

Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand

Where golden beaches meet geothermal wonders. Dock in Mount Maunganui and choose between climbing a volcano before breakfast or jumping straight on a bus to Middle-earth.

 Docked (Salisbury Wharf)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  NZD (cards widely accepted)  English / Te Reo Māori

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Salisbury Wharf, Mount Maunganui — no tender needed

Walk to center: Mount Maunganui main beach & shops: 5 min on foot; Tauranga CBD: 15-20 min drive

Best For: Rotorua geothermal, Hobbiton movie set, Mauao hike, beaches

Don't Miss: Summit Track up Mauao for 360° Bay of Plenty views

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  NZD \$35 fixed to CBD ·  **Rideshare**  Uber ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hobbiton Movie Set — The Shire** — Step into Middle-earth at the original Hobbiton set in Matamata, preserved after filming The Lord of the Rings and The...
- **Rotorua Geothermal & Māori Culture** — Te Puia's Pōhutu Geyser and boiling mud pools sit alongside a living Māori cultural village with carving and weaving...
- **Kaituna River White-Water Rafting** — Tackle Grade 5 rapids and a 7-metre waterfall on the Kaituna River, one of the most accessible commercially-rafted...
- **Mauao Summit Hike** — The 232-metre extinct volcano right next to the pier offers two routes: the easy 45-min base track around the mountain...
- **Kiwifruit Orchard & Honey Tasting** — The Bay of Plenty is New Zealand's kiwifruit heartland.

BEST WALKS

- **Mauao Base Track** 3.4 km loop | ~45 min | Easy | Paved path — A flat, fully sealed loop around the base of Mauao (Mount Maunganui) with harbour views on one side and ocean surf on the other.
- **Mauao Summit Track** ~2 km return | 1 hr | Moderate | Steep steps — Branch off the base track to climb Mauao's summit via the zigzag path.
- **Mount Maunganui Village Stroll** ~1 km | 15 min | Easy | Flat — Maunganui Road from the pier area to the village centre is lined with cafes, surf shops, and bakeries.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	66°	55°	11d
Jun	58°	48°	11d
Aug	57°	45°	13d
Sep	59°	48°	14d
Oct	62°	51°	13d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:41AM–5:48PM · Jun 7:28AM–5:02PM · Aug 7:00AM–5:39PM · Sep 6:16AM–6:05PM · Oct 6:30AM–7:32PM

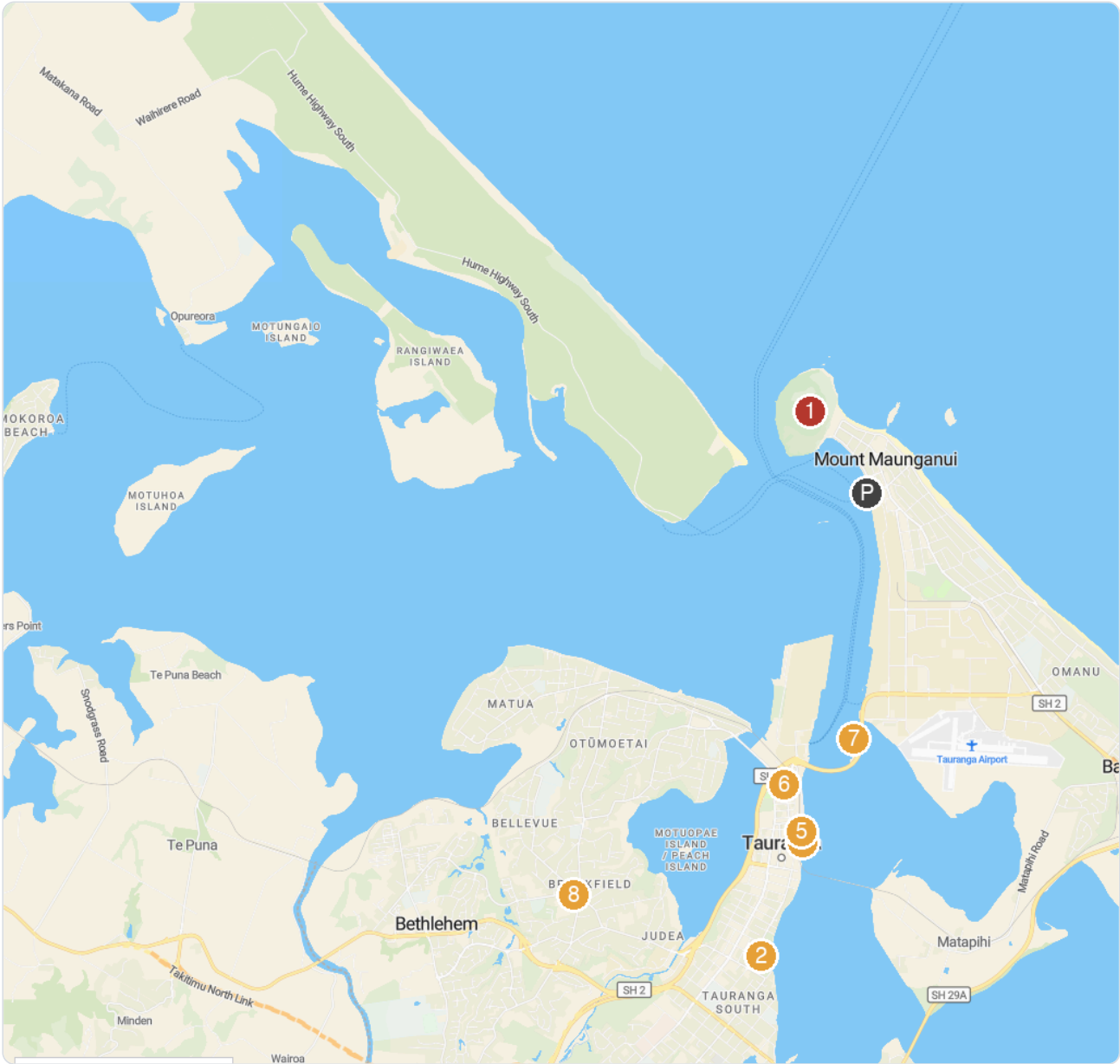
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

NZD is king but cards work everywhere. ATMs are at the pier, visitor centre and throughout Mount Maunganui village. Meet

Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Mauao / Mount Maunganui summit | Iconic volcanic cone offering panoramic views of the coast. | 2 | Memorial Park | Waterfront park with playgrounds, memorials, and a large pool. |
| 3 | Morland Fox Park | Large sports park with fields for various community activities. | 4 | Bay Explorer - Dolphin and Wildlife Cruises | Boat tours for dolphin watching and marine wildlife encounters. |
| 5 | Hairy Maclary and Friends Sculpture | Bronze sculptures of beloved Hairy Maclary children's book characters. | 6 | The Elms Te Papa Tauranga | Historic mission house and gardens, one of New Zealand's oldest heritage sites. |
| 7 | Orca Wild Adventures Dolphin Swims | Guided tours offering the chance to swim with wild dolphins. | 8 | Sydenham Botanic Park | Tranquil botanic park showcasing diverse plant collections and walking paths. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |