

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 Hobbit trilogies.
- **Rotorua Geothermal & Māori Culture** — Te Puia's Pōhutu Geyser and boiling mud pools sit alongside a living Māori cultural village with carving and weaving masters.
- **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 waterfall drops in the world.
- **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 or the steeper 30-min summit...
- **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)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	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	
Apr	66°	55°	11d		
Jun	58°	48°	11d		
Aug	57°	45°	13d		
Sep	59°	48°	14d		
Oct	62°	51°	13d		

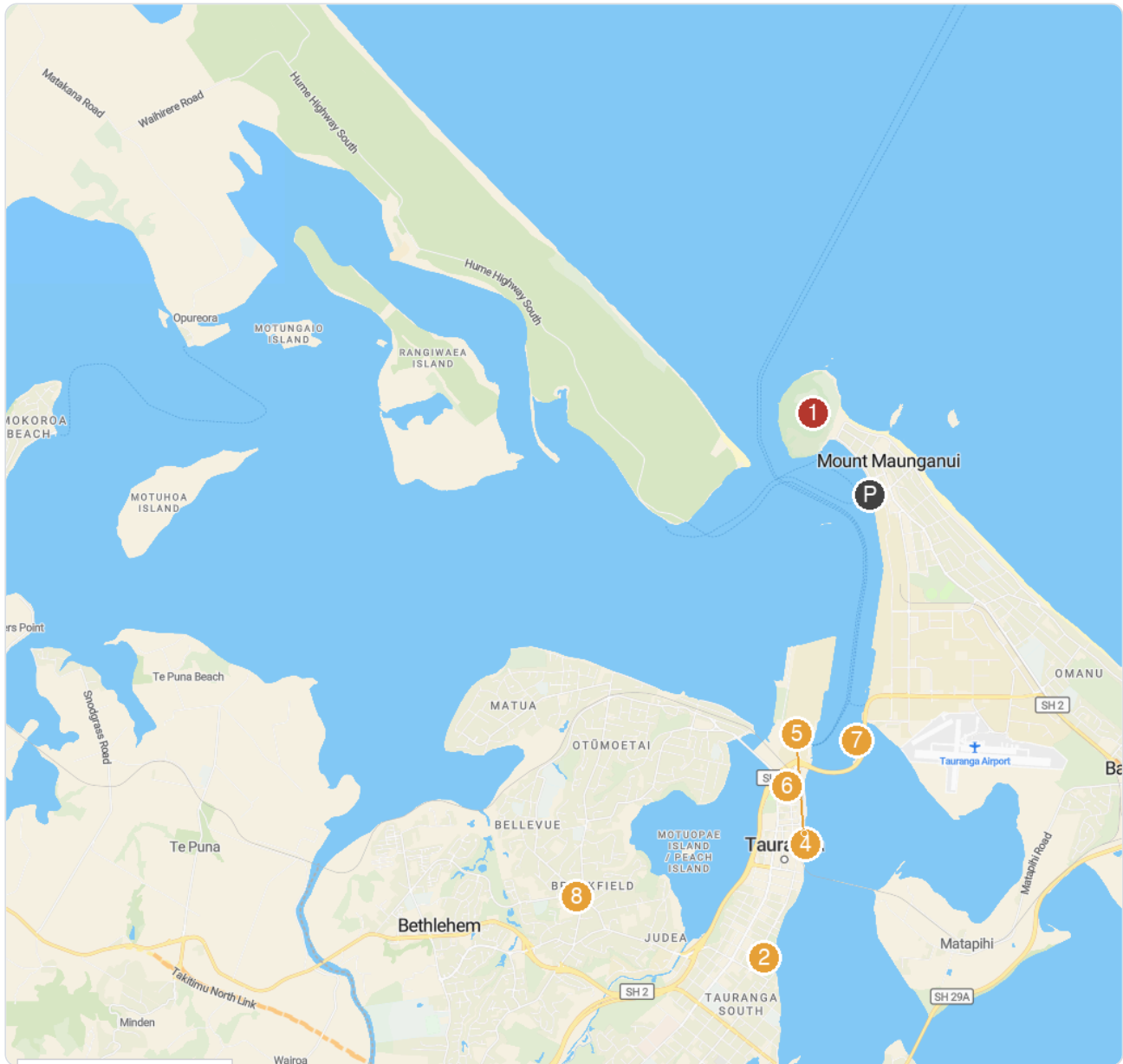
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- NZD is king but cards work everywhere. ATMs are at the pier visitor centre and throughout Mount Maunganui village. Most operators accept Visa/Mastercard.
- Weather can shift fast in Bay of Plenty. Pack a light rain layer even on blue-sky mornings — showers are brief and the sun usually returns quickly.
- Hobbiton and Rotorua take a full day. If your ship is in for less than 9 hours, pick one or the other — trying to do both means rushing. Rotorua alone is doable in 6-7 hrs.
- Kiwifruit everywhere. The Bay of Plenty grows most of NZ's supply. Grab fresh-cut kiwifruit from roadside stalls for a fraction of the price you'd pay at the pier.
- Mount Maunganui Main Beach is patrolled in summer (Oct–Apr). Swim between the flags. Water can be cold in winter cruise season — the hot pools are the better bet May–Sep.
- Independent travel is easy. Baybus routes connect Mount Maunganui to Tauranga CBD. Taxis and rideshares (Zoomy) are plentiful and cheaper than ship-organised transfers.

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 | | | |