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Carrying the one ring to rule them all, hobbit Frodo Baggins and friends trekked off the pages of author J.R.R. Tolkien's classic collection of books and on to the silver screen in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. For the cinematic sensations, director Peter Jackson and crew worked in New Zealand from 1999 to 2000. The mysterious realm of Middle Earth was perfectly portrayed with scenes shot in more than 150 locations, from the town of Matamata serving as home to the Shire and Hobbiton to the Whakapapa ski field that filled in for Mordor. Although computer-generated imagery certainly played a part in the productions, the movies' portrayal of the region's majestic national parks and remote wilderness has made New Zealand a bucket-list destination for many—myself included.

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