



**ROTORUA**  
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*Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa*

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## Where great stories begin...

Discover Rotorua's rich culture, volatile landscape and legendary figures in this 'must see' museum. Located in the iconic Bath House building, Rotorua Museum can be explored from basement to rooftop, with fantastic views of the city and lake.

Innovative displays, art exhibitions, cinema experiences, guided tours, and more bring the region's history to life.

### Current Exhibitions

#### Rotorua Stories Cinema

Plummet 13km into the belly of the earth to discover the scientific and mythological reasons for Rotorua's volatile landscape. Visit the world famous Pink and White Terraces, encounter great Arawa ancestors, and experience the dramatic eruption of Mount Tarawera. Computer generated imagery and surround sound ensures viewers feel part of the drama. Available in 8 languages and runs every 20 minutes.

#### Ngā Pūmanawa o Te Arawa - The Beating Hearts of Te Arawa

Using stunning lighting, innovative design and the latest special effects, this brand new exhibition traces the rich story of Te Arawa, Rotorua's first inhabitants, from leaving their homeland in Hawaiki to the people of Rotorua today. The exhibition incorporates many of the region's great stories: the migration of Te Arawa across the Pacific, the devastating eruption of Mt Tarawera, the legendary love story of Hinemoa and Tutanekai, the epic feats of B Company 28 Māori Battalion, and much more.

#### Taking the Cure - the Story of Rotorua's Bath House

Opened in 1908, the now iconic Bath House was once known as the 'Great South Seas Spa'. Learn about the bizarre treatments that visitors from all over the world came to experience. Now housing Rotorua Museum, visitors can explore the Bath House, one of New Zealand's most loved and photographed buildings, from the mud bath basement right up to the 'roof with a view'.

### Changing Exhibitions & Events

Rotorua Museum hosts a diverse range of contemporary exhibitions and events from floor talks and lectures to hands-on children's exhibitions, and exhibitions that showcase the works of local, national and international artists and photographers.

Visit [www.rotoruumuseum.co.nz](http://www.rotoruumuseum.co.nz) for information about current exhibition and events.



Rotorua Museum. Fullframe Photography.



The Object of the Portrait. Rotorua Museum Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa



Pūkaki. Courtesy of the Pūkaki Trust. David Hamilton Photography



Of Summers: Cupid. Rotorua Museum Te Whare Taonga o Te Arawa.

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## Admission (retail)

Valid to  
**30 Sep 2017**

<b>Adult:</b>	\$20.00
<b>Senior (65+ years):</b>	\$18.00
<b>Child (5-15 years):</b>	\$8.00

The admission rates include:

- Entry into all permanent and most changing exhibitions
- Rotorua Stories and Māori Battalion cinema experiences
- The viewing platform
- Scheduled guided tours

## Opening Hours

**Open Daily from 9am (except Christmas Day)**

Summer (Dec - Feb): 9am - 6pm

(Occasionally during summer the museum will close at 5pm for private functions)

Winter (Mar - Nov): 9am - 5pm

## Cinema Times

### Rotorua Stories Cinema

Runs every 20 minutes from 9.00am

Available in 8 languages: English, Māori, Spanish, German, French, Japanese, Mandarin and Korean.

### Māori Battalion Cinema

Runs every 30 minutes from 9.30am

## Guided Tours

### Scheduled Tours

Museum visitors can join our regular guided tours at no additional cost.

These tours run every day, on the hour from 10am to 5pm in summer and 10am to 4pm in winter.

Group tours are available at other times by arrangement.

## Gift Shop & Museum Café

Rotorua Museum Gift Shop has a wide range of good quality New Zealand arts, crafts and jewellery, from some of New Zealand's finest artists. It also has a good selection of books including history, natural history, art, and children's books.

The Museum Café is fully licensed and sells delicious coffees, slices and muffins, and has a good range of fresh sandwiches, wraps, paninis, and light meals.



Mount Tarawera in eruption June 10 1886.  
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Rangitokoro. David Hamilton Photography.  
Courtesy of Auckland Museum.



Tracey Robinson Photographer. Rotorua  
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Waka. David Hamilton Photography. Rotorua  
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