HAMILTON IS ALL ABOUT THE LIFESTYLE

Hamilton really has the lifestyle. We are New Zealand’s most liveable city.

A place where you are close to beaches, the snow, river trails and with great schools and tertiary education providers. It’s a city that families are flocking to as they leave other expensive and congested cities. Hamilton really is New Zealand’s most liveable city.

LOCATION

Hamilton is strategically situated between the two main sea ports of Auckland and Tauranga and is just over an hour away from New Zealand’s main international airport.

The city is serviced with a railway station just a few minutes from the CBD and a modern international standard airport 15 minutes south.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION TO OTHER MAJOR CITIES

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i-SITE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Is an essential stop for all Hamilton residents, visitors or people thinking of moving to here. Pop in and see their comprehensive range of brochures, maps and visitor guides. There are two free 20 minute carparks for i-SITE customers, located in the Hamilton City Council carpark in Caro Street.

Hamilton i-SITE Visitor Information Centre
Open 7 days
Corner Caro & Alexandra Streets,
Garden Place, CBD
Freephone NZ: 0800HAMILTON (0800 242 645)
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www.visithamilton.co.nz
HAMILTON ZOO
Home to more than 600 native and exotic animals. From red panda, Sumatran tigers and chimpanzees, to lemurs, giraffes and rhinos, the zoo also features the new Weka Walk and boasts the largest walk-through aviary in Australasia. Landscaped with NZ native plants, Hamilton Zoo is set amongst beautiful garden settings, paved pathways and boardwalks and is the ideal destination for a relaxing, recreational visit.

ARTSPOST
Situated right next to the Museum is the ArtsPost galleries and shop which features a wide variety of high quality, unique art pieces at affordable prices. There are three galleries that change monthly, which support Hamilton’s local artists.

SCHOOLS
There are more than 50 schools in Hamilton of which 12 of them are Secondary (Year 9-15). There are three all girls secondary schools and three all boys secondary school with the rest being coeducational. There are also four intermediate schools in Hamilton. The mix of private and public schools provides many good quality options for parents to choose from.

HAMILTON GARDENS
A must-see attraction and one of New Zealand’s most popular tourist destinations.
In the Paradise Garden Collection you will experience a unique journey exploring gardens inspired by classic designs from a wide range of cultures and eras, including Italian Renaissance, Indian Char Bagh, American Modernist and more.

WALKWAYS
Going out and having fun in and around Hamilton doesn’t need to cost money. There’s plenty on offer for free which will keep you, your family and friends entertained and having fun - from river walks, bike rides and bush walks around the city.
Hamilton’s walking route has been developed over many years. Hamilton has an extensive network of walking routes across parks, through gullies, alongside the Waikato River and on roads.
HAMILTON LAKE
Hamilton Lake, or Lake Rotoroa (Long Lake), situated in the heart of Hamilton, is used for a wide variety of recreational activities and is an important habitat for wildlife. Edged with a wonderful 3.8km path creating an approximate 45 minute circular walk around one of the city’s hidden paradises. Relax in the picnic area, enjoy the playgrounds, or choose a bench and enjoy the scenery.

WATERWORLD
If you are looking for exercise or recreation the Hamilton pools can cater for you. Twelve months of summer and a world of activities are at your feet! Features include: hydro slides, indoor and outdoor pools, children’s playground, a splash pad, picnic area with gas barbeques for a hire, a cafe and gym facilities.

WAIKATO MUSEUM
The Museum is located the banks of the Waikato River in the heart of Hamilton’s cultural precinct.

Our exhibitions and activities tell the stories of this region and include visual art, social history, tangata whenua and science.

Highlights include the majestic waka Te Winika; the Tainui exhibition Ngaa Pou Whenua, stories from Tainui iwi; Excite and Planet Warriors, the fun hands-on science galleries for children.

Waikato Museum in its current building has five levels and 12 galleries. The architect was Ivan Mercep, the same architect who went on to design New Zealand’s national museum, Te Papa.

SHOPPING
Hamilton is a shopper’s dream. The central city boasts several malls as well as boutique designer clothing stores and funky giftware shops. Quaint side streets and alleyways such as Casabella Lane and Barton St are known for their quirky retail offerings and cafes. Specialist purveyors of homewares, clothing, food and gifts are also dotted throughout the wider city, plus the newly developed Centre Place. The suburbs also house retail delights including the recently upgraded and expanded Westfield Chartwell and The Base/Te Awa - Australasia’s only true hybrid mall and New Zealand’s largest shopping centre. Three is also a wide range of markets from produce to gourmet and ethnic to locally grown.

LIBRARIES
Hamilton has six libraries to choose from - the Garden Place Library housing the main reference and heritage collections, and five community libraries servicing the Chartwell, Dinsdale, Glenview, Hillcrest and St Andrews communities. Contract Research is also available through Hamilton’s Libraries.
HAMILTON THEATRES
Hamilton has a number of venues and theatres which Hamiltonians enjoy.

The three well-equipped venues are ideal for concerts, drama, dance, conferences, seminars and conventions.

FOUNDERS THEATRE
Founders Theatre has a capacity of 1249 seated.

METEOR THEATRE
The Meteor is a Black Box Theatre and seats approx 400, depending on layout.

CLARENCE STREET THEATRE
Clarence St Theatre has a capacity of 550.

EVENT FACILITIES

CLAUDELANDS
A modern solution for live music, performance, sport, conferencing, meetings, banquet dinners and indoor or outdoor exhibitions, Claudelands is located in the heart of Hamilton City and includes:

- a 6000-capacity entertainment arena
- a four-star conference centre
- a combined 10,000 square metres of indoor and outdoor exhibition space.

It’s a clever mix of classy spaces which can be expanded, reduced or used in combinations to suit – whatever the size and style of your event.

SEDDON PARK
In the heart of Hamilton is a purpose-built international cricket facility set within a village green, with a spectator capacity of 10,000 and an external perimeter which provides 360 degree views.

The contoured grassy banks are popular with the fans providing an intimate atmosphere. Influential magazine ‘The Cricketer’ referred to Seddon Park as “a perfect circular venue with grassy banks running around from a classy pavilion”.

The Pavilion at Seddon Park provides covered seating, corporate suits, two private function spaces, player change facilities, an indoor cricket training facility and is home to Northern Districts Cricket Association and the Northern Knights.

WAIKATO STADIUM
The spiritual home of rugby in Hamilton. Completed in 2002, Waikato Stadium continues to build on the proud history of the grounds it stands on.

The Brian Perry Stand has five levels which are home to function spaces including corporate lounges, function lounges, the boardroom, management offices, player changing facilities, retail concessions, media facilities and seating for 12,000 for sporting events.

Waikato Stadium has the crowd capacity for 25,800. This is made up of 12,000 in the Brian Perry Stand, 8,000 in the Wel Networks Stand, 5,000 on the Greenzone and 800 at the Goal Line Terrace. The Stadium also has the ability to increase the capacity by 5,000 with the addition of temporary seating on the Goal Line at Tristram St.