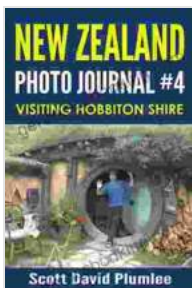


# New Zealand Photo Journal: Visiting Hobbiton Shire

In December 2019, I had the opportunity to visit Hobbiton Shire, the movie set from the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. It was an incredible experience to see the set up close and in person, and to imagine what it would have been like to live in Middle-earth.



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In this photo journal, I will share some of my favorite photos from my visit to Hobbiton Shire. I hope you enjoy them!

## The Shire

The Shire is a fictional region of Middle-earth, the setting of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. It is a peaceful and idyllic place, inhabited by hobbits, a small and friendly people.

Hobbiton Shire is a recreation of The Shire, built for the filming of the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies. It is located in Matamata, New Zealand, and is a popular tourist destination.





A close-up of a hobbit hole.



## **The Mill**

The Mill is a watermill located in Hobbiton Shire. It is owned and operated by Ted Sandyman, a hobbit who is known for his love of food and drink.

The Mill is a popular destination for tourists, who can take a tour of the mill and learn about how it was used to make flour.



The Mill.



## **The Party Tree**

The Party Tree is a large tree located in the center of Hobbiton Shire. It is the site of many of the hobbits' celebrations, including the annual Midwinter Feast.

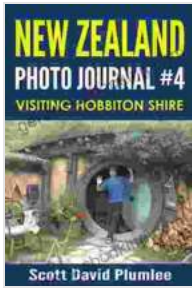
The Party Tree is a popular destination for tourists, who can take a photo under the tree and imagine what it would have been like to attend a hobbit feast.



The Party Tree.

Visiting Hobbiton Shire was an incredible experience. It was a chance to step into the world of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, and to see the places where some of my favorite movies were filmed.

I highly recommend visiting Hobbiton Shire if you are a fan of *The Lord of the Rings* or *The Hobbit*. It is a truly magical place.



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