





## POINTS OF INTEREST

**1 Auckland Museum** Located in the Auckland Domain offers an excellent display of Maori artifacts and culture including an 82 foot (25 meter) long war canoe. The museum also houses a fine collection of South Pacific items and New Zealand wildlife including a giant Moa model and exhibits from around the world.

**2 Auckland Art Gallery** Located at Wellesley and Lorne Streets and Wellesley and Kitchener Streets is New Zealand's first permanent art gallery opened in 1888. The country's most

significant collections of New Zealand and European art, over 10,000 works, are housed in the gallery's two buildings.

**3 Sky Tower** Located on the corner of Victoria and Federal Streets. At 1,176 feet (328 meters), the Sky Tower is the tallest structure in the southern hemisphere. Three observation levels (including an outdoor deck) offer superb panoramic views of Auckland cityscape and beyond. "Orbit" is the brasserie-style revolving restaurant in the tower. **Sky City** is designed to be a New Zealand experience. Its indigenous theme is carried throughout the complex with commissioned works representing

different aspects of New Zealand's heritage, drawing on Maori legend and early settlement. Murals and sculptures by leading New Zealand contemporary artists have a spectacular visual and physical presence.

**4 Hobson Wharf Maritime Museum** Located harborside at the Viaduct Basin, on the corner of Quay and Hobson Streets. This museum on the downtown waterfront is dedicated to one of New Zealand's national obsessions – sailing. This extensive museum is a must for lovers of the sea and explores 1,000 years of the seafaring history of this Pacific island nation.

## Beyond Auckland

**Auckland Zoological Park** One of New Zealand's leading family attractions set in stunning park-like surroundings. Spend a day exploring native New Zealand bush, African grasslands or a subtropical rainforest. Over 1,500 native and exotic animals including kiwi, tuatara, elephants, rhino, giraffe, monkeys and lions.

**Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Encounter and Underwater World** Kelly Tarlton's is a unique aquarium housed in old stormwater holding tanks. An acrylic tunnel runs through the aquarium and you travel through on a moving footpath, with the fish swimming all around you. You can step off at any time to take a better look and the whole place is designed to recreate the experience of scuba diving around the coast of New Zealand. Located at 23 Tamaki Drive, 3.75 miles (6 km) from downtown.

**Rainbow's End Amusement Park** This large amusement park on the Great South Road at Manukau.

**Rangitoto Volcanic Islands** Rangitoto is just 6 miles (10 km) northeast of the city. The youngest of the 50 or so volcanic cones in the Auckland region, Rangitoto rose from the sea only about 600 years ago, in a series of volcanic explosions. Rangitoto is a good place for a picnic. It has lots of pleasant walks, a saltwater swimming pool, BBQs near the wharf and a great view from the summit of the 853 foot (260 meter) cone. Lava caves are another attraction. The hike from the wharf to the summit takes about an hour. Up at the top a loop walk goes around the crater's rim. The walk to the lava caves branches off the summit walk and takes 15 minutes one way. A tractor train tour also meets the ferry and goes to the summit for a charge.

**SHORE EXCURSIONS** To make the most of your visit to Auckland and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing, consult your Shore Excursion Brochure, Shore Excursion TV Channel or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, guests are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

**LOCAL CUSTOMS** Tipping: Tips or gratuities are not normally expected for normal service in New Zealand. However, you may wish to show your appreciation by tipping for extra

service or kindness.

**Local Cuisine:** The cuisine style known as "Pacific Rim" dips into the culinary heritage of the many different cultures within the Oceania region. You can expect some of the finest dining experiences imaginable – fresh local seafood, lamb, beef, venison and wild pork, enhanced with flavors borrowed from Europe, the Mediterranean, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Polynesia, China and Vietnam.

**Local drink:** New Zealand boasts a vibrant spirits industry and samples of the country's renowned vintages are widely available at restaurants and pubs. Almost all the beer is now brewed by only two companies, New Zealand Breweries and DB Breweries. Steinlager, the various types of DB (Bitter, Export etc) and Lion Red are probably the most popular beers. There are a few small breweries where beer is made and consumed on the premises. As the ancestral home of New Zealand winemaking, some of New Zealand's top wine brands are based in Auckland. Buttery Chardonnays, zesty Sauvignon Blancs, spicy Gewurztraminers, robust Cabernet Sauvignons and tasty Pinot Noirs. Many wineries have established International reputations, particularly for their whites. A notable wine-producing area near Auckland is Henderson. Winery visits and tours are popular and of course there is the wine tasting. New Zealand wine takes top billing in most Auckland restaurants, because it compliments the Pacific Rim style of food so perfectly. An unusual New Zealand specialty is kiwi fruit wine. There are lots of different varieties and even a liqueur. You may not like it, but New Zealand's the best place to try it.

**SHOPPING FACILITIES** Typical souvenirs found throughout New Zealand are greenstone jewelry, paua shell jewelry, sheepskins and hand-knitted pull overs.

**Queen Street** is the location for a downtown shopping center.

**Parnell Village** Charming and picturesque Parnell Village is a hub of quality shops and restaurants – one mile (1.62 km) of the best Auckland has to offer. Rustic courtyards paved with tawny bricks lead to gracious old buildings adorned with wood and wrought iron lacework. Exclusive specialty and designer boutiques, galleries, fine jewelry, craftshops, deli-style cafés, and bustling pubs outside Auckland.

**Newmarket, Broadway** Modern style shops featuring fashion.

**Queens Arcade** At the corner of Queen and Customs Street.

**Victoria Park Market Shop** in this bargain hunter's Mecca set in historic brick buildings.

**LOCAL CURRENCY** The currency is the New Zealand Dollar. Foreign exchange rates fluctuate. There is also a slight variation for cash or traveler's checks.