



NEW PLYMOUTH

FAMILIARISATION TOUR

Lonely Planet named Taranaki one of the world's best regions to visit in 2017, combine this with The Devon Hotel's state of the art conference facilities and you have a recipe for success. Shelley Eastwood from Heritage Hotels along with The Devon Hotel hosted 8 conference bookers for 2 days and 1 night in January 2017 to experience the hotel and local sites suitable for conference delegates to enjoy. Rob Davies, General Manager of The Devon Hotel greeted us at the airport upon arrival and we quickly got settled onto our comfortable Withers Coach.

First stop after landing we visited the international award winning Te Rewa Rewa bridge that is part of the New Plymouth Coastal Walkway. On a clear day the bridge frames Mount Taranki in the background.



Te Rewa Rewa Bridge



The Devon Hotel, New Plymouth

Next was onto The Devon Hotel for morning tea and a tour of the accommodation and state of the art conference facilities. The 515sqm Grand Auditorium with 5 meter high ceilings and direct access onto 1 of the 3 hotel gardens made a few jaws drop!

A scenic drive along the coast we headed to Okurukuru Café & Winery for lunch with breathtaking views over the Tasman Sea.



Okurukuru Café & Winery



Ringcraft Moana

The afternoon was focused on a few highlights of the Oakura Arts Trail, Fay Looney and The Glass Gallery. At Ringcraft Moana we all brought out our inner talent to make our very own bracelets of pearls and semi precious gems.



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Our conference facilities and services are the best in the region, thanks to our dedicated team of event experts. Work with us to design and deliver an event in one of our 11 impressive conference spaces, three beautifully landscaped garden areas, or in our popular Marbles Buffet Restaurant. The Devon Hotel is able to cater for business events from 8 people to 450 banquet or 550 seated in theatre style.

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Returning to The Devon Hotel it was time freshen up before a group dinner in the famous and newly refurbished Marbles Restaurant. We feasted on the extensive buffet and then those that still had energy headed out to experience The Festival of Lights that runs from mid-December to early February in Pukekura Park.

Getting on into the evening, the new tranquil beds made exclusively for Heritage Hotels by Sleepyhead ensured we all had a fantastic sleep to be recharged for the following day.

Day 2 we woke up to rain so after breakfast we did some retail therapy rather than heading out onto the Tasman Sea with Paddy's Charters – next time! A must for any visitor is Devonshire Tea at the Tea House and a tour of the Fernery and Display House at Pukekura Park, also home to the TSB Bowl of Brooklands impressive unique outdoor venue, sports ground and zoo.



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The Tea House



Fernery and Display House, Pukekura Park

Working up an appetite, into the CBD we went for lunch at Aborio, a visit at Puke Ariki Museum and then onto the nearby Govett-Brewster Art Gallery to see the latest addition of the Len Lye Centre. We also got to squeeze in a visit to the scenic New Plymouth Golf Course before flying back home in time for dinner.



The Devon Hotel, Gardens



Govett-Brewster Art Gallery



New Plymouth Golf Course



The Devon Hotel, Marbles Restaurant