

THE BEST OF AUCKLAND 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



Superbly positioned between two stunning harbours, Auckland is a thriving cosmopolitan city in a truly beautiful setting. In Maori Auckland is known as Tamaki Makau Rau or 'The maiden with a hundred lovers', as it was an area desired by many tribes. This is not surprising as its location alone makes it amazing. Add a sunny, warm climate, a pulsating business district, the exotic influence of Polynesian culture and a passion for sensational food, entertainment and shopping and it is little wonder that Aucklanders enjoy a lifestyle that is ranked amongst the best in the world.

Auckland is New Zealand's largest city yet within just half an hour you can find yourself in some of the most diverse environments. A short journey out west to explore the wild West Coast beaches of Muriwai, Bethells, Piha or Karekare is essential. Also in this direction are the expansive Waitakere Ranges, a lush rainforest ideal for anyone seeking hiking or canyoning. From the city travel north over the Harbour Bridge (which can be climbed and even bungee jumped off) or take a peaceful ferry ride and you'll find yourself on the North Shore, a relaxed haven of beaches and cafes. Here you can discover Devonport, an arty township where you can explore North Head for old World War II tunnels and breathtaking harbour and city views. The Auckland War Museum is well worth seeing as it home to many Maori treasures and there are daily Maori culture performances. To truly

appreciate the diversity of Auckland check out the spectacular array of Maori and Polynesian goods at the Otara markets and be sure to visit the bustling restaurants and bars at the Viaduct Basin. Auckland's Hauraki Gulf provides a world of adventure. From a leisurely walk up the black lava volcanic island of Rangitoto to sunbathing and beachcombing on any one of the other islands scattering the gulf, there is plenty to do. Waiheke Island is considered the jewel of the Hauraki Gulf. With sensational white sandy beaches, native forests, fantastic art and shopping, and numerous wineries it is ideal for a day of exploration or several days of indulgence and relaxation.

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DAY 1 AUCKLAND

After arriving in Auckland and transferring to your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure.

Accommodations: Auckland for 3 nights

DAY 2 AUCKLAND

Travel around the city centre and over the Auckland Harbour Bridge with its stunning views of the harbour and city skyline. Visit the Viaduct Harbour and Auckland's famous Queen Street, and enjoy the lush grounds of the Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park.

Stop for morning tea in charming Parnell Village, a historic suburb which has been transformed into a unique boutique shopping experience. The tour continues along the waterfront to the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park, named after a much-respected Prime Ministers of New Zealand. With panoramic views of the harbour and beautiful formal gardens, it's a great spot to take photos.

After a scenic trip back along Tamaki Drive to the city, arrive at Auckland's Sky Tower, the tallest man-made structure in New Zealand at 328 metres high. Prepare yourself for breathtaking 360 degree views from the observation deck of this Auckland landmark. On a clear day you'll be able to gaze as far as 80 kilometres in all directions – it's the perfect way to get to know the city of Auckland and its surroundings.

DAY 3 HALF DAY WINE ON WAIKEKE TOUR

After arriving at the dock on Waiheke Island, you'll be greeted by your knowledgeable tour driver and escorted to your luxury coach. The first stop is the stunning Mudbrick Vineyard, where you'll enjoy your first tasting experience while overlooking the sparkling waters of the Hauraki Gulf. The Goldie Room the next vineyard on route is one of Waiheke's most established wineries. The views will take your breath away as your sight extends across to Auckland city and beyond to the Coromandel. Here you'll enjoy tastings of their beautiful wines and indulge in a platter of some mouthwatering nibbles. The exquisite Te Whau Vineyard is the last stop on the tour and their wine tastings are definitely worth the wait! Not only does Te Whau capture the essence of 5 star quality wines, it's also acclaimed for its restaurant, stunning panoramic views and outstanding architecture. Your tour concludes by transporting you back to Matiatia Wharf to take the ferry back to Auckland

DAY 4 AUCKLAND

Say farewell to the "City of Sails" as you are transferred to the airport for your onward journey.

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for 3 nights in double occupancy
- Return airport transfers
- Visits as per itinerary

Not included • International/domestic flights and airport taxes • Electronic Travel Authority for New Zealand +/- \$NZD 12 and International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) fee of +/- \$NZD 35 , must be obtain online prior departure at www.newzealandeta.com • Optional excursions, beverages items of a personal nature • Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers.

Hotel Options or similar	
City	4*
Auckland	Auckland City Hotel

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from, double occupancy	Land package
Daily Departures	4*
September 1 - 27, 2021	689
Single room supplement, or single passenger	On request
Note: Seasonal surcharges may apply	

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