



NZ Countryside Experience



The NZ Countryside Experience Programme is designed for groups of students looking to improve their English ability while experiencing the country lifestyle of the Waikato region. Waikato is at the heart of New Zealand's dairy farming culture and has an array of animals and endless fields of green to experience.



With this programme, you can experience rural life in the Waikato by seeing the dairy making process up close and trying your hand at making the products. You can interact with the animal life that inhabit Waikato farms. Also spend some afternoons taking in the scenic views of the rural countryside, whether it's by foot, farm tractor or horseback. Each activity compliments the rural aspect of the Waikato and provides a unique agricultural experience.



Dairy Farm Visit: The Waikato is the most intensively farmed area of New Zealand. See what it's like to live on one of its dairy farms with a full-farm tractor tour. You will also have a milking shed tutorial to see the dairy making process that turns out such sought after products.



Horse Riding: See the expansiveness of the Waikato region with a horseback ride through paddocks and rolling fields. Trek across the Waikato's beautiful farmland to see just how much land area it covers.



Hobbiton: Visit the Waikato's own set, Hobbiton. The scenic, little site is nestled in the rural town of Matamata and presents luscious gardens, country cottage-style homes and green countryside views. Walk through the peaceful atmosphere, sleepy meadows, and rural farmland on a sunny afternoon tour.



Deer Stud Tour: Visit one of New Zealand's best deer farms on an afternoon tour. Learn about the different products of deer and why the Waikato is one of the best places for this market. You can also interact with the deer and marvel at their impressive antler heads.



The Taste of NZ: To experience part of the dairy making process, we take you on a cheese factory tour and activity. You can try your hand at making fresh cheese to see why the Waikato turns out some of the highest quality dairy products in the world.





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Roselands Farm Park: Take an extended day trip on Saturday to a farm park. Stroll through the paddocks and interact with a wide selection of friendly farm animals from miniature horses to breeds of sheep. The fresh farm air is the perfect environment for some rounds of golf, before you finish the day with a Kiwi-style BBQ to taste the flavours of the Waikato.



Waitomo Caves: Situated in the rough countryside of the Waikato is Waitomo Caves. Float through the natural wonder to see the Waikato's internationally known caves. The caves present over 120 years of natural history and are geologically important to the Waikato region.



Alpaca Farm Visit: The vast Waikato farmland is home to a range of animals including cows, sheep, and alpacas. We take you to an alpaca farm that lets you get up close to the sweet-natured animals to feed and interact with them. If the season permits, you can see their young, along with claves and lambs, and can experience the new life the springtime brings to the farm.

Hamilton Museum: Situated on the Waikato's famous river, learn about the history of the Waikato region and its people. Gain an understanding of the region's cultural, social, and scientific developments that have evolved it into the largest agricultural area of New Zealand.



Beachside Town Raglan: On a Friday afternoon, we take you to a small coastal town that is a popular destination for Waikato locals. Drive through the rolling fields and mountainous hills to this charming Waikato area to experience the friendly attitudes and welcoming nature of small-town people.



Hamilton Gardens: Visit the international award winning botanical site that expresses the historical and practical development of gardens. We take you to on a tour around the different areas of the Gardens that highlight the native greenery of the Waikato and its environmental sustainability through its own resources.



Rotorua Day Trip: To finish your Rural Experience, spend a day at Rotorua. The agricultural town has a rural charm and Maori culture to highlight New Zealand's native history as well as its signature farmland. Attend a Farm Show that presents the array of animals we have on New Zealand farms.

