

Getting around

Rotorua's central north island location provides easy access to the surrounding areas of Tauranga, Mount Maunganui, Whakatane, Taupo and Hamilton. All of which are about one hour's drive from Rotorua.

Maps

Maps are available from City Focus, corner of Tutanekai and Hinemoa Streets, and at the Rotorua Tourist Information Centre, 1167 Fenton Street. They can also be purchased from bookshops and petrol stations.

Public Transport

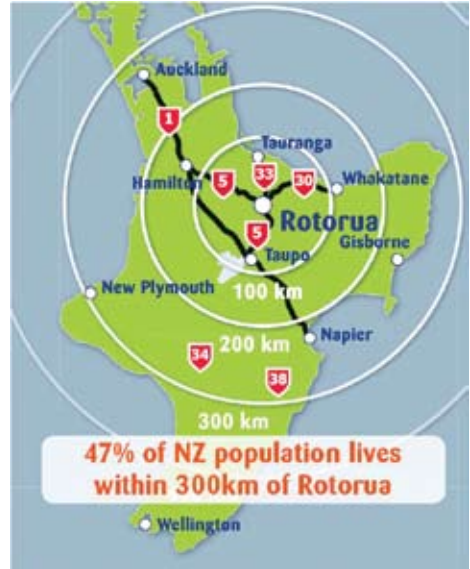
Cityride buses

The green Cityride buses are a subsidised service that operates throughout the city. For information about bus routes, timetables and fares visit

www.baybus.co.nz/regions/rotorua

Timetable booklets are available from:

- Your friendly driver
- Public libraries



- Environment Bay of Plenty's office
 - Visitor information centres
 - Reesby Buses Ltd 146 Riri St, Rotorua
- Smartride Cards allows for quicker boarding and up to a 30% discount on fares.

They are available from:

- Your friendly driver
- Reesby Buses Ltd 146 Riri St, Rotorua
- Day saver passes are also available.

Regional Coach Services

Coaches arrive and depart from the Tourist and Information Centre. Tickets can also be purchased from the Centre.

Intercity www.intercitycoach.co.nz

Newmans www.newmanscoach.co.nz

Driving

You can use a current and valid overseas or international driver licence for 12 months. You must carry your driver's licence at all times when you are driving.

You need to know the road rules. They are explained in the ROAD CODE, available at the library, or can be purchased at petrol stations, and bookshops.

www.ltsa.govt.nz/roadcode

It is a legal requirement that everyone in the car must wear a seat belt, and children under five must travel in a car seat.

Getting a driver licence

You must convert to a New Zealand driver licence before one year has passed.

Forms to use to apply for an overseas licence conversion are available from:

AA

1121 Eruera Street, Rotorua

Services: Theory testing Driver licensing administration


VTNZ

47 Marguerita Street, Rotorua

Services: Practical and Theory testing Driver licensing administration

You will have to pass a theory test and, possibly a practical driving test as well. For further information:

www.ltsa.govt.nz/overseasdrivers

See  **Yellow** 'Driver Training'

Buying a Car

The safest way to buy a car is from a motor vehicle trader who is registered with the Motor Vehicle Traders Register. Traders must display a Supplier Information Notice on the vehicle, which should include such

information as the vehicle's make and model year of manufacture, number of kilometers travelled, and price.

Motor Vehicle Traders

www.motortraders.med.govt.nz

In Rotorua, car dealers are mostly located on Fairy Springs and Old Taupo Road.

See  **Yellow** 'Car Sales'

The LTSA provides a checklist on buying a used car.

LTSA

www.landtransport.govt.nz/vehicles/first-car

Before buying a second-hand car, you can get it checked by an independent mechanic. The Automobile Association (AA) offers mobile vehicle inspections.

AA

T. 0800 500 333

www.aa.co.nz

Legal Requirements

Every vehicle on the road in New Zealand must be registered and licensed with Land Transport New Zealand, and have a Warrant of Fitness which determines that the vehicle is road worthy.

Car Insurance

It is advisable to obtain car insurance.

See  **Yellow** 'Insurance companies and offices'

Taxis

You are literally only 15 minutes from anywhere in Rotorua. Taxis can be ordered by phone.

See  **Yellow** 'Taxis'

There are several Taxi stands in the city centre. (see map within this pack)