

A Stroll through Tamaki Hikoi



Approximately 3½ hours



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Value



4 out of 5

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For hundreds of years, Maori from the local Ngati Whatua tribe have passed down from generation to generation sacred tribal history, traditions and ancient stories. Guides from the Ngati Whatua tribe re-tell these ancient stories on the **Tamaki Hikoi walking tour through Auckland.**

Explore Maori culture and heritage and learn why Tamaki (Auckland) was so fiercely fought over, how the tribe co-existed with the land and the impact of colonization on the indigenous people.

Visit the **summit of Mount Eden** for stunning views of Auckland.

Walk for two miles down the mountain and through city suburbs and parks while your guide highlights native flora and brings to life Auckland's unique landscape through music, song, storytelling and customs.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Bring a jacket, sunhat and sunscreen.

America's Cup



Approximately 2½ hours



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In the past, sailing an America's Cup yacht was only available to the racing crews themselves, but today you have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the thrill of **sailing** on an **America's Cup yacht** on the waters of Auckland—the legendary City of Sails. This adventure offers a truly unique opportunity to sail on NZL 68 and NZL 41—a must-do for all sailors and wannabes.

The crew welcomes you on board for a completely exhilarating experience. You will become part of the crew and are encouraged to **participate in sailing** these powerful yachts.

If you prefer to sit back and watch the action as you sail down the beautiful Waitemata Harbour, then you are welcome to do so.

Notes:

Minimum age is 10 years. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair.

Antarctic Encounter & Auckland Sky Tower



Approximately 3 hours



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This delightful excursion visits two of Auckland's most popular attractions.

Drive along the picturesque waterfront road to **Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium**. In this amazing facility you'll view a life-size recreation of Captain Robert Scott's 1911 Antarctic hut on the shores of McMurdo Sound.

The Sea Life Aquarium is home to New Zealand's only sub-Antarctic penguins, offering a rare opportunity to see these magnificent birds up close in their icy domain. You will be within arm's length of the 80-strong colony of king and Gentoo penguins to watch their playful antics on the snow and their elegant "flight" underwater.

Travel through a clear, acrylic **aquarium** tunnel on a moving walkway as schools of fish and sharks swim around and above you.

special highlight is **Stingray Bay**, where you'll see these magnificent fish, with six-foot wingspans and long barbed tails, swimming gracefully in front of you.

Continue your excursion to **downtown Auckland** and the famous **Sky Tower**.

Take the elevator to the main observation deck for panoramic views over Auckland and the Hauraki Gulf. On a clear day, Great Barrier Island, some 60 miles away, can be seen. The Sky Tower is the **tallest building in the southern hemisphere** at 1,072 feet.

Return to the pier through downtown Auckland.

Notes:

This tour is only available to guests returning to the ship.

Antarctic Encounter & Sky Tower with Airport Transfer



Approximately 6½ hours



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Visit the North Shore, with free time in charming **Devonport village**.

End with a transfer to Auckland International Airport, where you will be reunited with your luggage.

Notes:

This tour is only available to guests whose cruise ends in Auckland with flights at 7pm or later.

Auckland Adventure Jet



Approximately 1¼ hours



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Experience Auckland's iconic **Waitemata Harbour** by **jet boat**.

Meet your skipper and listen to a safety briefing before boarding the boat. The trip will take around 35 to 40 minutes, promising a uniquely Auckland hair-raising experience.

Enjoy the thrills of fish tailing, unbelievable spins and awesome power brake tricks.

Your captain will stop and talk about the iconic Chelsea sugar refinery and also the Harbour Bridge. If the timing is right, you may see someone doing a bungee jump from the bridge right in front of you.

Your jet boat experience includes a round trip **ferry ticket to Devonport**—a great day out in Auckland.

Notes:

This tour involves a very limited amount of walking but some steps will be encountered in order to board the jet boat. There is an approximate walk of 500 yards to the ferry terminal. After signing in you will be given a life jacket, a poncho, and sunglasses to keep the sea spray out of your eyes. A group photo will be taken ready for viewing and purchase upon return (additional

fee for photo purchase). If conditions preclude the stated itinerary, a scenic waterfront drive around Mission Bay and St Heliers Bay will be substituted. Minimum height is 45".

Auckland Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle and English-speaking driver/guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Auckland Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Auckland Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



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Coast to Coast



Approximately 4½ hours



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Travel by way of the wine growing areas of Kumeu and Huapai to **Muriwai Beach** on the rugged west coast.

On the cliff tops overlooking the beach, you'll take a **short walk** through the native plants to the lookout point to see the **gannet colony** here. This is one of only two mainland gannet colonies in the world. Depending upon the season, you may be able to view the birds' nesting and feeding routines, and their spectacular diving technique as they hunt for fish.

Leaving Muriwai via **rural farming districts**, you will come to **Haumoana Farm**-a 200-acre holding situated on the South Kaipara Peninsula. The farm runs 300 Romney sheep for prime lamb and wool production, 200 cattle, and a small fallow deer unit.

Your hosts, Greg and Barbara Ross, will warmly welcome you.

See the mustering of sheep by trained **sheep dogs**, a skilled **shearing demonstration**, which illustrates just how quickly a sheep can be shorn of its wool, along with other typical farm activities.

You will be invited to the house for **morning tea**.

The return drive to Auckland is through the farming areas of Waitoki and Dairy Flat.

Notes:

This tour is only available to guests returning to the ship.

Devonport & the North Shore



Approximately 3½ hours



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This excursion takes you from central Auckland to the beautiful suburb of **Devonport**, with unsurpassed views of the city and its iconic landmarks.

Enjoy a drive past the Devonport Peninsula's colonial architecture as you take in the tranquility of this historic village. A photo opportunity at North Head—part of the Hauraki Gulf Maritime Park—affords sweeping views of Auckland and its harbor. Yachts and colorful sailboats dot the seascape below as you look down from atop an old volcanic formation. This area was the site of 19th-century harbor fortifications, with a number of military tunnels and bunkers remaining to this day.

Mt Victoria is the tallest volcano on Auckland's North Shore and once the site of a Maori settlement. See the Mk VII 8-inch disappearing gun and take in the incredible panoramic vistas: 360-degree views over the North Peninsula, Devonport and Auckland.

Devonport village itself feels like a step back in time. One of the oldest settlements in New Zealand, this quaint suburb on the North Peninsula is noted for its colonial wooden architecture.

After a guided orientation tour, use your **free time** to stroll the streets of Devonport and browse at the galleries and boutiques, or simply relax at a café (at your own expense).

At the conclusion of the tour, guests who wish to stay in Devonport to shop or explore on their own are welcome to do so, but must return to the ship on their own. Your guide will provide you with ferry tickets to be used at your leisure when you wish to return to the ship.

Notes:

This tour departs the ship by coach and returns to Auckland by ferry.

Eco Zip Adventure



Approximately 5 hours



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Located on beautiful **Waiheke Island**, EcoZip offers nature-lovers, young and old, a state-of-the-art, dual zip-line and New Zealand native forest encounter; making it one of Auckland's newest, most accessible and exciting eco-tourism experiences.

Take the **ferry** to Waiheke Island and enjoy a mini-tour of the island's wonderful beaches, multi-million-dollar properties and myriad boutique wineries en route to the **zip-line** site. The purpose-built visitor center is situated high on a hillside and providing commanding views of Auckland, Rangitoto Island and the Hauraki Gulf.

Check in, gear up, and get ready for one of New Zealand's most exciting eco-activities. Three dual zip lines, each more than 650 feet long, will fly you smoothly and safely, side-by-side with a partner or friend, over the working vineyard and then over and into a stunning tract of original and regenerating native New Zealand bush (forest).

Expert guides are dedicated to ensuring your enjoyment and safety. At the end of the third zip-line, follow your guide on an **interpretive walk** back to the visitor center, shaded by a canopy of both regenerating and pre-European forest.

Along the way the guides will share the stories of the local flora and fauna, the Maori and European history of Waiheke Island and explain how EcoZip is helping to both restore and preserve this Site of Environmental Significance.

Return to downtown Auckland by ferry.

Notes:

Minimum age is 8 years. Minimum weight is 67 lbs; maximum weight is 275 lbs.

Highlights of Auckland



Approximately 3½ hours



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Take the **waterfront drive** past the sandy beaches of Okahu Bay and Mission Bay.

Catch a panoramic view of the city and Hauraki Gulf with a photo stop; then, proceed through the Auckland Domain's 200 acres of parkland in the heart of the city, with ponds, statuary, glass houses and a great variety of trees.

Set within this idyllic retreat is the **Auckland Museum**, housing an impressive collection of Maori and Pacific Island artifacts.

Also of interest is the *Scars of the Heart* exhibit, which depicts New Zealand's involvement in the major wars of the 20th century.

Drive through historic Parnell Village before returning to the ship.

Notes:

Approximately 1-1½ hours of walking/standing is required at the museum.

Highlights of Auckland with Airport Transfer



Approximately 6½ hours



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Drive through historic **Parnell Village** to see the beautiful rose gardens and stop for **free time** here. Continue to the airport, where you will be reunited with your luggage.

Notes:

This tour is only available to guests whose cruise ends in Auckland with flights at 6pm or later. Approximately 1-1½ hours of walking/standing is required at the museum.

Waitakere Wilderness Experience



Approximately 5 hours



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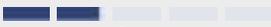


Enjoyed it?



4 out of 5

Value



1.7 out of 5

1 out of 3(33%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Experience Auckland's wild and rugged **West Coast**.

Board a motor coach and travel to the **Waitakere Ranges**, approximately 11 miles northwest of Auckland.

Stop at the **Arataki Centre** perched high in the Waitakere Ranges, where the sweeping decks offer breathtaking panoramic views from the Tasman Sea to the Pacific Ocean. Absorb the local history and admire the magnificent traditional Maori carvings that stand guard there.

Heading further west, you'll encounter the power of the wild and rugged West Coast. Feel the soft, black sand beneath your feet as you stroll along one of the most awe-inspiring beaches anywhere.

With your knowledgeable guide, continue to the lush rain forest, where you will hear native birdsong as you **walk** the easy 40-minute, $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile guided bush tracks. Your constant companions are picturesque streams and giant tree ferns.

Notes:

Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair.

Waitomo Caves & Countryside



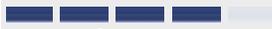
Approximately 9 hours



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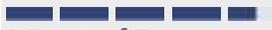


Enjoyed it?



4 out of 5

Value



4.5 out of 5

1 out of 2(50%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Travel through the city's central business district and **downtown commercial center** before traveling along the southern motorway past the southern suburbs and over the Bombay Hills. Descend into the **Waikato River Valley** and follow the course of the river through the fertile farmlands of the region to the coal-mining town of Huntly.

Continue south past Taupiri (a mountain that is sacred to the Maori people) to the town of Ngaruawahia—seat of the Maori King.

At Waitomo, you will venture underground for a **guided walk** through the world-famous **Waitomo Glow-Worm Cave**, passing striking limestone formations that include the famous *Organ* and the lofty chamber called the *Cathedral*.

You will come to a jetty on a lake deep underground, and step into a non-motorized **longboat** for perhaps the most intriguing part of your adventure—a **ride** in complete silence on an **underground river**. Your destination is a cavern spangled with the radiant blue/green bioluminescent lights of millions of tiny glow-worms. The worms are very sensitive to sound, and will extinguish their lights if you speak. This eerie, captivating experience is one you will remember forever.

Leaving the caves, you'll travel to Kio Kio, where **Crosshills** is located. This is the lovely home of Fraser and Debbie Robertson, whose **English-designed garden** is a delight to visit. Walkways lure you to explore each area further.

A delicious **home-cooked lunch** is served at Crosshills.

Notes:

As parts of the caves at Waitomo are small and narrow, this tour is not suitable for guests who are claustrophobic. There are approximately 200 steps located intermittently throughout the cave. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair or for those with mobility limitations. Travel time to Waitomo is approximately three hours each way.

Wonderful Waiheke



Approximately 5½ -6 hours



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Leaving the ship, board a **high-speed ferry** for the 35-minute journey along the **Waitemata Harbour** to arrive at Matiatia wharf on beautiful **Waiheke Island**.

Travel by coach through **Oneroa Village**, past the many picturesque bays and beaches on the northern coast and through the main residential and holiday home areas.

Beautiful views of the coastline and rolling inland pastures accompany you during this drive to **Onetangi Beach**. This sweeping strand is regarded as one of the finest in New Zealand, where the islands annual "horse" race is held.

Head to Rangihoua where you will enjoy a delicious morning tea, before heading to **two local wineries**. With hot, dry summers and stony soils, Waiheke is a perfect growing ground for a variety of grapes. Boutique wineries produce high quality wines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and, more recently, Chardonnay. The gorgeous wine estates you will visit are true gems, and best of all, you will have the opportunity to taste the wines that are produced here.

You will return by ferry to Auckland and the ship.

Notes:

Minimum age is 18 years. To participate in the wine tasting, persons under the age of 21 must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or over. Not advisable for guests using a wheelchair. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.