

Volcanic Air is Rotorua's longest established and most experienced helicopter and floatplane operator with over 25 years of safe operations hosting visitors on tours that feature the very best of our local scenery. Land on and explore New Zealand's only permanently active volcano "White Island" for a guided tour of the island's active crater floor. Discover our local Volcano "Mount Tarawera" and experience the combination of flying over the site of the largest eruption in New Zealand's living memory with a landing at "Hells Gate" to explore the country's hottest geothermal reserve. Explore the region by Floatplane and experience the romance and thrill of landing and taking off from our stunning lakes with flight options including tours over White Island, Mount Tarawera, our local lakes and the geothermal reserves of Waimangu and Wai-O-Tapu. Additional landings at the hidden geothermal valley of Orakei Korako or the historic site of "Te Wairoa" more commonly known as the Buried Village enhance our scenic flights with intimate and interesting tours of amazing natural and historic sites.



Mount Tarawera/Waimangu Thermal Valley - "Eruption Trail Tour"

Experience the thrill of a floatplane take off before climbing above Mokoia Island on track to our hidden lakes district and the Volcanic Peaks of Mount Tarawera. At 3680 feet in elevation this majestic volcano dominates the surrounding landscape and plays centre piece to the stunning lakes which surrounds it.

Above Tarawera views of cavernous craters reveal the power of what was the largest eruption in New Zealand's living memory. The 1886 eruption devastated the local area including our famous Pink and White Terraces once claimed as the eighth wonder of the world. Included in the flight is our stunning lakes district and aerial views of the Waimangu thermal Valley and its vibrant Inferno Crater and Frying Pan Lake. Returning to Rotorua our descent takes us past the Whakarewarewa thermal reserve and over the city before landing on Lake Rotorua

Departs flexible | Duration 30 minutes

White Island 'Active Volcano' landing and walking tour

Situated 50 kilometers offshore, this permanently active island volcano constantly emits a cloud of steam and periodically erupts to a greater extent expelling volcanic ash several thousand meters into the atmosphere. The main vent is below sea level protected by the crater walls and is responsible for the activity in the island's crater lake and volcanic vents (fumeroles). The island once mined for sulphur has a colorful past and remnants of mining ruins remain today. White Island is surrounded by waters rich in fish life and the area is a renowned fishery for Yellow tail Kingfish and in the summer months game fish and Dolphins abound. On the Island there are several Gannet colonies and the remnants of a once thriving Pohutakawa Forest. Visiting the island is a lifetime experience not to be missed!

Departs flexible | Duration 3 hours

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Rotorua, Central Plateau

White Island & Tawawera Flights



Directions

We are on the Lakefront in central Rotorua.

Terms

CHILD POLICY Under 2 free. Child fare 2-11 years.

CANCELLATION Contact operator

SEASON Open year round

Accommodation in this area

- [Koura Lodge](#)