

“TITOKI”

BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION

Newsletter
February 2012

Happy Birthday

“TITOKI”

On Tuesday 14th February 2012 we turned 3 years of age. What an incredible 3 years it has been. A very special Thank you to all you have been a part of our journey. It all would not have been possible without each and every one of you. We have had the honour and privilege to host people from around the world as well as our own countrymen.

Metropolitan Vibe

At the heart of the Waikato region is the city of Hamilton, one of New Zealand's fastest growing and most vibrant cities.

All come with great shops and galleries, fantastic eateries with top events and visitor attractions to match.

. The region's main metropolitan hub of Hamilton is situated on the banks of the mighty Waikato River, and its rich cultural mix and vibrant centre makes it a perfect place to experience the friendly Kiwi lifestyle. The café and bar scene is making a name for itself, and plentiful open spaces make the city an easy place to spend time in. Hamilton is also rapidly gaining a reputation as a destination for world-class international, national and local events.

Hamilton's sophisticated, vibrant restaurant scene is one of the most up-and-coming in New Zealand. Its mix of modern urban eateries and cafes offer visitors a variety of tasty Asian and Mediterranean inspired cuisine alongside delicious local Kiwi fare. The southern end of central Hamilton, near the modern casino, is abuzz with wine bars, pubs and clubs showcasing local and imported beverages and an eclectic range of DJs and live bands.

When it's time to go shopping, expect to find everything you could want in the Hamilton & Waikato Region. Boutique stores through the city sell high-end fashion and gifts. Check out the Spanish-style Cassabella Lane for its unique setting and gift stores and convenience is offered by way of the city's large modern malls, which cover the range from clothing to books and electronic goods. There are also bustling weekend markets, with local produce for sale along with arts, crafts and gifts or browse the number of galleries dotted throughout the region for quirky arts and craft.

The Waikato River is one of Hamilton city's iconic features and the simplest way to enjoy it is by taking a stroll or bike ride along its banks. You can also take one of the Waikato River Cruise options with the chance to learn more about the city's history and culture or if you fancy a paddle, Wiseway Canoe Adventures can provide you with the equipment to kayak along the river and see the cityscape from a different angle.

Another perspective altogether is offered by way of a magical hot air balloon ride, rising serenely above the city and with great views of the green countryside. The Hamilton & Waikato region has perfect conditions for such flights. Time your visit and you could see dozens of balloons floating above the city and region as part of the country's premier ballooning festival, Balloons Over Waikato.

It's just one of many major events contributing to the region's reputation as one of New Zealand's leading events centres, with other events including the National Agricultural Fieldays, World Rowing Championships and the Parachute music festival.

Culturally, the Hamilton & Waikato region has a thriving artistic community and the Waikato Museum features a diverse range of art, interactive and historical exhibitions. Over five levels, and on the banks of the river, the museum showcases the cultural heritage of the region as well as showing national and international exhibitions. There are also a myriad of boutique galleries and art studios dotted around the city and surrounding region.

Other arts and cultural attractions around the region include the hugely popular Hamilton Gardens which celebrates the history of gardens with an array of specialist gardens from Italian Renaissance to traditional Maori, and the Waitakaruru Arboretum and Sculpture Park, a Garden of Significance near Cambridge which showcases works from local and national artists.

The Hamilton & Waikato Region offers everything you could want from a vibrant modern region, whether you're looking for nightlife, shopping, great food, wine and arts, or family fun.

<http://www.hamiltonwaikato.com>

Cassabella Lane



Hood Street @ night



Hamilton Night life



Victoria Street



WHO IS VISITING NZ

In the year-ending December 2011, New Zealand's primary sources for visitor arrivals were Australia (1,156,426 arrivals); the UK (230,316 arrivals); the US (184,714 arrivals); China (145,524 arrivals), Japan (68,963 arrivals), Germany (63,719 arrivals), South Korea (52,787 arrivals) and Canada (49,154 arrivals).

Significant secondary markets included France, Singapore, Malaysia, South Africa and the Netherlands - some of this a reflection of visitors arrivals for the Rugby World Cup 2011.

Visitors from our international visitor markets each have their own characteristics and expectations of a New Zealand holiday experience including length of stay and style of travel, preferred modes of transport and accommodation types, and their likelihood of travelling beyond the main centres.

Tipping and Service Charges

New Zealanders do not expect tips for normal service--even in restaurants and bars. However, tipping for extra special service or kindness is at the discretion of the visitor. Hotels and restaurants in New Zealand do not add service charges to their bills.

New Zealand's unit of currency

New Zealand's unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar (NZ\$). Coins have values of 10, 20 and 50 cents and \$1 and \$2. Notes have values of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. There is no restriction on the amount of foreign currency that can be brought in or taken out of New Zealand. However, every person who carries more than NZ\$10,000 in cash in or out of New Zealand is required to complete a Border Cash Report. Foreign currency can easily be exchanged at banks, New Zealand Post shops, some hotels and Bureau de Change kiosks, which are found at international airports and most city centres. All major credit cards can be used in New Zealand. Travellers Cheques are accepted at hotels, banks and some stores.

Titoki Boutique Accommodation

Recommend

Smith & McKenzie Chophouse

Judged Best Restaurant By Hospitality New Zealand



Smith & McKenzie is designed as a tribute to the old New York steakhouse. Inside is a blend of industrial and modern themes combined with historical butchery elements.

The warm, industrial décor draws on themes from traditional butcher shops, through the use of warm wood, stainless steel, and butchers blocks.

The space succeeds in being simultaneously rustic, inviting, and luxurious with rich details. Interior details include an homage to a traditional "meat locker" interior with finished rimu planks covering part of the length of the upstairs wall, butcher blocks recessed into the bar, and vintage meat hooks that have been transformed into hanging lights above the restaurant bars. These features are offset against a towering steel back bar display and modern glass wine rack.

Quality steaks are a highlight of the contemporary menu. All of the steaks are sourced with great care to ensure your steak experience at Smith & McKenzie is second to none. We also offer several special occasion and function options including the Chefs Table dining experience and the private McKenzie room located on the mezzanine level.

Recognized on a national level, Smith & McKenzie has been a finalist in the HANZ awards in 2009, 2010 and received Best Restaurant and the Supreme Award for Excellence by Hospitality New Zealand 2011. Winner of the Fastest growing commercial and or retail consumer business in the Central North Island and ranked 13th over all at the Deloitte's Fast 50 2011.

<http://www.smithandmckenzie.co.nz/>

From the past



1960 N Z stamp

Cost 2 ½ pennies

Why "Titoki" as a name?

Titoki is an attractive New Zealand native tree reaching 10-15 metres tall with a trunk up to 60 centimeters in diameter and a slightly roughened bark that is nearly black. The compound leaves may be 10-40 centimeters long, each with four to six pairs of leaflets, which may be 5-10 centimeters long by 2-5 centimeters wide.

Tiny flowers are born in panicles, where as the fruit is enclosed in a brown, furry capsule on a red fleshy base. When ripe in spring, the capsule splits open to reveal the hard black, lustrous seed. The seed is produced in early summer and is classed as recalcitrant. With it's gracefully shaped leaves and attractive form it makes the perfect ornamental tree.

Legend tells us that the magical people of Maori folklore, the Patupaiarehe, warmed themselves and toasted friendships with a drink distilled from the berries of the Titoki tree. The potion, it was said, captured the intensity and glow of Aotearoa's hidden fires. In the early 1970s an Auckland wine-maker decided to create a uniquely New Zealand liqueur which reflected the pungent, aromatic smells of the New Zealand native bush.

"TITOKI"
BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION



hei te wā tītoki

At some time in the future, I'll see you sometime.

When to come

New Zealand is suitable to visit all year round. Travelling is more pleasant, however, during the warmer summer months (November to April). The Christmas period is the busiest, with the schools holidays in the second half of December and all of January. We, therefore, recommend February March and April as the best months to travel in New Zealand. Skiing is, of course, only possible during the winter months and is usually best during July and August.



New Zealand [Aotearoa]

The land Of The Long White Cloud

HELP REQUIRED

To assist us to reach a wider market we would appreciate if you are able to review your TITOKI experience on "Trip Adviser"

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g255108-d1846478-Reviews-Titoki_Boutique_Accommodation-Hamilton_North_Island.html

GIFT VOUCHERS

Looking for a gift for someone special but they have everything already. Well have we got the perfect idea for you.

A
TITOKI BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION
GIFT VOUCHER

As their hosts, we will provide excellent care to create a relaxing pampered experience.

FACEBOOK

We would love you to become a "fan". Facebook helps us to connect and share with the people who have and /or are yet to stay with at 'TITOKI

“TITOKI”

BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION

1846 C River Road [North]

Hamilton

Waikato

New Zealand

3210

P: +64 7 8544044

Or

M: 021 2525 200

Skype: titokiaccom

E-mail:

jude.johnb@xtra.co.nz

Web: www.titokiboutiqueaccommodation.co.nz

Facebook:

[Titoki Boutique Accommodation](#)



Titoki tree



Copyright © 2011
Titoki Boutique Accommodation.

All rights reserved

If you would like to cancel your subscription to our newsletter please send an email with [UNSUBSCRIBE](#) in the subject line to jude.johnb@xtra.co.nz

