

Three-night spring escape

How to plan your days in Cambridge

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Introduction

Greetings from Cambridge

Cambridge is, quite simply, one of the nicest little towns you'll ever visit. Nestled in the heart of the picturesque Waipa district, it's the perfect place to enjoy a relaxed three-day spring escape.

Not only is Cambridge beautiful, it's also the ideal place to stay to enjoy the Waikato's best attractions. Bike, hike, drink and dine… the roads from Cambridge connect you to it all.

What's more, some of the region's best eateries are hidden away in Cambridge or close by. If good food and drink are high on your spring escape priority list, the town's hospitality scene won't disappoint.

Cambridge is nestled on the banks of the Waikato River, approximately 20 kilometres southeast of Hamilton. It's lovingly known as the town of trees and champions by locals and visitors alike.

Cambridge and nearby Lake Karapiro are home to many of New Zealand's national sports organisations (cycling, mountain biking, rowing), and some of the country's most high profile sportspeople.

Nearly 20,000 people call Cambridge home, making it the third largest urban area in the Waikato. State Highway 1 connects the town with Hamilton in the northwest and Tauranga, Rotorua and Taupo in the southeast. Hamilton Airport is only a 20 minute drive from Cambridge, and a public bus connects Cambridge with central Hamilton.

This guide will help you to discover the delights of Cambridge.

A three-day escape will only be the beginning.



Welcome

Arriving in Cambridge

Afternoon

Arrive in Cambridge and check in. Stroll into town to get your bearings. Explore Cambridge on foot. Start outside the Cambridge Town Hall, opposite Victoria Square, and wander down Victoria Street, Empire Street and Alpha Street. The town offers fantastic shopping, with a unique range of locally made goods.

Take some time out at Tivoli Cinema
Tivoli Cinema is a gorgeous boutique cinema showcasing independent films. Settle yourself on a lush couch and watch a quality film while sampling New Zealand food and wine.



Tivoli Cinema
☎ 07 823 5064
✉ karen@tivolicinema.co.nz
32 Lake Street, Cambridge
www.tivolicinema.co.nz

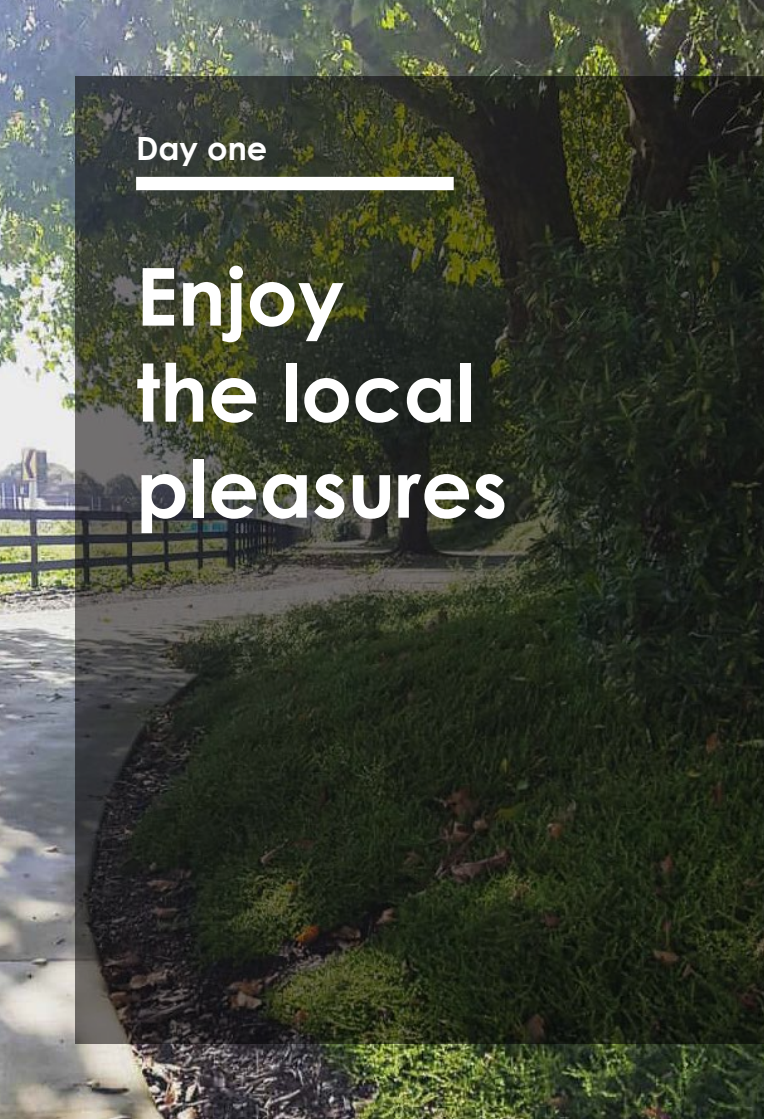
Evening

Put aside a few hours for a relaxed dinner, chatting to locals and enjoying the town by night. Make sure you take an extra layer so you can take your time wandering back to your accommodation.

Dinner recommendation: Good Union Cambridge
One of Cambridge's newest watering holes, the Good Union is a popular spot for locals and out-of-towners. The Good Union folk are also behind Good George Brewing, Hamilton's own craft beer and cider which is distributed worldwide.



Good Union
☎ 07 834 4040
✉ ask@goodunion.co.nz 98 Victoria St, Cambridge Mon - Fri 11am - late Sat & Sun 8am - late
www.goodunion.co.nz



Day one

Enjoy the local pleasures

Morning

Explore by bike

Start your adventure at the Bikery Café with a nourishing breakfast. Then head south from the International Avantidrome, offering you a wide easy track for social riding and walking together. It will lead you back to Cambridge for an authentic shopping experience and varied culinary delights.

If you're a keen cyclist follow the boardwalk that hugs the edge of Lake Karapiro along the river through to Arapuni, here we recommend a stop at The Rhubarb café to refuel.

Hire bikes are available from the i-site (corner Queen and Victoria Streets in Cambridge town).

www.cambridge.co.nz

The Bikery Cafe
☏ 07 282 0605
Avantidrome, Gate 2,
Hanlin Road, Cambridge
Mon-Fri 7.30am - 3.30pm
Sat and Sun 8.30am - 3.30pm
www.thebikerycafe.co.nz



Afternoon

National Wetland Centre and Blueberry Orchard

Take a short drive south to visit the National Wetland Centre at Lake Rotopiko/Lake Serpentine where you will find a discovery trail which is great for families. Access is via double wooden gates off SH 3 just south of Ohaupo. Stop at the Irresistiblue Café in Monovale to recharge your batteries and take a tour of the Monovale Blueberry orchard while you are there.

www.wetlandtrust.org.nz

Refresh and relax in your sumptuous room back at Kelly Rd before heading into town for dinner.

Dinner recommendation: Alpha St Kitchen
Home to local, fresh and innovative food, served in a relaxed dining experience. Alpha Street Kitchen offers small and large plates, mouth-watering cheese and dessert menus, and a kids' menu.



Cafe Irresistiblue
☏ 07 834 3501
✉ hello@alphast.co.nz
156 Turkington Rd, Monavale
Open 7 days 9am - 4.30pm
www.monavaleblueberries.co.nz



Alpha Street Kitchen
☏ 07 827 5596
✉ hello@alphast.co.nz
47 Alpha Street, Cambridge
Open 7 days 11am-late
www.alphast.co.nz

Day two

Invigorate your soul

Morning

Wairere Falls

Start your day next door at Sloth Café, with great coffee and plenty of vegan and gluten free options. Take in the view of our beautiful park across the road full of daffodils.

An easy 45-minute drive from Cambridge is the Wairere Falls Track, featuring the largest waterfall in the North Island, weaving through natural bush, moss covered rocks, large boulders and natural pools.

www.freewalks.nz



Sloth Cafe
☏ 021 557 245
1907 Cambridge Road,
Cambridge
Open 7am-5pm



Afternoon

Waikato Thoroughbred Stud Tours

Discover some of New Zealand's finest thoroughbred horse studs and training establishments. Tours will be tailored to suit your preferences and time frame. Depending on the time of year you visit these studs will determine what you see.

www.nzoutdoorexperiences.co.nz

☏ 07 856 4611 | 022 600 5783
✉ pete@nzoutdoorexperiences.co.nz

Evening

Pre-dinner: Pony Bar and Provisions
After a day of cycling you'll have earned a hearty evening meal. Call into Pony Bar and Provisions to prepare your palate for dinner. Sample the impressive selection of cocktails, New Zealand wines and beautifully presented tapas.

Dinner recommendation: Alpino Cucina & Vino
Tucked into the old post office building, Alpino serves modern Italian food and pizza, with a great list of local and international wine.



Pony Bar
✉ hello@ponybarprovisions.co.nz
55 Duke St, Cambridge
Open 7 days 12 - late



Alpino Cucina & Vino
☏ 07 827 5595
43-45 Victoria Street, Cambridge
Open Weds - Sun 11.30am - 9.30pm
www.alpino.co.nz

Day 3

Immerse yourself in nature's wonderland

Morning

Maungatautari – Sanctuary Mountain

Here you can explore what is protected within the biggest pest poof fence in the Southern Hemisphere, step in to the ancient eco-system to view forgotten species such as Tuatara, Kokako, and even Kiwi. Pop in to The Lily Pad cafe for delicious food, excellent coffee and terrific service. Take time to wander around the wonderful Garden Art studio and enjoy the relaxing, family friendly environment.

www.sanctuarymountain.co.nz



The Lily Pad Cafe
☏ 07 823 9134
✉ manager@thelilypadcafe.co.nz
1234 Kaipaki Rd, RD3, Cambridge
Mon - closed
Tue - Fri 9am-3.30pm
Sat and Sun 8am-4pm
www.thelilypadcafe.co.nz



Afternoon

Blue Spring - Te Waihou Walkway

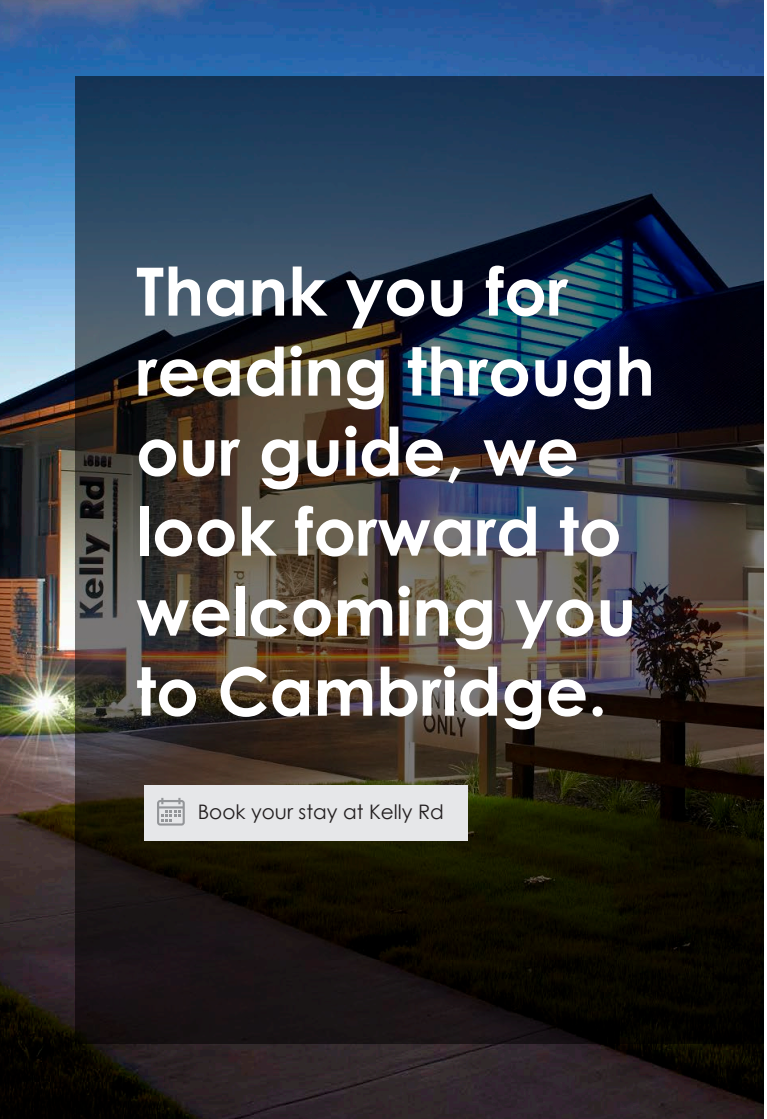
Just 10 minutes drive from Putaruru you will find the Blue Spring - Te Waihou Walkway. Enjoy a one and a half hour walk which is mostly of easy contour. The track follows alongside the Waihou River with water so clean and pure you can spot trout along the way.

Finish your day off by indulging in the delicious food and coffee at Paddock while reflecting on all that you have discovered and enjoyed during your stay at Kelly Rd.

www.freewalks.nz



Paddock Cambridge
☏ 07 827 4232
46a Victoria St, Cambridge
Mon - Thurs 8am - 5pm
Fri - Sat 8am - 8pm, Sun 8am - 4pm
www.paddockcambridge.co.nz



Thank you for reading through our guide, we look forward to welcoming you to Cambridge.

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Cambridge boasts charm, character and plenty of attractions – a three-day escape will be only the beginning of a long love affair with this beautiful and quintessentially English town in the heart of the North Island.

Whether exploring on foot, two wheels, or by car, the township boasts a wonderful community feel and a welcoming vibe to all who pass through or stay and visit.

To complete your winter escape in Cambridge, enjoy the hospitality of Kelly Rd, the town's newest accommodation. Relaxed, modern and contemporary, Kelly Rd is in walking distance to all of Cambridge's sites and attractions.

After a day exploring and an enjoyable evening meal, relax and unwind at Kelly Rd, your home away from home.

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Waikato, New Zealand 3434
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