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Taupo is the perfect wedding venue

A wedding in Taupo

As the town's motto says, "There's More Beside the Great Lake", but primarily, of course, there is the Great Lake. The lake is amazing. The lake is beautiful in all its moods, and breathtaking at its best. As a backdrop for a wedding ceremony or wedding photos it is second to none, particularly with the snow-capped peaks of the Tongariro National Park punctuating the view to the South. Or as a wedding venue in itself, the lake has enchanted many a bride and groom.

There are plenty of charter vessels with a range of sizes to suit any budget, and to get married on board and then have the reception without having to go anywhere, is truly magic. It is a wedding none of the guests will ever forget. And those sunset photos over the water – wow! No wonder Taupo wedding photos are being proudly shown all over the world by couples who have been embraced by the lake and its surroundings, and have made it their special place forever.

But there really is more. There are world class hotel and lodge venues such as Huka Lodge, Wairakei Resort, The Terraces, and Oreti, or there are private little picture-perfect spots that only you would know about. (Although if you find a local wedding planner they might just know about it as well!) There are large venues, small venues, indoor and outdoor venues, summer venues and winter venues, and even some venues that could claim to fit all those descriptions at once – check out the fabulous Chateau Tongariro for example! There are venues for the bold and the beautiful, the timid and the brave, the prince and the pauper, the young and the not-so young. If you can picture it, Taupo will have it. And not only have it, but have it all within easy reach. To go see your florist, your dressmaker, your shoe shop, your cake-maker, your photographer and your hairdresser, why not just park the car (free parking!) and walk. Easy! Don't try that in the city.

Taupo is perfect not only for the bride and groom, but also for the guests. Its central location makes it so easy to get to, being within driving distance of anywhere in the North Island, or a quick flight from anywhere else. Then once in Taupo and in party mood, the sky's the limit – literally! Taupo is the sky-diving capital of New Zealand, and an adventure tourism mecca. While they are there for the wedding, your out-of-town guests can go for a jet boat ride to see the Huka Falls, bunji-jump into the Waikato River, go running, swimming, biking, kayaking, rock-climbing, hiking, fishing, shooting, race-car driving, gliding, golfing, or just about any other "ing" you can think of! Even prawn fishing! If adventure is not your thing, then you can visit the museum, the art galleries, the shops or the five-theatre movie complex, or just soak in one of the fabulously relaxing thermal pools.

So as a wedding venue, Taupo has it all. When all is said and done, Taupo is what every wedding should be. Unique.



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