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Ports & Excursions

Auckland, New Zealand

Straddling a narrow isthmus created by 60 different volcanoes, New Zealand's former capital boasts scenic beauty, historical interest and a cosmopolitan collection of shops, restaurants, museums, galleries and gardens. Rangitoto, Auckland's largest and youngest volcano, sits in majestic splendor just offshore. Mt. Eden and One Tree Hill, once home to Maori earthworks, overlook the city. One of New Zealand's fine wine districts lies to the north of Auckland.

Auckland served as New Zealand's capital from 1841 until 1865, when the seat of government moved to Wellington.

Points of Interest

1 Auckland Museums

A trio of exceptional museums displays the unique natural culture of the area. The Maritime Museum focuses on nautical treasures, the War Memorial on native origins and the Art Gallery on visual mediums.

2 Auckland Harbour and Bridge

An Auckland icon, the Harbor Bridge stretches over the sparkling Waitemata Harbor, dotted with colorful yachts. Unparalleled city views of the city, Rangitoto Island, Devonport and the Waitakere Ranges can be seen from its heights.

3 Waiheke Island

A charming blend of farmland, beaches, forest and vineyards, Waiheke Island, a short ferry ride from downtown Auckland, is a picturesque area for sightseeing, winery tours, and a host of outdoor activities.

4 Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium

A world-class aquarium created by renowned New Zealand oceanographer Kelly Tarlton, this underwater adventure land includes thrilling interactive displays and viewing stations offering a unique perspective on New Zealand Pacific oceanic history.

5 Devonport

A charming seaside village just minutes from Auckland, Devonport is nestled on the North Shore. Pristine beaches, colonial architecture and a wonderful array of specialty shops make this historic maritime village a delightful destination.

6 Sky Tower

The tallest man-made structure in New Zealand and the Southern hemisphere, take a transparent elevator to a glass-floored observation deck, towering 1,072 feet in the air. Panoramic views and a 360-degree revolving restaurant greet you at the top.

7 Waitomo Grotto

Sail quietly through the spectacular Glowworm Grotto an underground cave of historical and geological significance. Tiny phosphorescent glowworms light the way through the ornate limestone caverns.

8 Countryside/Wineries

Travel through the picturesque countryside on an excursion to New Zealand's premier wineries, acclaimed for their Rieslings, Sauvignon Blancs and Pinot Noir. Guided vineyard tours and tastings are available.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Muriwai Gannet Colony & Country Farm
AKL-110 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will see: 8 | M | 6 hours | from **$129.95**

Travel to a family farm on the Kaipara Peninsula. Enjoy a BBQ lunch and watch a sheep dog and sheep-shearing demonstration. Visit Muriwai Beach for cliff-top views of its famous gannet colony - depending on the season you may see these seabirds mating or nesting.

Most Popular

Auckland Highlights with Museum
AKL-200 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 2 | E | 4 hours | from **$69.95**

Exclusive for Princess passengers, Auckland Museum open their doors early for a guided tour of its exhibits including Maori and Polynesian culture. See the giant war canoe, view the war memorial and have time to browse the gift shop. Take in the city sights on a narrated drive about town. See the chic boutiques and galleries of Parnell Village and take in sweeping views from atop a scenic view point.

Most Popular

Auckland Highlights with Museum (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)
AKL-201 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 6

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 2 | E | 4 hours | from **$79.95**

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Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium & Sky Tower
AKL-210 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit: 4 6 | M | 3.5 hours | from **$99.95**

Experience Auckland on a narrated drive about town. Then visit Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium. Travel through clear acrylic tubes for close-up views of marine life including pelagic sharks and rays. You'll have a rare opportunity to see New Zealand's only sub-Antarctic penguins in an authentic icy habitat. Also visit the Sky Tower, the tallest free standing structure in the Southern Hemisphere.

Devonport Village & Auckland's North Shore
AKL-215 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 5 | You will see: 2 | M | 3.5 hours | from **$179.00**

Captivating North Shore and historic Devonport are explored on this scenic tour of the seaside area. Enjoy a guided tour of the Devonport peninsula, while enjoying the colonial architecture and peaceful tranquillity of this historic village. There are plenty of opportunities for photo stops, including Mount Victoria and North Head where the magnificent panorama's of the Hauraki Gulf, Takapuna region and Rangitoto Island can be admired. Devonport is most noted for its' timber colonial architecture, glass art gallery and confectionaries. Return to Auckland via ferry at your own discretion.

National Maritime Museum & Harbour Cruise
AKL-240 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 45

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 2 | M | 4 hours | from **$89.95**

Discover why Auckland is described as the "City of Sails." First, take in the sights on a narrated city drive. Then tour the New Zealand National Maritime Museum before boarding a 50-foot scow (flat bottomed sailing yacht) for a sightseeing cruise about the harbor. The sights range from Westhaven, home to luxury yachts, to the famous Harbour Bridge.

City Drive & Maori Performance at Museum
AKL-295 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 2 | E | 4 hours | from **$79.95**

Experience the best of Auckland on this deluxe, guided excursion celebrating the city's cultural and historical sights. Visit the Auckland Museum and enjoy a stirring performance of traditional Maori stories, chants and dances, culminating in the world famous Haka. Interact and have a photo opportunity with the Maori performers and browse the Maori exhibits. See the chic boutiques and galleries of Parnell village, take in sweeping views from atop a scenic viewpoint.

City Drive & Maori Performance at Museum (Guided in German)
AKL-298 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 2 | E | 4 hours | from **$89.95**

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Off the Beaten Path

Piha Bush & Beach Eco Tour
AKL-410 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 20

M | 5 hours | from **$149.95**

Combine the best of Auckland's natural wonders. Take a guided walk along Piha Beach - this black-sand strand is the home of New Zealand surfing. Then travel to the heart of the Waitakere Ranges for a guided walk through New Zealand's dense rainforest, home to native Kauri and Giant Fern trees.

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Debark Tour - Auckland Highlights with Museum
AKL-970 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 42

You will visit: 1 | You will see: 2 | E | 4 hours | from **$109.95 (AUD)**

Take in the city sights on a narrated drive about town. See the chic boutiques and galleries of Parnell Village and take in sweeping views from atop a scenic view point. Tour the Auckland Museum - its exhibits on Maori and Polynesian culture include a giant war canoe.

Debark Tour - Devonport, Sea Life Aquarium & Sky Tower
AKL-975 | Auckland, New Zealand

You will visit: 4 6 | M | 7 hours | from **$134.95 (AUD)**

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Auckland by Private Vehicle - Van Class Full Day (With Driver/Guide)
AKL-900 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 6

M | 9 hours | from **$1,089.95**

A private vehicle is the perfect solution for passengers who wish to tour privately or who want the flexibility of designing their own itinerary.

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Auckland by Private Vehicle - Car Class Full Day (With Driver/Guide)
AKL-905 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 2

M | 9 hours | from **$969.95**

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Auckland by Private Vehicle - Van Class Half Day (With Driver/Guide)
AKL-910 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 6

M | 4 hours | from **$509.95**

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Auckland by Private Vehicle - Car Class Half Day (With Driver/Guide)
AKL-915 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 2

4 hours | from **$439.95**

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Special Interests

Off the Beaten Path

Auckland Wine Trail & Tastings
AKL-305 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 8

4 hours | from **$89.95**

Raise a toast to New Zealand's internationally acclaimed winemakers when you travel the unspoiled beauty of the Auckland Wine Trail. Breathtaking scenery, expansive vineyards and three of the country's premium wineries offer tours and tastings of the world-renowned, locally produced New Zealand Rieslings, Sauvignon Blancs and Pinot Noirs.

Waiheke Island & Wineries
AKL-350 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 34

You will visit: 3 8 **You will see:** 2

5.75 hours | from **$129.95**

From the pier, walk a short distance to board a high-speed ferry for an approximately 35-minute ride along the gorgeous Waitemata Harbour, affording wonderful photo opportunities of the Auckland waterfront, surrounding beaches and coastal scenery. Arriving on Waiheke Island, board your motorcoach and travel through the pretty Oneroa Village. Beautiful views of the coastline will be in abundance as you drive to Onetangi beach. Here enjoy an exclusive morning tea before visiting two local vineyards for a guided tour with wine tasting. Your return journey will be by ferry back to Auckland and your awaiting ship.

Activities & Adventures

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Zipline Adventure
AKL-405 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 20

You will see: 3

4.5 hours | from **$169.95 (AUD)**

Take flight on a breathtaking eco-adventure when you zipline over the forest of Waiheke Island. A short ferry ride from Auckland, the island's idyllic location offers panoramic views and varied landscapes. Zipline over this Site of Environmental Significance and enjoy a guided nature walk and a scenic island drive.

Auckland Jet Boat
AKL-505 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 23

You will see: 2

1.5 hours | from **$99.95**

Experience jet boating in the country of origin. Invented here in 1954, you'll thrill to daring waterborne feats expertly executed against the Auckland Skyline on stunning Waitemata Harbour. For a change of pace, this intriguing half-day tour also includes a roundtrip ferry ticket to Devonport for independent exploration and shopping.

Nature & Wildlife

Off the Beaten Path

Waitomo Glow Worm Grotto
AKL-105 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 7

9 hours | from **$199.95**

Visit Waitomo and take a cruise on an underground river that travels through limestone caverns illuminated by glowworms. The Grotto's "Cathedral" is an acoustically perfect chamber where international stars have performed. Enjoy a home-cooked lunch at Crosshills Farm.

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Off the Beaten Path

Debark Tour - Waitomo Glow Worm Grotto
AKL-965 | Auckland, New Zealand | Group Size: 40

You will visit: 7

9 hours | from **$269.95 (AUD)**

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