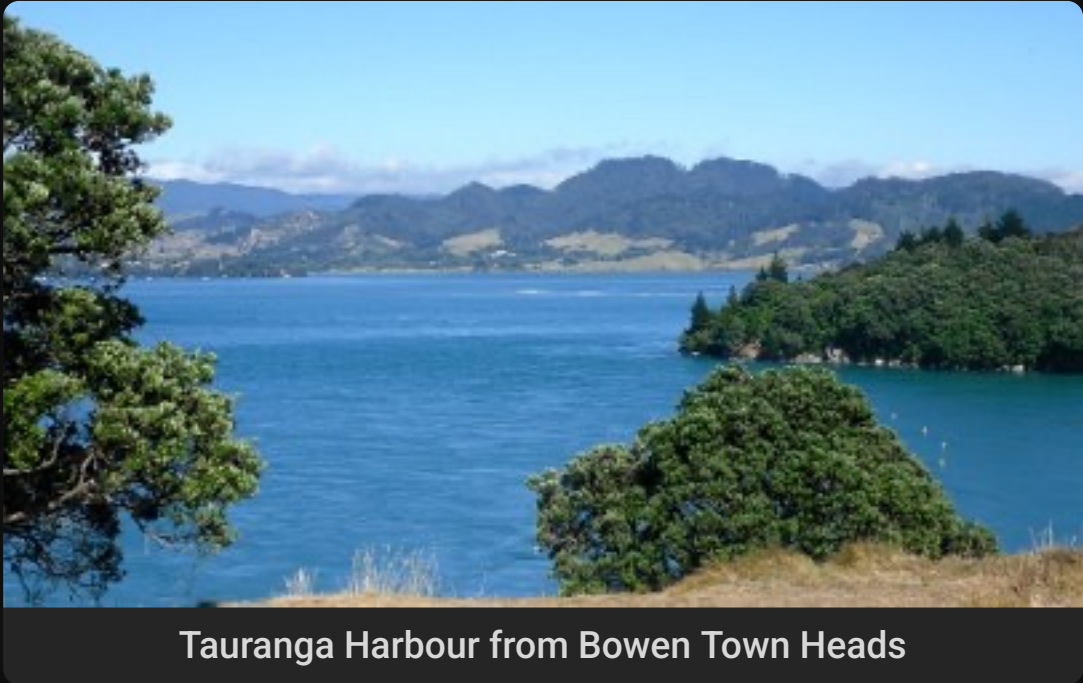
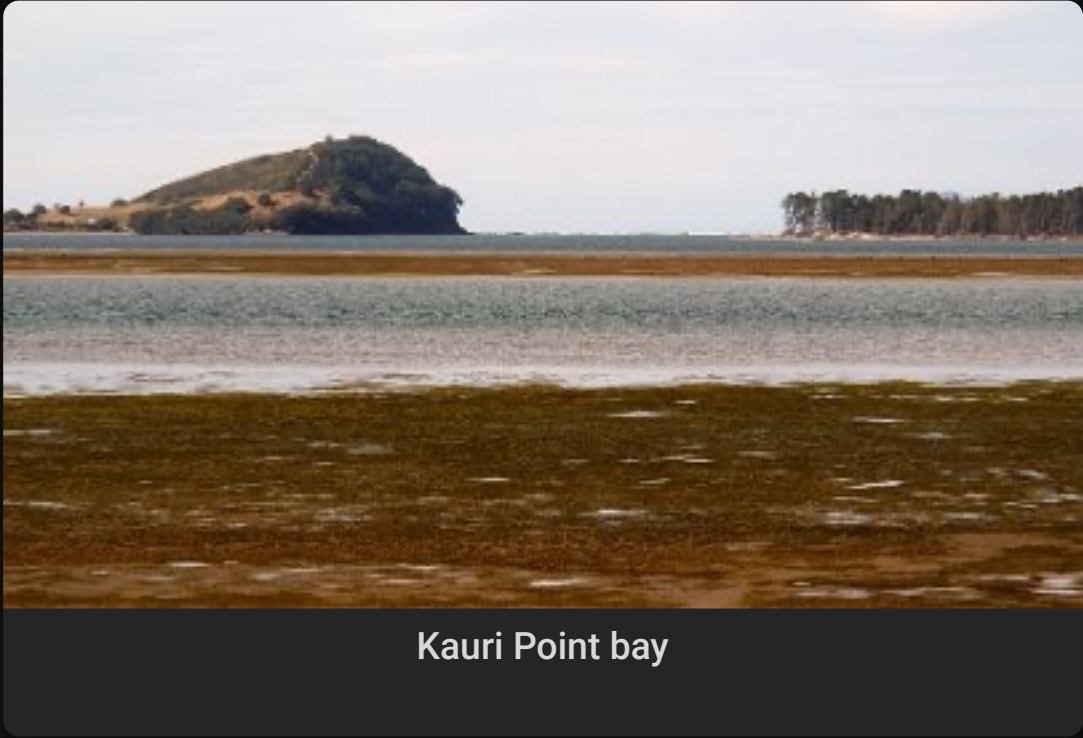
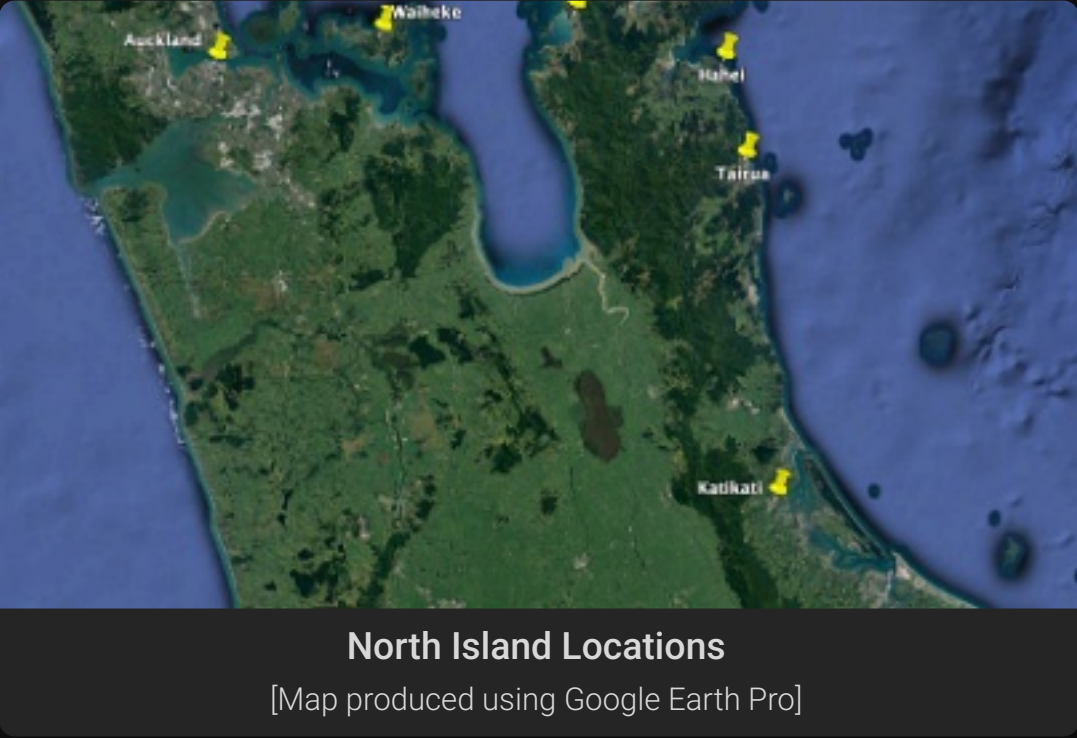


Day 8-9 Lake Taupo



Day 11-12 Waimangu Volcanic Valley







Day 13-15 Tairua and the Coromandel

Visit friends in Tairua, explore the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula - Hahei, Whitianga, Whangapoua, Coromandel Town, Waiau Falls.



Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



Bird at Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



Waves at Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



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People at Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



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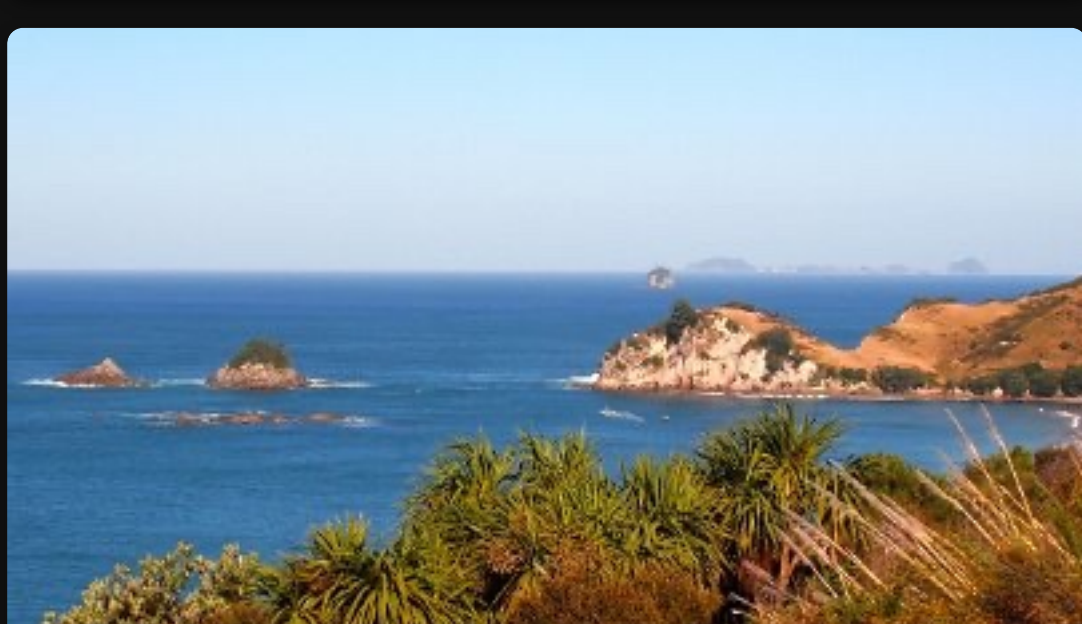
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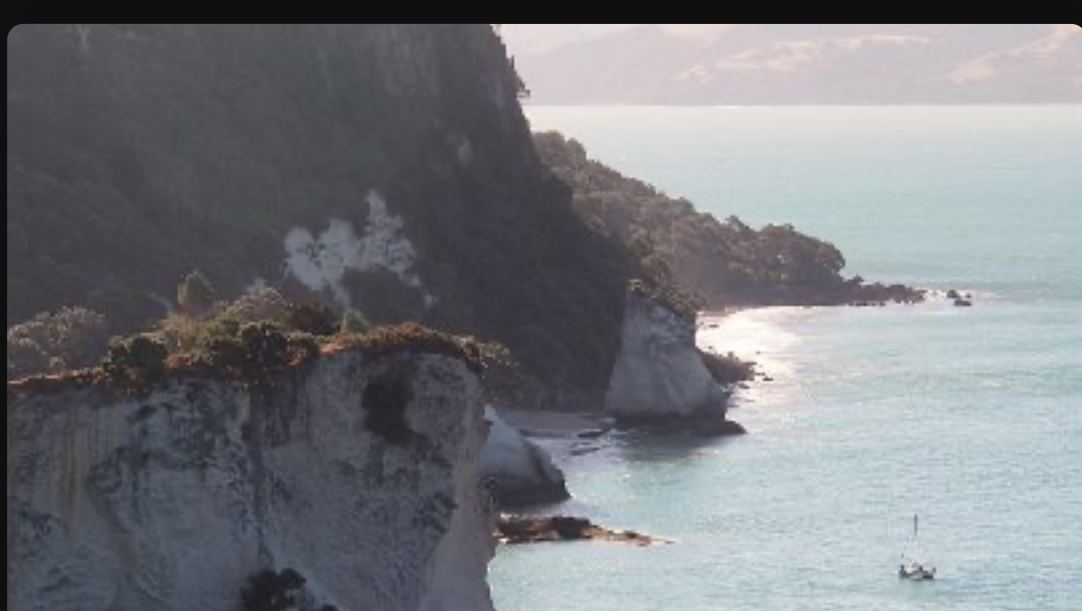
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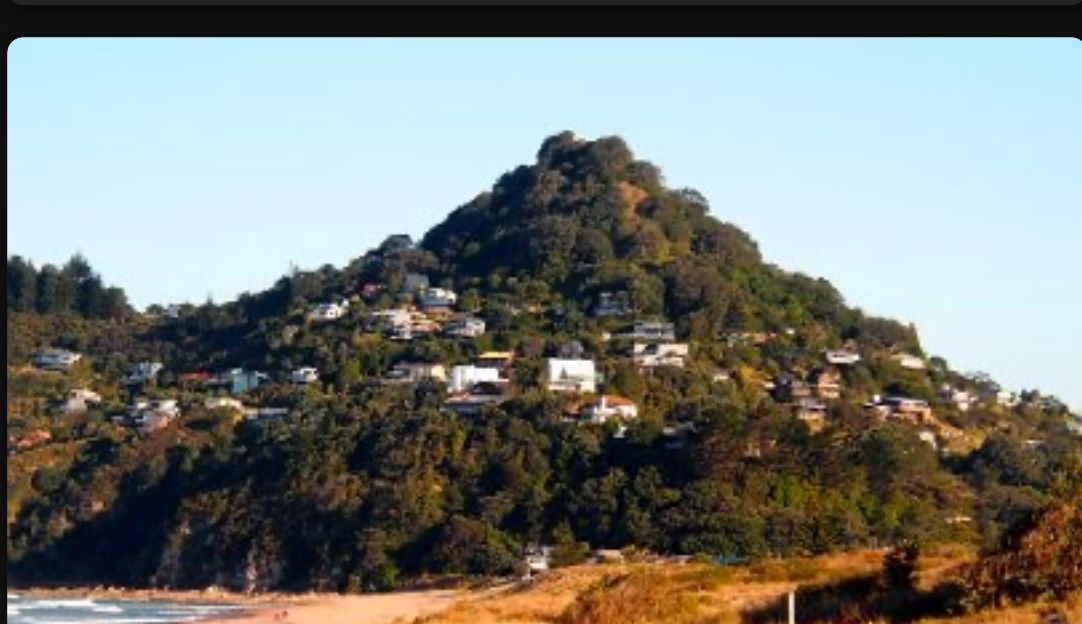
Cathedral Cove near Hahei



Islands near Hahei



Islands off Tairua Beach



Paku Hill from Tairua Beach



Tairua estuary from John & Rona's house



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Tairua estuary from Pepe Reserve



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Kuaotunu reserve and shops



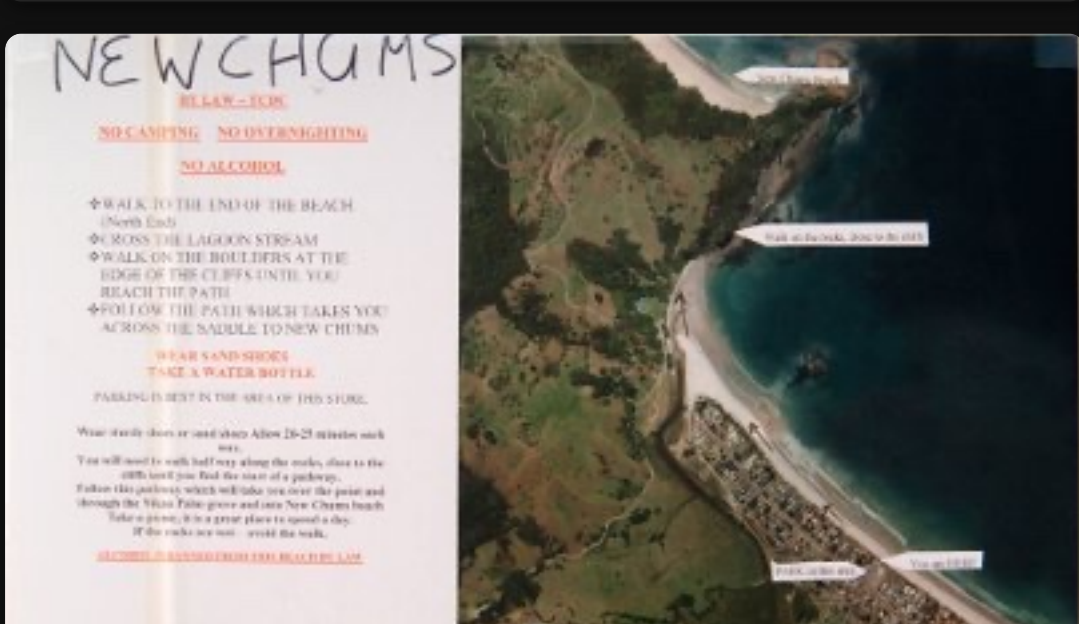
Kuaotunu reserve and bridge



Kuaotunu towards Matarangi



Whangapoua beach



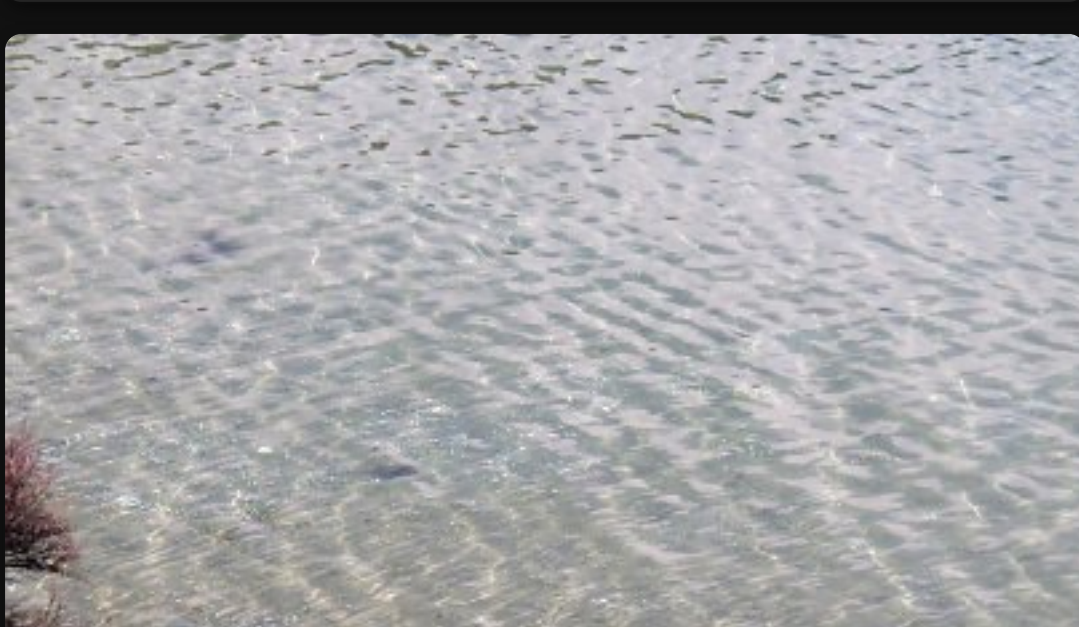
Sign for New Chums Beach near Whangapoua



Matarangi Bay view



Matarangi Bay view



Matarangi Bay water patterns



Coromandel from Whangapoua Road (SH25) Lookout



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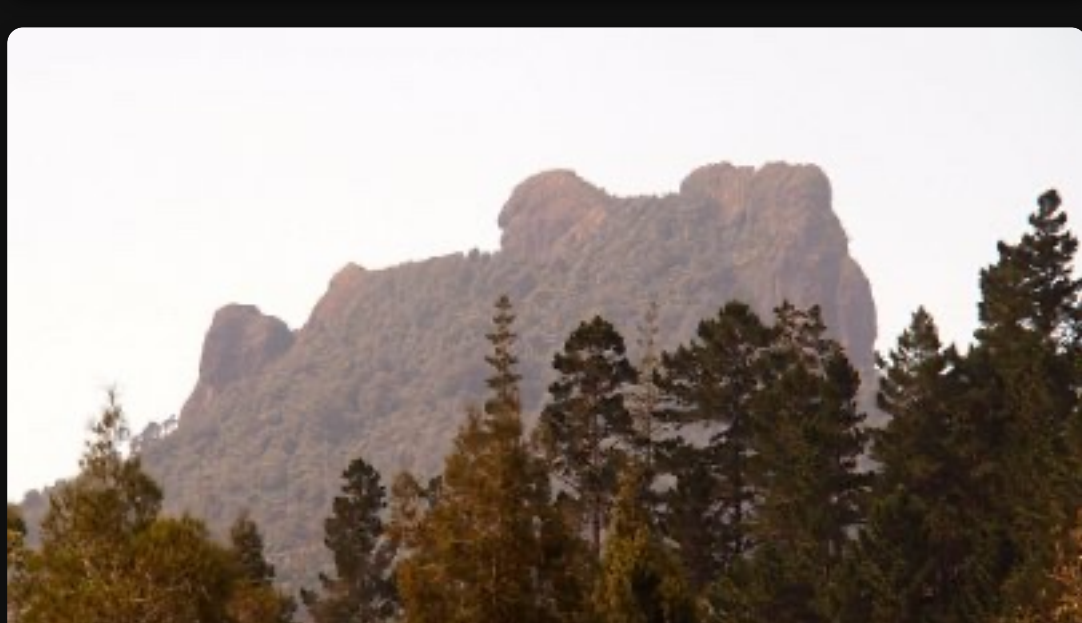
Long Bay, near Coromandel



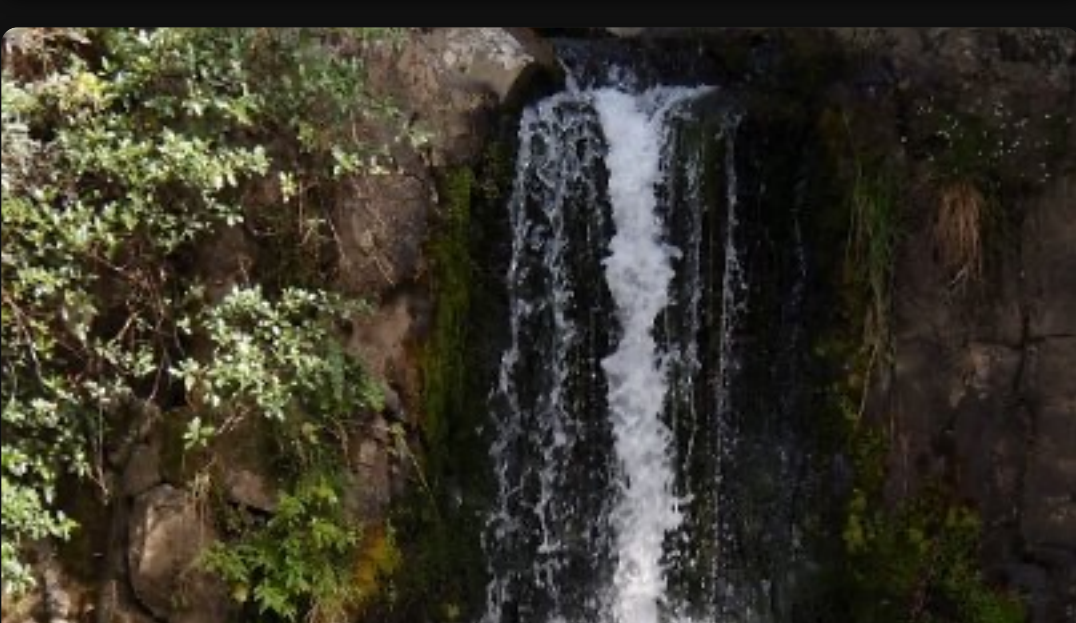
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Castle Rock from Waiau Falls, 309 Road



Waiau Falls, 309 Road



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Tairua estuary from John & Rona's house



Tairua estuary from John & Rona's house



John & Rona outside their house



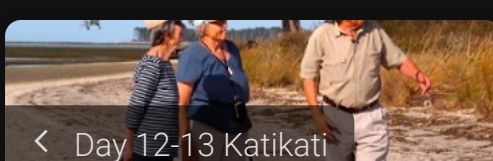
John & Rona outside their house



Tairua estuary



Paku Hill from Tairua estuary



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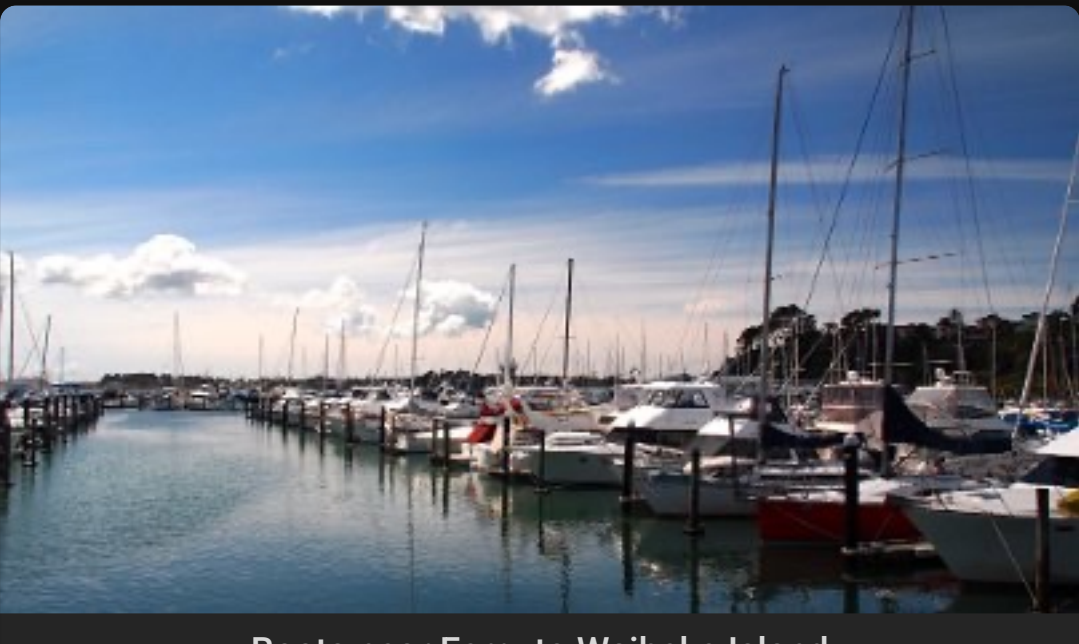


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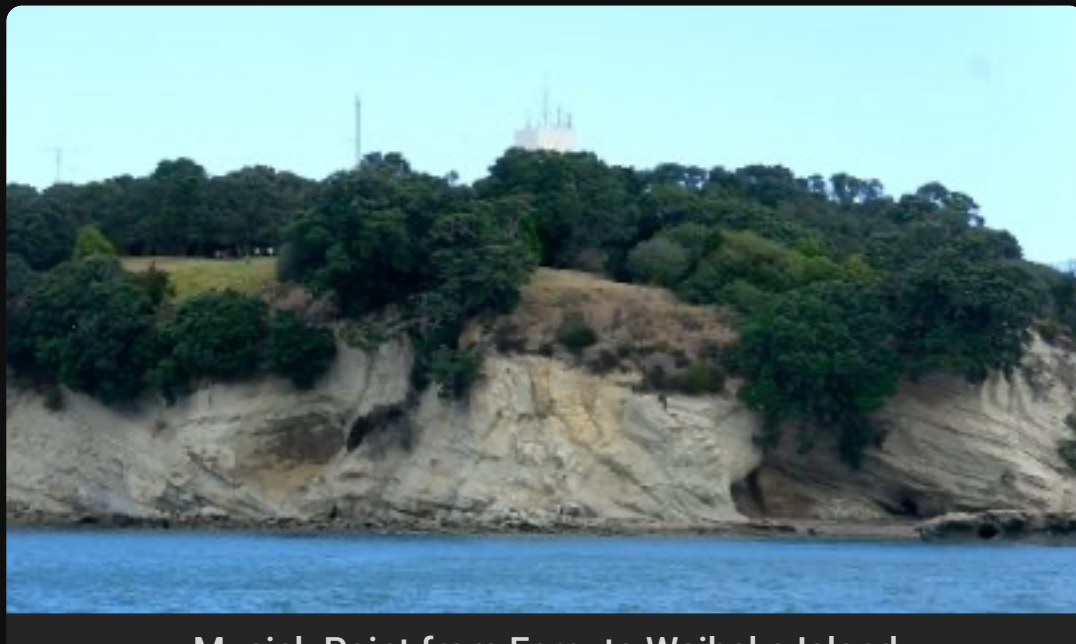
Back to Auckland and the ferry across to Waiheke Island - spectacular views, food and wine, and walks - hard to leave but in the end back to Auckland and home.



Boats near Ferry to Waiheke Island



Musick Point from Ferry to Waiheke Island



Musick Point from Ferry to Waiheke Island



Sandy Bay, Waiheke Island



Sandy Bay, Waiheke Island



Sandy Bay, Waiheke Island



Coromandel Peninsula from Waiheke Island



Oneroa Bay, Waiheke Island



Oneroa Bay, Waiheke Island



Panorama of Oneroa Bay, Waiheke Island



Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island



Bird on Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island



Flowering tree near Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island



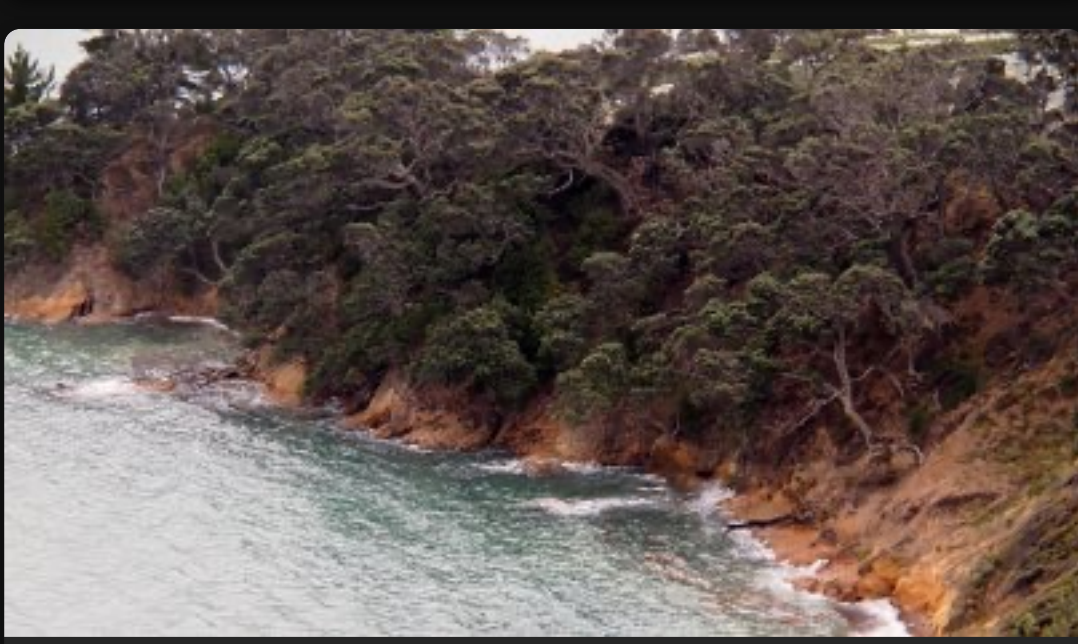
Flowering tree near Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island



Vehicle Ferry Terminal at Waiheke Island



View from Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



Near Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



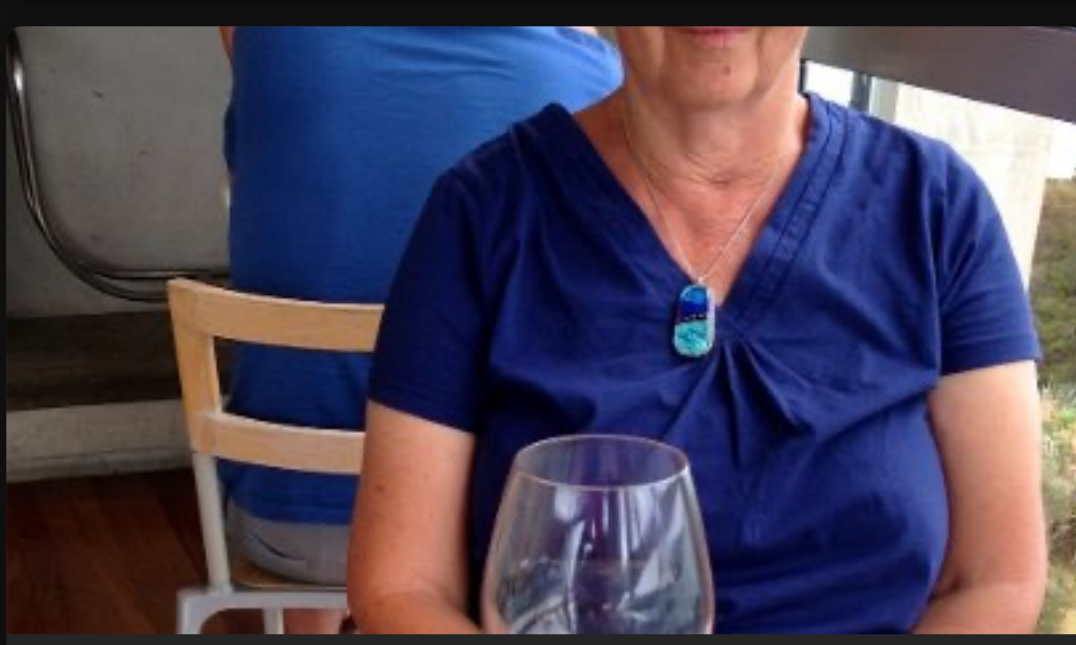
View from Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



Misty Auckland view from Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



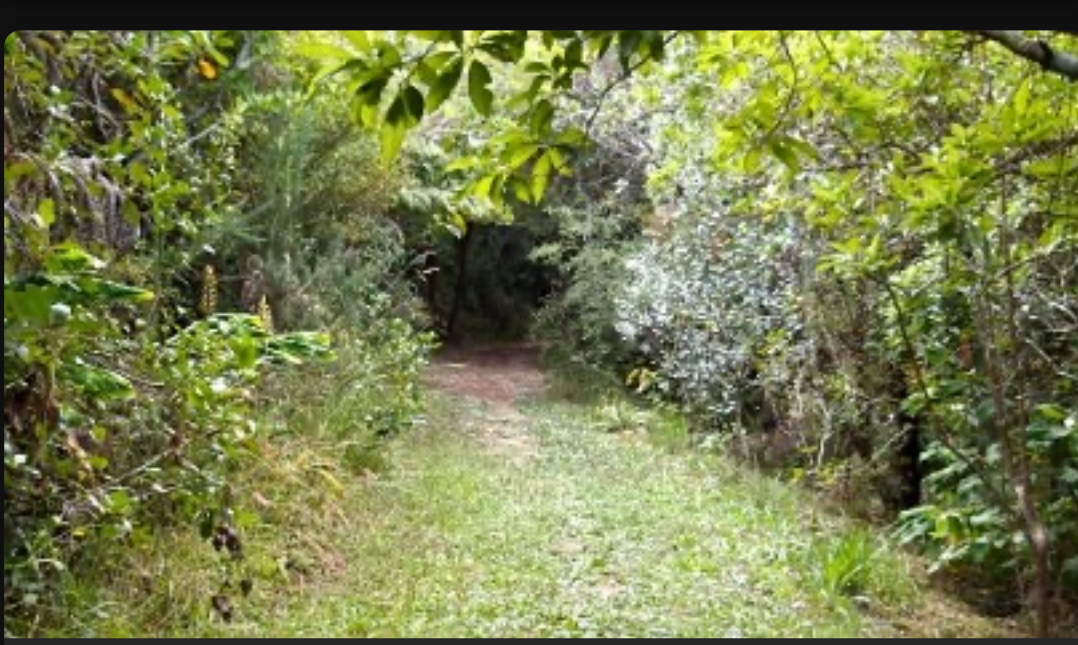
View from Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



Happy Anne's Birthday lunch at Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



Don's Track, Waiheke Island



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View from Hauraki Road, Waiheke Island



View near Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



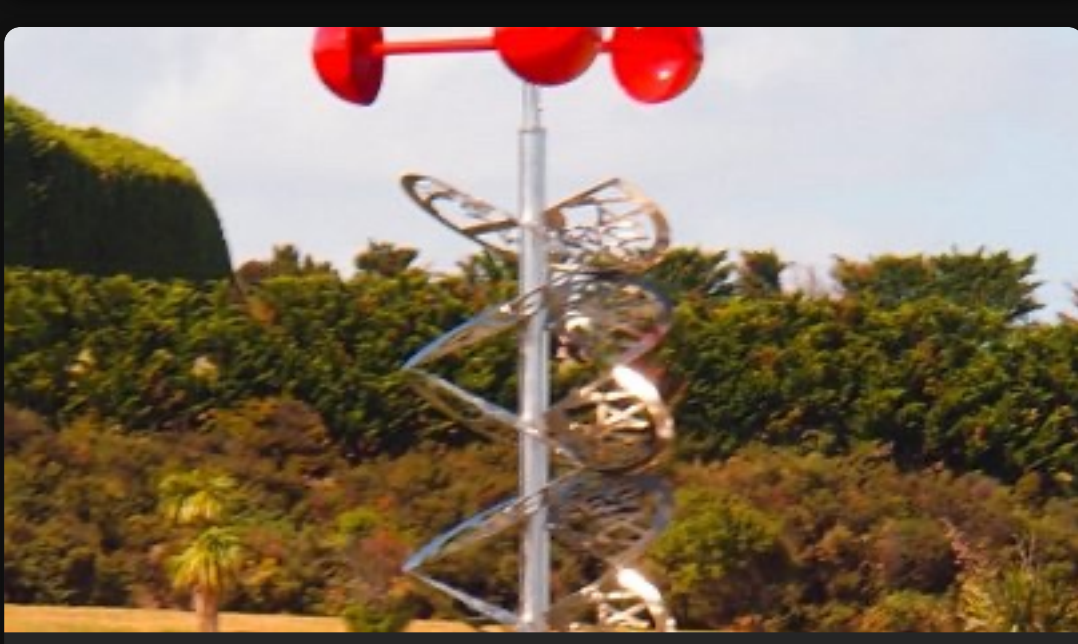
Sculpture at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



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View at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



Sculpture at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



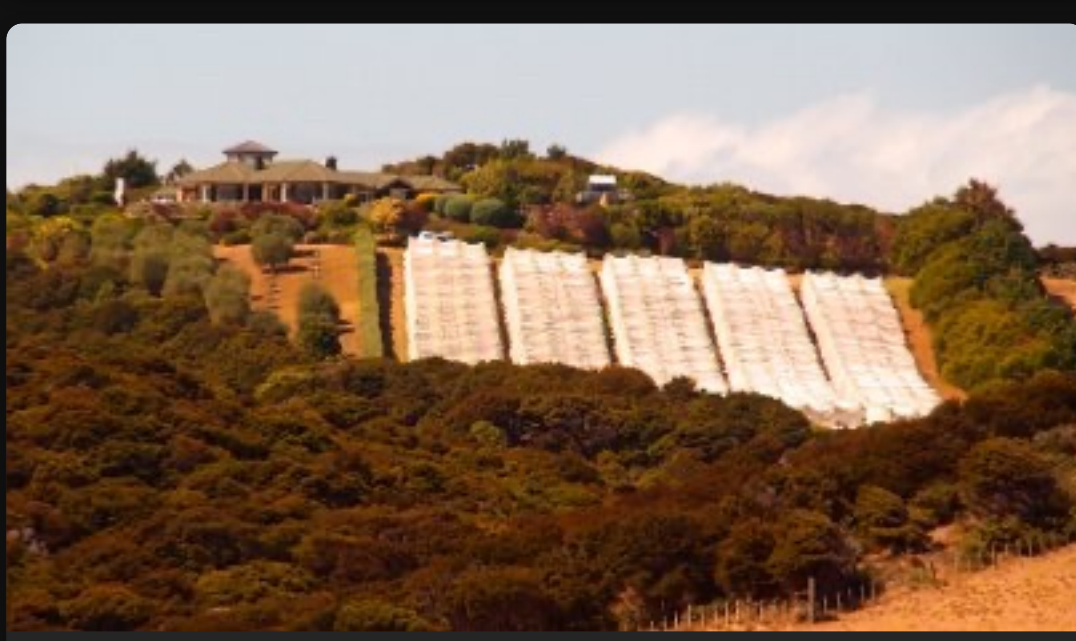
Sculpture and view at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



View from Motukaha Road, Waiheke Island



View from Motukaha Road, Waiheke Island



Vineyard above Church Bay from Motukaha Road, Waiheke Island



Church Bay Studio Gallery, Motukaha Road, Waiheke Island



Vineyard near end of Nick Johnstone Drive, Waiheke Island



Track to beach from Nick Johnstone Drive, Waiheke Island



Seat sign on track to beach from Nick Johnstone Drive, Waiheke Island



Te Miro Bay, Waiheke Island



Rustic picnic table and Dave, Te Miro Bay, Waiheke Island



Te Miro Bay towards Church Bay and Motukaha Island, Waiheke Island



Te Miro Bay tree, Waiheke Island



Te Miro Bay, Waiheke Island, towards Motutapu Island



Te Miro Bay, Waiheke Island



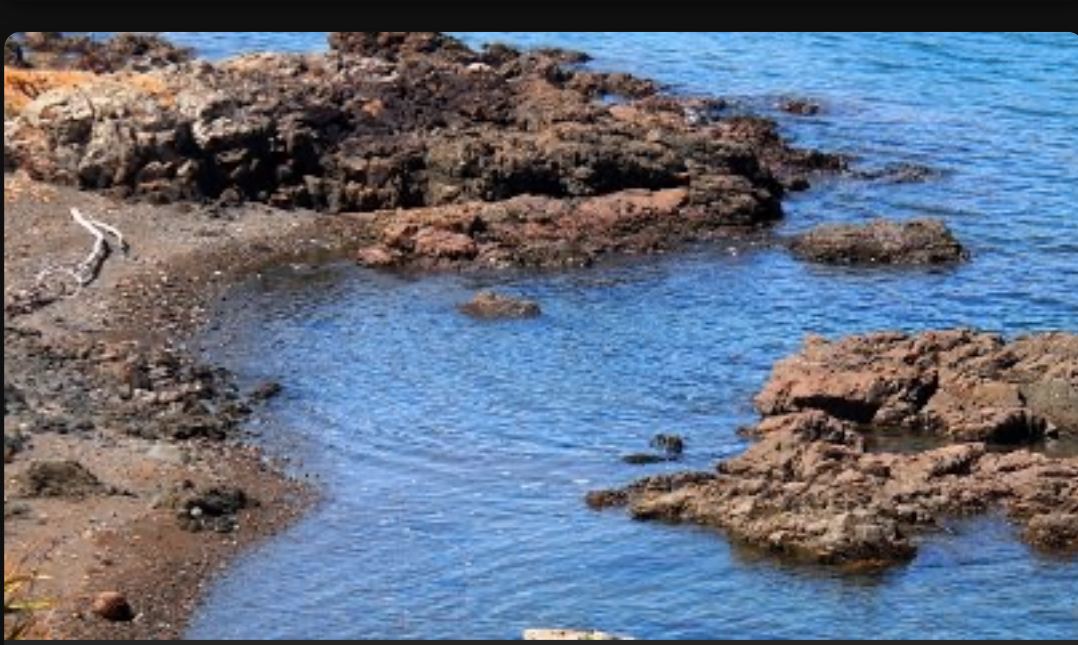
Dave at steps down to Te Miro Bay, Waiheke Island



Te Miro Bay and Motukaha Island, Waiheke Island



Vineyard above Church Bay, Waiheke Island



Te Miro Bay, Waiheke Island



Boat on Te Miro Bay, Waiheke Island



Vineyard above Church Bay, Waiheke Island



Passenger Ferry from Matiatia, Waiheke Island to Auckland



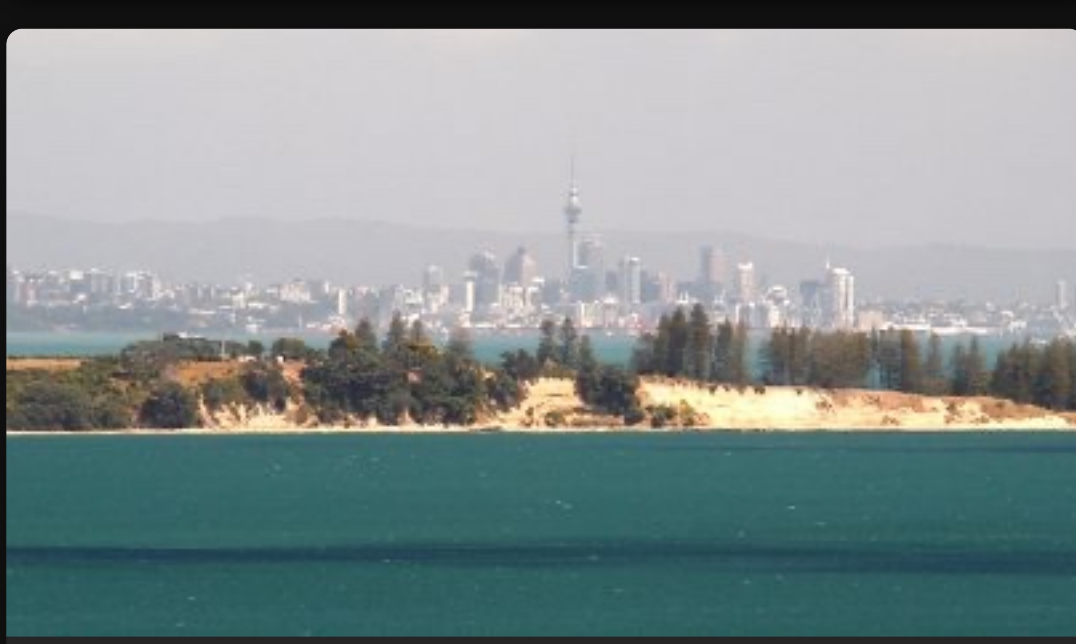
Matiatia Bay, Waiheke Island



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Seat sign at lookout above Matiatia Bay, Waiheke Island



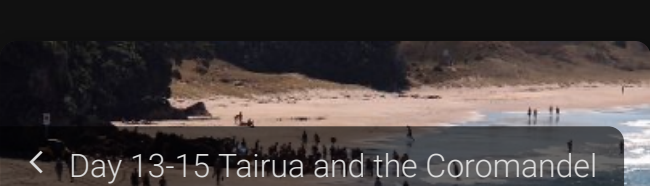
Auckland from Jurassic Ridge, Church Bay Road, Waiheke Island



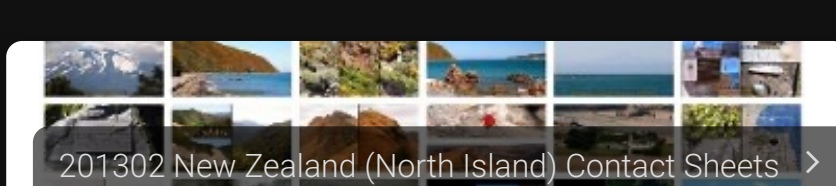
Church Bay Studio Gallery from Church Bay Road, Waiheke Island



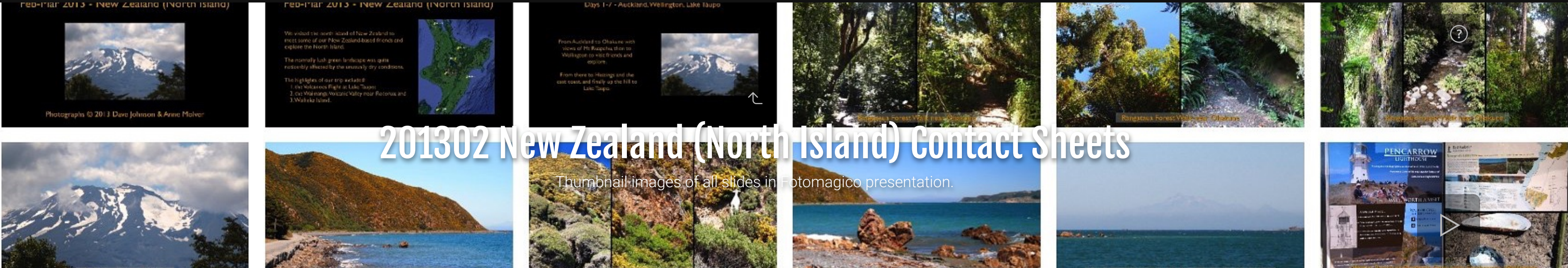
Church Bay from Church Bay Road, Waiheke Island towards Auckland



Day 13-15 Tairua and the Coromandel



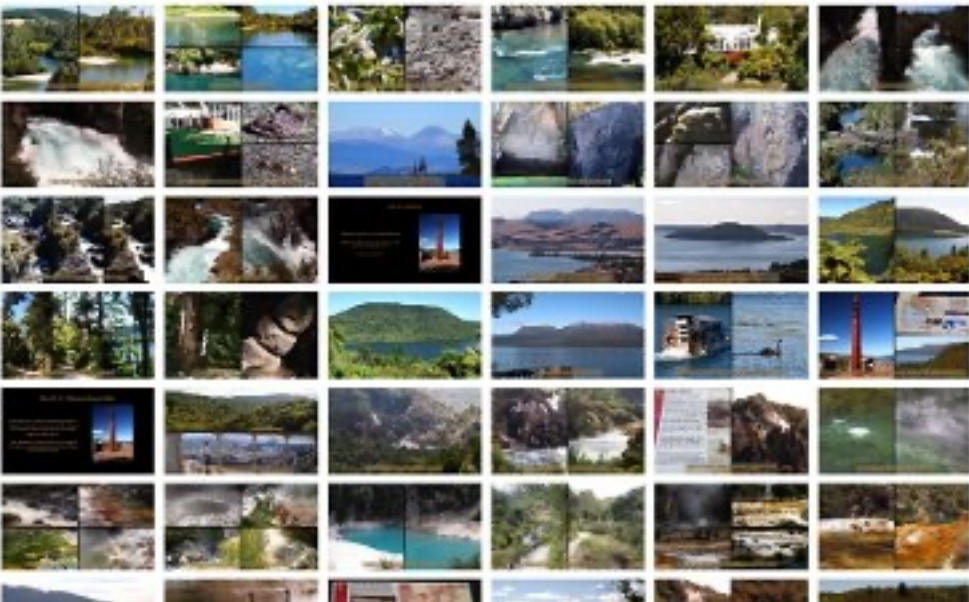
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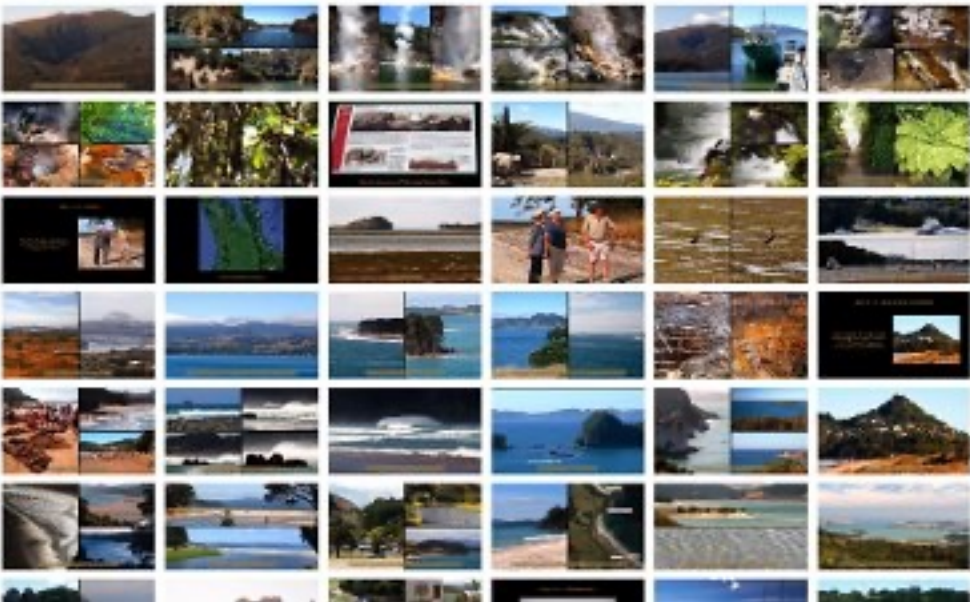
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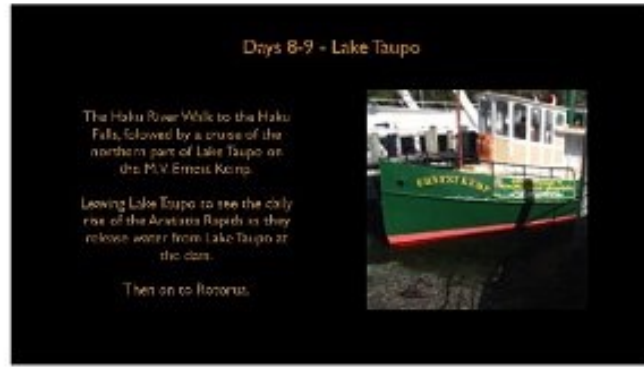
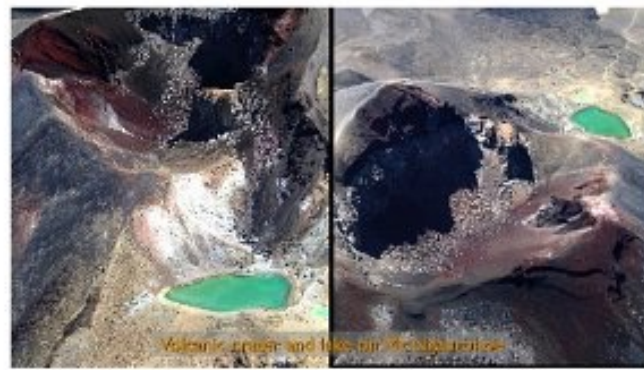
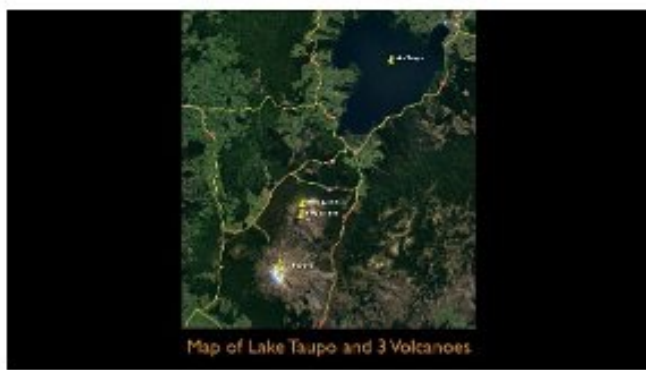
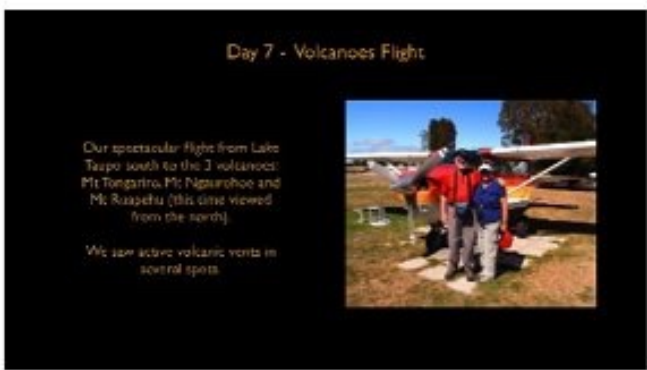
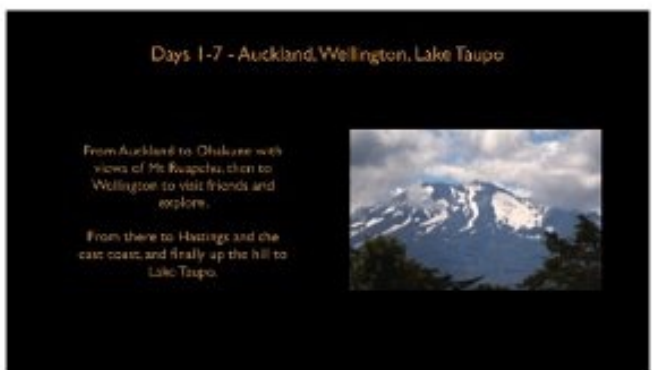
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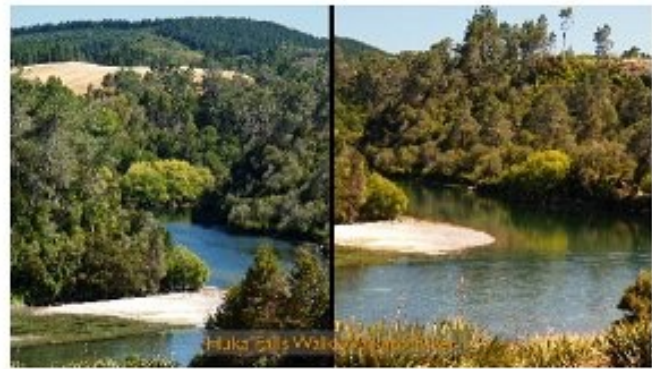


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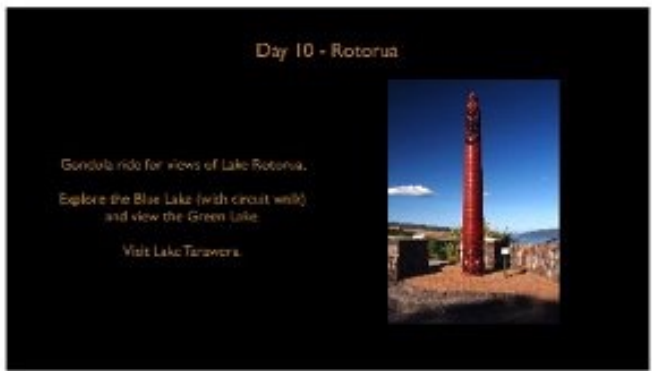
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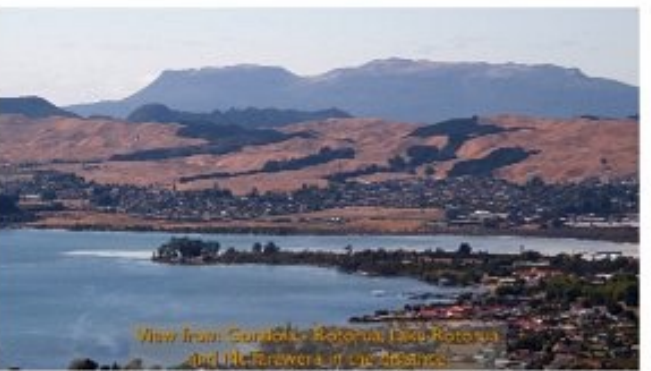
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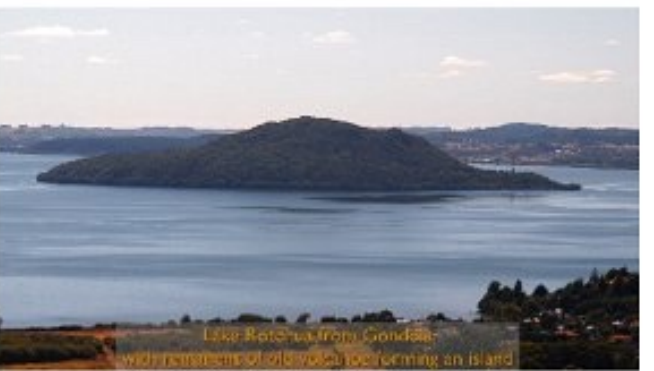
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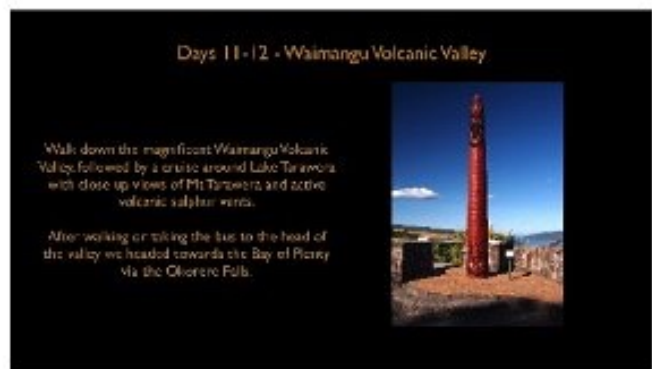
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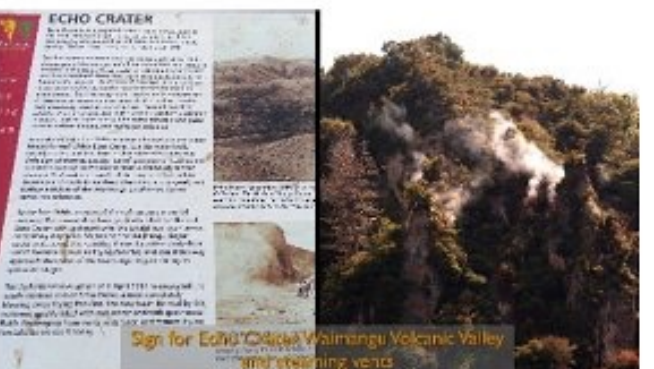
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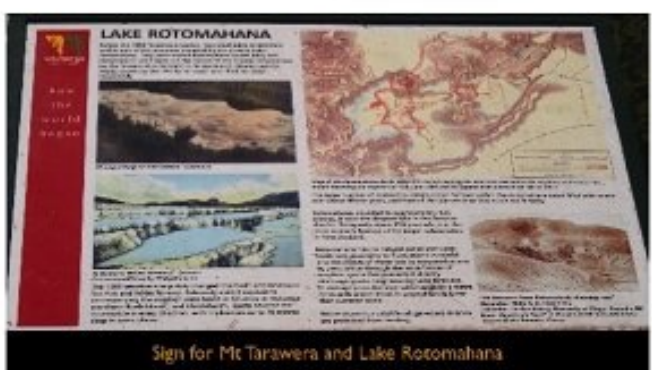
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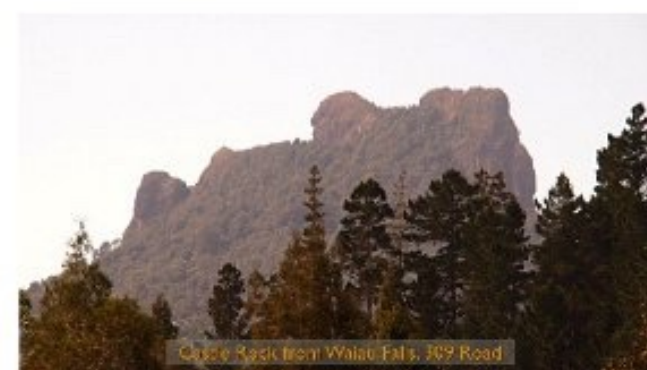
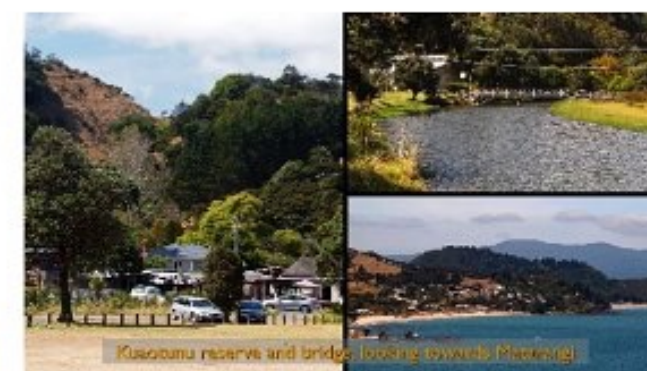
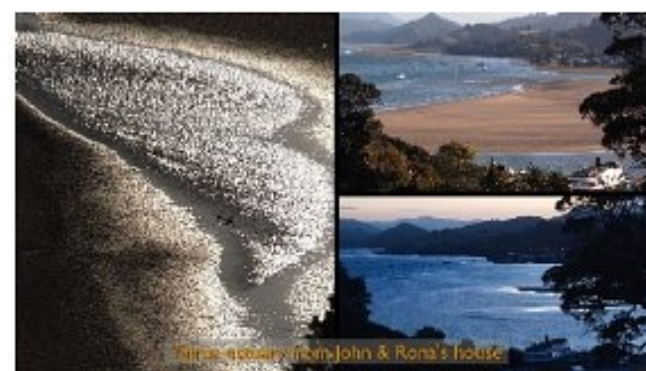
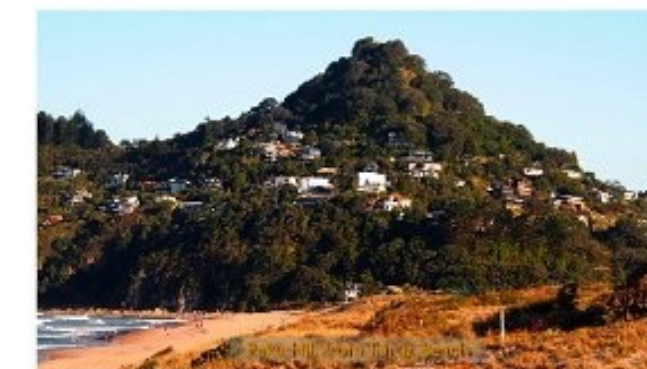
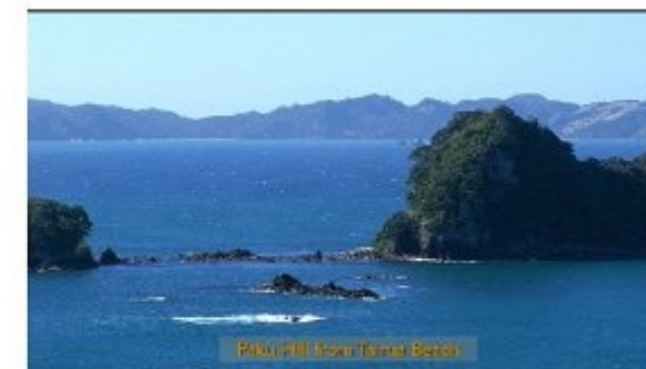
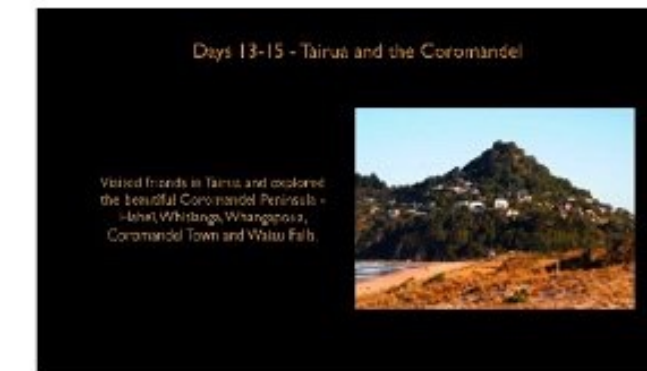
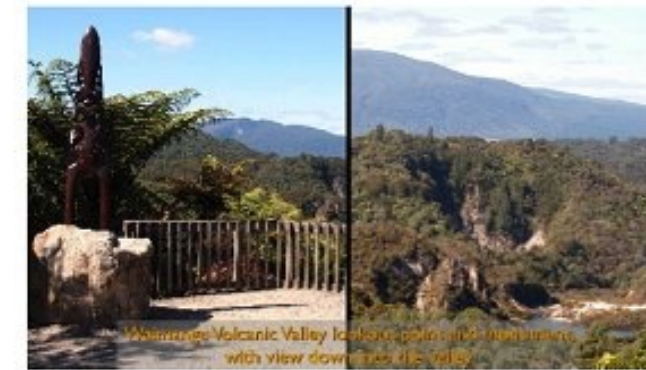
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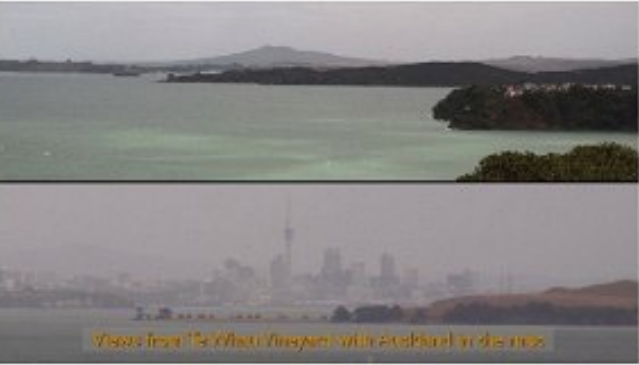
Bay of Islands from the view of the boat on the water



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Flowers from the vine on the boat



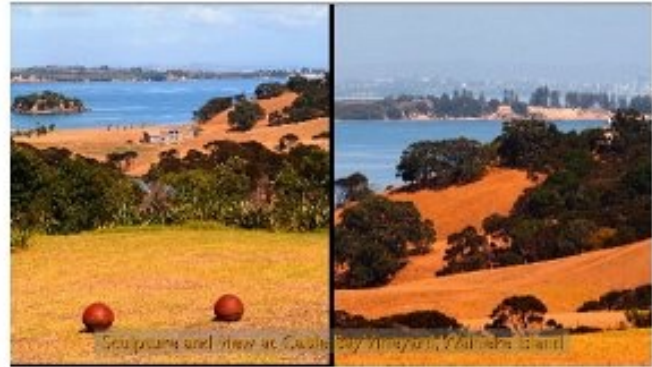
View from the boat of the city skyline in the background



Happy Anniversary to the couple who were on the boat with us on the water



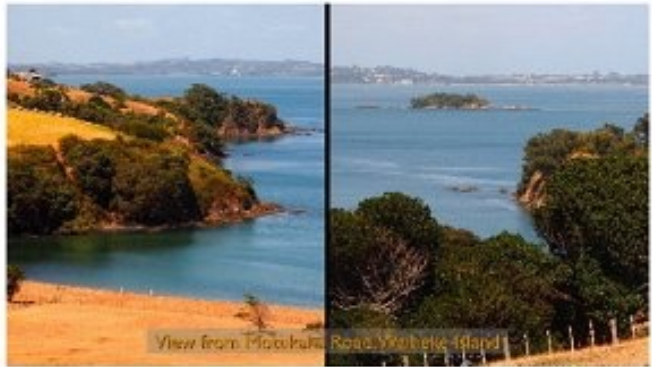
Path through the forest



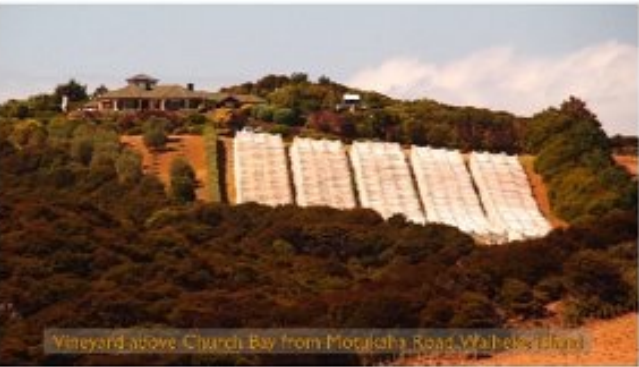
Orange sand and trees at the beach



Large shell, white object, and red object on the beach



View from the boat of the bay and mountains



View from the boat of the hillside with the white structure



Person on the path and view of the bay and mountains



View from the boat of the bay and mountains



Plaques on the wall



Boat on the water



That's all folks!

We really enjoyed our visit to the North Island of New Zealand meeting some of our New Zealand-based friends and having a good exploration of the North Island.

We promised we would go back - and we did!





Mt Ruapehu from Ohakune



Map of North Island of New Zealand