48 Hour Auckland Exploration - TRENZ Saturday 4 May and Sunday 5 May 2024



Kia ora, welcome to Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland. Your 2-day itinerary includes central Auckland activities and an excursion to the picturesque Waiheke Island.

For this itinerary we suggest that you pack a light jacket, with flat shoes required for your America's Cup sailing experience. Our hosts at Explore Group will provide wet weather jackets, if required onboard the yacht.

Registrations for this famil close on Friday 5 April 2024 - register now!

Saturday 4 May - central Auckland		
8.55am	Make your way to the entrance of The Grand by SkyCity by 8.55am, where you will be met by your Tātaki Auckland Unlimited host, enroute to Wētā Workshop Unleashed.	
	The Grand by SkyCity 90 Federal Street, Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010 www.skycityauckland.co.nz/hotels/skycity-grand/	
9am – 10.15am	Check-in at Wētā Workshop Unleashed, for our 9.15am tour. Immerse yourself in award winning experience, where you can explore interactive and immersive make-believe film sets. Focusing on the worlds of horror, fantasy and sci-fi, the experience is wildly imaginative a hosted journey into a whacky world of movie making.	
	Wētā Workshop Unleashed Convention Centre Level 5/88 Federal Street, Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010 www.wetaworkshop.com/unleashed	
10.15am – 10.45am	Time to freshen up before taking a short stroll to Viaduct Harbour.	
10.45am – 1pm	Option 1: America's Cup Yacht Sailing Experience	
	Welcome aboard on the exhilarating America's Cup Yacht! A unique opportunity to participate as crew to sail on an actual America's Cup racing yacht, no experience necessary. Take the helm, exert energy on the grinders or sit back relax and enjoy the action sailing across the beautiful Waitematā Harbour.	
	Your Explore Group guide will commence the safety briefing at 10.45am prior to the tour's start time at 11am.	
	America's Cup Yacht Address: Explore Booking Kiosk Quay Street, Viaduct, Auckland 1010 www.exploregroup.co.nz/auckland/americas-cup-sailing-experience	
	Option 2: The Easy Rider E-biking Experience with Power to the Pedal	
	Make your way to the entrance to The Pantry Café at Park Hyatt Auckland, 99 Halsey Street Auckland CBD, where you will be met by Power to the Pedal guide. Your guide will commence the safety briefing at 11.15pm prior to the tour's start time at 11.30am.	
	Enjoy an effortless electric bike journey through Auckland's iconic waterfront. Learn about the city's history and local insights as you cruise through with our knowledgeable guide.	
	Power to the Pedal https://powertothepedal.com/the-easy-rider/	



1pm – 2pm	Time to catch your breath, with a casual lunch hosted by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.
2.15pm – 3.45pm	A fully guided, state-of-the-art, interactive showcase of the All Blacks and all our national teams in black. From kick off to the final whistle, we will entertain, enthral, and educate you with the story of New Zealand's deep passion for our national sport.
	All Blacks Experience Level 4/88 Federal Street, Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010 www.experienceallblacks.com
3.55pm – 5pm	Option 1: Sky Tower Observation Deck & Sky Slide
	Take a short walk to Sky Tower. Enjoy the incredible 360° views of Tāmaki Makaurau from the Sky Tower Observation Deck, taking in ancient volcanoes, sparkling sunlit harbours and beyond. While you are here, experience the latest SkySlide's state-of-the-art technology that takes you on an adrenaline-fuelled 360° virtual reality tour of the city's skyline.
	Sky Tower
	Victoria Street West, Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010 www.skycityauckland.co.nz/sky-tower
3.45pm – 5pm	Option 2: Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki
	Enjoy a short stroll from All Blacks Experience to Auckland Art Gallery.
	Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki features the permanent collection with a focus on New Zealand, Māori, and Pacific works. The artworks plot a visual history of New Zealand, outstanding works by Māori and Pacific Island artists and international painting, sculpture and print collections connecting us with the world beyond the Pacific.
	Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki
	Corner Kitchener and Wellesley Streets
	www.aucklandartgallery.com
	You are free to make your way to your hotel at your own leisure. If you would like shopping or dining options, please check with your host.
Sunday 5 May – Wai	iheke Island
	Make your way to Auckland's Downtown Ferry Terminal at 7.30am, where you will be met by your Tātaki Auckland Unlimited host, ready for your 8am ferry departure to Waiheke Island.
	Fullers360 Ferry Building 107 Quay Street, Auckland CBD, Auckland 1010 www.fullers.co.nz
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Waiheke Island is home to over 9,800 residents and boasts 92km2 of pristine beaches, stunning coastal headlands, vineyards, olive groves, arty seaside villages and is approximately a 45-minute cruise from Downtown Auckland.

What to prepare:

Dress for adventure, spectacular scenery, great food, and wine. We suggest you wear comfortable shoes (sneakers), smart casual wear (pants/trousers recommended), and layers including a wind jacket, or an umbrella.



9am - 11.30am	Option 1: Ziplining with EcoZip Adventures
	On arrival at Matiatia Ferry Terminal, you will be met by an Ananda Tours representative for your transfer you to EcoZip, the ultimate ziplining adventure.
	Dedicated to lovers of nature and adventure of all ages, ride a series of giant flying fox ziplines, followed by a walk beneath the cooling canopy of a regenerating rainforest.
	Ananda Tours https://www.ananda.co.nz/
	EcoZip Adventures https://www.ecozipadventures.co.nz/
11.45am – 4.30pm	Continue your day with Ananda Tours for the Half Day Scenic Wine & Lunch experience. Enjoy a casual lunch at a local vineyard, followed by a scenic stop at Onetangi Beach and visit more internationally acclaimed vineyards on the island. The tour finishes at 4.30pm, in time for your 5pm return ferry to downtown Auckland.
	Note: Alternative tours are available upon request to your TAU host, including the 5.5 hour Gourmet's Food & Wine tour and the Essence of Waiheke Wine tour, starting from 10am to 3.30pm, returning you at Mātiatia Ferry Terminal for your 4pm ferry to Auckland City.
5pm – 5.45pm	Ferry from Waiheke Island to Auckland City.
	Make your way to your hotel at your own leisure. If you would like shopping or dining options, please check with your host.
Monday 6 May	
	Check out of your hotel, prior to your self-arranged transfer to Auckland Domestic Airport for your flight departure to Wellington.

What you need to know: These itineraries will operate subject to minimum and maximum numbers and are subject to change. Airport transfers to and from Auckland City are own arrangements. The tour includes entrance to activities and attractions, and a hosted lunch.

Please contact our team at <u>destinationindustry@aucklandnz.com</u> if you have any queries or are travelling on alternative dates.