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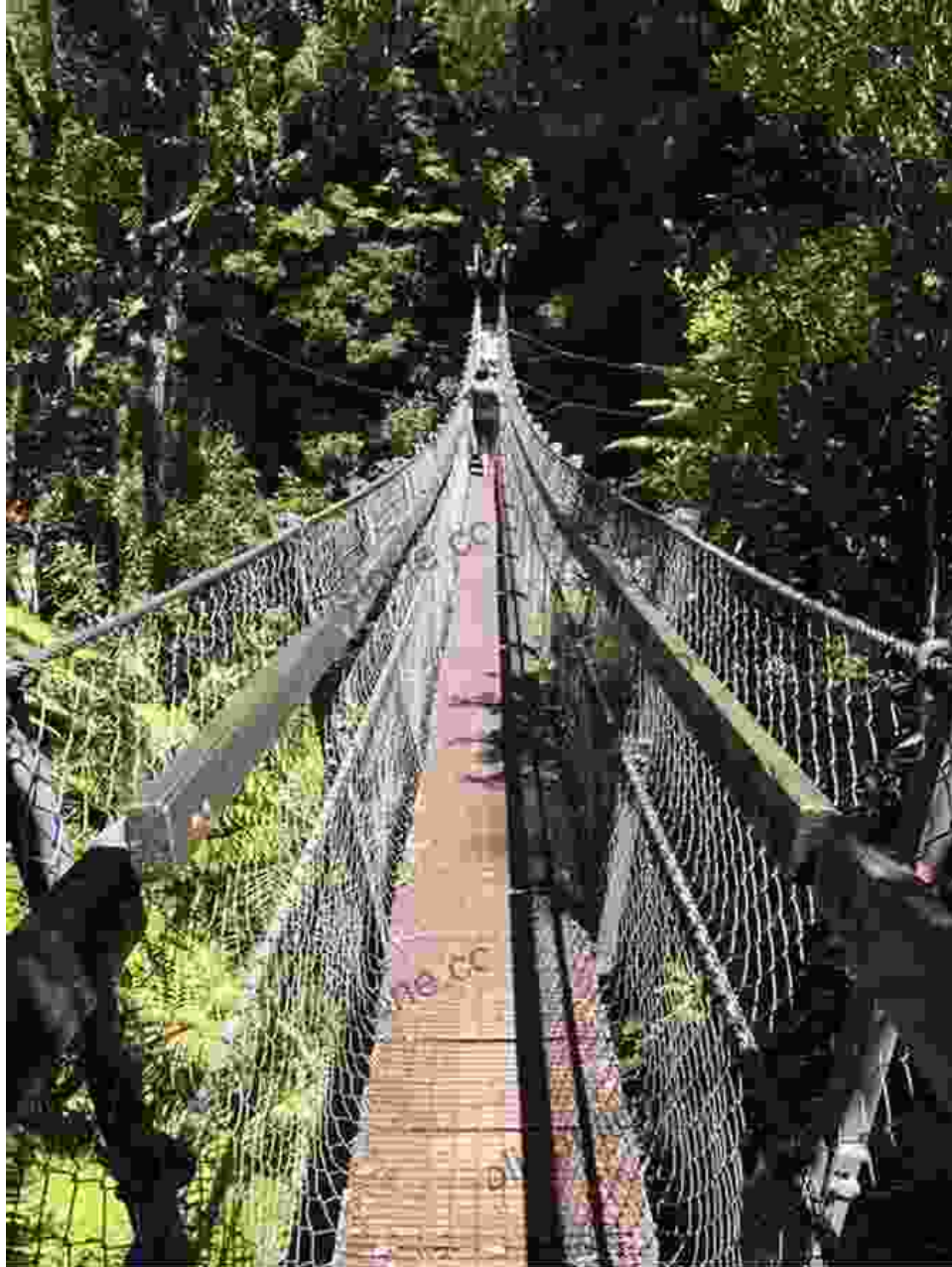
The Shire

The Shire is a peaceful and idyllic region of Middle Earth, known for its rolling green hills, lush meadows, and quaint hobbit holes. In New Zealand, the Shire was filmed in the rolling hills of the Waikato region, near the town of Matamata. Visitors to the Hobbiton Movie Set can explore the hobbit holes, the Green Dragon Inn, and other iconic locations from the films.



Rivendell

Rivendell is a hidden valley in Middle Earth, home to the elves and the last remnants of the High Kingdom of Gondor. In New Zealand, Rivendell was filmed in the Kaitoke Regional Park, near Wellington. Visitors to the park can explore the forest trails, waterfalls, and other natural wonders that inspired the filmmakers.

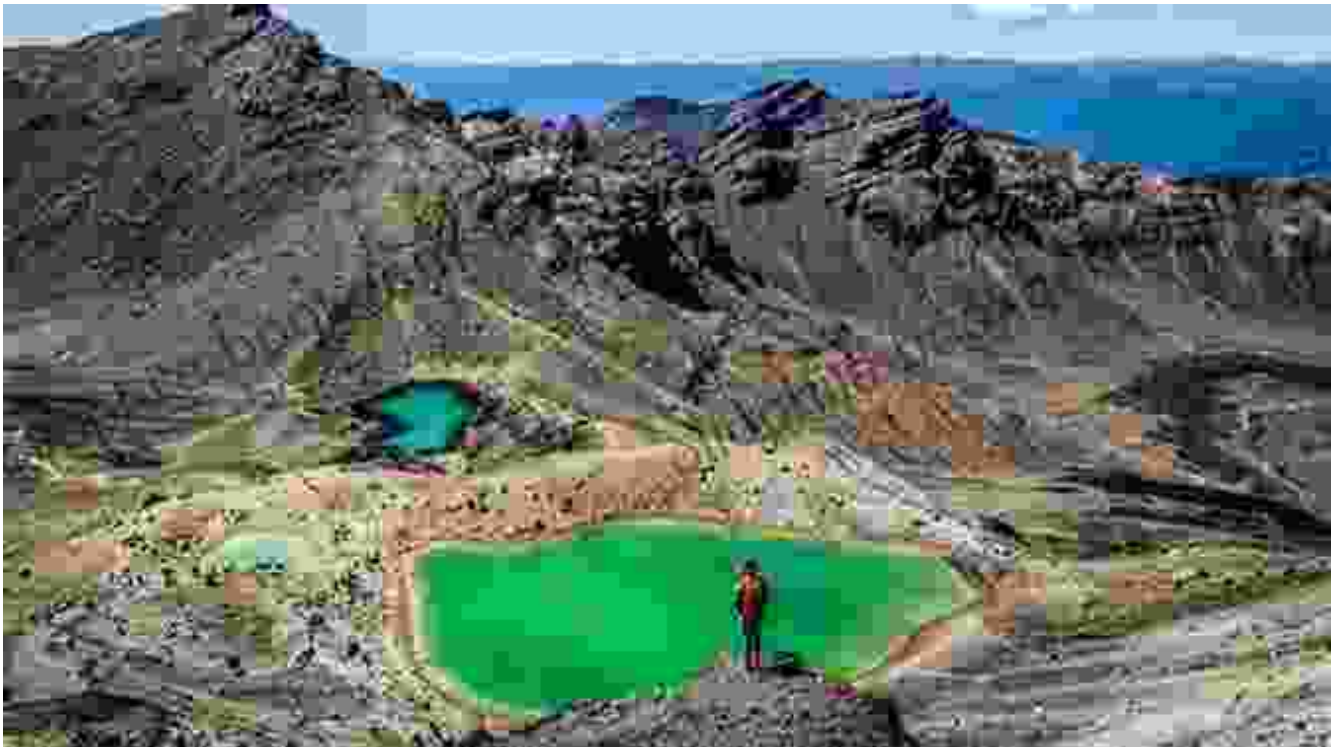


Rivendell, New Zealand

Mordor

Mordor is the dark and desolate land where the Dark Lord Sauron resides. In New Zealand, Mordor was filmed in the Tongariro National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visitors to the park can hike through the

barren landscapes, climb volcanic peaks, and explore the geothermal wonders that make this region so unique.



Other Middle Earth Locations in New Zealand

In addition to the Shire, Rivendell, and Mordor, there are many other Middle Earth locations that were filmed in New Zealand. These include:

- The Misty Mountains
- The Forest of Fangorn
- The Dead Marshes
- The Pelennor Fields
- Mount Doom

Planning Your Middle Earth Journey

If you're planning a trip to New Zealand to visit the Middle Earth locations, there are a few things you should keep in mind.

- **Do your research.** There are many different Middle Earth locations in New Zealand, so it's important to do your research and decide which ones you want to visit.
- **Plan your itinerary.** Once you know which Middle Earth locations you want to visit, you can start planning your itinerary. Keep in mind that some of the locations are quite far apart, so you'll need to allow for travel time.
- **Book your accommodation.** New Zealand is a popular tourist destination, so it's important to book your accommodation in advance. There are a variety of hotels, motels, and hostels to choose from, so you're sure to find something that fits your budget.
- **Rent a car.** The best way to get around New Zealand is by car. This will give you the flexibility to visit the Middle Earth locations at your own pace.
- **Be prepared for the weather.** New Zealand has a temperate climate, but the weather can be unpredictable. Be sure to pack for all types of weather conditions.

New Zealand is a truly magical place, and it's easy to see why it was chosen as the backdrop for Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. From the rolling green hills of the Shire to the snow-capped peaks of Mordor, New Zealand offers a wide range of landscapes to explore. Whether you're a Tolkien fan or simply looking for an unforgettable travel experience, New Zealand is the perfect destination for you.



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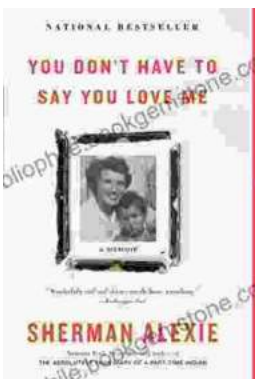
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