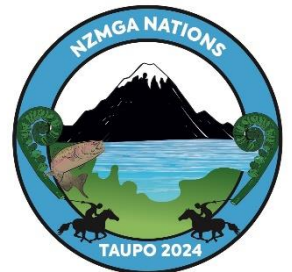


NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION NATIONS 2024

17TH – 20TH OCTOBER 2024 / EQUIFEST / TAUPO, NEW ZEALAND

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THE NATIONS COUNTRIES:

NEW ZEALAND



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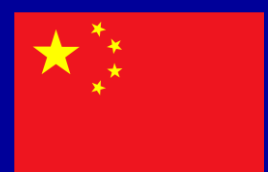
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CANADA



CHINA



Taupo is a town located in the central North Island of New Zealand. It is a scenic region of diverse landscapes halfway between New Zealand's largest city, Auckland and its capital, Wellington.

At the centre of the region is sparkling Lake Taupo, the largest freshwater lake in New Zealand. Around the edges of the lake you will find every landscape you can imagine. Snow blanketed winter ski fields, alpine deserts, ancient forests, trout filled rivers and the thundering Huka Falls. Steaming geothermal valleys with hot springs and three towering volcanoes in the extraordinary and otherworldly landscape of Tongariro National Park.

Taupo is approx. 60 mins and 80 km away from Rotorua – NZs world famous geothermal city, the centre of a remarkable array of hot springs, boiling mud pools, and spouting geysers! A day trip away!

<https://www.lovetaupo.com/en/>

<https://www.taupo.info/>

SCHEDULE FOR NATIONS 2024

Saturday, 12th October: Ponies and teams arrive, Turangi

Sunday, 13th October: 2 Practice sessions, Turangi

Monday 14th October: Practice sessions, Turangi

Ponies to be transported to National Equestrian Centre in Taupo, no later than 2pm

Tuesday 15th October: Rest Day in Taupo

Wednesday 16th October: Competition starts – Session 1 & 2, National Equestrian Centre, Taupo

Thursday 17th October: Session 3 & 4, National Equestrian Centre, Taupo

Friday 18th October: Lower and Upper final, National Equestrian Centre, Taupo



OUR VENUES

TURANGI

Tūrangi is an easy 40-minute drive by car or bus from Taupō town, numerous accommodation options are available. Here in Turangi you will be introduced to your loan pony!

<https://www.lovetapu.com/en/discover/our-towns-and-villages/turangi/>

TAUPO - NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

The National Equestrian Centre was founded on a 90-acre site in Taupō – with a cross country course, numerous arenas, an indoor arena, stabling, yarding and bush trails away from traffic and enjoy amazing views of the nearby Waikato River and Aratiatia Rapids.

EQUIFEST 2024 - <https://www.equifest.co.nz/>

Our competition will be held in conjunction with Equifest – there will be a variety of equine disciplines competing, food and shopping options. A festival of all thing equine!

TAUPO - things to do....

Take a cruise on Lake Taupo

Cruise the beautiful Lake Taupo to visit the Ngatoroirangi Maori Rock Cavings



Jet Boat Trip on the Waikato River below Huka Falls

A fun & exhilarating experience which takes you to the base of the Aratiatia Rapids.



Kerosene Creek and Rainbow Mountain

Hot water from a natural spring under the earth bubbles up into the cool waters of the creek, creating pleasantly warm waters. There is a hot pools beside the 2m waterfall that is very relaxing. Approx 40 mins and 55km from Taupo. Short walk, FREE.



Craters of the Moon Geothermal Walk

A geothermal walkway with stunning Lunar Landscapes. Craters of the Moon showcase the natural thermal activity of Taupo including bubbling craters, steam vents & colourful soils. 45+ minutes walk. Adult \$10 Child \$5



Parasail above Lake Taupo

Fly 1000 ft. above Lake Taupo and see New Zealand's most beautiful lake from a bird's eye view, with the most experienced parasail crew and the finest vessels in the industry.



Tandem Skydive

Jump out of a plane from as high as 18,500 ft with amazing views of Lake Taupo and the formidable Tongariro National Park



Bungee Jump and Giant Swing - AJ Hackett Bungy Taupo

New Zealand's highest cliff top bungy jump - located 47 metres above the Waikato River



Fly Fishing - catch your very own trout!

Taupo is renowned as an angler's paradise with great fishing on back-country rivers, the world famous Tongariro River and on Lake Taupo itself. Check out a guided fly fishing adventure!



Tongariro Crossing

Rated as the best one-day hike in New Zealand where you trek across a volcanic alpine landscape complete with crater lakes, ancient lava flows and stunning views.



Wairakei Terraces & Thermal Health Spa - Guided Tour & Maori Experience

Silica terraces and thermal bathing pools, massage therapy, Maori cultural experiences, geothermal tours.



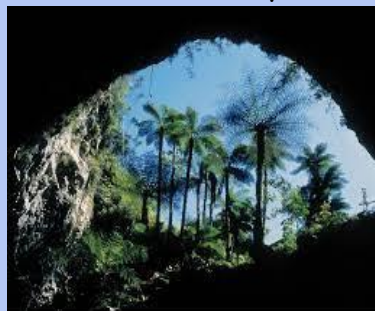
Spa Thermal Park

Spa Thermal Park is home of the famous Otumuheke Stream hot pools. From here, you can also explore the Huka scenic walking trails and the Rotary Ride mountain bike trail.



Orakei Korako Cave & Geothermal Park

A spectacular Geothermal attraction, arguably the best thermal area in NZ. Orakei Korako boasts the most active geysers of any geothermal park in New Zealand. Up to 23 active natural geysers play freely through the area, which is constantly changing. Marvel at the number of boiling hot springs & the vibrant colours surrounded by native bush.



ROTORUA

only an hour from Taupo, world famous for its geothermal attractions

Buried Village - One of Rotorua's iconic tourist destinations showcasing the stories of the 1886 Tarawera eruption & telling tales of the 8th Wonder of the World, the Pink & White Terraces.



Luge and Gondola - Gondola to the top, great views and race to the bottom - luge all the way!



Te Puia - a geothermal park featuring the impressive Pohutu Geyser as well as a powerful cultural experience. Experience a powerful powhiri - a Maori welcoming ceremony. Walk around the geothermal hot pools and bubbling mud!



Redwoods Walk - Majestic and magical-a walk to remember, suspended high above the forest floor, encounter 75-metre-tall redwoods and native bush. Day and night time walk options.

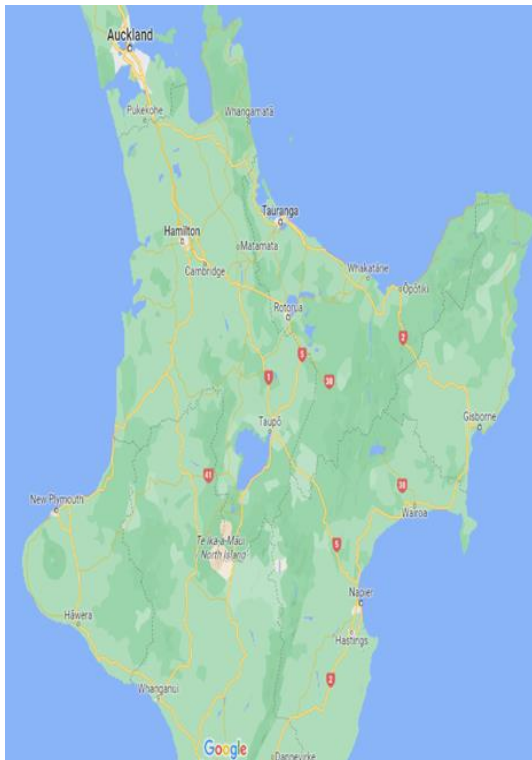


HAWKES BAY

World famous wineries & Napier - THE art deco city

Mission Winery, Elephant Hill, Craggy Range, Church Road, Sacred HILL, Clearview, Selini, Brookfields - if wine is your 'thing' then Napier & Hastings (Hawkes Bay) is a SPOT to visit!





DISTANCES

Auckland to Taupo
Approx 3.5 hours,
270km

Taupo to Rotorua
Approx 1 hour,
80km

Taupo to Wellington
Approx 4.75 hours,
375 km

Taupo to Turangi
Approx 45 minutes,
50km

RENTAL CAR OPTIONS

Apex Rentals
<https://www.apexrentals.co.nz>


Europcar
<https://www.europcar.co.nz>

Go Rentals
<https://www.gorentals.co.nz>

Hertz
<https://www.hertz.co.nz>

Thrifty Car Rentals
<https://www.thrifty.co.nz/>


Budget Car Rentals
<https://www.budget.co.nz/en/home>



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

NZMGA has made a group booking at:
Lake Taupo Holiday Resort
<https://www.laketauporesort.co.nz/the-resort/>
Further details will be provided once we have confirmation of teams and numbers travelling.

Variety of accommodation options are available at this resort - and includes a heated swimming pool on the grounds.



Booking.com
<https://www.booking.com/city/nz/turangi>

Trip Advisor
<https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Hotels-g656923-Turangi>

Bachcare
<https://www.bachcare.co.nz/holiday-homes-accommodation/lake-taupo/turangi>

Book A Bach <https://www.bookabach.co.nz/>

WotIF <https://www.wotif.co.nz/>