

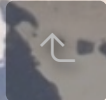
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47 images



## 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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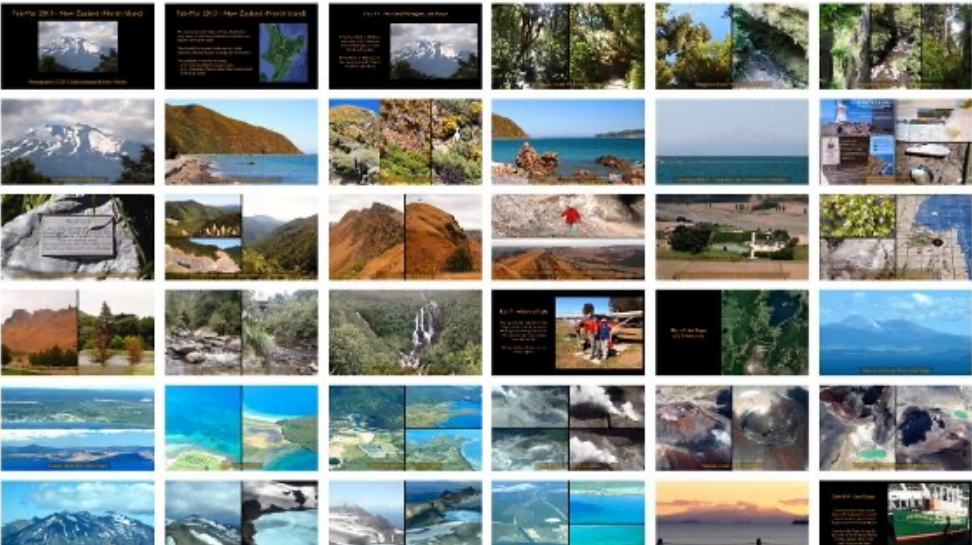


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Back to Auckland and the ferry across to Waiheke Island - spectacular views, food and wine, and walks - hard to leave but in the end back to Auckland and home.

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Mt Ruapehu from Ohakune



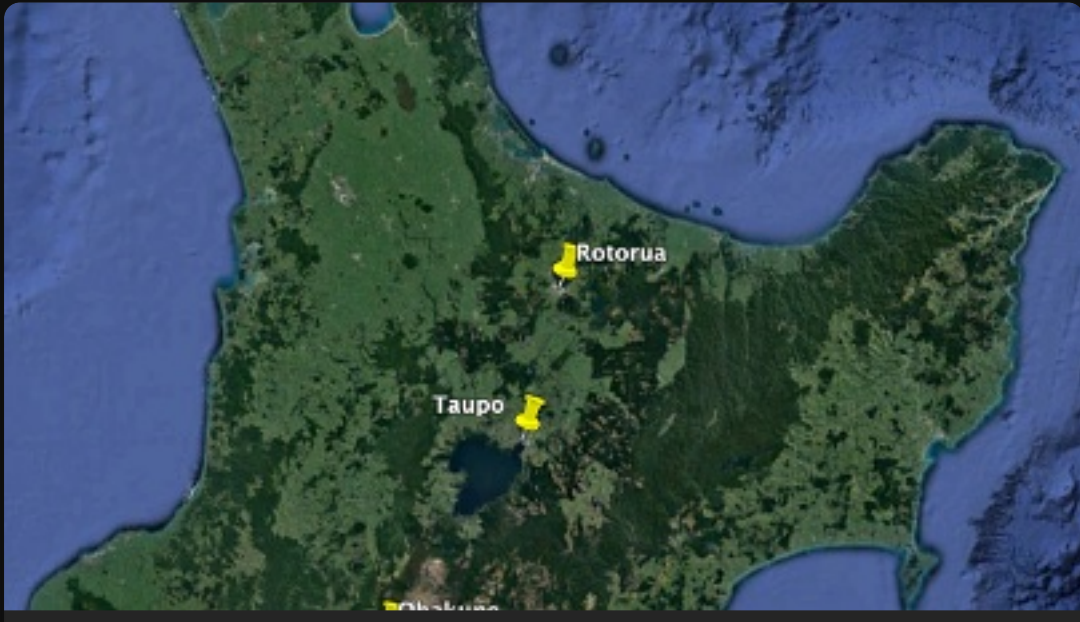
Map of North Island of New Zealand





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North Island Locations  
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Rangataua Forest Walk near Ohakune



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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



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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



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Intrepid climber at Te Mata Peak, near Hastings



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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



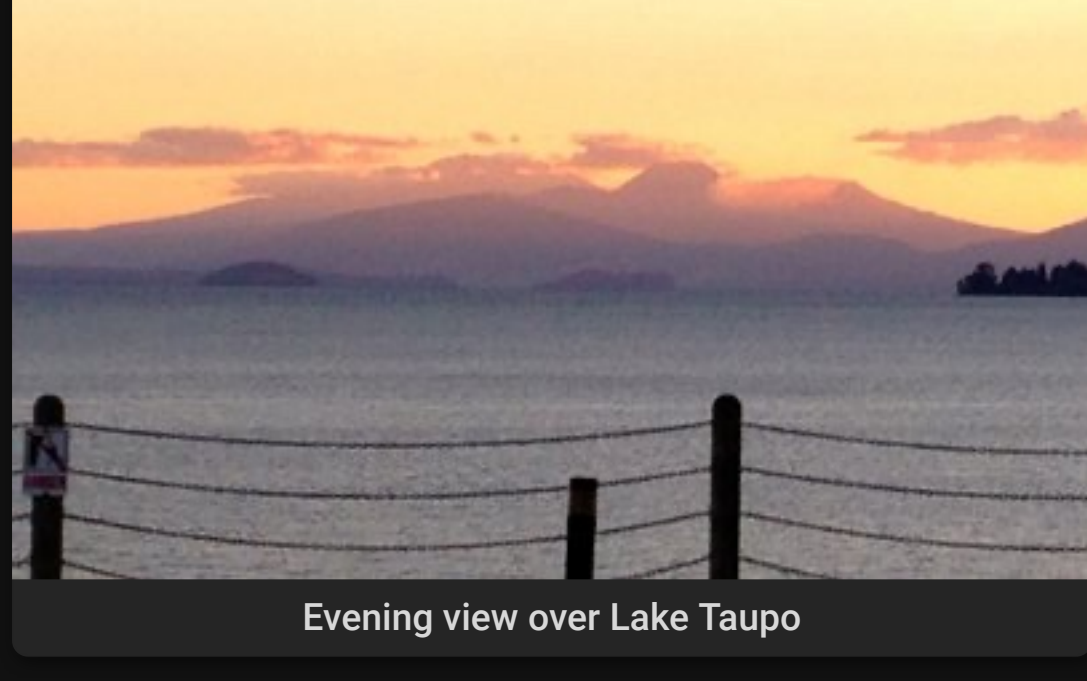
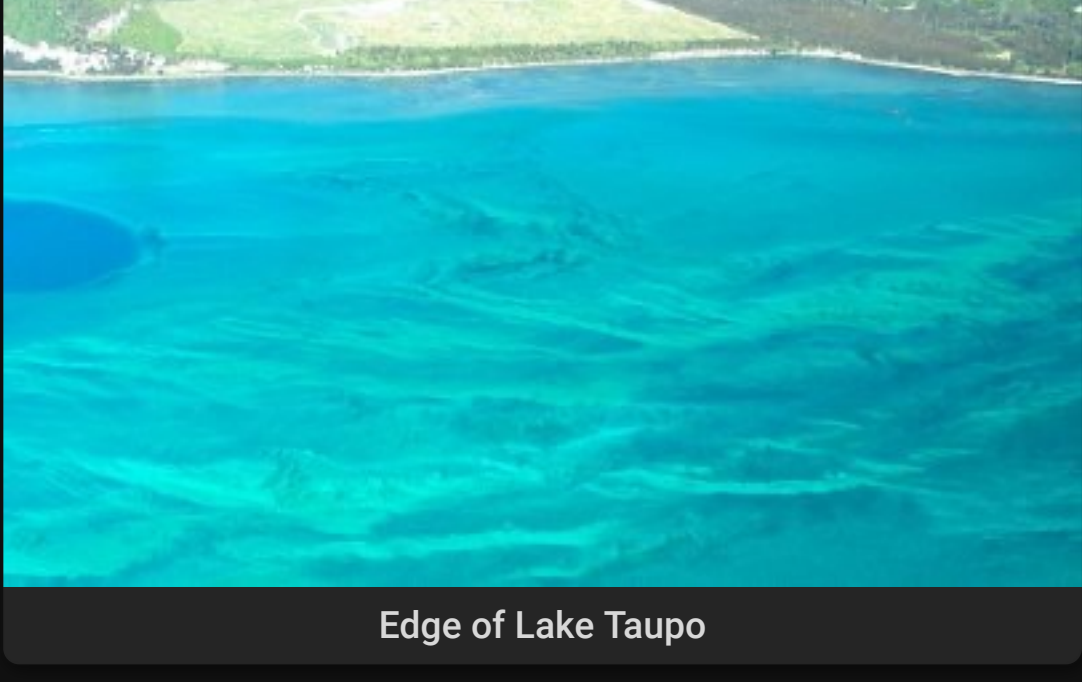
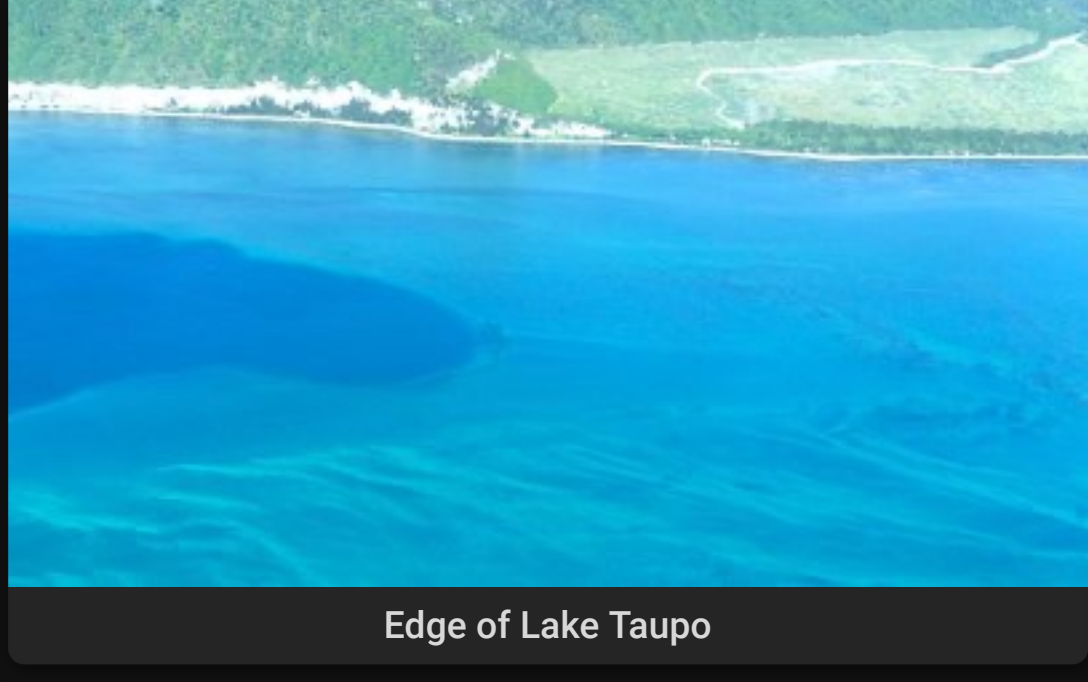
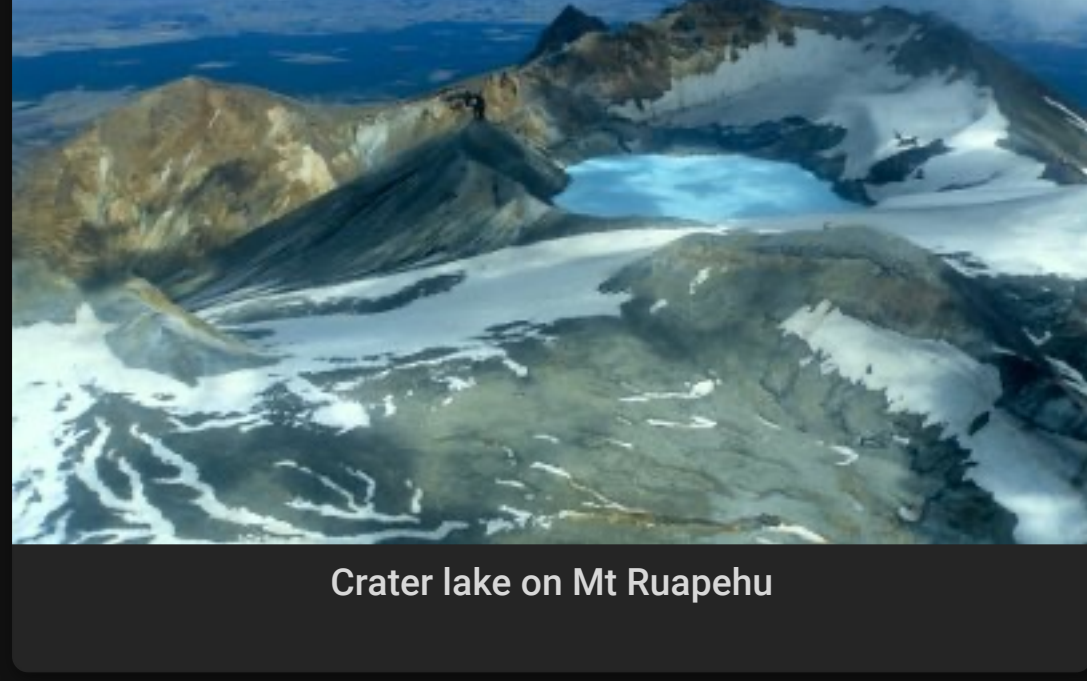
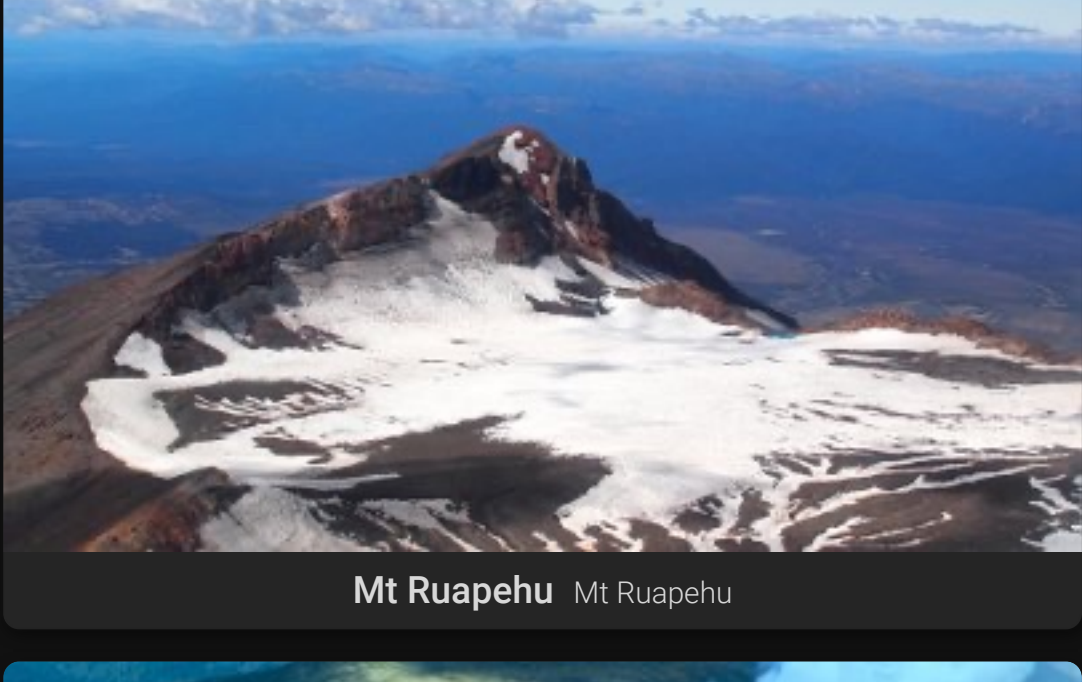
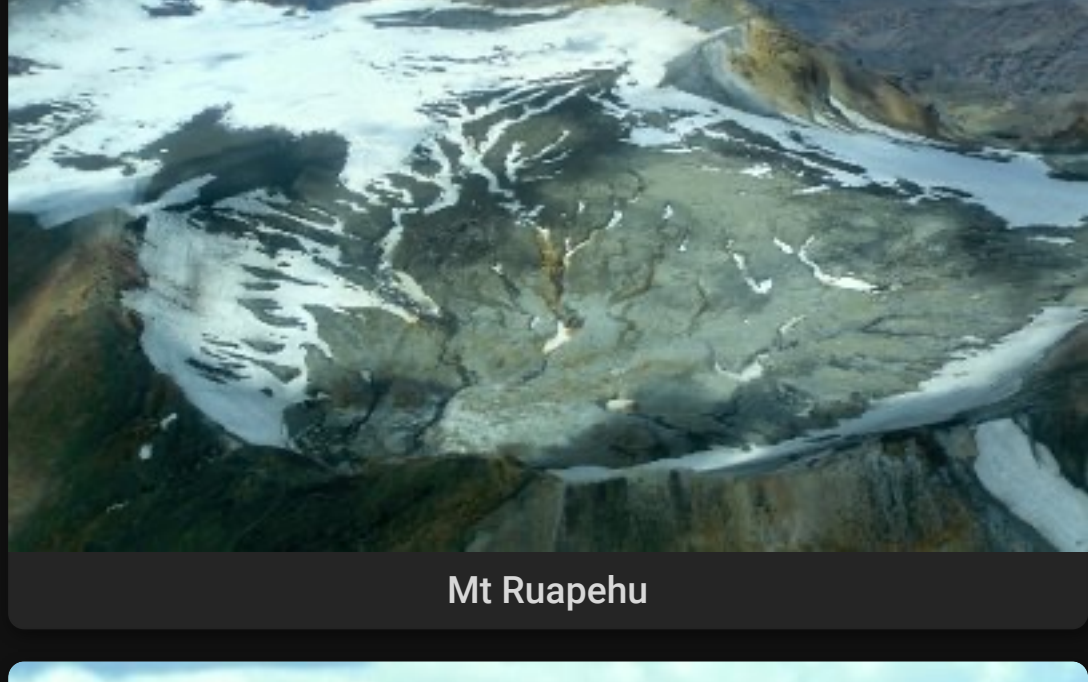
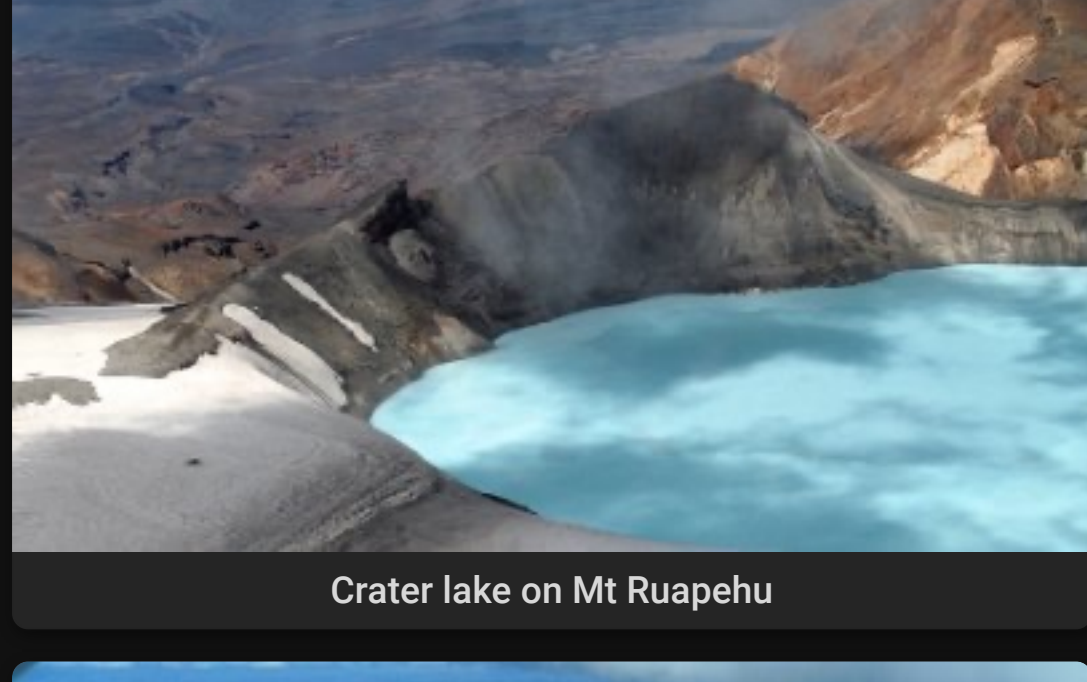
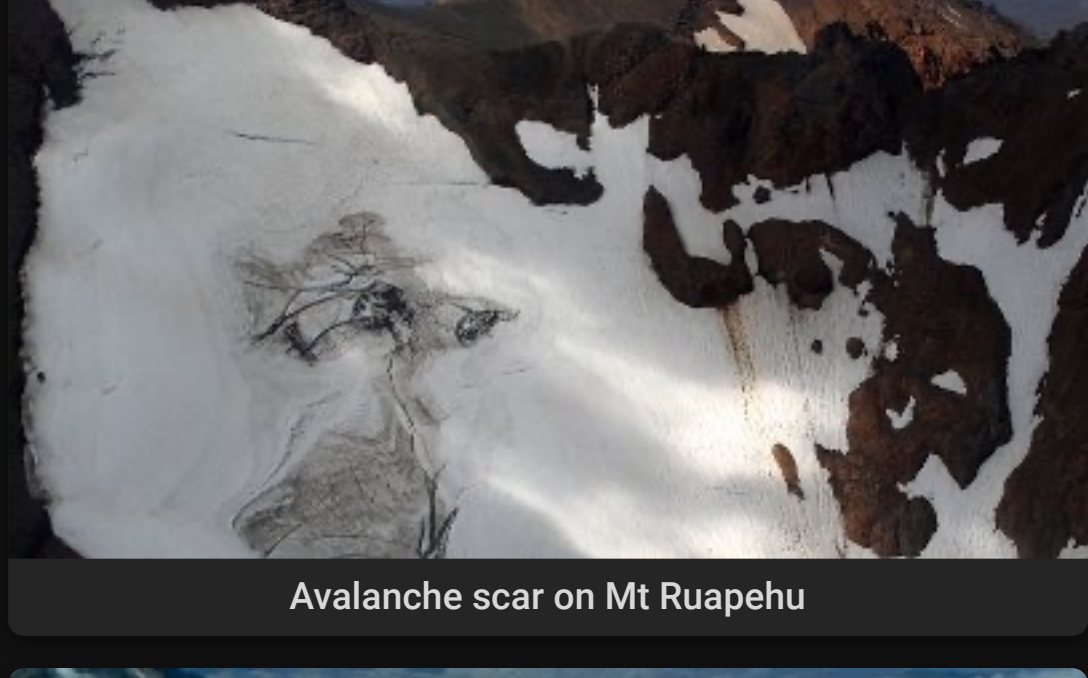
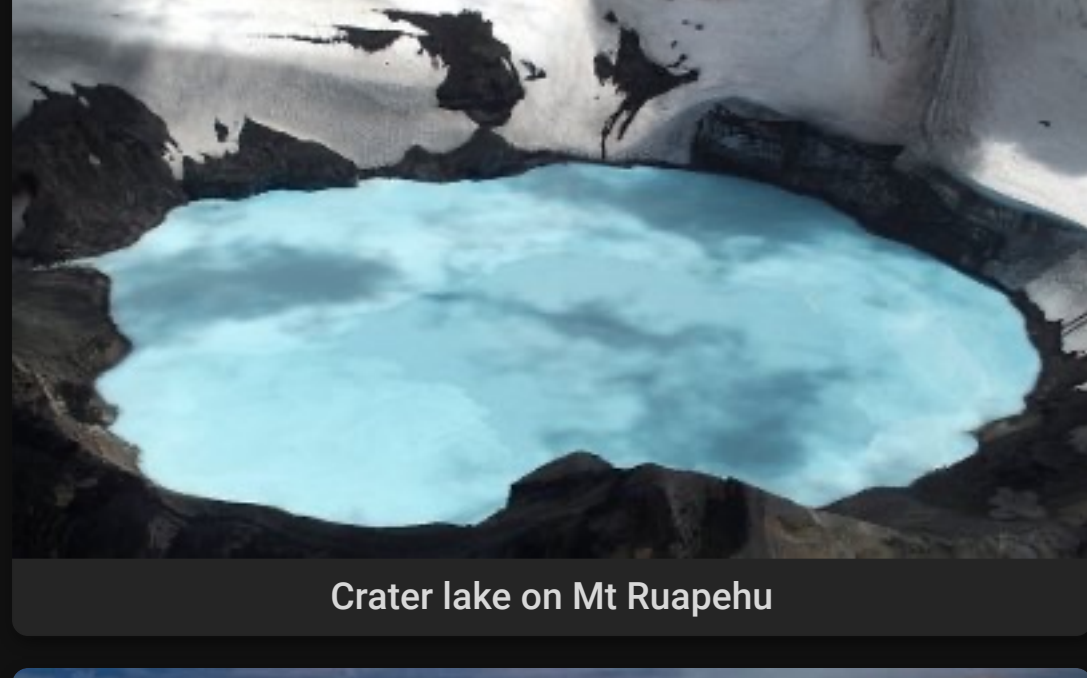
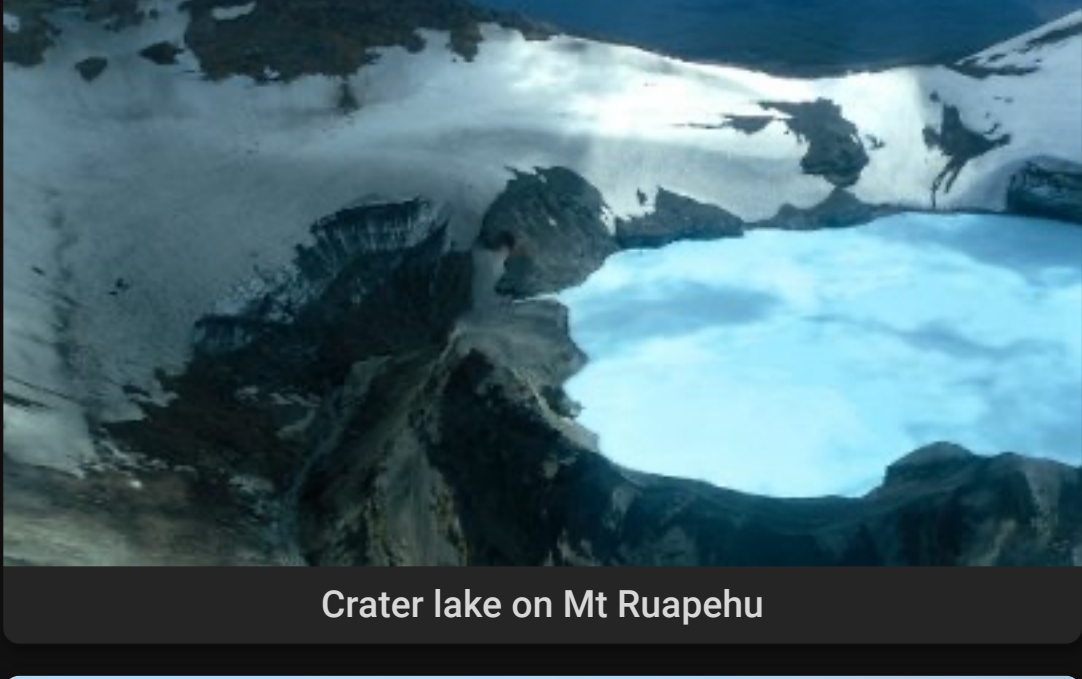
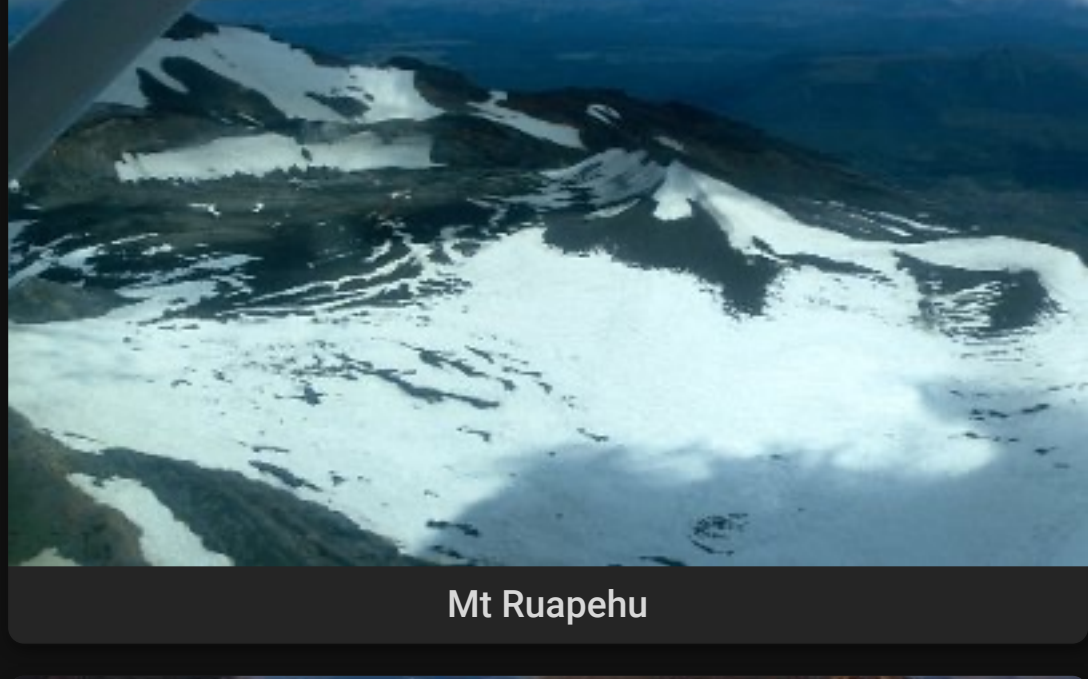
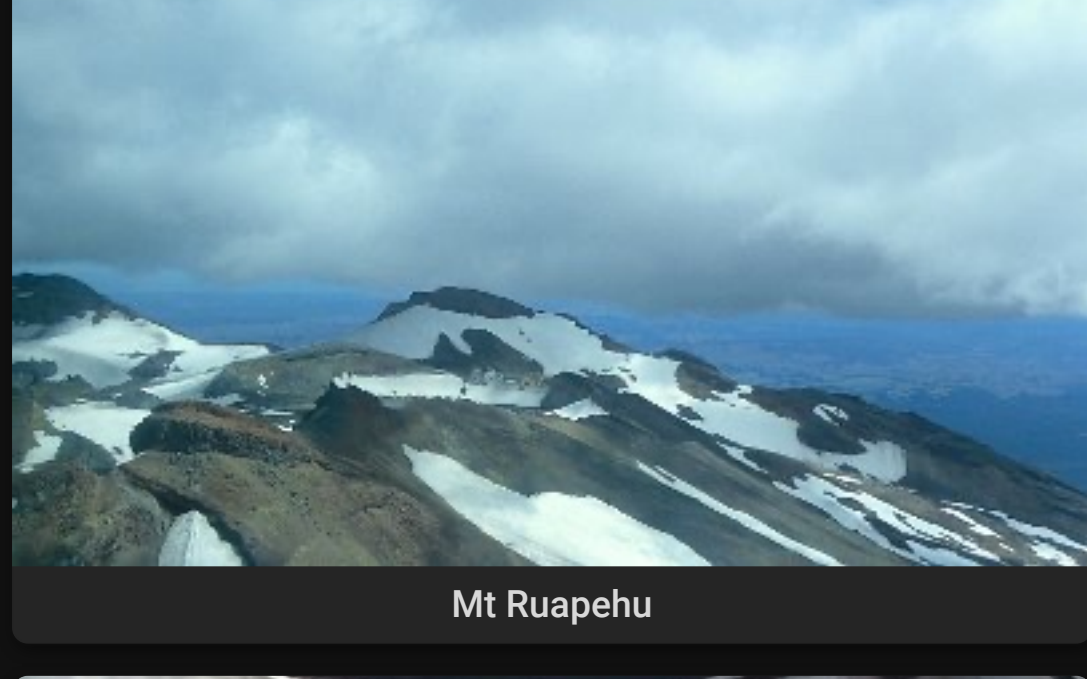
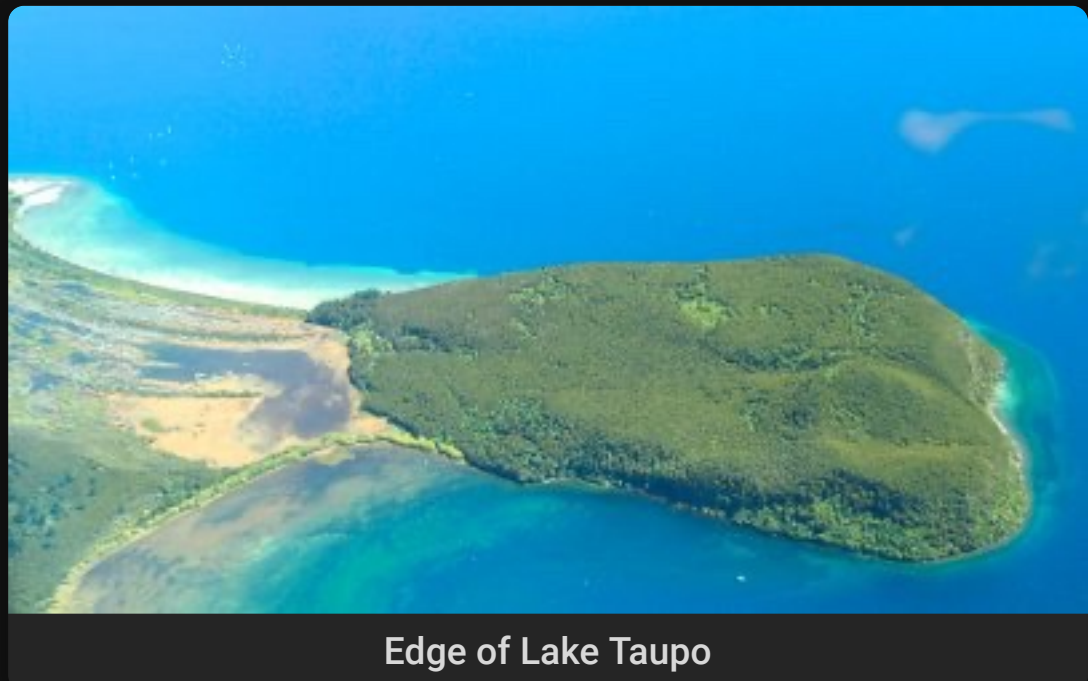
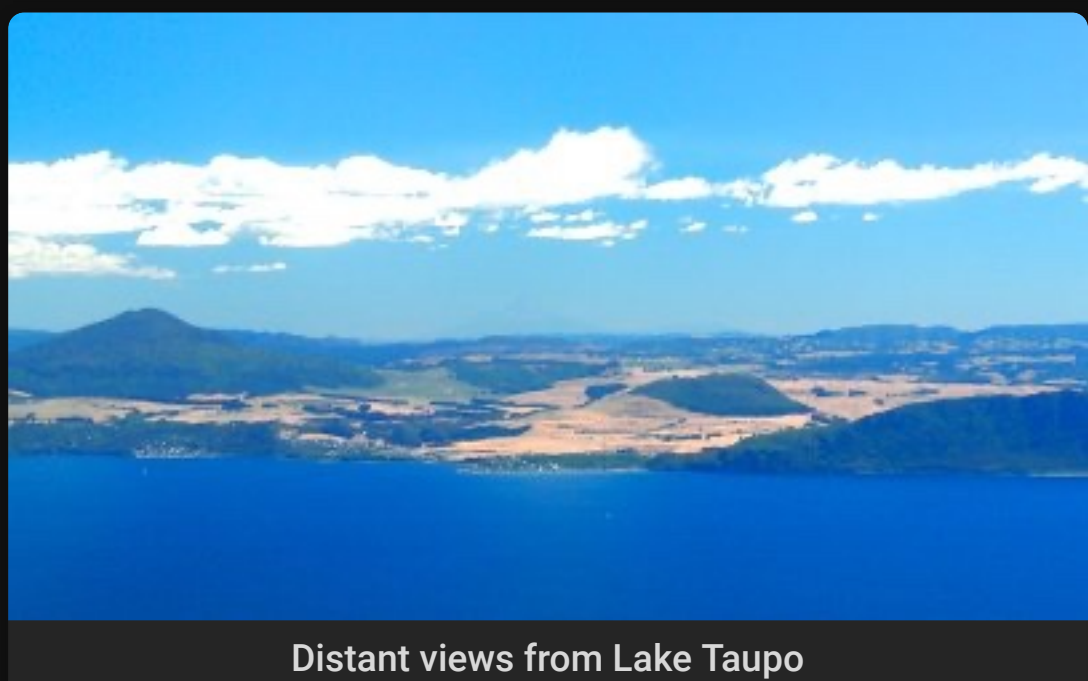
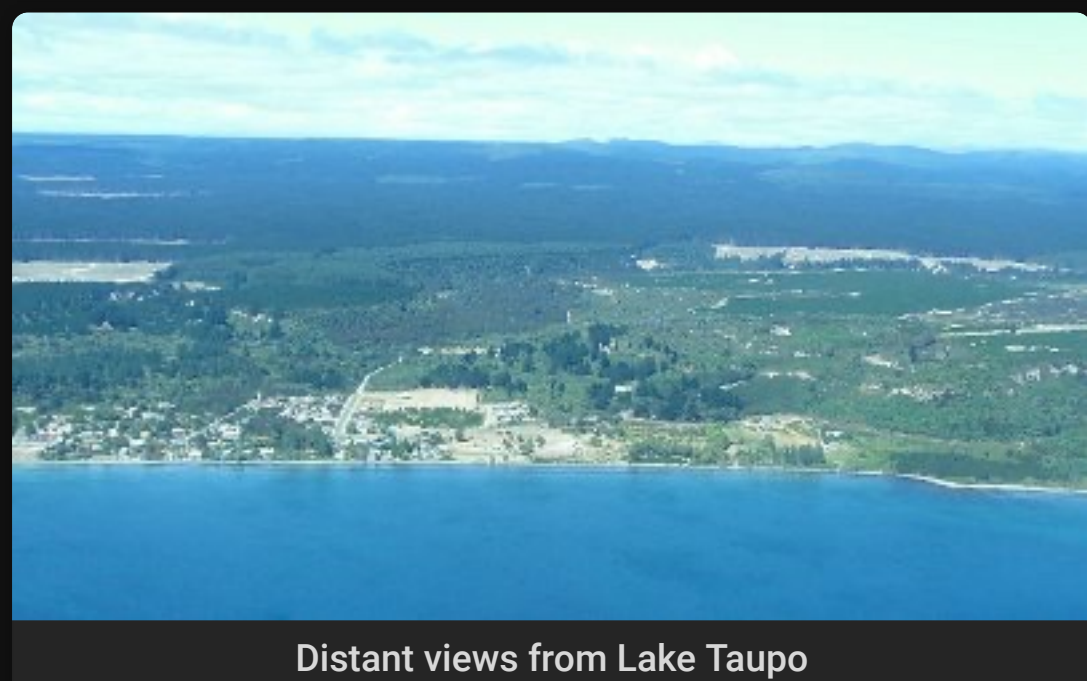
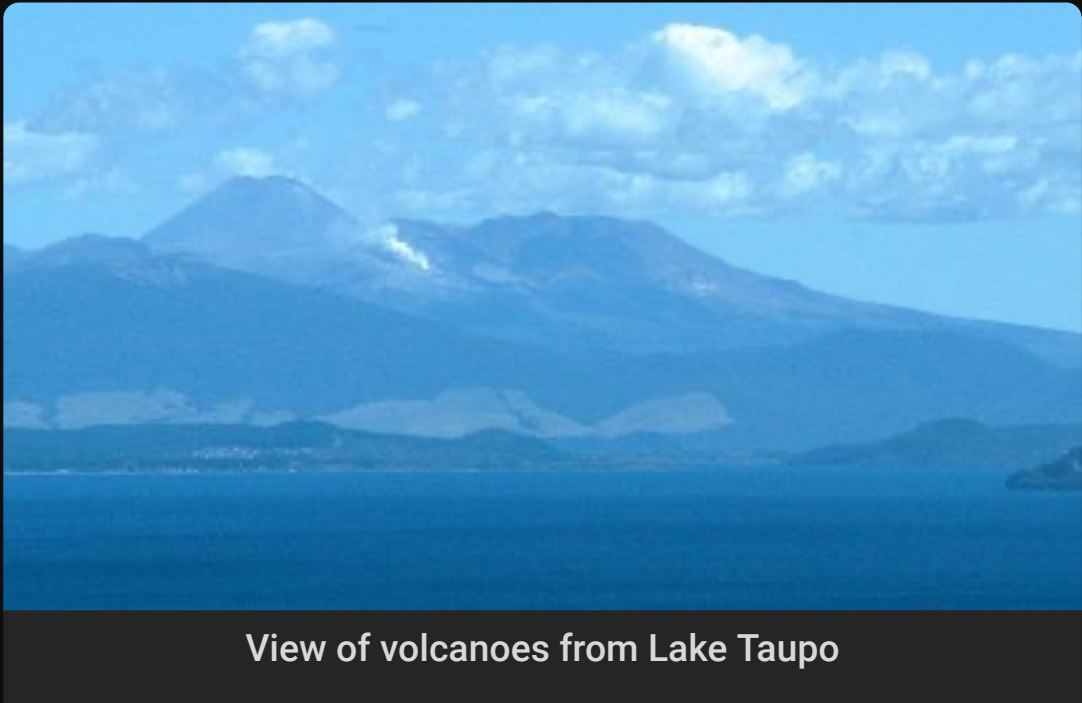
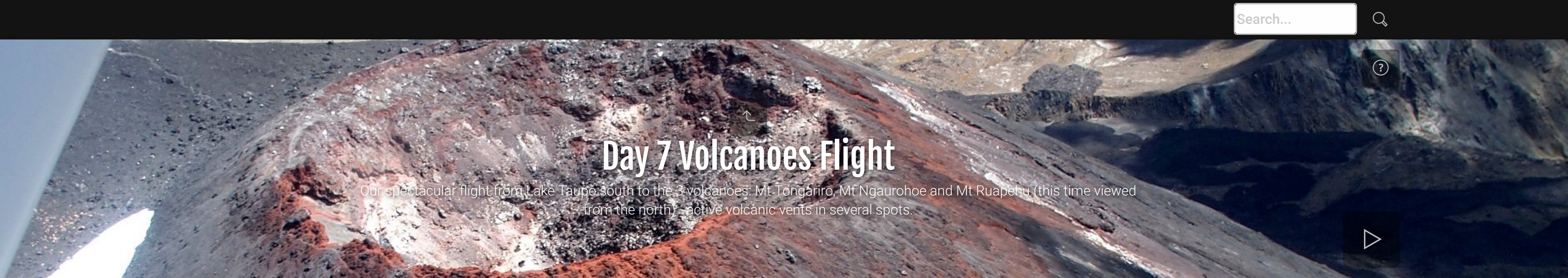
Waipunga Falls, road from Hastings to Taupo



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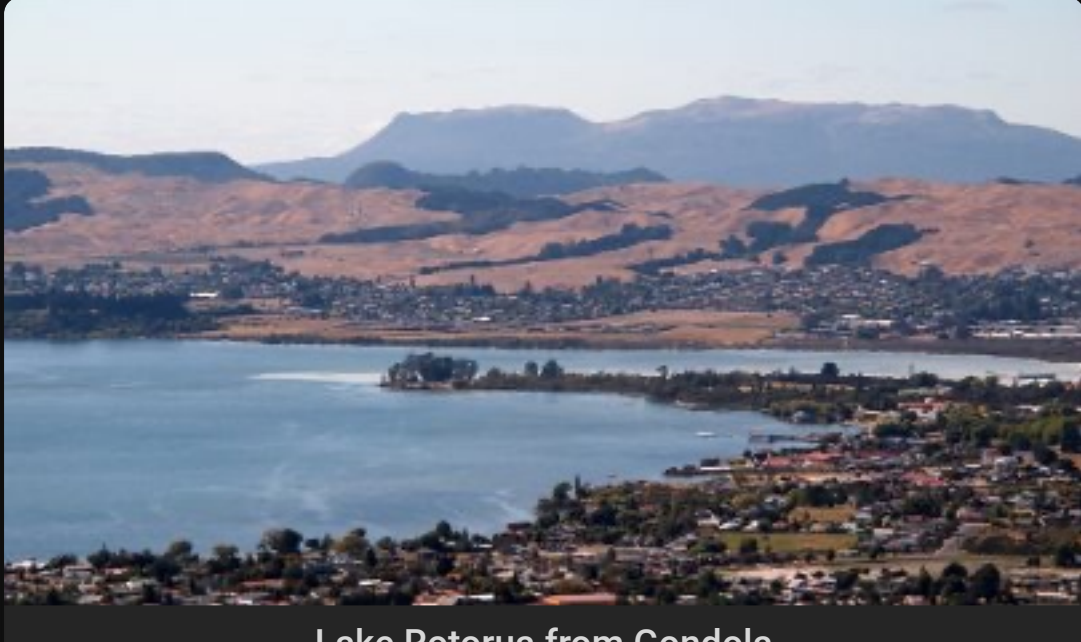




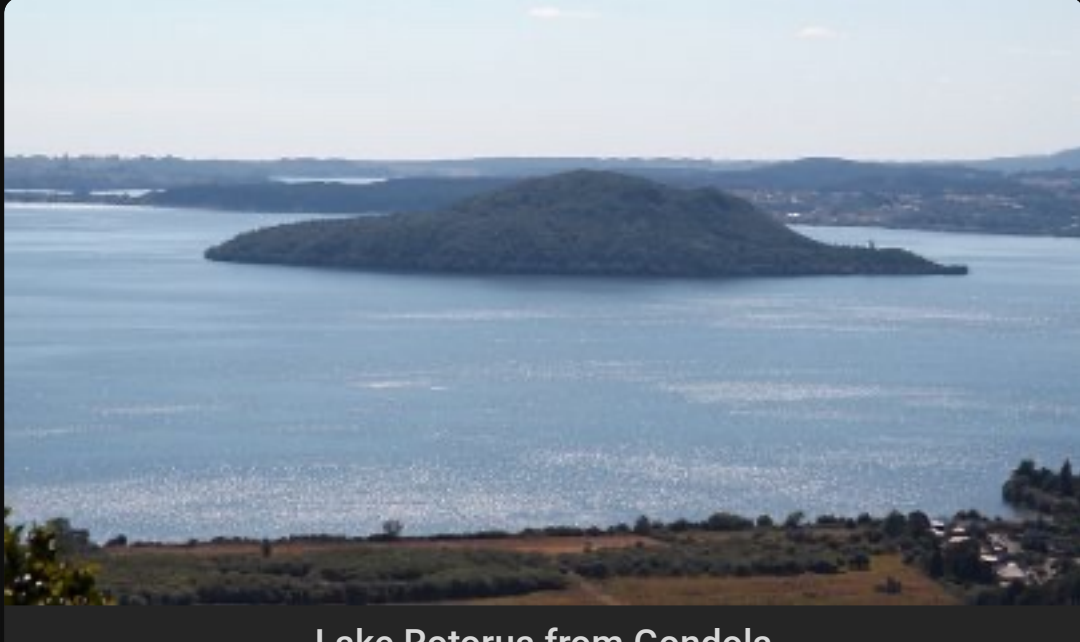


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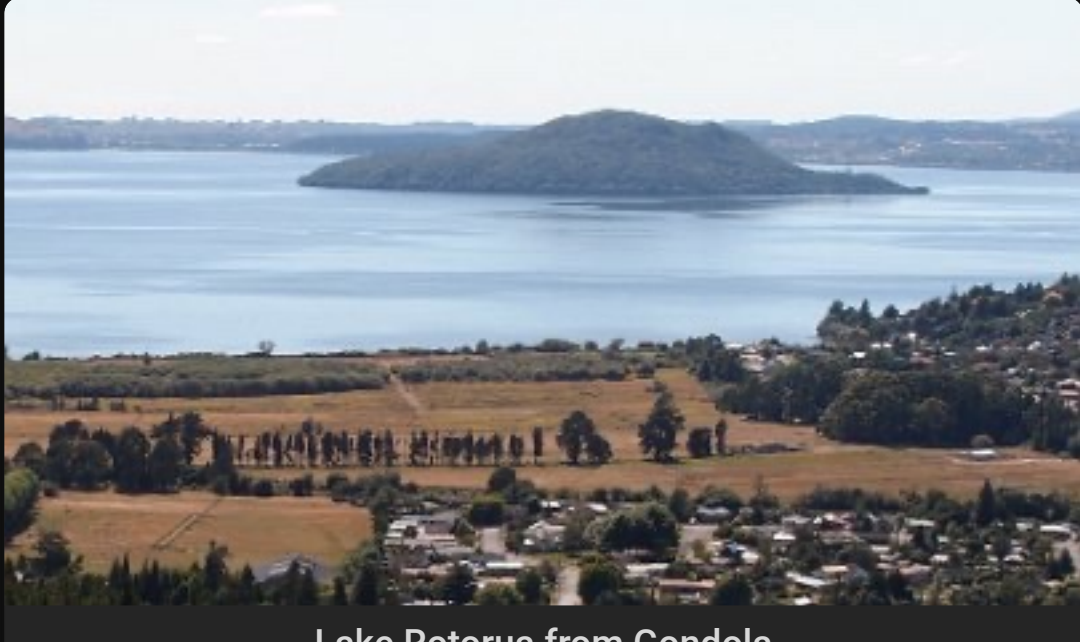
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Lake Rotorua from Gondola



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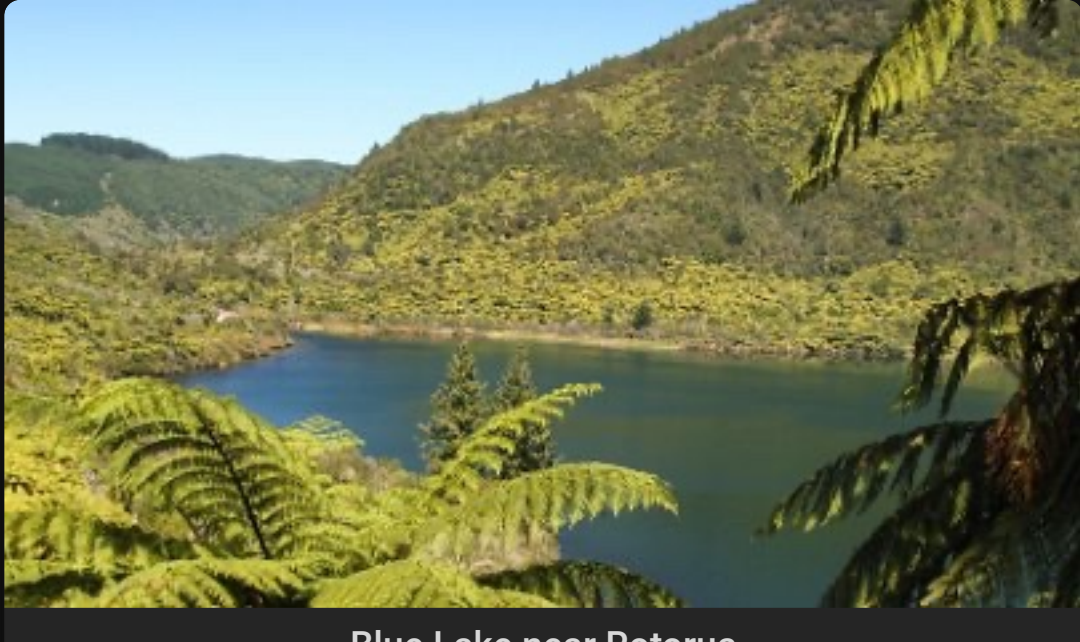
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Blue Lake near Rotorua



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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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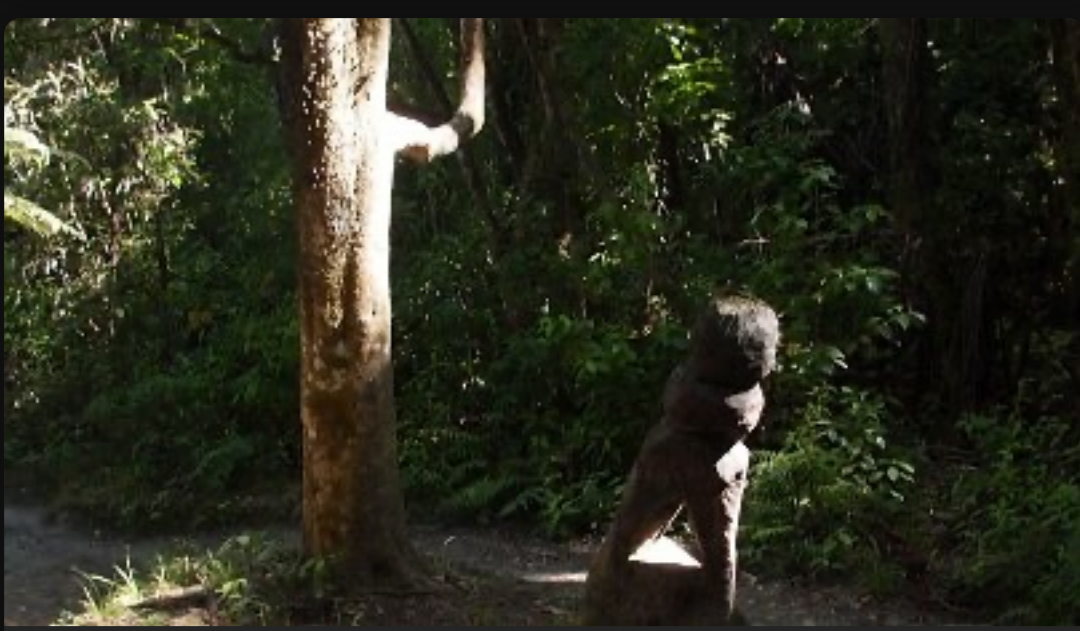
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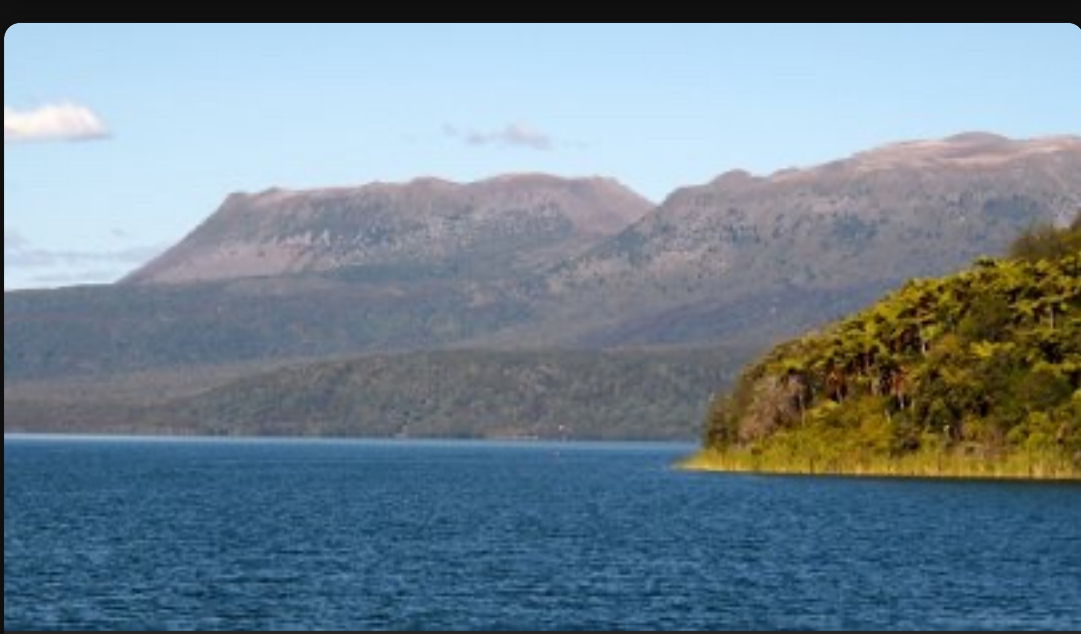
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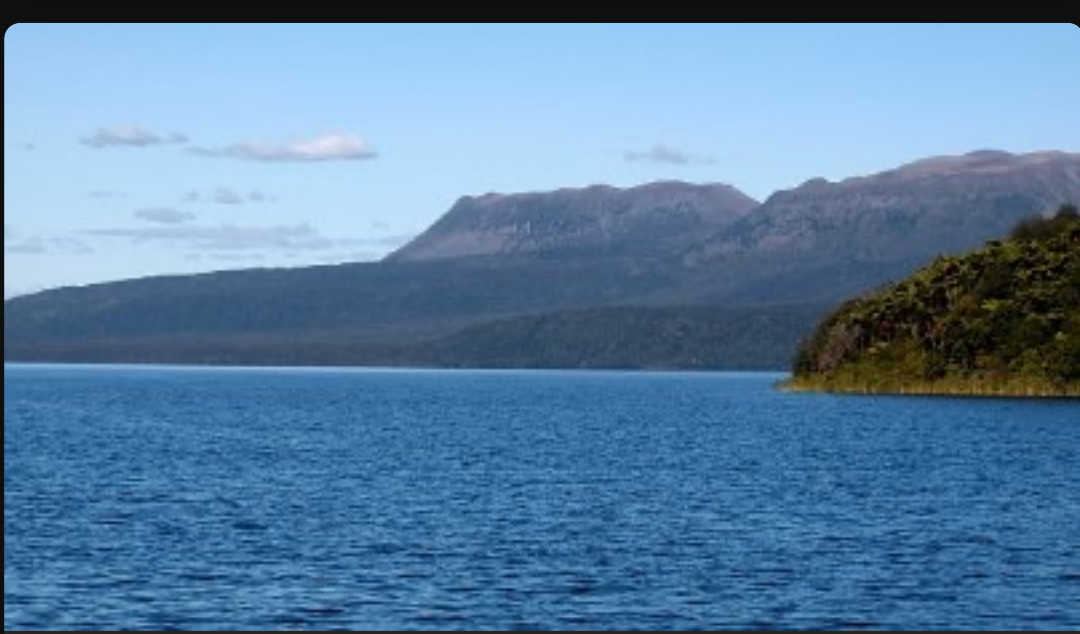
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Green Lake view near Rotorua



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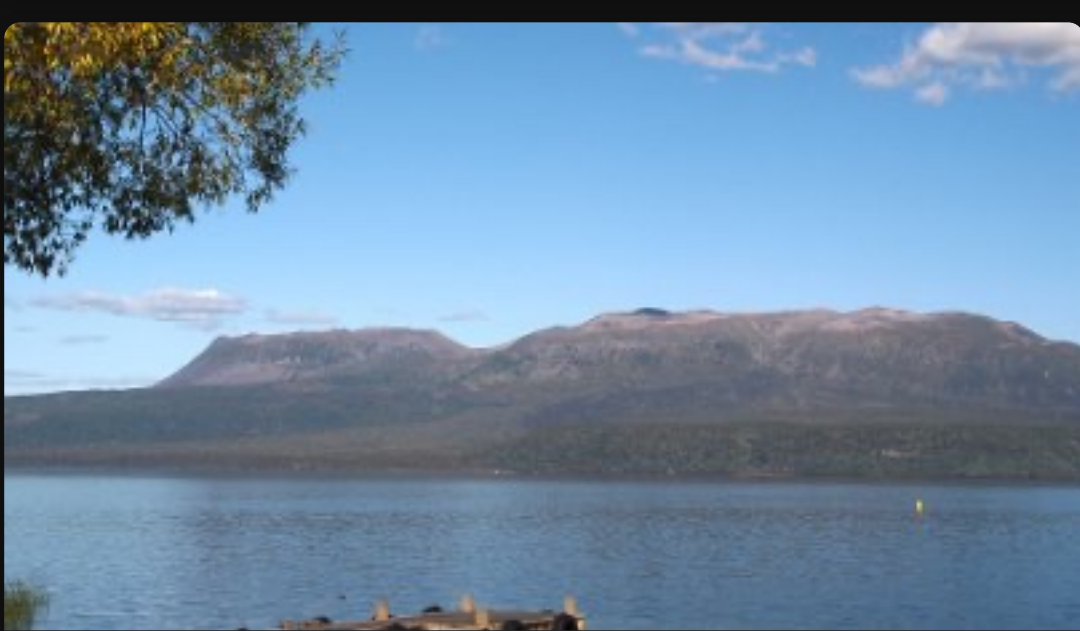
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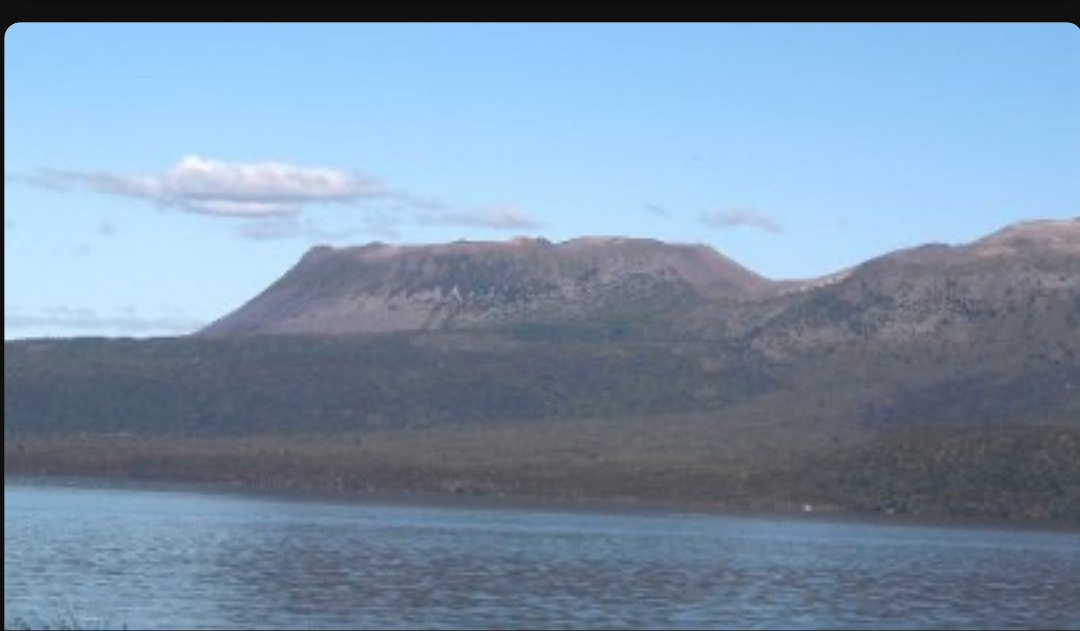
Amphibious vehicle on Lake Tarawera



Black swans on Lake Tarawera



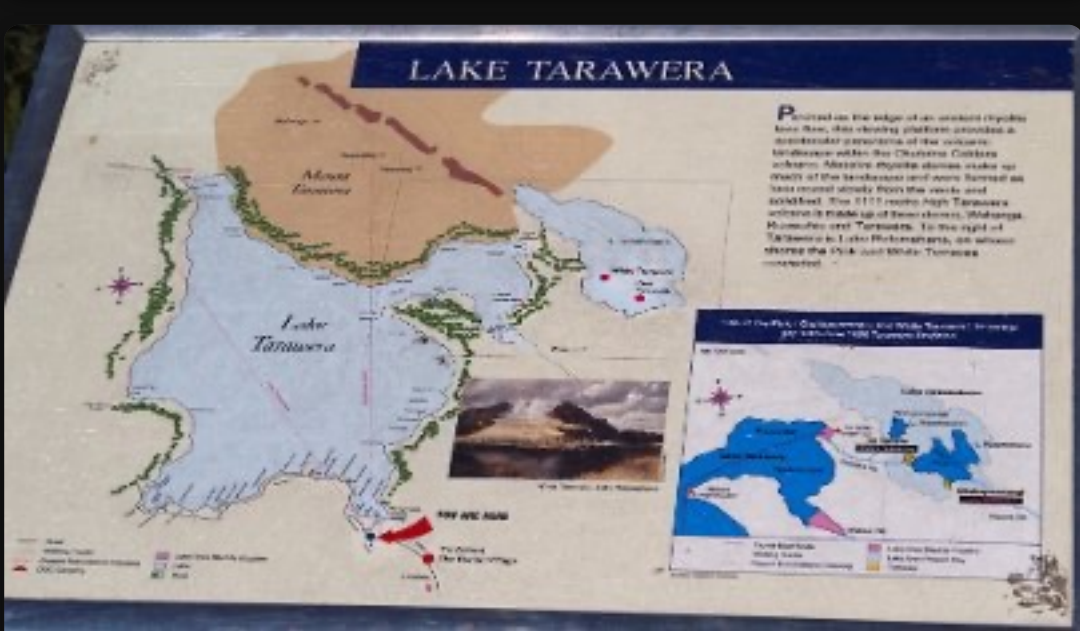
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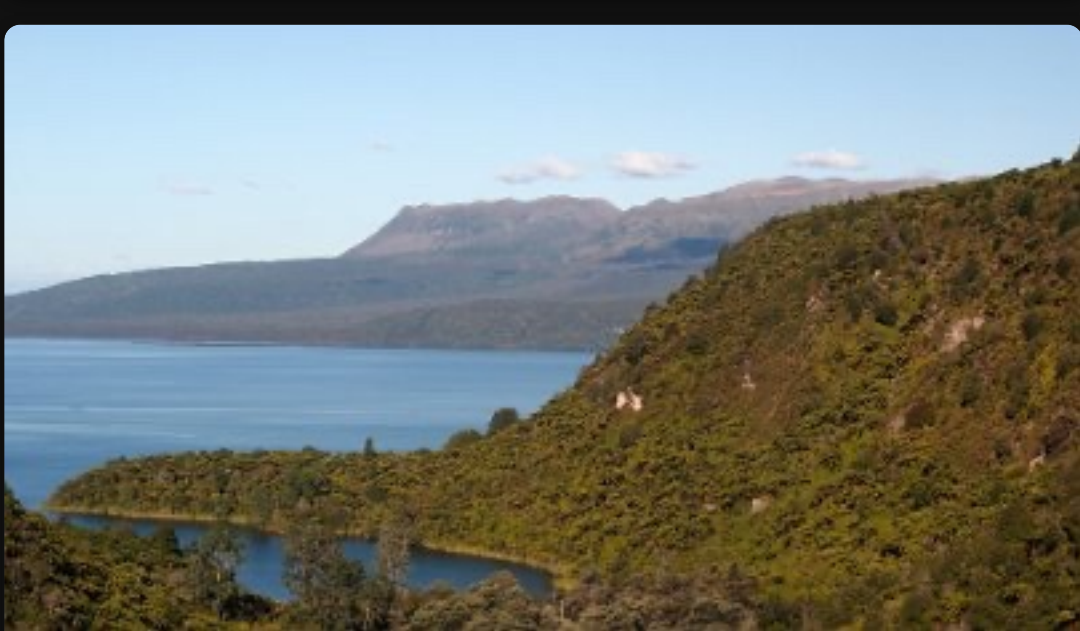
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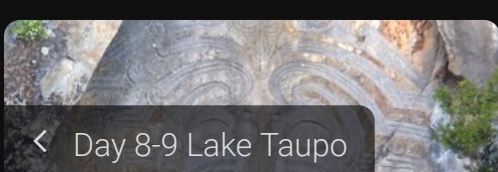
Mt Tarawera eruption monument



Sign for Lake Tarawera and Mt Tarawera



Lake Tarawera from access road



Day 8-9 Lake Taupo



Day 11-12 Waimangu Volcanic Valley





Waimangu Volcanic Valley



Painted panorama of Waimangu Volcanic Valley



Echo Crater, Waimangu Volcanic Valley



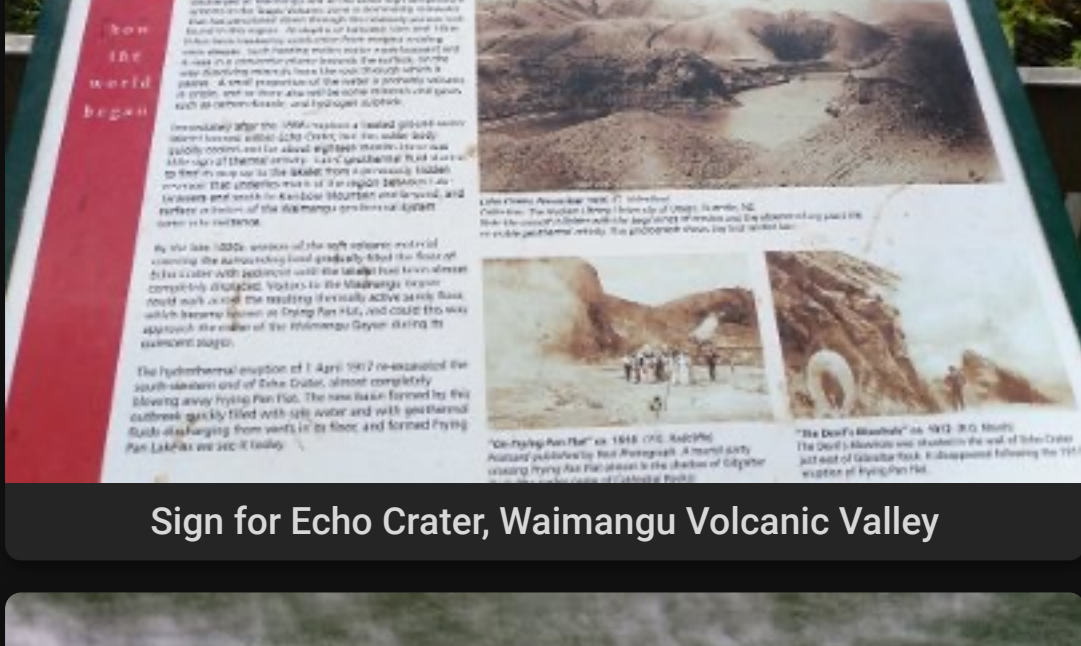
Southern Crater, Waimangu Volcanic Valley



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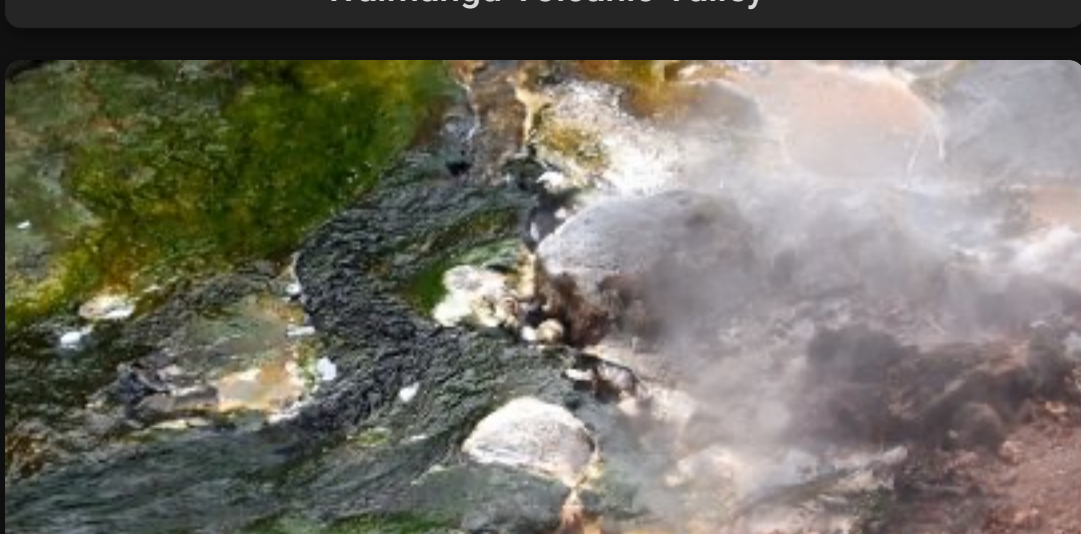
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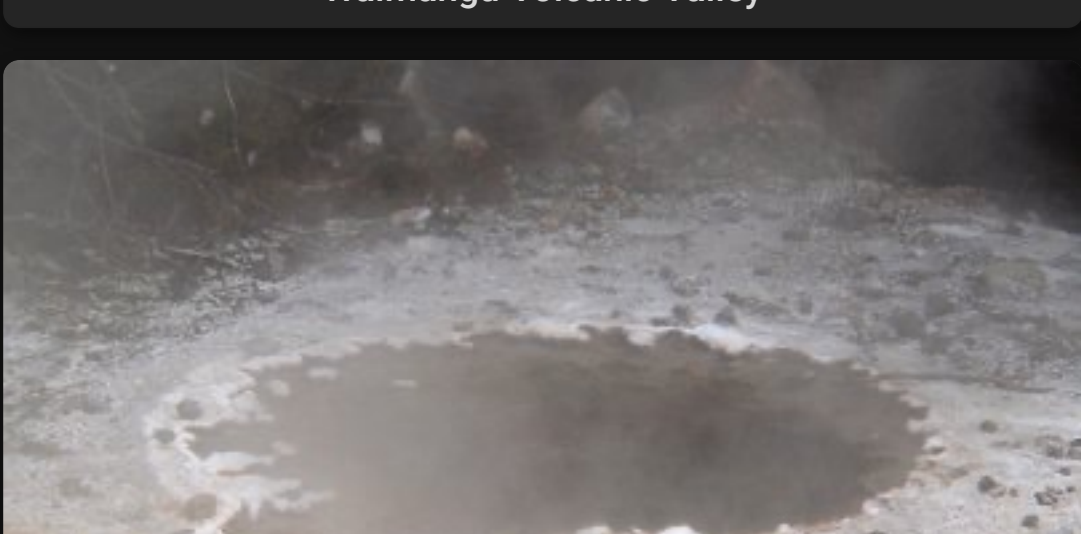
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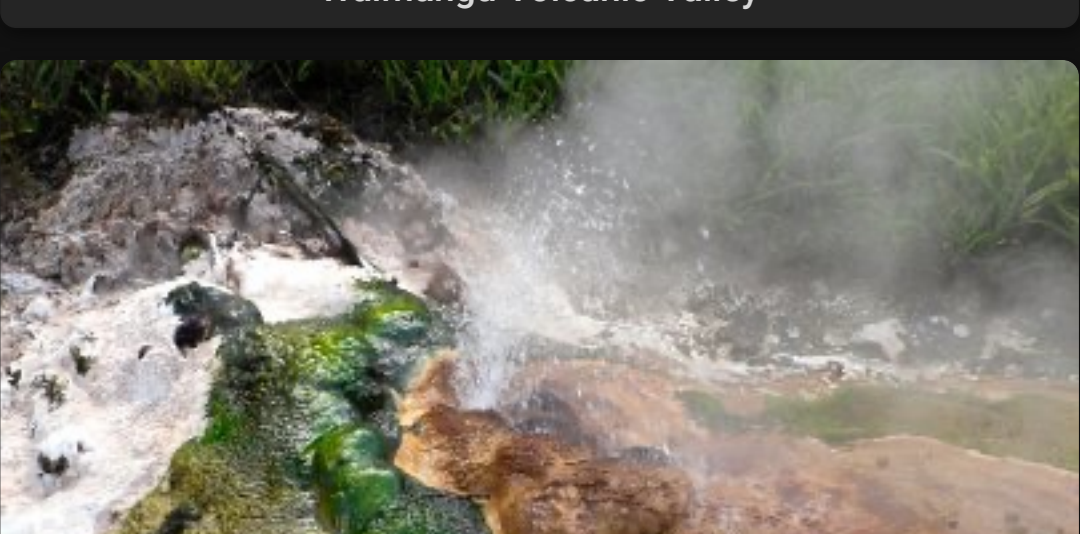
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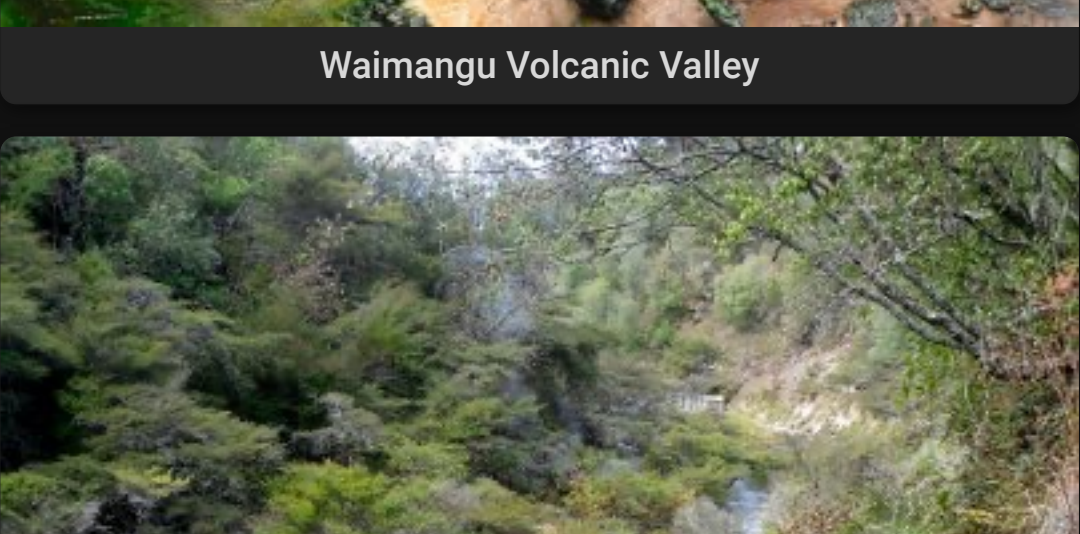
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Inferno Crater, Waimangu Volcanic Valley



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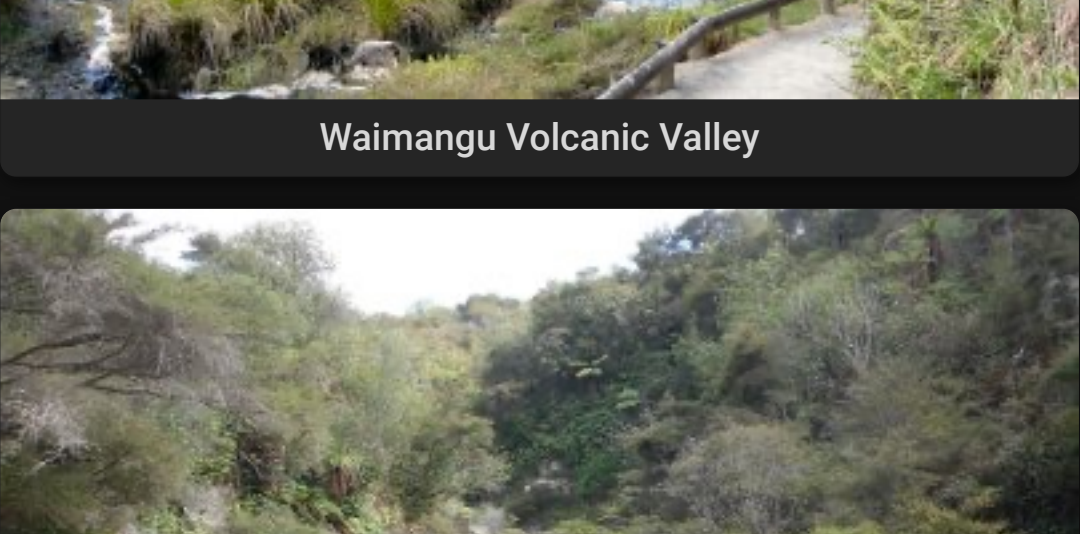
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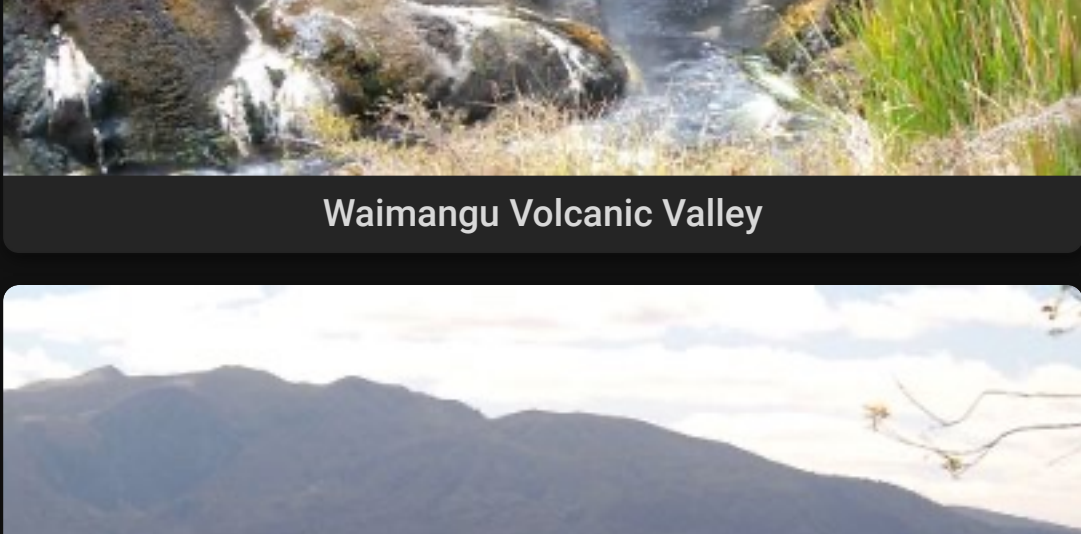
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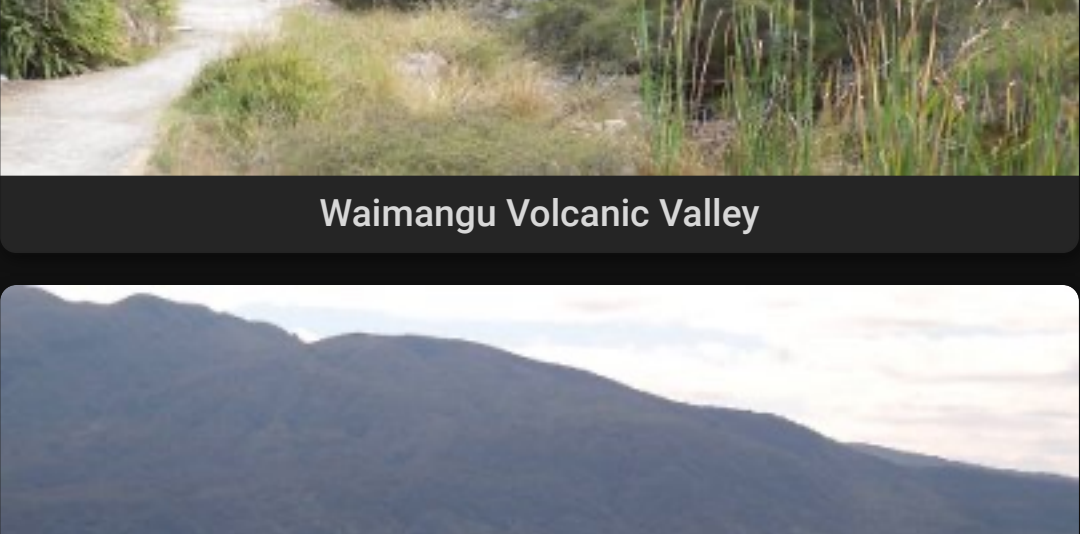
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Lake Rotomahana from Waimangu Volcanic Valley



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Birds Nest Terrace, Waimangu Volcanic Valley



Birds Nest Terrace, Waimangu Volcanic Valley



Birds Nest Terrace, Waimangu Volcanic Valley



Warbrick Terrace, Waimangu Volcanic Valley



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Black swans on Lake Rotomahana



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Mt Tarawera and Lake Rotomahana



Mt Tarawera and Lake Rotomahana



Sign for Mt Tarawera and Lake Rotomahana



Sulphur vents, Lake Rotomahana cruise



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Volcanic deposits, Lake Rotomahana cruise



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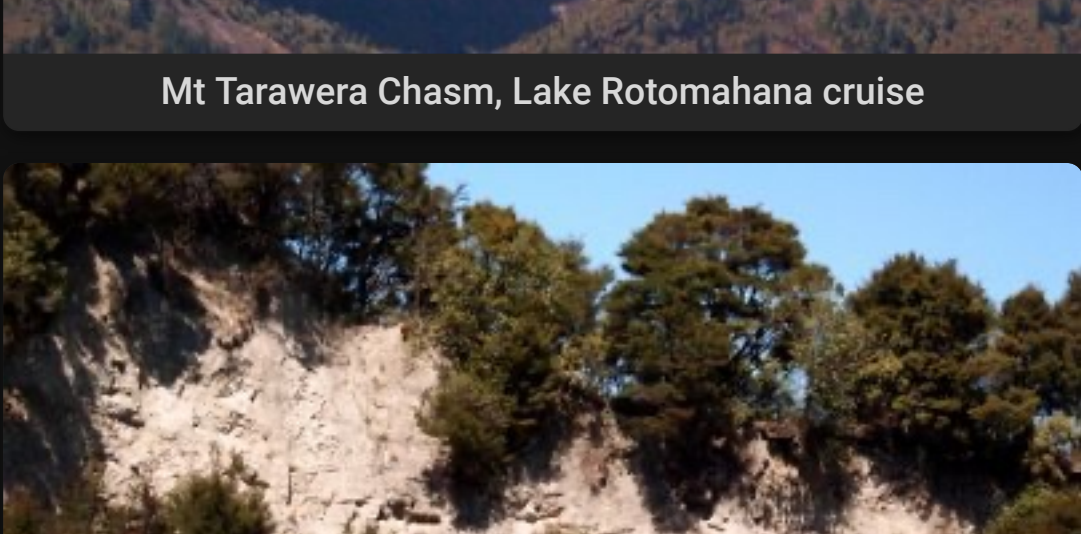
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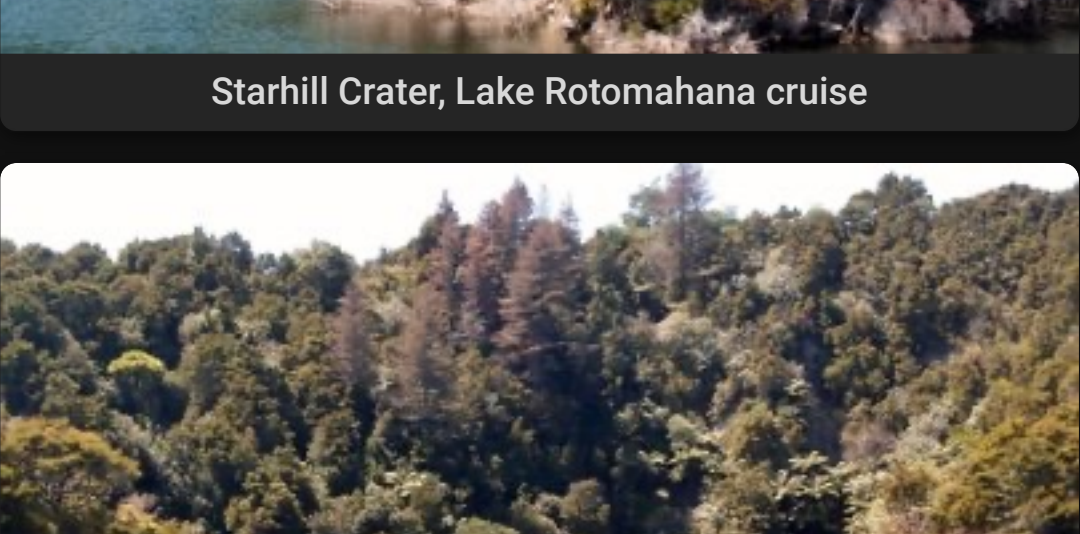
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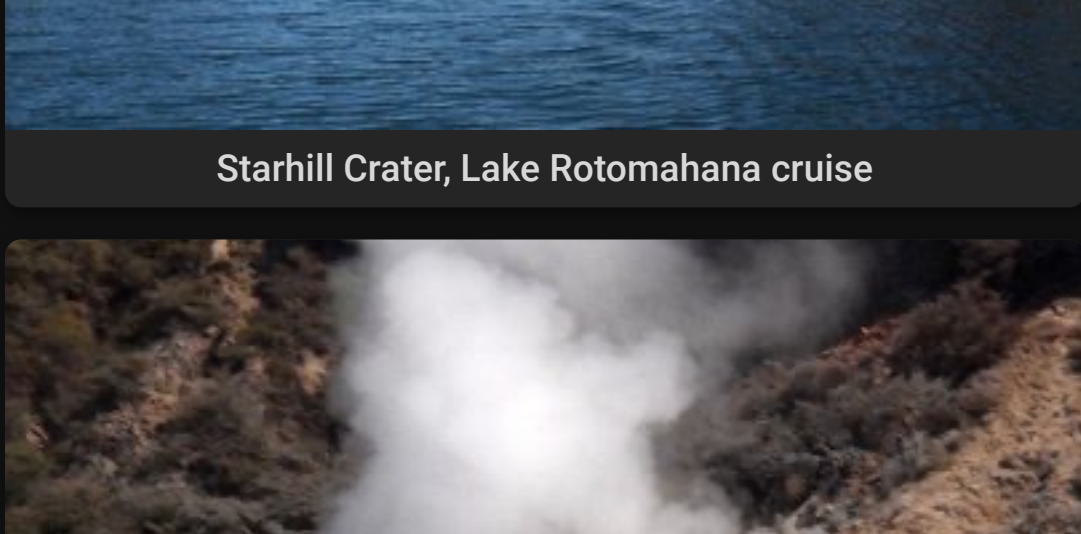
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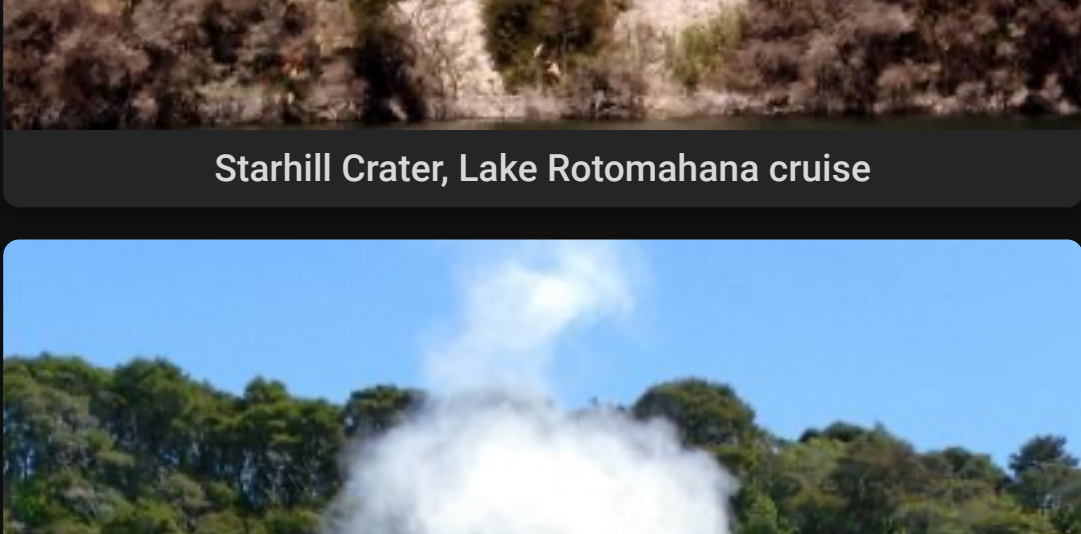
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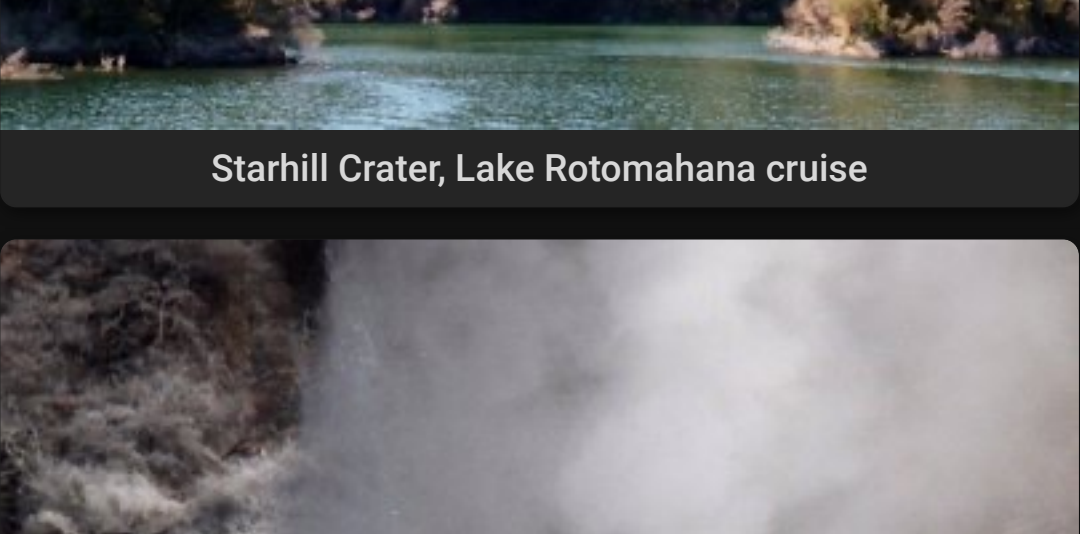
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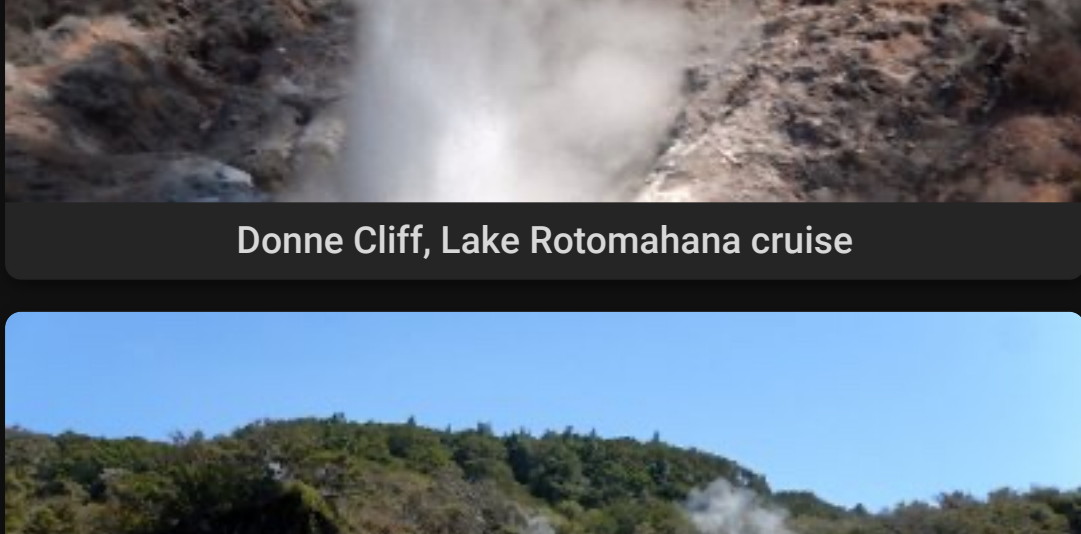
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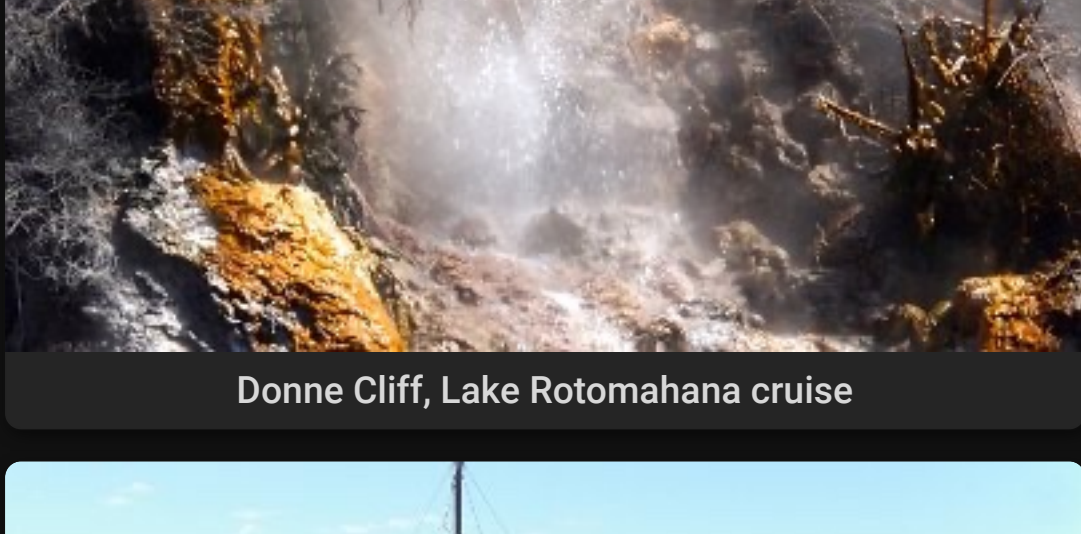
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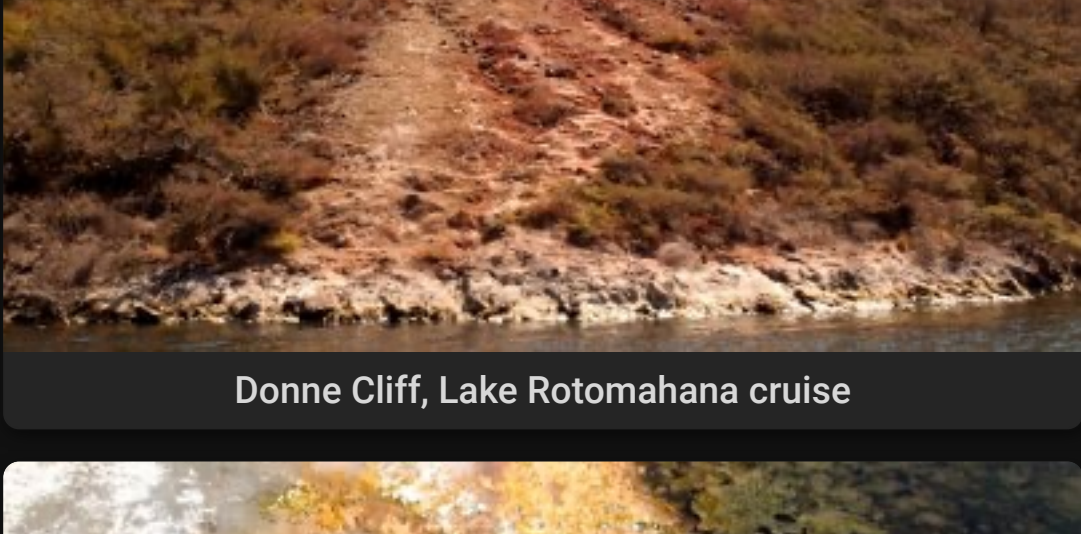
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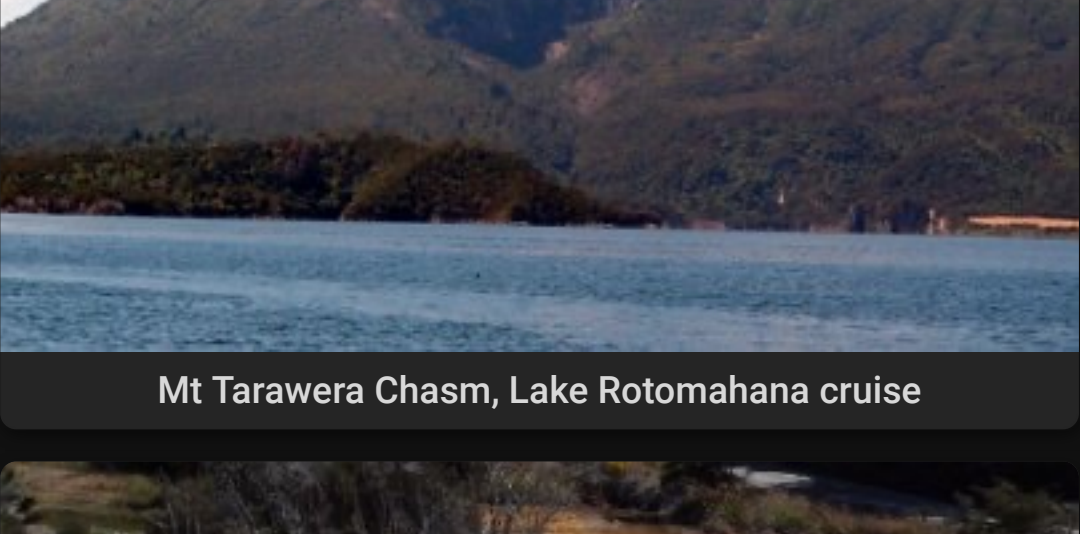
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Lake Rotomahana cruise boat



Birds Nest Terrace, Waimangu Volcanic Valley



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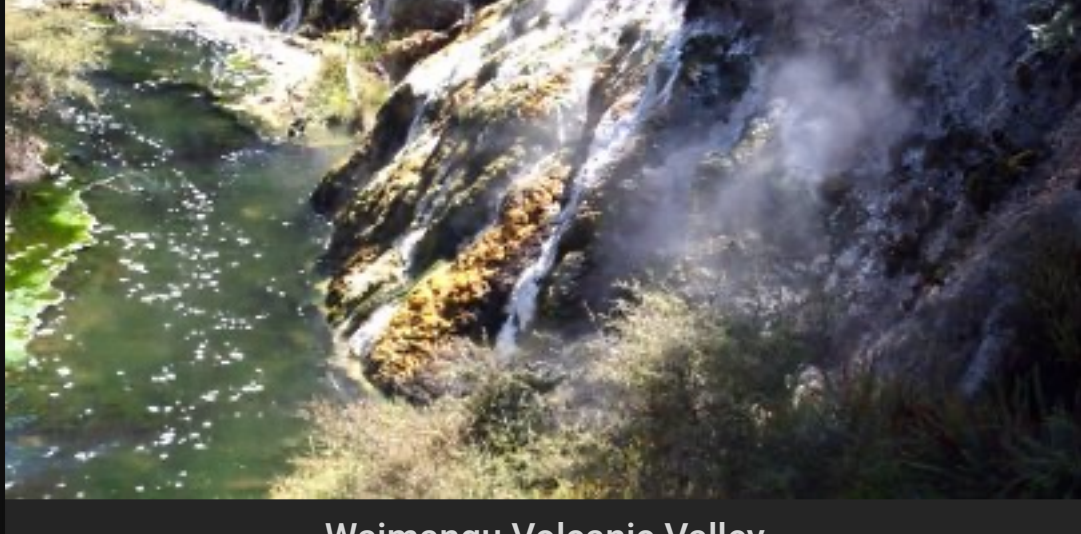
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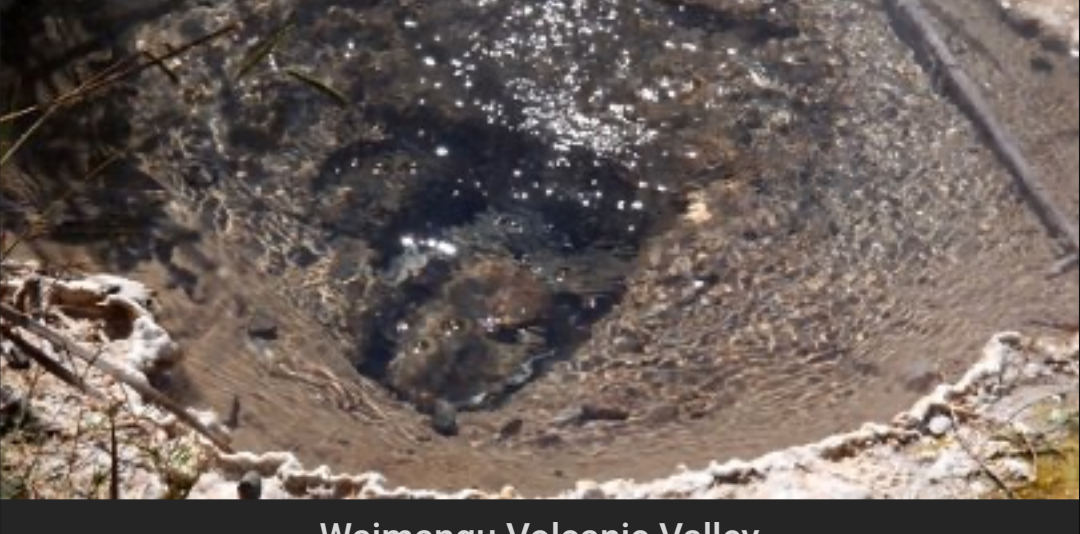
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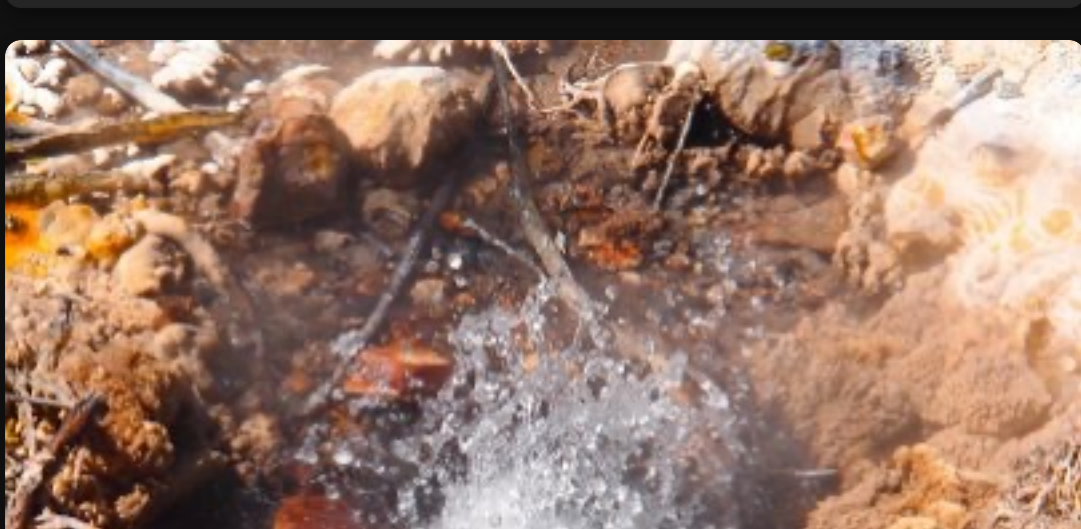
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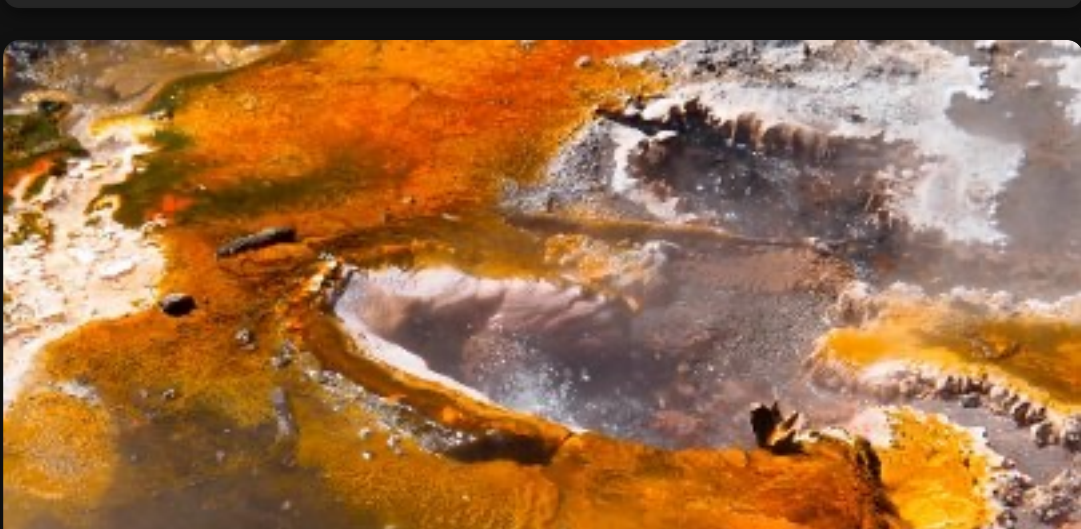
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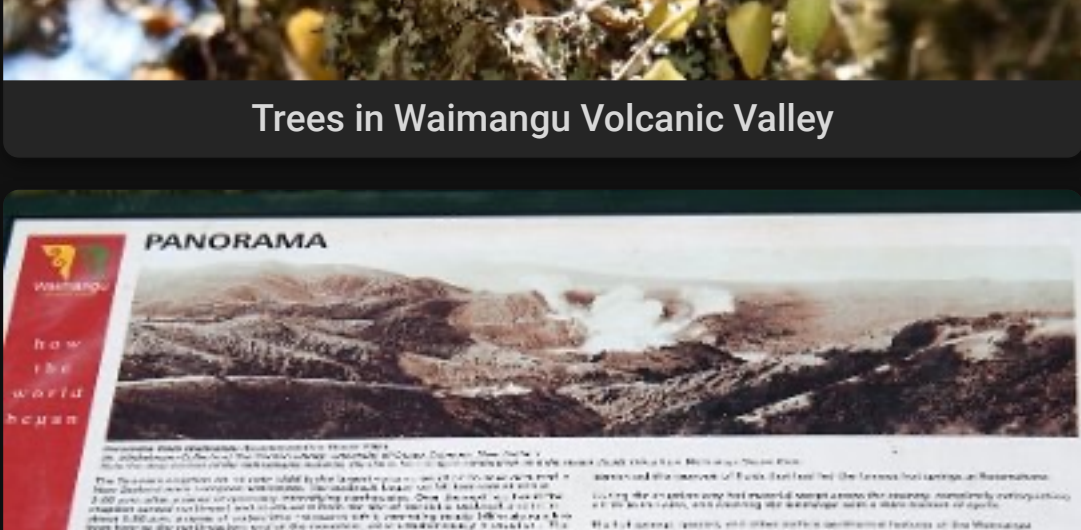
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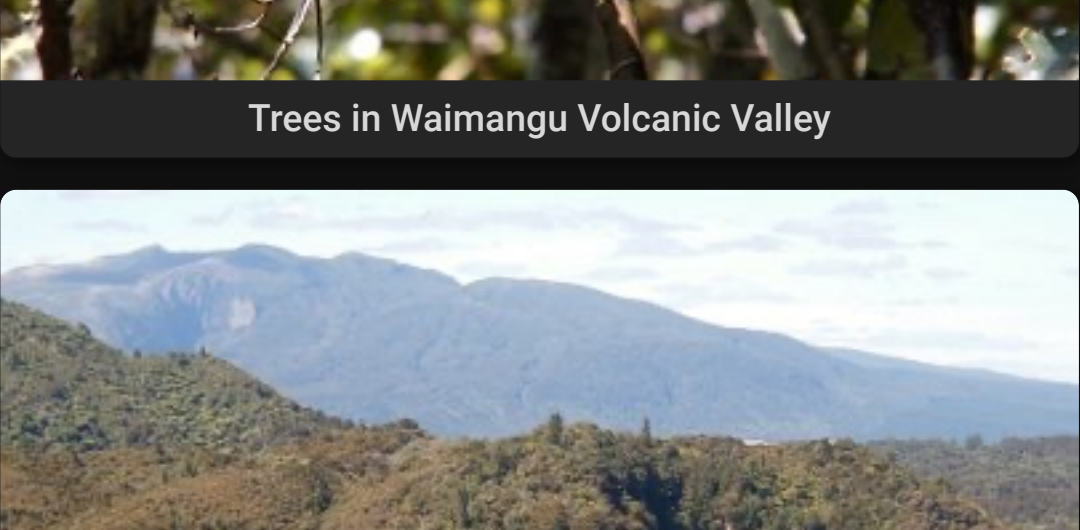
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Monument and lookout point at Waimangu Volcanic Valley



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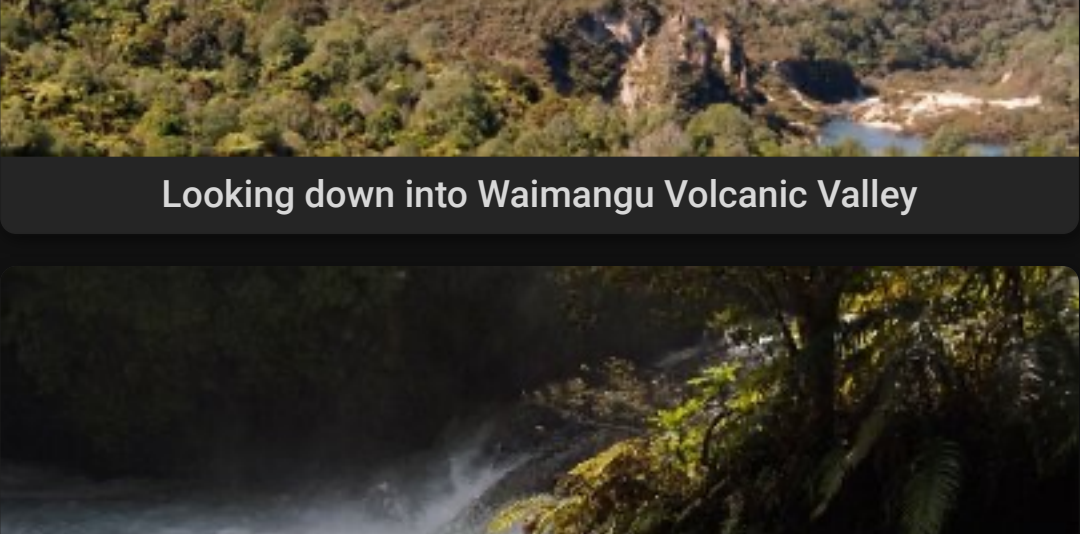
Looking down into Waimangu Volcanic Valley



Okorere Falls, Rotorua to Tauranga road



Okorere Falls, Rotorua to Tauranga road



Okorere Falls, Rotorua to Tauranga road



Steps down to Okorere Falls, Rotorua to Tauranga road



Ferns at Okorere Falls, Rotorua to Tauranga road



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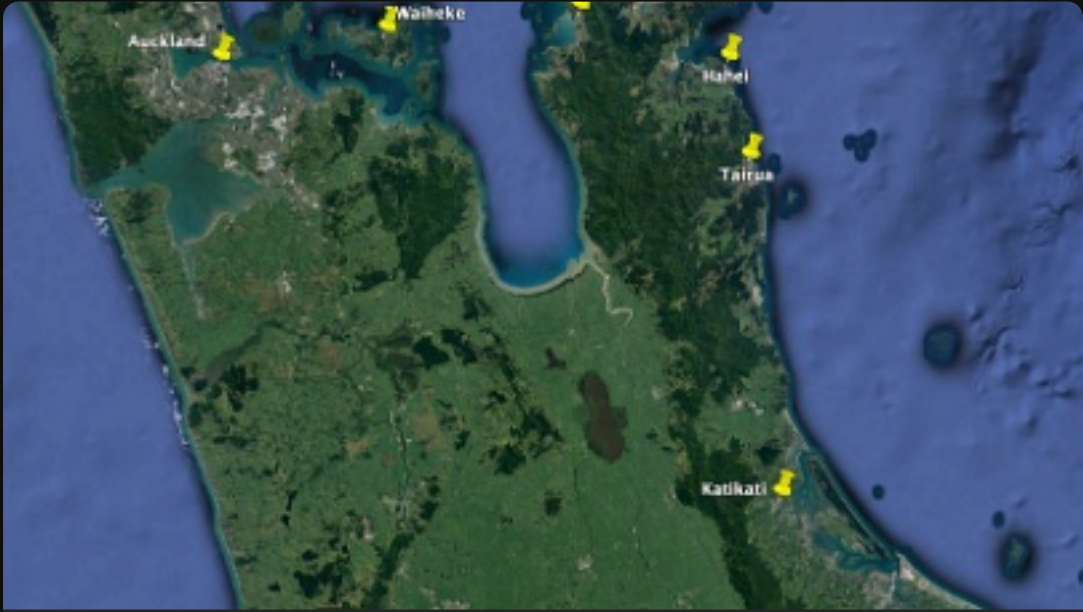
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North Island Locations  
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Kauri Point bay



Kauri Point bird



Kauri Point bird



Tanners Point from Kauri Point



Kauri Point tree roots



Ali, Anne and Ray at Kauri Point



Tanners Point from Kauri Point



Motiti Island from Tauranga Road



Motiti Island from Tauranga Road



Tauranga Harbour from Bowen Town Heads panorama



Kauri Point from Bowen Town Heads



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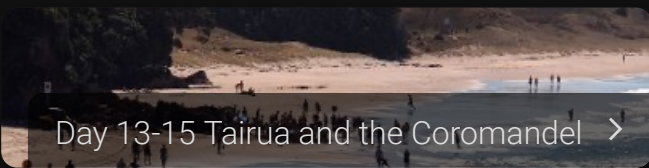
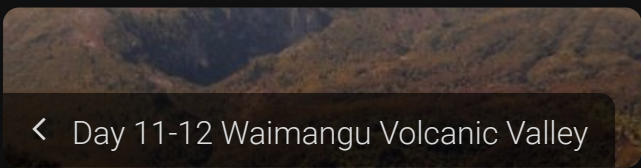
Mouth of Tauranga Harbour from Bowen Town Heads



Martha Mine, Waihi

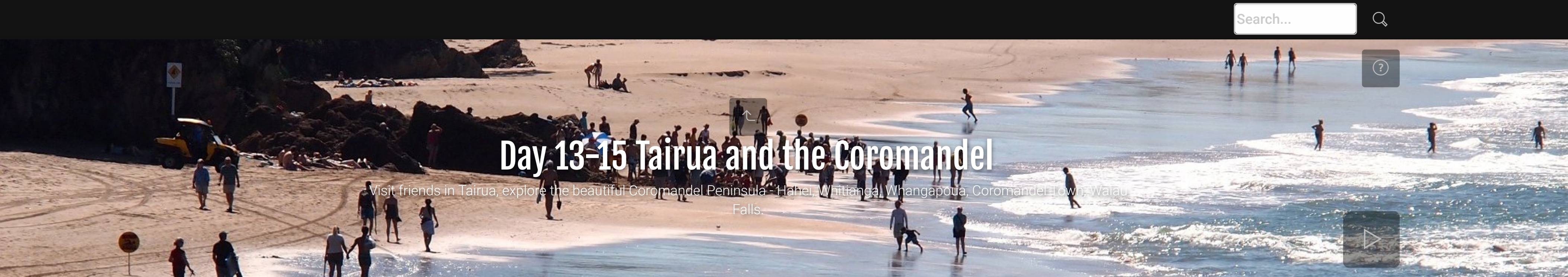


Martha Mine, Waihi



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Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



Bird at Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



Waves at Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



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Waves at Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



People at Hot Water Beach, near Hahei



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Islands near Hahei



Islands near Hahei



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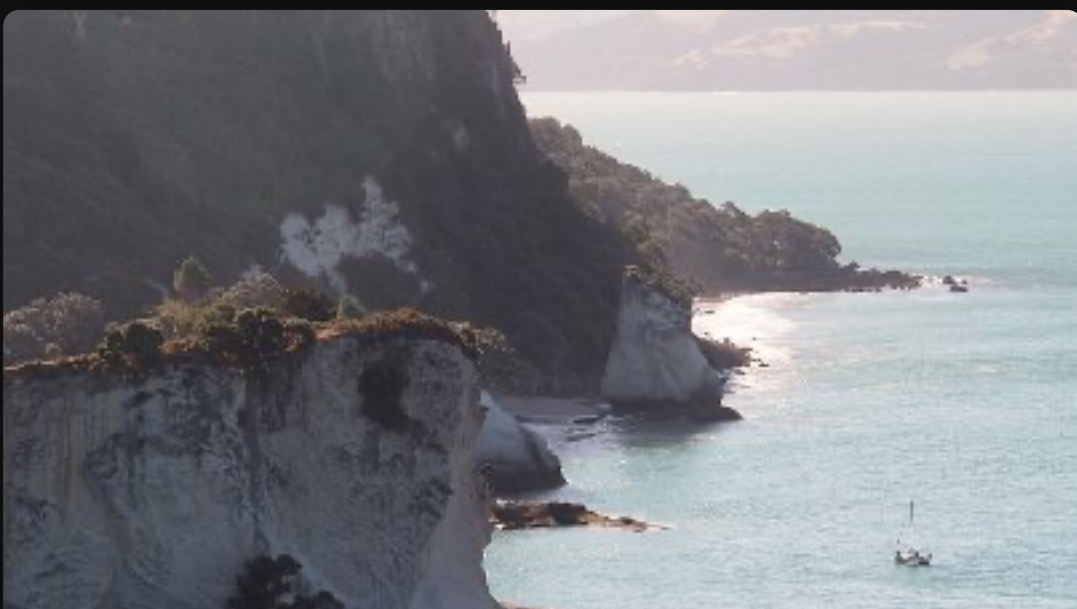
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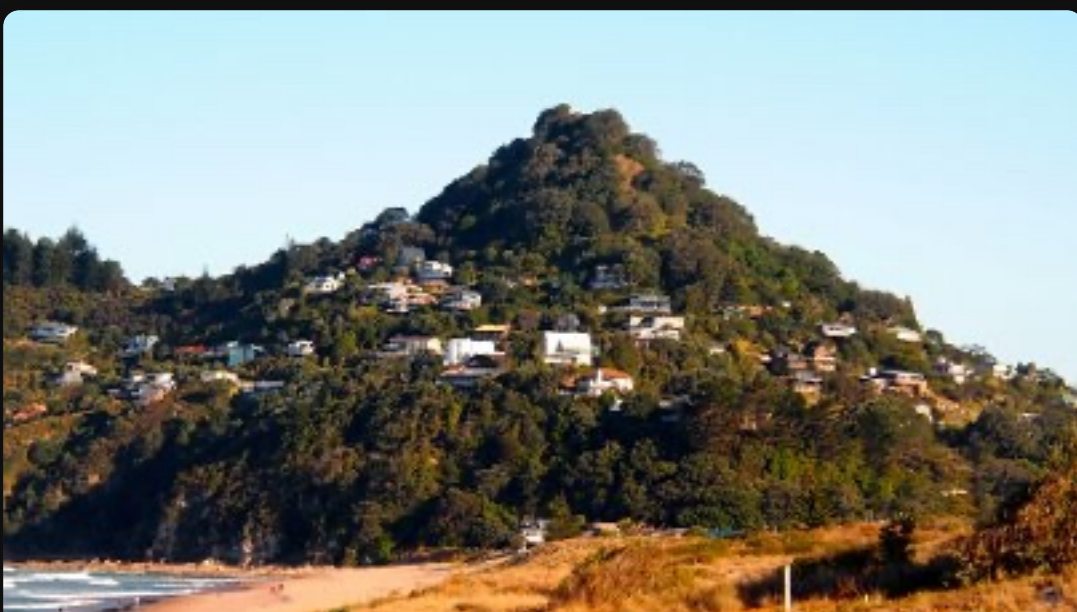
Cathedral Cove near Hahei



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 John & Rona's house



Tairua estuary from Pepe Reserve



Tairua estuary from Pepe Reserve



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



Coromandel from Whangapoua Road (SH25) Lookout



Coromandel from Whangapoua Road (SH25) Lookout



Long Bay, near Coromandel



Long Bay, near Coromandel



Long Bay, near Coromandel



Castle Rock from Waiau Falls, 309 Road



Waiau Falls, 309 Road



Waiau Falls, 309 Road



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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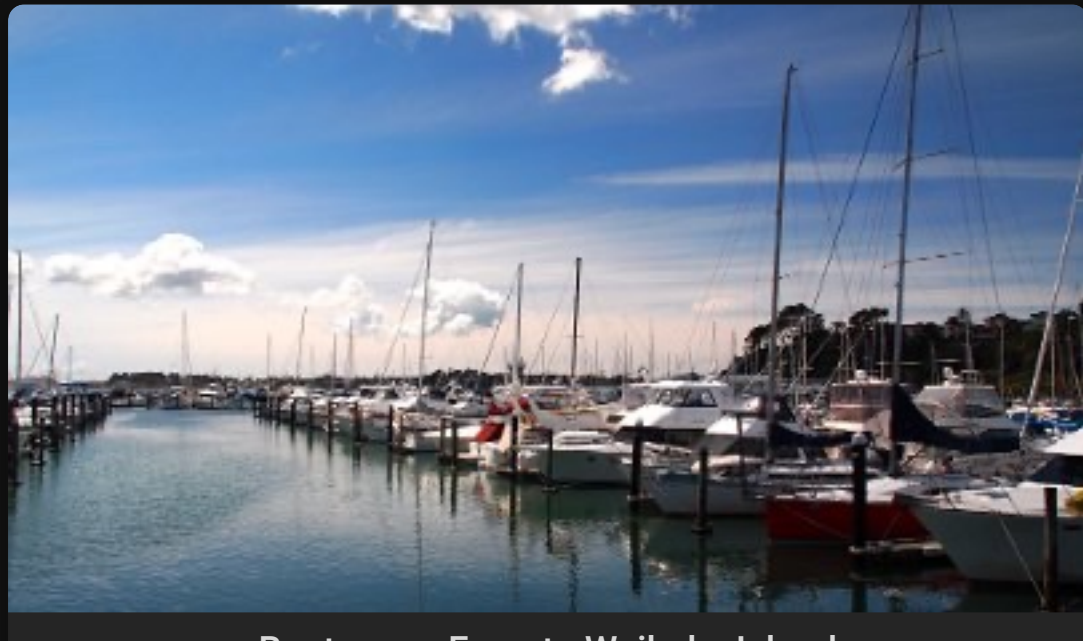


Day 15-17 Waiheke Island >

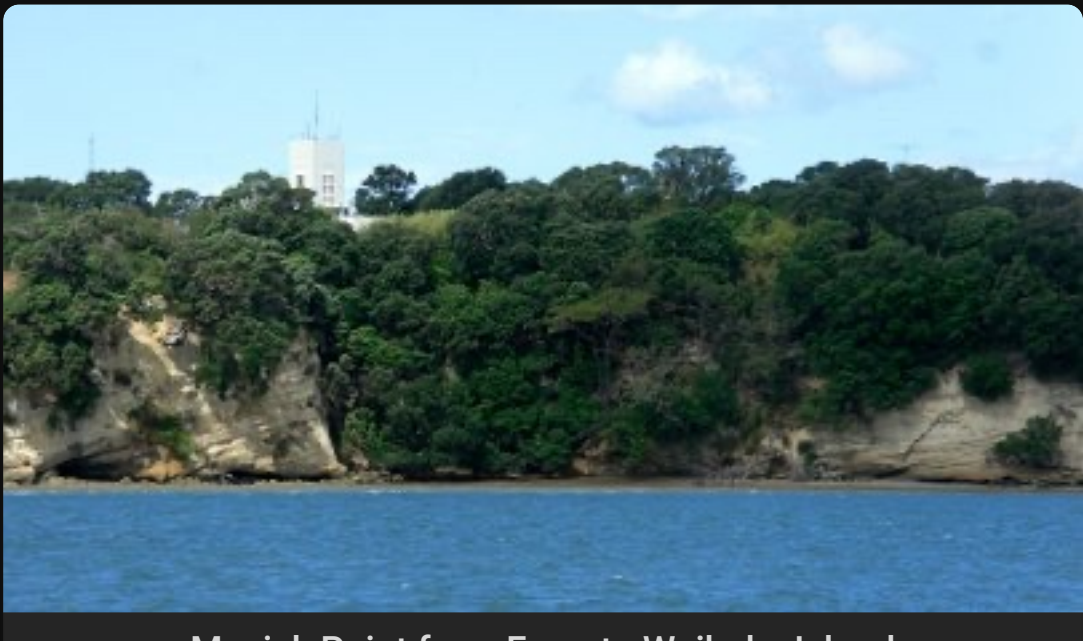


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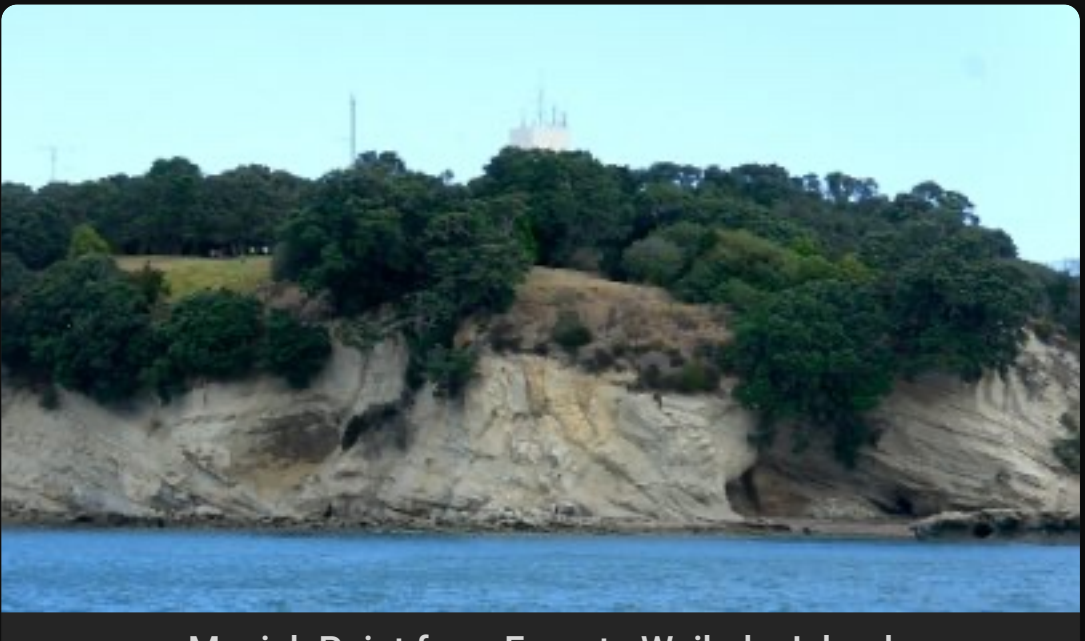
Back to Auckland and the ferry across to Waiheke Island - spectacular views, food and wine, and walks - hard to leave but in the end back to Auckland and home.



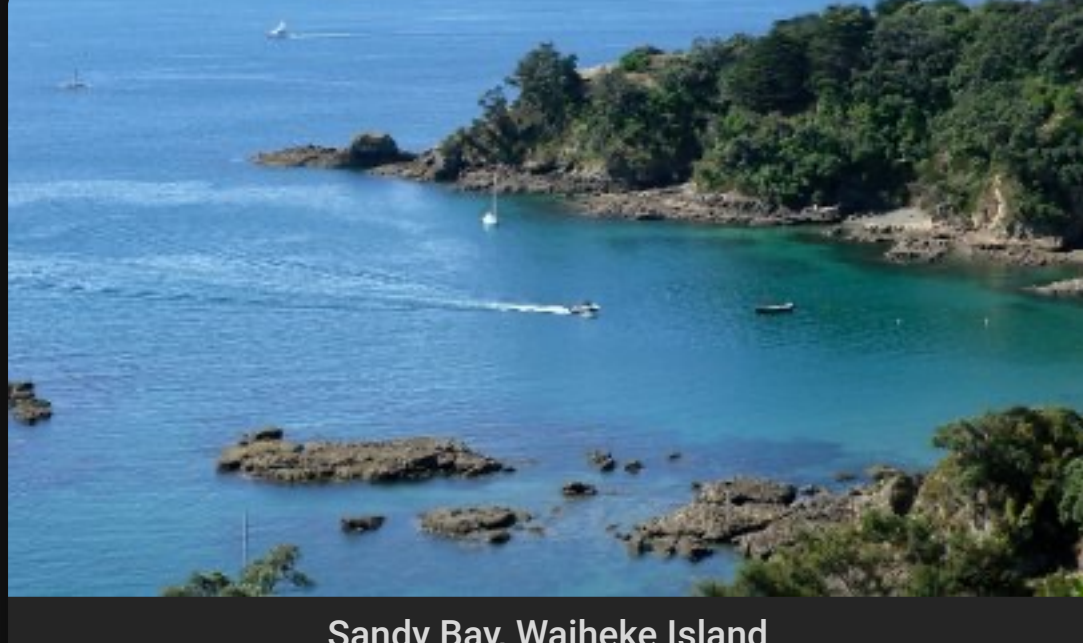
Boats near Ferry to Waiheke Island



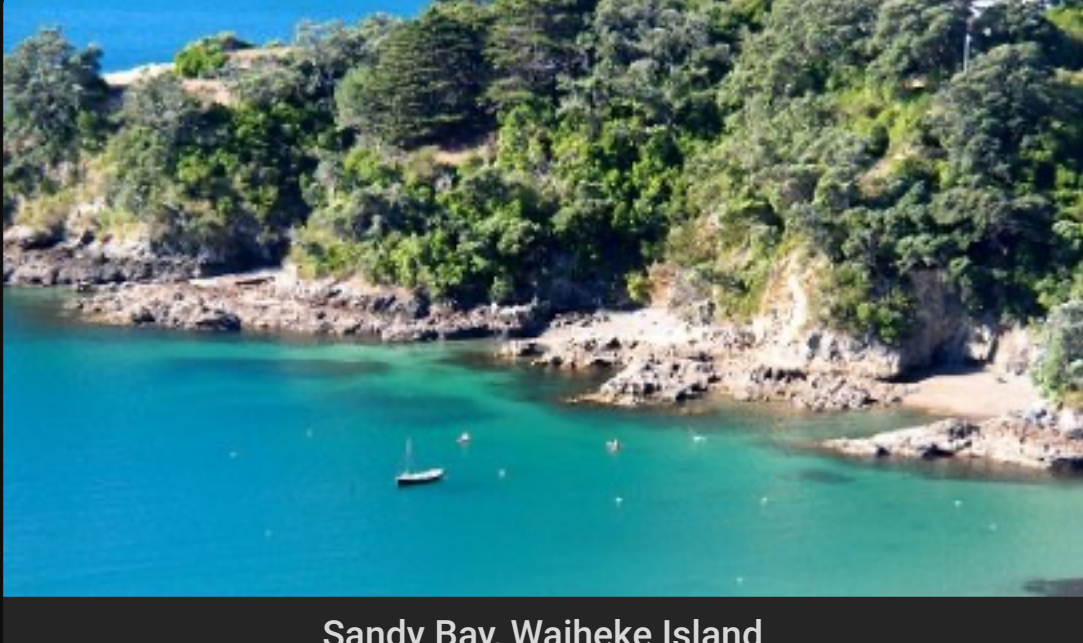
Musick Point from Ferry to Waiheke Island



Musick Point from Ferry to Waiheke Island



Sandy Bay, Waiheke Island



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Sandy Bay, Waiheke Island



Coromandel Peninsula from Waiheke Island



Oneroa Bay, Waiheke Island



Oneroa Bay, Waiheke Island



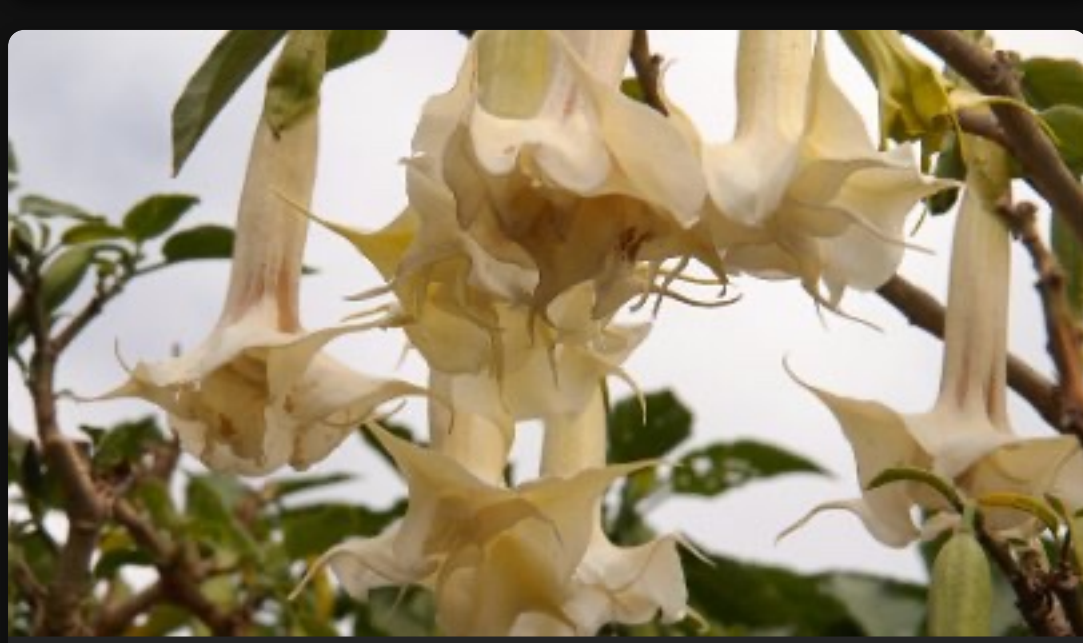
Panorama of Oneroa Bay, Waiheke Island



Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island



Bird on Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island



Flowering tree near Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island



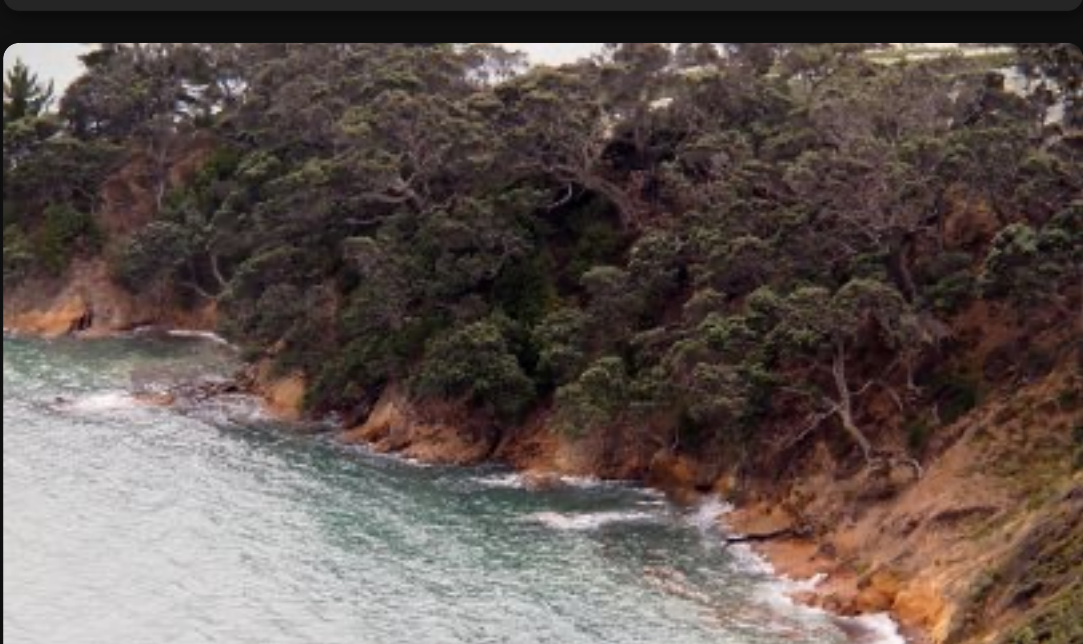
Flowering tree near Oneroa Beach, Waiheke Island



Vehicle Ferry Terminal at Waiheke Island



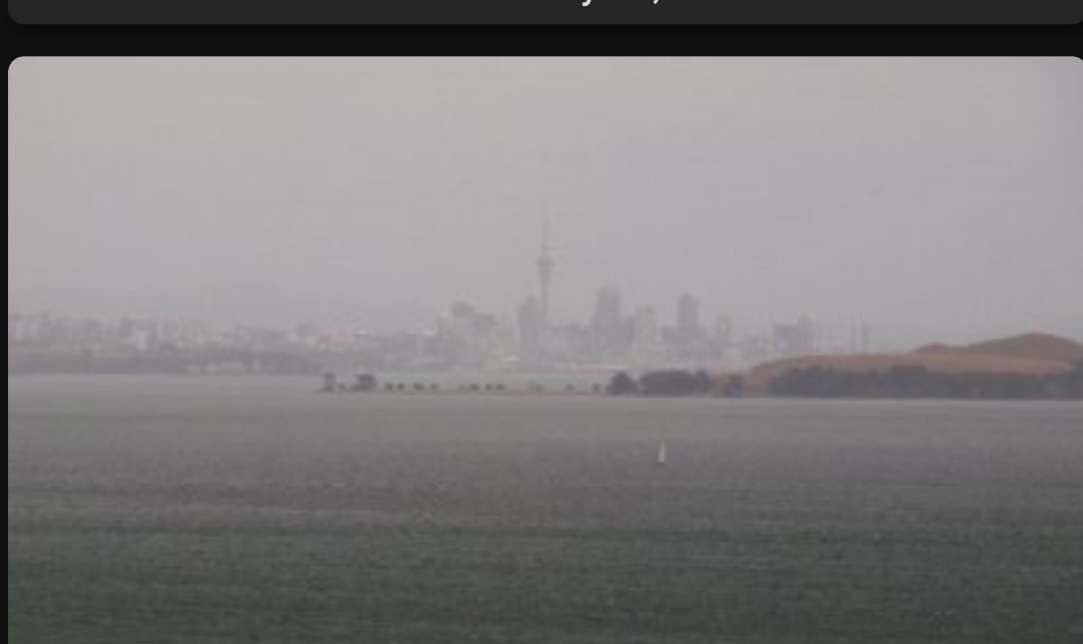
View from Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



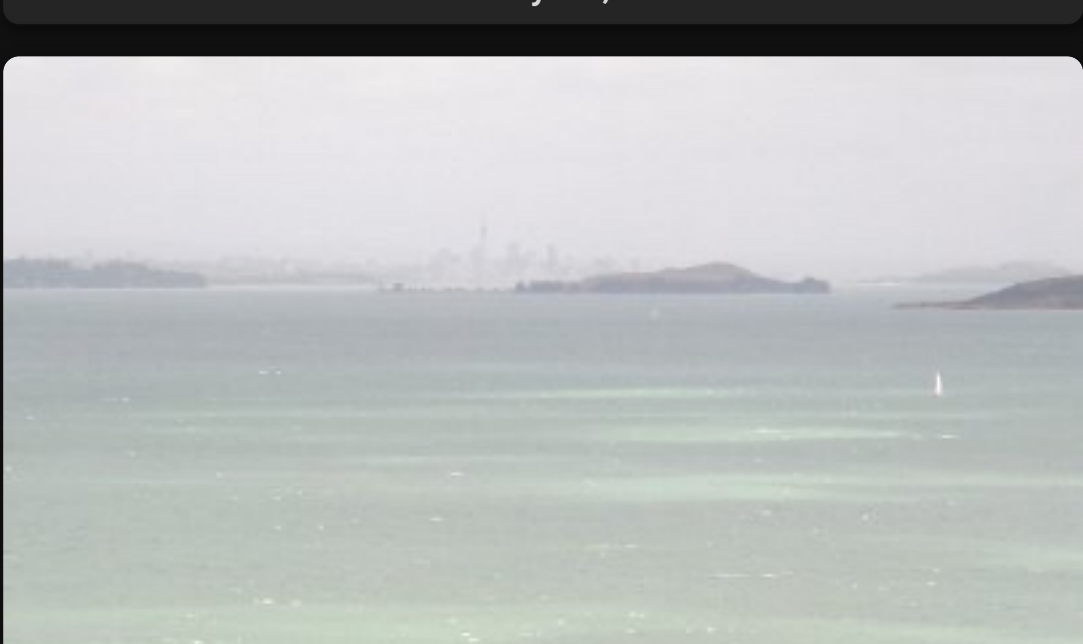
Near Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



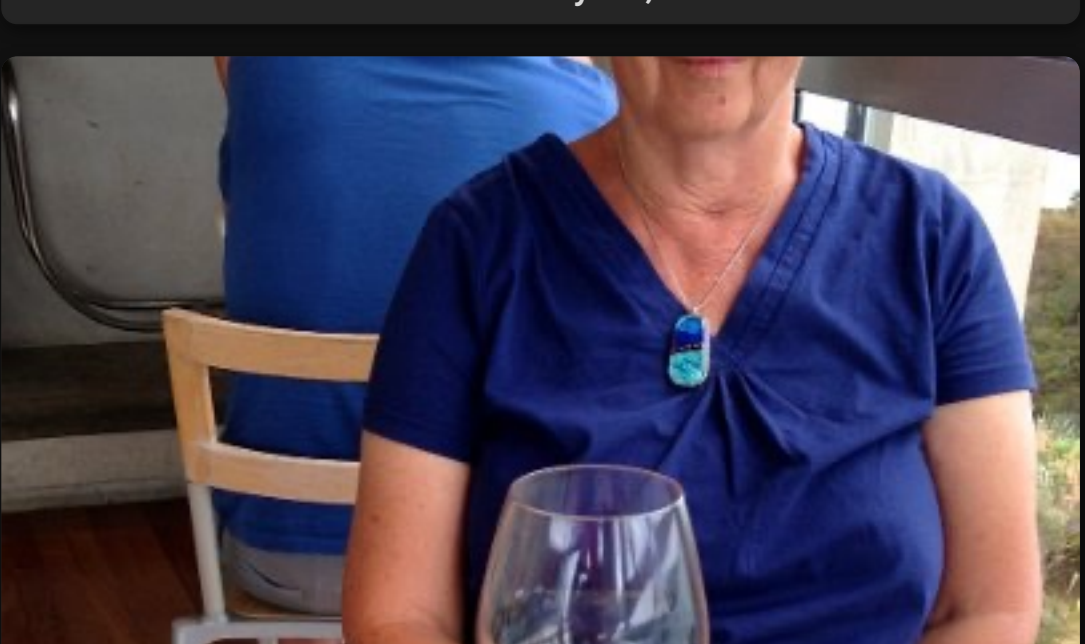
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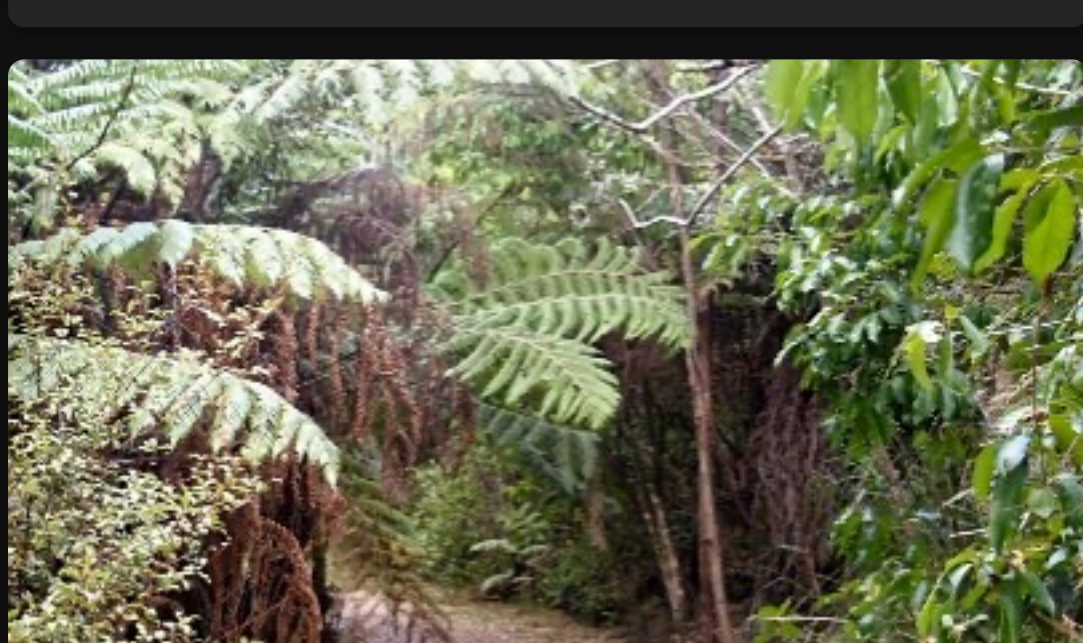
Misty Auckland view from Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



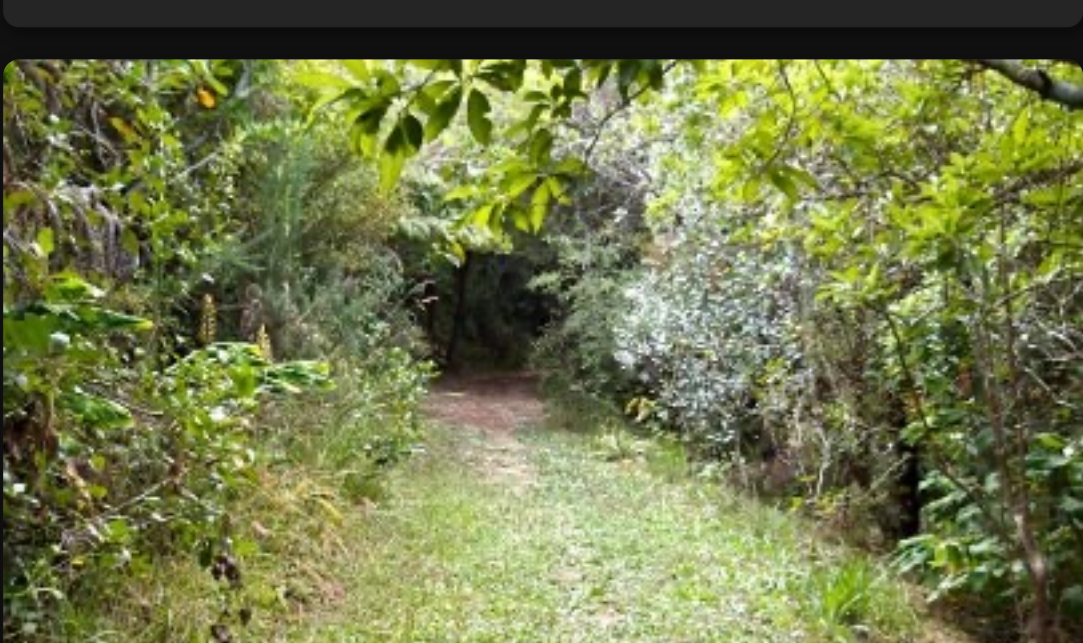
View from Te Whau Vineyard, Waiheke Island



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



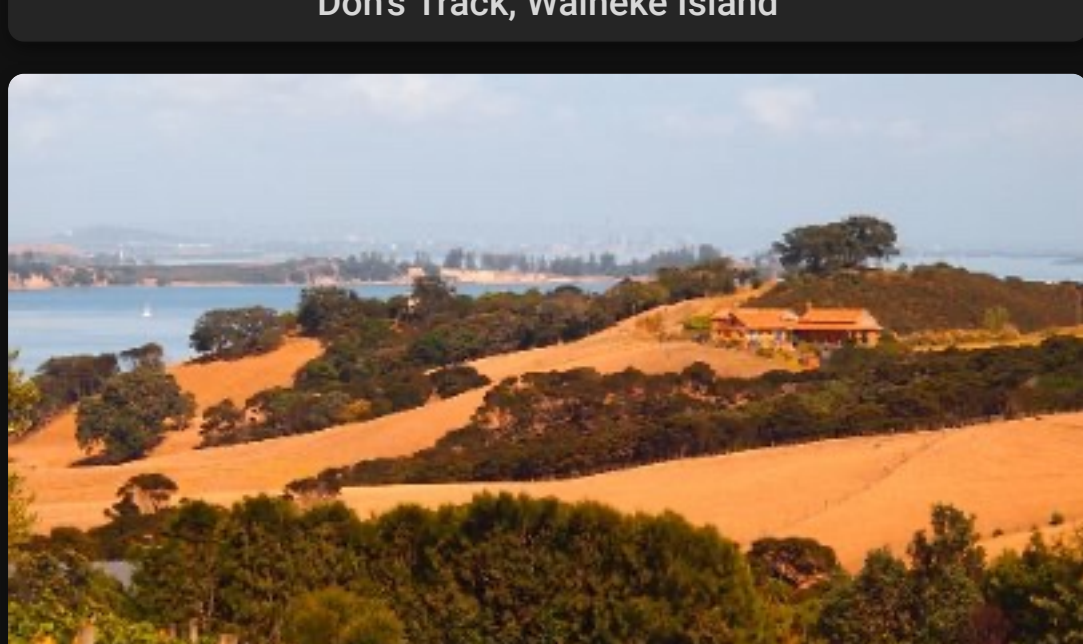
Don's Track, Waiheke Island



Don's Track, Waiheke Island



View from Hauraki Road, Waiheke Island



View near Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



Sculpture at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



Sculpture at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



View at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



Sculpture at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



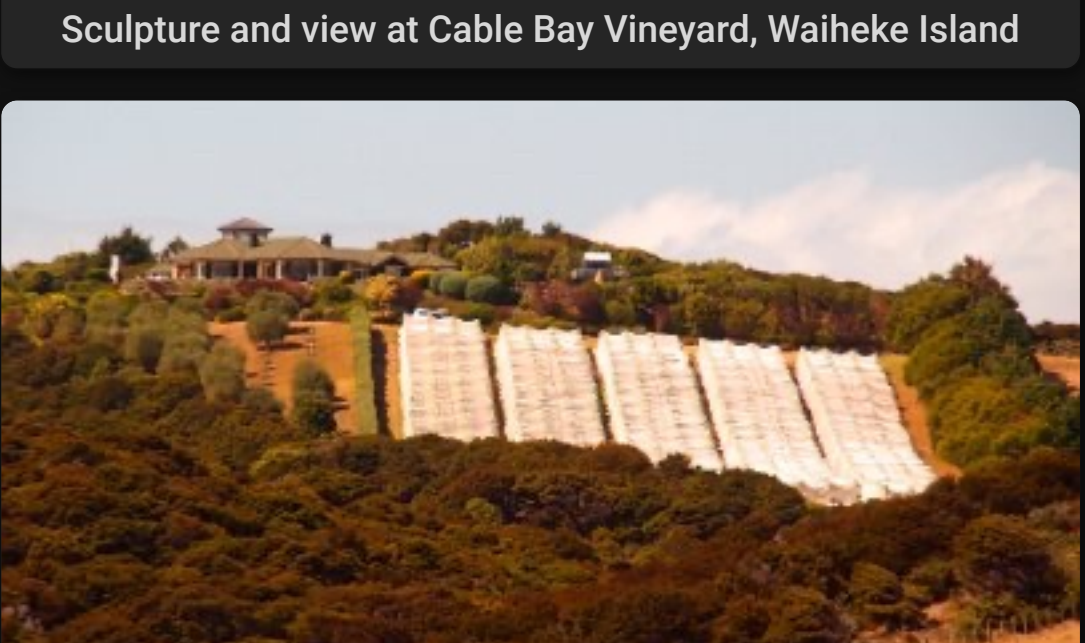
Sculpture and view at Cable Bay Vineyard, Waiheke Island



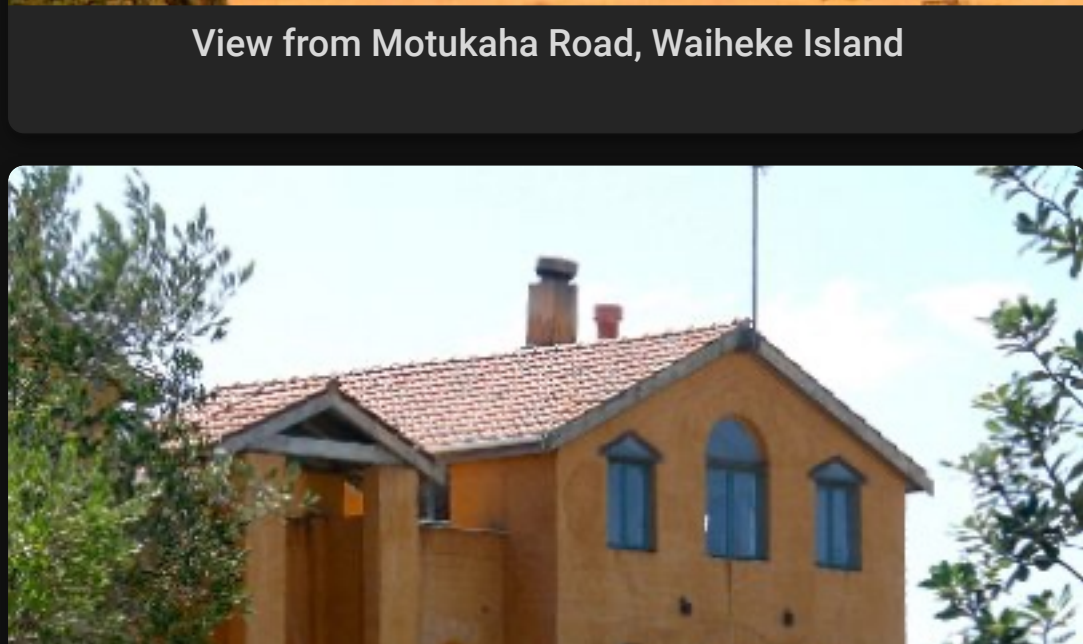
View from Motukaha Road, Waiheke Island



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



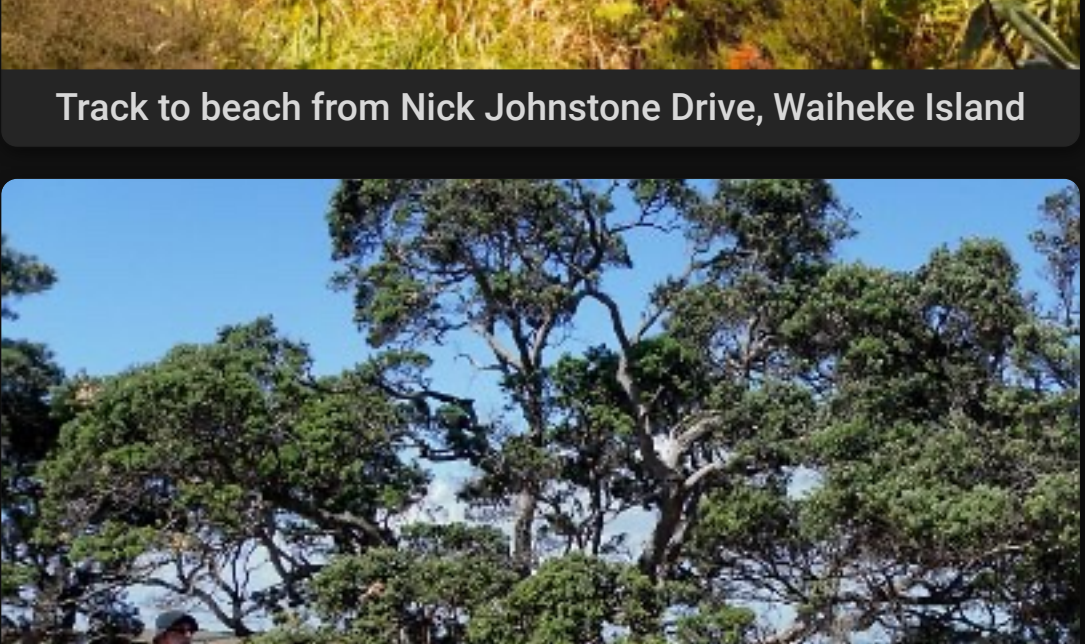
Track to beach from Nick Johnstone Drive, Waiheke Island



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



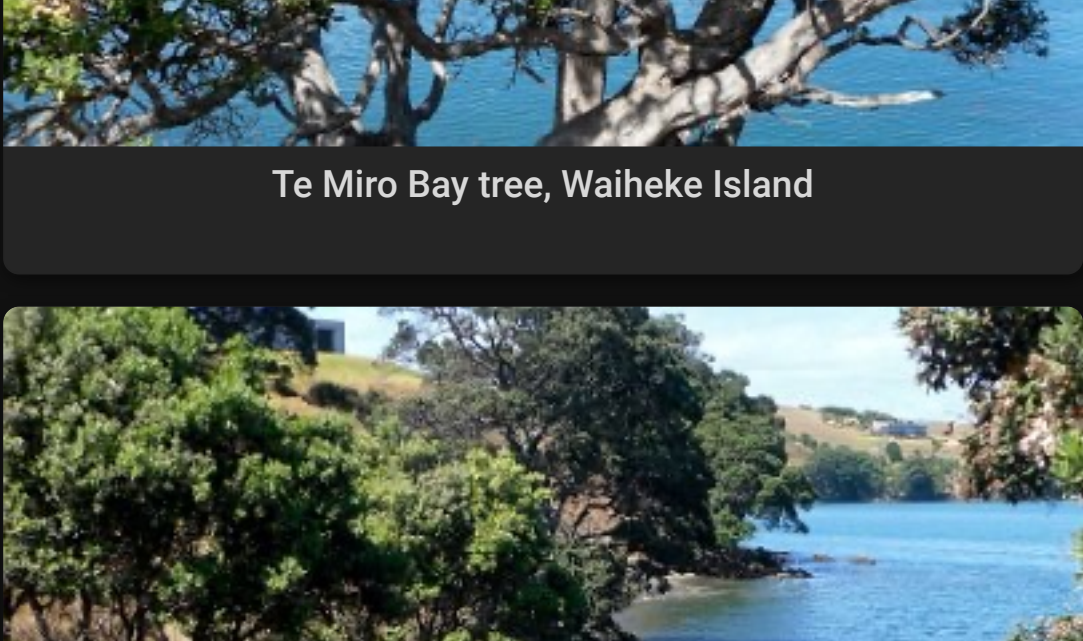
Te Miro Bay tree, Waiheke Island



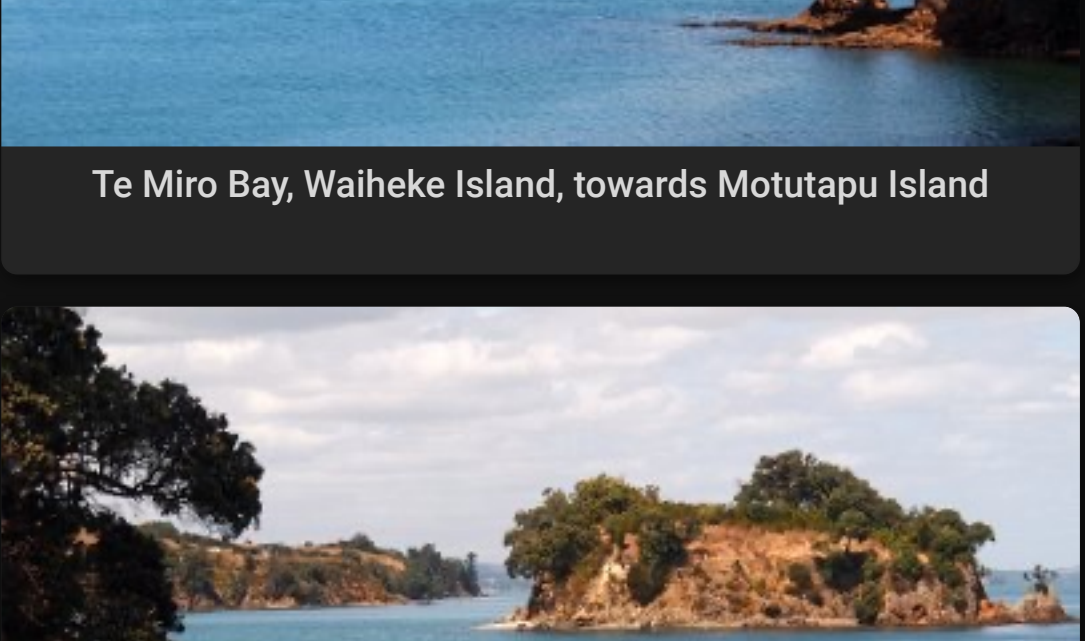
Te Miro Bay, Waiheke Island, towards Motutapu Island



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



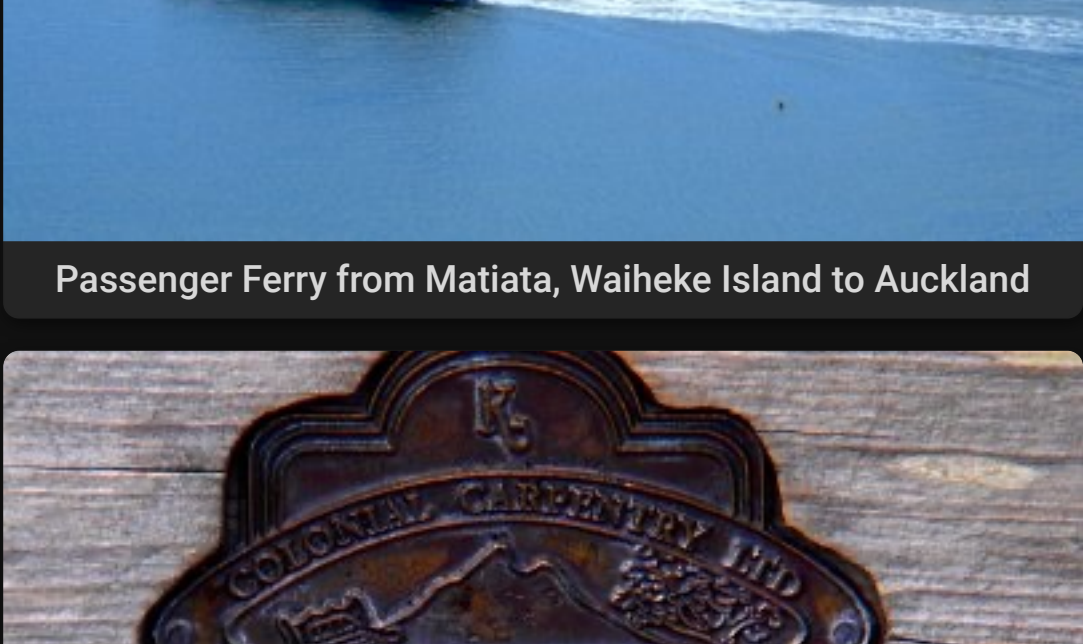
Passenger Ferry from Matiatia, Waiheke Island to Auckland



Matiatia Bay, Waiheke Island



Matiatia Bay, Waiheke Island



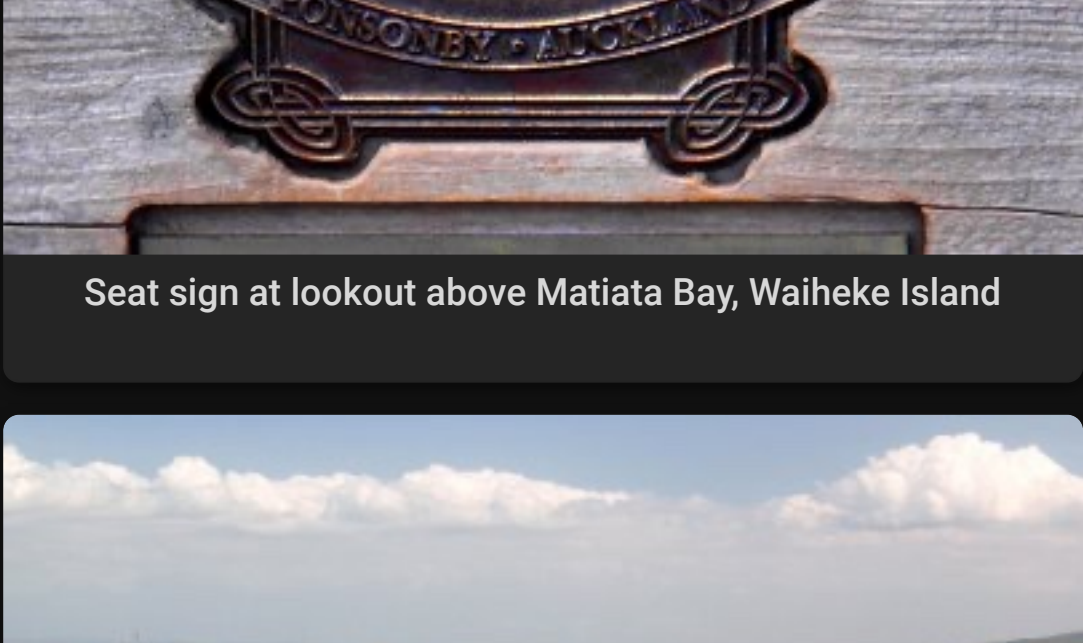
Seat sign at lookout above Matiatia Bay, Waiheke Island



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

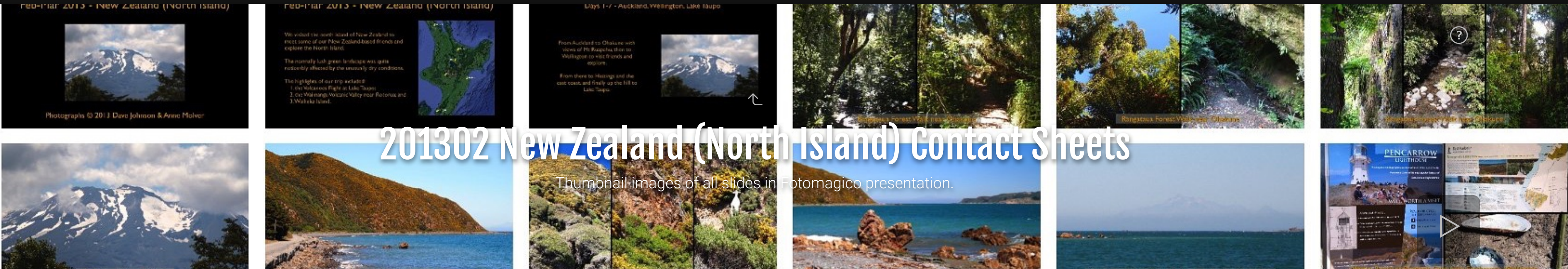


Day 13-15 Tairua and the Coromandel



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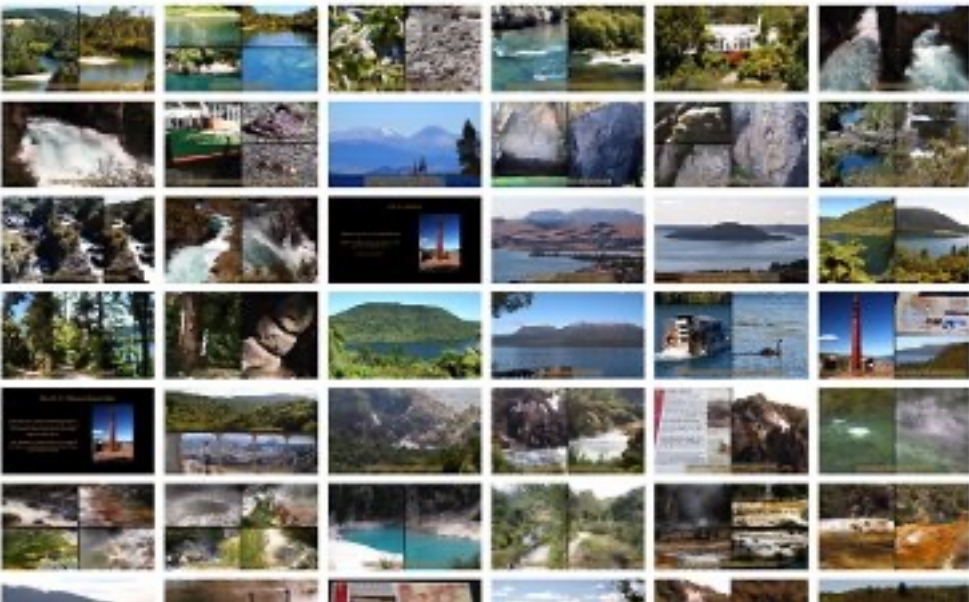




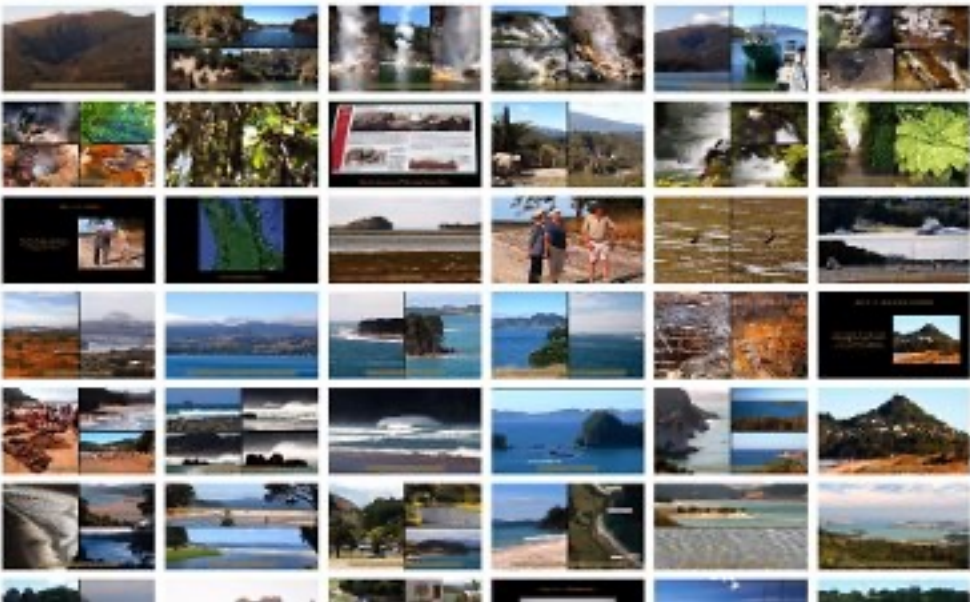
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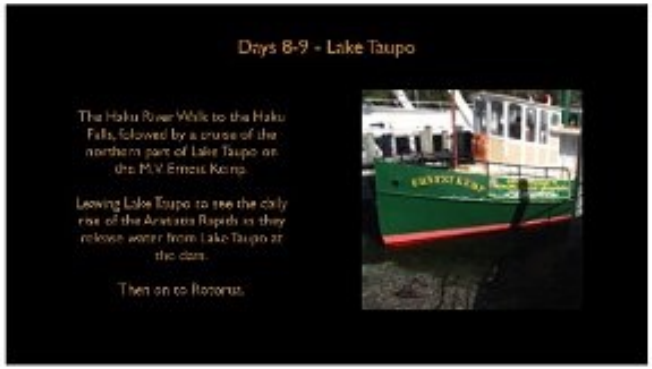
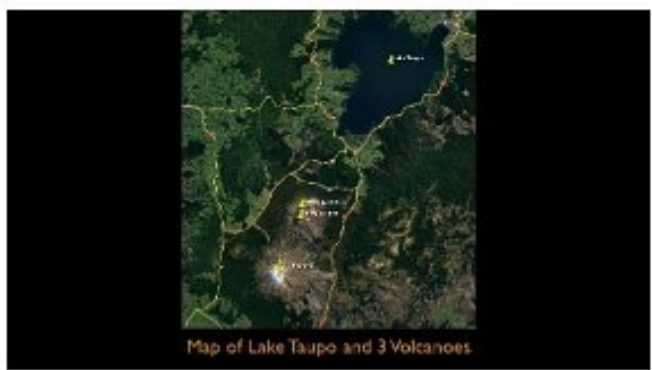
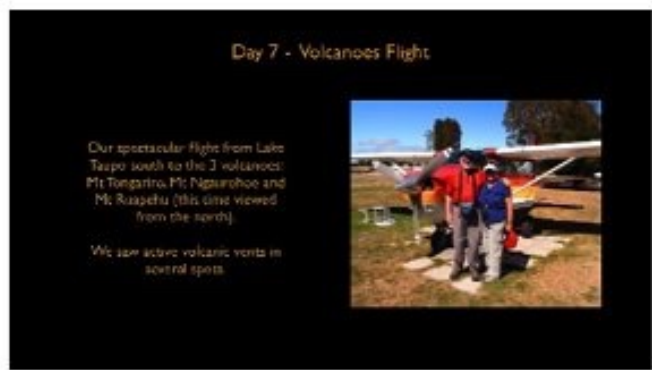
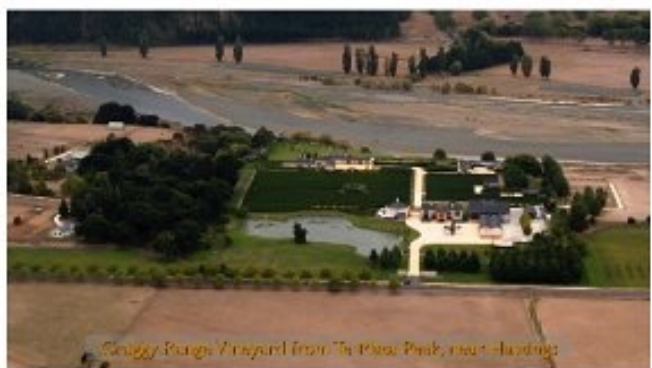
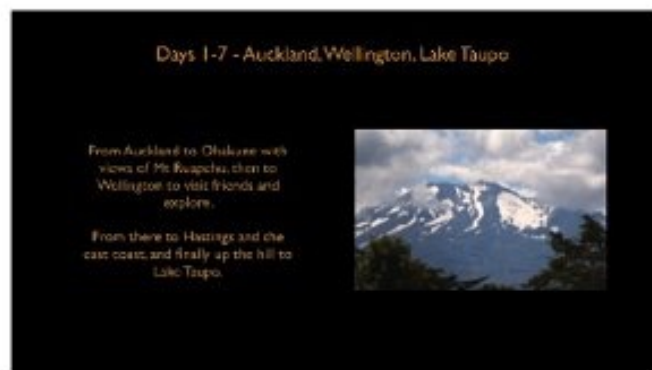


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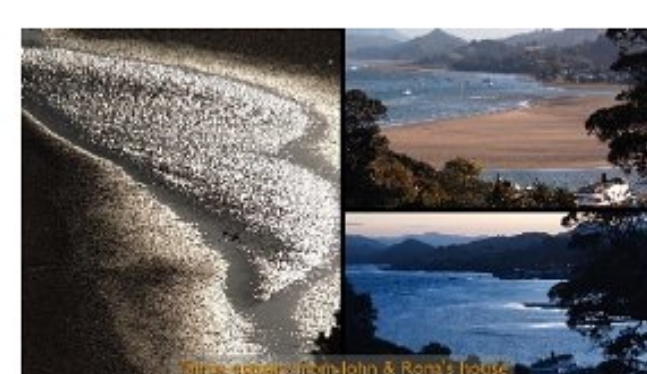
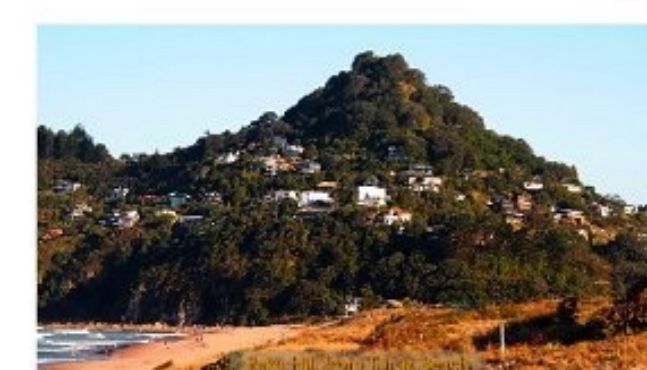
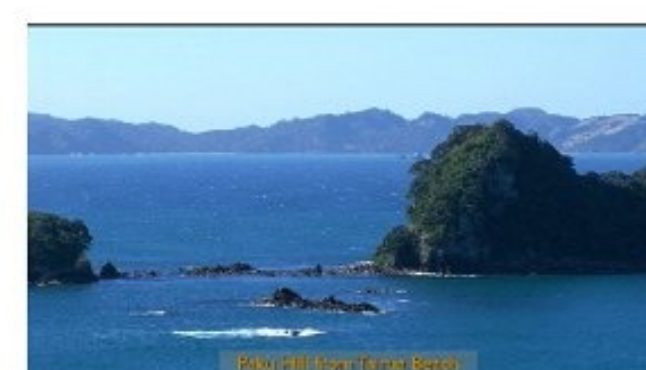
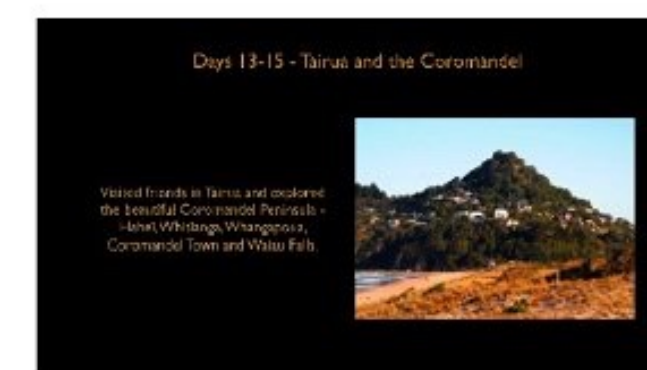
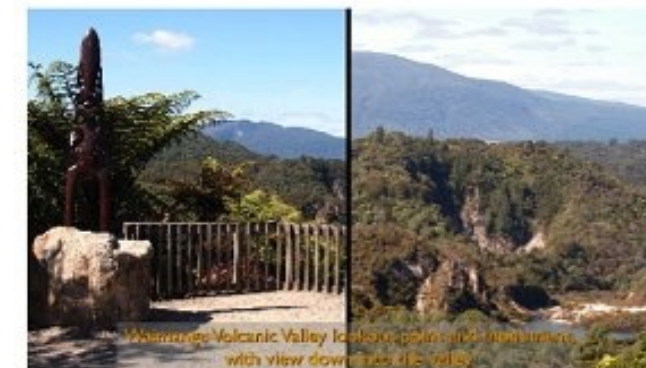
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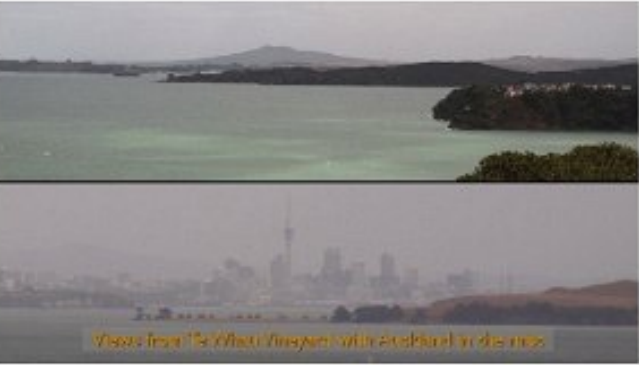
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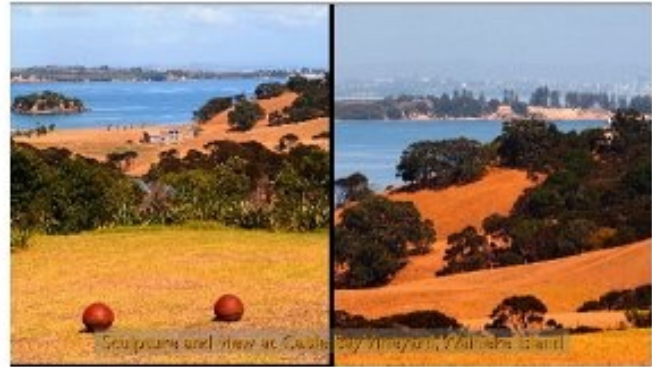
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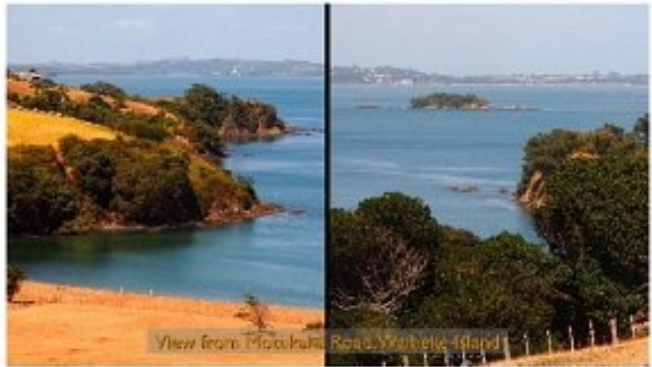
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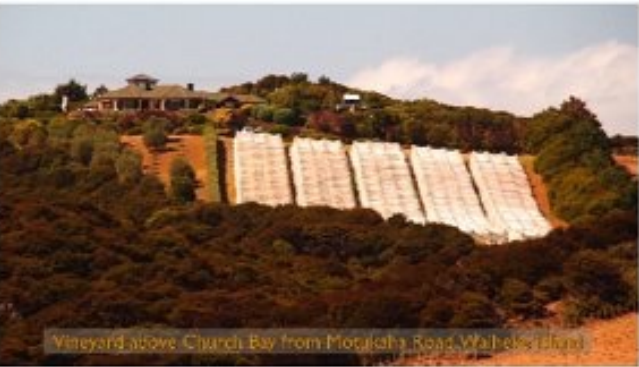
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That's all folks!

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 promise we would go back - and we did!







Mt Ruapehu from Ohakune





Map of North Island of New Zealand