

HOBBITON™

• MOVIE SET •

WEDDING INFORMATION

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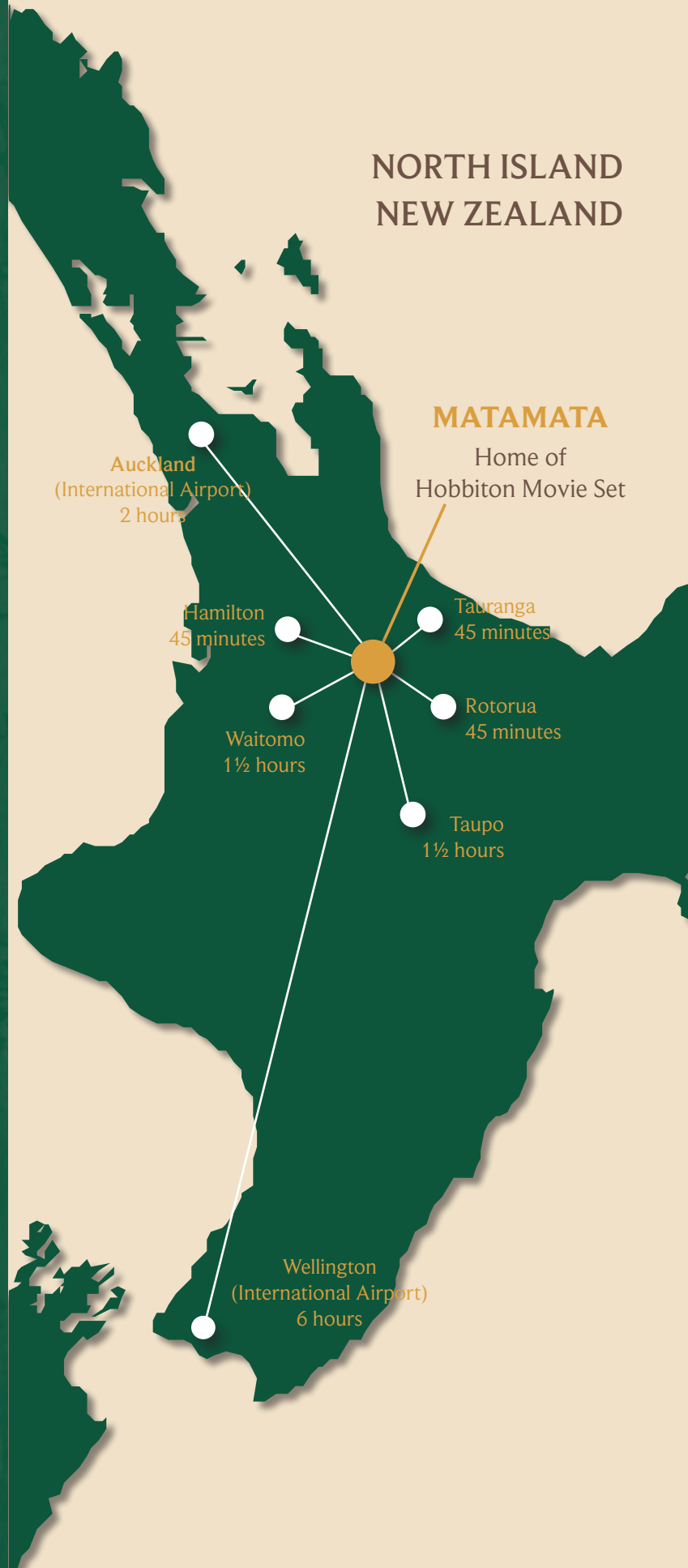
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Open every day (excluding Christmas day)

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Welcome, welcome!

Hobbiton™ Movie Set is one of New Zealand's most iconic visitor experiences, an immersive destination where visitors step into The Shire™, as seen in *The Lord of the Rings™* and *The Hobbit™* Trilogies.

Located in the heart of the Waikato countryside near Matamata, Hobbiton combines breathtaking natural beauty with world-class hospitality, creating an unforgettable experience for you and your guests.

Hobbiton™ Movie Set is one of New Zealand's most iconic and enchanting destinations, offering a truly magical setting to celebrate your special day. Step into The Shire™, as seen in *The Lord of the Rings™* and *The Hobbit™* trilogies, where rolling green hills, charming Hobbit Holes™, and picturesque gardens create a storybook backdrop for your wedding.

Whether you're dreaming of an intimate ceremony or a joyful celebration with family and friends, our dedicated team is here to help bring your vision to life. From romantic photo opportunities to memorable receptions in truly unique surroundings, every detail is designed to make your wedding day feel effortless and extraordinary.





The Story of Hobbiton Movie Set

In 1998, Sir Peter Jackson's team of location scouts began searching for the iconic rolling hills and lush green pastures of Hobbiton. An aerial search led them to the Alexander farm — a stunning 1,250-acre sheep farm in the heart of the Waikato.

They immediately noted the area's striking similarity to The Shire™, as described by J.R.R. Tolkien, and quickly realised the Hobbits™ had found a home.

In one particular part of the farm, a magnificent pine tree towered beside a tranquil lake at the foot of a rising hill. Bag End™ now sits atop that hill, overlooking the Party Tree, as the pine would later become known. The surrounding landscape was untouched with no power lines, buildings, or roads in sight, allowing Sir Peter Jackson to leave the 20th century behind and fully immerse audiences in the fantasy world of Middle-earth™.

In March 1999, the crew began a nine-month quest to bring Hobbiton to life. Help was provided by the New Zealand Army, and soon 39 temporary Hobbit Holes™ were constructed across the 12-acre set. Secrecy was paramount, and strict security measures were maintained throughout construction and filming. Production began in December 1999, with filming in The Shire completed over approximately three months.

Following filming, an initial attempt was made to dismantle the set, leaving behind 17 bare plywood façades. These remaining structures would become the catalyst that propelled Hobbiton into the public eye, with guided tours first commencing in 2002.

In 2009, Sir Peter Jackson returned to the farm to film The Hobbit Trilogy, permanently rebuilding the set in the remarkable detail seen on screen. The Hobbiton Movie Set that visitors experience today features 44 fully reconstructed Hobbit Holes, designed to stand the test of time and now lovingly maintained by the Hobbiton team.

In 2012, The Green Dragon™ Inn opened, allowing guests to conclude their adventure with a refreshing beverage from the Hobbit™ Southfarthing™ Range.

More than a decade later, an interior Hobbit Hole experience was developed, enabling visitors to step inside the charming dwellings of Hobbits going about their daily lives. Designed and crafted by the renowned creative teams behind the original film trilogies, Bagshot Row opened in December 2023, offering an authentic and immersive new chapter in the Hobbiton experience.

Today, an abundance of movie magic remains nestled within the Alexander family's fully operational farm.





The Hobbiton Experience

Today, the Hobbiton Movie Set offers an immersive experience that delights the senses, welcoming visitors from across the globe to step into the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of The Shire, the home of the Hobbits, as featured in *The Lord of the Rings™* and *The Hobbit™* Trilogies.

The extraordinary global following of the films has made Hobbiton Movie Set a 'must-do' experience for travellers visiting New Zealand. Guests are given a rare opportunity to explore an authentic movie set in its full glory, recreating memorable scenes from the beloved trilogies while discovering how the magic of filmmaking was brought to life here.



All experiences begin with a guided coach journey through the Alexander family sheep farm, where visitors take in the natural beauty of the landscape, with the mighty Kaimai Ranges rising in the distance. Upon arrival, expert guides lead visitors on a walking tour of the 12-acre Movie Set, sharing stories, pointing out famous locations, and revealing the intricate craftsmanship behind the set's creation.

Journey past colourful Hobbit Hole doors scattered across the hillsides, including the iconic Bag End™, home of Bilbo™ and Frodo Baggins™, before arriving at Bagshot Row™ for a glimpse inside the humble dwelling of a Hobbit.

The experience continues along winding pathways past The Millhouse™, across the double-arch stone bridge, and into the world-famous Green Dragon™ Inn, where every visitor is welcomed with a complimentary, exclusive beverage as the perfect conclusion to their own Middle-earth™ adventure.



Your Special Day

Thank you for considering Hobbiton™ Movie Set as the location for one of the most important days of your life... your wedding day!

Hobbiton is a location like no other, creating a truly unique and memorable experience for your special day. We have created two beautiful, peaceful and private locations for your wedding ceremony. Say your “I dos” in amongst the natural beauty of Handfast Glade, surrounded by beautiful gardens. For your reception, choose from our masterfully recreated Green Dragon™ Inn as seen in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* Trilogies, our newly opened Millhouse for an intimate gathering, or step into The Party Marquee – a fully themed, spacious venue which will provide your guests with a breath-taking atmosphere to remember. Our location can even be used simply as a stunning backdrop for your photos to remember your special day.

Our professional events team appreciates that every couple will have differing expectations and will work with you to tailor your special day to your needs.

Options include:

- Ceremony only in one of our picturesque locations
- Reception only in a fully themed venue to suit your number of guests
- Ceremony and Reception for an immersive experience and a night to remember
- Photoshoot only for couples just looking for a unique setting for their images
- Intimate elopement ceremony and photoshoot for small parties

Pricing is available based on enquiry. If you have any questions or are ready to discuss your wedding requirements in more detail, please contact our dedicated events team at events@hobbitontours.com.



Our Ceremony Location

HANDBFAST GLADE

Handfast Glade is a private and peaceful location in the heart of Hobbiton. The glade is an intimate setting, ideal for exchanging your vows surrounded by the beauty of The Shire™.

Enveloped by lush gardens, this enchanting glade is alive with colour, seasonal blooms and rambling greenery, creating a storybook backdrop for your ceremony. You'll enjoy sweeping views toward Bag End™ and the Party Tree, while charming Hobbit Holes™ litter the nearby hillsides, creating an unmistakably Middle-earth™ setting.

The vibrant yellow door of the Handfast Glade Hobbit Hole, framed by our floral archway provides a picture-perfect focal point for your special moment. After you say “I do”, the nearby gardens offer a relaxed and beautiful setting for champagne and canapés. While you take time to capture treasured moments with your photographer among the gardens and nearby landmarks, your guests can mingle and soak in the peaceful surroundings, making the transition from ceremony to celebration feel seamless and effortless.

Every element of Handfast Glade is designed to create a wedding experience that feels intimate, magical, and uniquely yours.









Reception Locations

THE GREEN DRAGON™ INN

The Green Dragon Inn is a fully reconstructed replica of the pub featured in the Trilogies, which has been masterfully recreated creating an unforgettable venue for your special day. This exceptional, exclusive venue is perfect for you to enjoy your wedding reception as you indulge in our exclusive Southfarthing™ ale, cider and ginger beer and enjoy a dinner fit for a Hobbit from our professional in-house catering team.

The Green Dragon Inn is a fully themed venue where guests can enjoy their delectable dinner in the main dining area or head down to bar area to enjoy a dance. With open indoor and outdoor fireplaces this venue encourages your guests to spread out between the spectacular interior or beneath the outdoor glowing lanterns making for a truly magical wedding reception.

THE PARTY MARQUEE

The Party Marquee is a stunning, spacious venue for larger wedding parties or those couples wanting a little extra space. The painted canvas exterior, vibrant bunting and colourful lanterns allows your group to be immersed in the festive magic of the movies while you celebrate your special day.

The Party Marquee is situated adjacent to the Green Dragon™ Inn and is placed upon the hillside providing an exquisite view for all guests. Like the Green Dragon Inn, the Marquee has a fully licenced bar and catering is tailored to your menu choice by our professional in-house team.

THE MILLHOUSE

The Millhouse, is a fully themed venue located on the 12-acre movie set, just across the water from The Green Dragon Inn.

The Millhouse is an expertly crafted venue offering the same warm, inviting atmosphere of The Green Dragon, but in a more intimate setting. The exposed wooden beam ceilings, hand carved details, the crackling fire place and curated decor create a cosy setting for a banquet-style wedding meal by the fireplace beneath the hanging candelabrum. This self contained venue comes complete with it's own in-built drinks station to serve our exclusive Hobbit™ Southfarthing™ range in our signature ceramic mugs or goblets, alongside a range of house wines, coffee and tea.

	Green Dragon Inn	Party Marquee	Green Dragon Inn & Party Marquee	The Millhouse
Seated*	80	230	310	28
Cocktail*	200	350	550	48

*Venues available in conjunction with a Hobbiton Movie Set tour. *Maximum numbers, per head, per room. Our reception venues are only available for exclusive use in the evening after the last tour of the day. Pricing to be provided on enquiry.*



Wedding Photoshoot

CAPTURE THE MEMORIES OF YOUR SPECIAL DAY

Hobbiton provides an enchanting backdrop, surrounded by lush, rolling green hills with Hobbit Holes scattered throughout the landscape, our venue is ideal for photographing beautiful wedding images.

Hosted by a Hobbiton Movie Set tour guide, Wedding Photoshoot guests have 2.5 hours to explore the Movie Set and capture some of the most iconic shots in The Shire.

Walk hand-in-hand past the lakefront Hobbit Holes with your reflection dancing on the lake, stroll along the Party Field with incredible views of The Green Dragon Inn, and visit the vegetable garden where hobbit holes lie hidden in the hillsides.

Pricing to be provided on enquiry. Securing a photographer for your wedding photoshoot is the responsibility of the couple, however recommendations for local options can be made on request. Our photoshoot tour offering is held during our daily operational hours and is 3 hours total duration including transport to and from the Movie Set. Access behind the gate of Bag End is not possible during our daily operating hours.

Elopement

AN INTIMATE CEREMONY

Whether it's a quiet ceremony for just the two of you or a small gathering with loved ones, your Hobbiton elopement promises a beautifully personal celebration in a setting like no other.

Our elopement package is designed for couples seeking a romantic, stress-free experience. Exchange your vows in the secluded Handfast Glade before capturing timeless photographs across the iconic set, from the Party Tree to the picturesque winding paths of the shire.

Note: Hobbiton Movie Set does not provide a wedding celebrant or wedding photographer. This is the couples responsibility to organise. Local recommendations are available upon request. Our elopement offering is held during our daily operational hours and will allow for a 30-minute ceremony, followed by a photoshoot tour. Total duration of 3 hours and 30mins including transport to and from the Movie Set. Access behind the gate of Bag End is not possible during our daily operating hours.



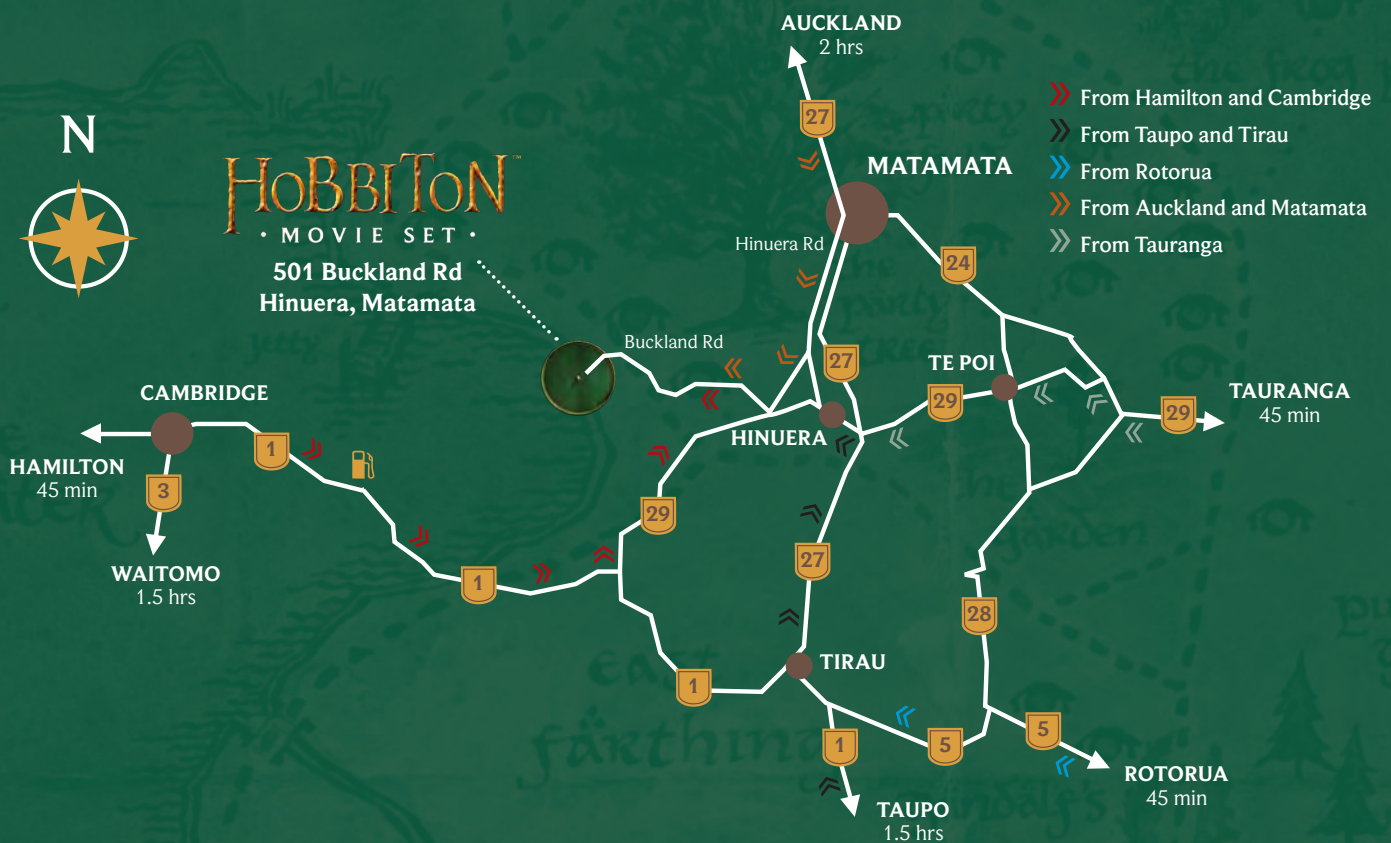
Sample Timings

3:30pm	Hobbiton coaches collect guests from Matamata i-site
3:50pm	Groom, groomsmen and celebrant arrive at the Shire's Rest™ and are transported to the ceremony location
4:00pm	Guests arrive at the Shire's Rest™ and bus to the ceremony location
4:10pm	Bride, bridesmaids and photographer arrive and are transported to the ceremony location
4:30pm	Ceremony begins
5:00pm	Ceremony concludes. Drinks, canapés and family photos begin
5:45pm	Bridal party depart for a fully guided photoshoot tour
5:55pm	Guests begin their fully guided tour of Hobbiton™ Movie Set
6:55pm	Guest tour enters Bagshot Row interior Hobbit Hole
7:05pm	Bridal party photoshoot tour enters Bagshot Row interior Hobbit Hole
7:20pm	Guests arrive to The Green Dragon Inn for a pre-dinner drink
7:30pm	Guests are seated
7:40pm	MC announces the arrival of the bridal party
7:50pm	Mains are served
8:30pm	Speeches
9:00pm	Cutting of the cake
9:15pm	Dessert is served
9:45pm	First dance
11:45pm	Last drinks are served
12:00am	Departure

Please note that the above is a guide only and timings are dependent on the time of year. Upon enquiry the wedding coordinator will work with you to tailor a day to suit your requirements.

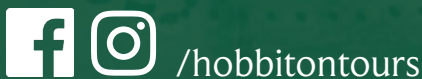


Where the Hobbit Holes™ are hiding



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