

## Shore Excursions

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THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU WILL FIND SYMBOLS WITH EACH DESCRIPTION TO ASSIST YOU IN CHOOSING THE SHORE EXCURSION THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU:


 Minimal activity

 Moderate activity

 OE Oceania Exclusive

 BB Beyond Blueprints

 GG Go Green


 Easy activity


 Strenuous activity

 OS Oceania Select

 CD Culinary Discovery

 GL Go Local

 Evening excursion

 Meal included

 ADA Accessible

 FW Food & Wine Trails

 WT Wellness Tour

## Melbourne, Australia

### MEB-001 SOVEREIGN HILL & WILDLIFE PARK

Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 8.50 Hrs Price: \$339.00



#### OVERVIEW

Take a full-immersion trip back to Gold Rush days in a town that never left them, and tour a wildlife park where the fauna roams free. This adventurous day begins with a 90-minute drive to the town of Sovereign Hill, a true living museum where the shops, miners' huts, cottages, hotels and other buildings all carefully replicate the style of the 1850s, when gold dust and nuggets were how you paid your bar bill. Informative displays document daily life in the era and the craft and jewelry shops offer similar goods to those sold during the Rush. Lunch will be served at a popular local eatery before moving on to historic Ballarat – it's a larger city, full of showy architecture built with the considerable wealth hauled out of the ground after the first strike was discovered nearby in 1851. On a drive through the charming city center, your driver will point out Ballarat's most notable highlights, including impressive botanical gardens planted along the shore on Lake Wendouree at the peak of the era. Later, on a visit to Ballarat Wildlife Park, you'll encounter free-roaming kangaroos, koalas, emus, Tasmanian devils, wombats and other iconic Aussie animals.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach across scenic Victoria terrain to the area where the Gold Rush of the 1850s began.
- Step into a living time capsule in Sovereign Hill, a perfectly recreated gold mining town – right down to the stagecoaches and spittoons.
- Wander period streets, browse period shops, and enjoy lunch served with modern utensils at a popular restaurant.
- Enjoy a guided drive through the historic center of Ballarat, the actual town where the Rush began.
- Visit Ballarat Wildlife Park and stroll among kangaroos, koalas, wombats and other native Aussie fauna.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves up to 3-hours of walking/standing, at guests' discretion during free time at Sovereign Hill and Ballarat Wildlife Park. Terrain varies from dirt and sealed roads to timber paths and grass areas, steps and inclines. Tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests or those with walking or mobility concerns.

### MEB-005 COUNTRYSIDE VICTORIA-BIRDS & CRAFTS

Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00



#### OVERVIEW

Take a walk in Sherbrooke Forest, home to incredibly tall hardwoods and uniquely colorful birds, then browse for crafts in a local village. Just an hour east of cosmopolitan Melbourne, Sherbrooke Forest feels worlds away in many senses. This natural area within the Dandenong Ranges is not only home to vast stands of mountain ash, the world's tallest flowering plant, but to a flock of superb lyrebirds, large songbirds known for their famously showy tails. And they're not the only kooky Aussie forest fowl who live here. As you stroll, you'll want to keep an eye out for crimson rosellas, kookaburras, bellbirds and one of the impressive and playful feathered residents: the king parrot. These inquisitive birds are so bold

they may land right on your arm, or even your head. Once you've had your fill of avian and arboreal beauty, you'll be ready to discover some other local color – in the form of excellent artisan crafts carried in the shops of small area towns like Olinda. Browse awhile for jewelry, glassware, pottery, leather goods, or woodcarvings – then enjoy a brief highlights drive through Melbourne during the return drive to the pier.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach into the unspoiled Dandenong region for a walk in Sherbrooke Forest.
- Marvel at sky-high hardwoods, with colorfully unique Australian birdlife flitting among the branches.
- Catch glimpse of rosellas, kookaburras, bellbirds, lyrebirds and bold king parrots.
- Visit Olinda or another of the local mountain towns renowned for their excellent craft shops.
- Enjoy a panoramic orientation spin through Melbourne on the return.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### PLEASE NOTE

This tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability as there is some moderate walking and unpaved and uneven surfaces to negotiate. Wildlife sightings, although likely, cannot be guaranteed.

### MEB-006 LEISURELY MELBOURNE

Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$99.00



#### OVERVIEW

Sit back and enjoy this panoramic orientation drive through Australia's 'most livable city.' It's vibrant, multi-cultural, sporting, fashionable, food-and-culture-loving and the capital of Victoria – and all that's just for starters. You'll visit the bayside suburb of St. Kilda, with its lovely beaches, Esplanade and hopping café scene. See the F1 Grand Prix circuit wrapping around Albert Park Lake, and stop for photos at the landmark Shrine of Remembrance WWI memorial, maybe strolling across to the Royal Botanic Gardens' gift shop. Drive past the Rod Laver Tennis Center, where the Australian Open is played each January, and the Melbourne Cricket Ground made famous as the venue for the 1956 Olympic Games, now home to thundering Aussie Rules Football and stadium concert crowds. In the heart of the city's historic and governmental quarter, see The Treasury, Parliament House, the Windsor Hotel, Princess Theatre and the impressive Gothic buildings that line Collins Street. And travel through the Carlton district, where the rococo Royal Exhibition Building stands alongside the ultramodern Melbourne Museum. Throughout the drive, your professional guide's commentary will bring the city's history and backstories to life.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic introduction to Melbourne, seeing the top sights and learning about their history.
- See everything from the beachside Esplanade in St. Kilda to the ornate Princess Theater built in 1854.
- Pass sporting icons like the Rod Laver Tennis Center, the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the lakeside Formula One race circuit in Albert Park.
- Visit the colonnaded Shrine of Remembrance, commemorating those who fought in World War I.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is mainly at guest's discretion. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who are able to both make their way on and off the coach and sit in a coach seat. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina before participating. The order of sites visited or viewed may vary.

**MEB-007 MELBOURNE AND GARDENS**

**Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

This excursion combines panoramic sightseeing, a historic garden walk, and sky-high Melbourne views from a 92-story skyscraper. The half-day begins with a drive to Fitzroy Gardens in the city center, its earliest plantings dating from 1860. Enjoy a guided tour of the showy Conservatory and of a charming two-story brick cottage hidden among the trees – the family home of famed explorer Captain James Cook, transplanted to this garden from Yorkshire. Rejoining your coach, settle in for a spin past landmark buildings including The Treasury, Parliament House, the Windsor Hotel, Princess Theatre and the marvelous Gothic lineup along Collins Street. A stop at the iconic Shrine of Remembrance, commemorating those who fought in World War I, allows time for photos and a climb up for balcony views if you're feeling energetic. But the Melbourne views coming next will trump any others today as you visit Eureka Skydeck 88 atop one of the world's tallest residential buildings. Lightning fast elevators whisk you from the ground to the Skydeck in a mere 40 seconds, and from the floor-to-ceiling windows up here you'll have thrilling 360-degree views of the entire city, Port Phillip Bay and the mountains of the Dandenong Range.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a narrated highlights drive through Melbourne City, passing many of its landmark sights.
- Stop at the colonnaded Shrine of Remembrance, commemorating those who served in World War I.
- Take a guided walk through Fitzroy Gardens, including the flower-filled Conservatory and Captain Cook's Cottage.
- Zip to the top of the Eureka Tower in 40 seconds and gasp at the city-wide views from Skydeck 88.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 40 minutes of walking over mostly even surfaces. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who are able to both make their way on and off the coach and sit in a coach seat. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina before participating. The order of sites visited or viewed may vary.

**MEB-010 MELBOURNE PAST & PRESENT**

**Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00**



OVERVIEW

Explore some of the many landmarks Melbourne has accumulated, from its 1835 founding to the 21st century. Renowned as Australia's 'most livable city,' Melbourne is a place of Old World charm and magnificent parks and gardens. It's also a cosmopolitan, constantly-emerging hotbed of progressive cultural trends, artisan food, and passionate, world-class

sporting events. There's no way to see it all, though one stop on this tour comes close as you travel by lightning-fast elevator to the Eureka Skydeck 88. Clad in floor-to-ceiling windows atop one of the world's tallest residential buildings, you can catch amazing 360-degree views of the entire city from here along with shimmering Port Phillip Bay and the Dandenong mountains in the distance. Less lofty but very moving, you'll visit the city's iconic Shrine of Remembrance, honoring those who served in World War I. Climb to the balcony if you like, or take a stroll toward the adjoining Royal Botanic Gardens. Additional sights seen include the modern Crown Casino complex and Convention Center along the Yarra River and several tony residential suburbs. Later, enjoy free time to explore the natural history collections of Melbourne Museum on your own, returning to the coach at a preset time.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See and visit highlights from Melbourne's elegant past and vibrant present on this coach-driven tour.
- Zip to the top of the Eureka Tower in 40 seconds and gasp at the city-wide views from Skydeck 88.
- Stop at the iconic Shrine of Remembrance, a moving memorial to those who served in World War I.
- Travel past convention and casino complexes, though leafy riverside suburbs and along shopping boulevards.
- Enjoy free time to exploring the Melbourne Museum's collections independently.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Amount of walking and level of exertion on this tour is at guest's discretion during stops. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**MEB-012 HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY WITH WILDLIFE RANGER**

**Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$249.00**



OVERVIEW

View some of Australia's most unusual animals up close at a wildlife center that focuses on saving endangered species. As you wander through the Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary, a ranger will describe the various creatures that may include spiny anteaters, kangaroos and dingoes. More than 200 species of indigenous animals reside in the sanctuary and observing them in their natural habitats will be a delight. You might encounter tiny Key's matchstick grasshoppers, wombats and Tasmanian devils, the world's largest carnivorous marsupial. You can expect to see cuddly favorites such as koalas in the gum trees and peculiar-looking platypuses swimming in the ponds. Bird-lovers will find native avian species such as emus, cassowaries and orange-bellied parrots fascinating to watch. You will also enjoy free time to meander about other areas that sound captivating. For instance, there is an entire track devoted to woodland animals such as rock wallabies, kookaburras and bandicoots.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Observe a wide variety of indigenous and endangered Australian animals in a wildlife sanctuary.
- Learn weird facts about the animals while accompanying a wildlife ranger through the sanctuary.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Spend free time exploring areas that you might have missed on the guided tour.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

Guests need to be able to walk/stand for 2 hours on uneven grounds. Behind the scenes may include dirt tracks, grassy areas etc. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**MEB-GG1 MELBOURNE'S ECOLOGY & YARRA RIVER**

**Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$269.00**



OVERVIEW

Kayak along the Yarra River as it winds through downtown Melbourne and discover how the city protects its fragile environment and local birdlife. The river is considered the social heart of Melbourne because so many attractions and popular parks line its banks. As your guide will explain, the Yarra's water quality and ecology have improved significantly since the 1970s, when the river contained high levels of industrial waste. As you paddle along at a comfortable pace, you will pass under the Princes Bridge—a landmark on the Victorian Heritage Register—and skirt by the Flinders Street Railway Station, both extraordinary examples of 19th-century architecture. Melbourne also values its greenspaces, including verdant Alexandra Gardens and lush Batman Park, which you will find on opposite sides of the Yarra. Oases such as these attract a vast array of birds, so be sure to look for parrots, grey fantails and white-plumed honeyeaters, which thrive even in dense urban habitats.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Paddle a kayak along the Yarra River as it meanders through downtown Melbourne .
- Hear how Melbourne has protected its environment despite increased urban sprawl .
- Look for birds that thrive in dense urban settings .
- Pass some of Melbourne's iconic architecture, some of it dating to the 19th century .

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

PLEASE NOTE

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns, recent back or neck injuries, heart conditions, epilepsy, diabetes, respiratory conditions or pregnant women should caution their own personal stamina. Life jackets must be worn while on the water. Guests must bring their own water bottle, to keep this tour eco-friendly, single use plastic bottles will not be provided. Tour will operate during rain but may be cancelled if the weather is deemed unsafe. The itinerary may operate in a different order. Guests will be provided with transport back to the ship; however they may choose to stay in the city after their tour, but will be responsible for their own transport back to the ship. Wildlife Sightings are not guaranteed.

**MEB-GL1 MELBOURNE THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCAL**

**Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00**



OVERVIEW

Explore Melbourne with a local that will show you places off the beaten path that will leave you with a true understanding of the city. To reach downtown, you will ride the tram with plenty of Melbournites who will be engaged in conversation. You might just listen in or the guide may introduce you and see if the other commuters would like to offer their opinions of living in Melbourne. Then, depending on your interests, the guide will lead you to areas that most tourists never see. You might head to laneways adorned with stencil art and murals, peruse small boutiques with one-of-a-kind merchandise and pass through residential neighborhoods that are up-and-coming or immensely affluent. If you're sports-minded, you may like to take the tram to a cricket grounds or where the locals play Aussie-rules football. The guide will also take you to a favorite café, where you can enjoy a cup of coffee and discuss your impressions of Melbourne.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride the tram into Melbourne with a local guide and other Melbournites.
- See many of the hidden, out-of-the-way places that are characteristic of Melbourne.
- Choose an interest such as shopping or art and see the best places to enjoy them.
- Discuss your impressions of Melbourne over coffee with locals and your guide.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

**MEB-GL2 URBAN HEART OF MELBORNE**

**Date: Feb 12, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM**  
**Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$289.00**



OVERVIEW

Wander around the bohemian neighborhood of Fitzroy with a local who will happily show you the most intriguing shops and streets. You will start your exploration of the quirky, highly creative neighborhood with a cup of tea at your guide's favorite café. Chances are, you will meet other locals who will share their stories and the reasons they live in Fitzroy. Much of the attraction is food and drink, as you will discover in Little Italy. While enjoying a freshly made gelato or a just-baked pastry, you can't help but be caught up in the authenticity of this vibrant district where Melbourne's café culture first originated. In time, the guide will lead you to some of the more eccentric boutiques, and there are plenty to choose from. You will then toast the day with a cocktail at one of Fitzroy's local watering holes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow a local around Melbourne's quirky Fitzroy neighborhood.
- Mingle with a variety of locals and really get to know them in just a short time.
- Enjoy a cup of gelato or a pastry in the Little Italy neighborhood.
- Shop in boutiques that locals own and stock with unusual merchandise.
- Linger over a cocktail at a traditional neighborhood pub in Fitzroy.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

**Burnie (Tasmania), Australia**

**BWT-002 GUNNS PLAINS CAVES AND WILDLIFE**

**Date: Feb 13, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00**



Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

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Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

OVERVIEW

Descend into dramatically lit limestone caverns and wander a wildlife park inhabited by an impressive collection of Tasmanian fauna. Your picturesque drive from Burnie skirts a sizable forest preserve to reach the mysterious underground world of stalactites and stalagmites at Gunns Plains Caves. Inadvertently discovered in 1906 by a hunter in pursuit of a possum, the original method of entering these caves by rope descent has thankfully been replaced by a civilized 54-step stairway and a series of comfortable paths. Your guide will point out the caverns' most interesting geological features, many of them illuminated for added drama. Giant lobsters and eels flourish in the cave's still-flowing underground river, where you might spot several platypus nesting along the shores. Many more unusual indigenous species await you above ground on a visit to Wings Wildlife Park, where you'll have free time to meander the trails – encountering famous animals like the Tasmanian devil, and obscure ones like the bettong, tiny marsupials who hop around like mini-kangaroos. Other unfamiliar and fascinating creatures who call the park home include boobook owls, crab-eating macaques, quolls and long-nosed potoroos. You won't find any of these at your local pet shop.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel inland across scenic Tasmanian terrain to tour an impressive underground series of caves.
- View calcite shawls and flowstone formations – illuminated by lights and your guides' commentary.
- See bioluminescent glowworms clinging to cavern walls and platypus nests along an underground river.
- Visit an above-ground park that's home to the largest collection of Tasmanian wildlife in Australia.
- Walk trails where Tasmanian devils, bettongs, quolls and potoroos are among the curious inhabitants.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light sweater or jacket since caves can be cool.
- Closed-toe walking shoes with non-slip soles are recommended; no heels, please.
- Bring a hat and sun protection as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate-to-strenuous walking that includes steep inclines, steps, a short ladder and uneven surfaces which can be slippery at times. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-004 GARDENS AND WILDLIFE**

**Date: Feb 13, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00**



OVERVIEW

Journey into Tasmania's unique natural world as you tour an indigenous wildlife park full of indigenous animals and a tranquil garden full of rhododendrons. The experience begins with a leisurely drive inland toward Mount Dial Nature Recreation Area, traversing idyllic terrain and scattered villages where life has changed little over the centuries. Once at Wings Wildlife Park, you'll have free time to ramble the trails as you encounter famous animals like the Tasmanian devil, and obscure ones like the bettong – tiny marsupials who hop around like mini-kangaroos. Other unfamiliar creatures who call the park home include boobook owls, crab-eating macaques, quolls and long-nosed potoroos. Even American bison and

Japanese quail are on the resident list. In contrast, the feature attraction at Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden is the flora, not the fauna, although here too you might run across South Pacific oddities like platypus and echidna joining the more conventional garden dwellers such as wild ducks and grebes. It's a beautiful setting of meandering paths dotted with water features and gazebos – and some 22,000 rhododendrons. Plenty of other flowering shrubs and bedding plants ensure a colorful visit, no matter the time of year.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach through unspoiled Tasmanian terrain to the Mount Dial Nature Recreation Area.
- Spend an hour among the many curious inhabitants who call Wings Wildlife Park home.
- See Tasmanian devils, bettongs, quolls, potoroos and others in this curiosity-shop of indigenous fauna.
- Experience the pastoral tranquility of Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden, colorful in any season.
- Wander garden paths in a landscape dotted with lakes, waterfalls, bridges and gazebos.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is primarily at guests' discretion as both the wildlife park and garden visits are self-guided, with approximately one hour at each location to explore on your own. The surfaces to negotiate will be uneven and natural at times. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-005 TRUE INDULGENCE-CHEESE, CHOCOLATE & WINE**

**Date: Feb 13, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$249.00**



OVERVIEW

Experience true indulgence on a tour that seeks out fine epicurean delicacies produced around Burnie, including intensely flavored cheeses, creamy chocolates and robust wines. A century ago, this town was all about timber and papermaking, today it's evolved into a thriving arts center. And though times change, certain tastes don't. Like the taste of the exquisite cheeses made in the dairy country surrounding Burnie. The area's climate, salt-laden atmosphere and lush pasturelands are simply ideal for cheese making. The exact varieties available for tasting at the visited venue change daily – but you'll likely find sharp cheddar, creamy camembert and distinctly flavored parmesan among them. A visit to the sweet shop of a Belgian chocolatier will stimulate a different part of your palate. Besides learning about their techniques, you'll sample treats that may include orange-flavored fudge, dark ganache truffles and white chocolate couverture buttons – all made extra-delicious thanks to Tasmania's extraordinary cream and butter. And what more perfect accompaniment to these delights than a tasting of locally produced wines? Depending on which boutique winery is visited this day, you may sample a deep-garnet Shiraz, a light Pinot Grigio or a fruity rosé. Turns out grapes, too, appreciate the local growing conditions.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

HIGHLIGHTS

- Treat your taste buds to a delight-filled survey of the Burnie area's top culinary indulgences.
- Visit a local cheese producer for a sampling session of what's on the tasting roster today.
- Call on a local chocolatier with Belgian credentials who combines Tasmanian cream and butter with other artisanal ingredients to create... nirvana.
- Toast your gastronomic good fortune to have found this tour by sampling the wines of a local boutique vineyard.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes just under 3 hours of easy-to-moderate walking over mostly even surfaces. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-006 DEVILS AND ROOS**

**Date: Feb 13, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$139.00**



OVERVIEW

Travel to a rural wildlife park for up-close looks at Tasmanian devils, kangaroos and some most-unusual other animals, then enjoy a driving overview of Burnie. Your leisurely drive inland toward Mount Dial Nature Recreation Area traverses idyllic terrain and scattered villages where life has changed little over the centuries. Once at Wings Wildlife Park, you'll have ample free time to ramble the trails and encounter famous fauna like the Tasmanian devil and Australia's trademark kangaroo, as well as obscure ones like the bettong, a tiny marsupial that hops around like a mini-kangaroo. Other strange and unfamiliar creatures who call the park home include boobook owls, crab-eating macaques, quolls and long-nosed potoroos. Somehow, even American bison and Japanese quail are on the resident list. The more you learn about this immense menagerie of Tasmanian wildlife and their behaviors, the more interesting they seem. Back in Burnie, you'll enjoy a downtown drive before returning to the pier. Founded in 1828 around an excellent natural harbor on Emu Bay and surrounded by vast eucalyptus forests, the timber industry dominated the town for the next 100 years. Today, the creative arts and culinary endeavors are what Burnie is most known for.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach to Wings Wildlife Park, the largest collection of Tasmanian wildlife in Australia.
- Spend about two hours meandering the park's paths and encountering its residents.
- See Tasmanian devils, kangaroos, bettongs, quolls, potoroos and others in this curiosity-shop of indigenous fauna.
- Settle in for a scenic return drive across an unspoiled landscape, followed by an informative orientation spin around Burnie itself.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended; no heels,

please.

- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is primarily at guests' discretion as the visit to Wings Wildlife Park is self-guided. You will have approximately 2 hours there to explore on your own. The surfaces to negotiate will be uneven and natural at times. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns, who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-007 MAJESTIC CRADLE MOUNTAIN**

**Date: Feb 13, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$329.00**



OVERVIEW

Admire the raw natural beauty of Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, take a walk in the woods, see shimmering Dove Lake, and learn about Tasmania's curious flora and fauna. Even the coach drive from Burnie is an epic experience, traversing some of the wildest, most undisturbed terrain in Tasmania – including primeval rainforests, sub-alpine lakes and jagged Mount Ossa. The natural wonders keep coming as you arrive at the park, part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. A visit to the interpretation center provides background and history on this region of icy streams cascading from rugged mountains, King Billy pines climbing skyward and fascinating wildlife such as Tasmanian devils, quolls and platypus. With free time to ramble, you might opt for a walk on a forest path toward Pencil Pine Creek and several waterfalls. After a time, you'll be driven to Dove Lake, gleaming with reflections in the shadow of iconic Cradle Mountain, whose twin dolerite spires are an unforgettable sight on a sunny day. Once again, your time here is at your leisure; consider a walk along the forested lakeshore or simply relax in this majestic setting awhile shade before heading to nearby Cradle Mountain Lodge for lunch.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a leisurely coach drive inland, passing emerald forests, shimmering lakes and jagged Mt. Ossa, highest peak in Tasmania.
- Arrive at Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park and get oriented at the visitors' center.
- Take a meandering walk in the woods, where an icy-clear creek cascades down through several falls.
- Travel to remote Dove Lake and revel in this iconic landscape with Cradle Mountain as its backdrop.
- Relax over lunch served at Cradle Mountain Lodge before the return drive to Burnie pier.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, insect repellent, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking, with discretionary additional walking at Dove Lake where natural and uneven surfaces will be encountered. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

**BWT-008 STUNNING STANLEY & THE NUT**

**Date: Feb 13, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$239.00**



OVERVIEW

Discover the charms of northwest Tasmania while driving along the coast, from atop the flat-topped bluff known as the Nut and as you wander through the friendly village of Stanley. The shoreline couldn't be more picturesque or pristine, as you will discover on the approach to the Nut, an ancient volcanic plug that rises above the outskirts of Stanley. If you think the views are spectacular while riding the chair lift to the top, wait until you reach the summit. This elevated vantage point offers the ultimate bird's-eye perspective of Stanley. During free time in the village, you might dine on your own, shop in the boutiques or simply take in the surrounding natural beauty. Following an enlightening stop at the 19th-century Highfield House, you will head to Table Cape Lookout, which sits atop the remains of another ancient volcano. On a clear day, you can see distant mountain ranges and Low Head, a suburb of George Town.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the natural beauty of Tasmania's northwest coast.
- Ride a chair lift to the top of the Nut, the remains of an ancient volcano.
- Meander through the village of Stanley as you please.
- Enjoy an elevated view of Tasmania's pristine scenery from Table Cape Lookout.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 2½ hours of walking and standing, at times on uneven surfaces, gravel and cobblestones. Additional walking and the level of exertion during free time is at the guests' discretion. This tour is not available for wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with mobility concerns. If the chair lift for The Nut is not running due to high winds, you can reach the top but walking 10-20 minutes on a very steep path.

**BWT-011 SCENIC COASTLINES**

**Date: Feb 13, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$99.00**



OVERVIEW

Drive along an immensely scenic coastal highway in northwestern Tasmania, stopping on occasion for photos and to take in the stunning natural beauty. You will follow the Bass Highway, a meandering coastal route named for a colonial-era surgeon that sailed aboard a sloop that made the first recorded circumnavigation of Tasmania in 1798. The landscape hasn't changed all that much over the centuries, as you will discover while pausing for photos at the most picturesque lookouts. Most of the scenery will be rocky shoreline, forested rolling hills and brilliant blue seas, all of it pristine and picture-perfect. However, on the outskirts of Burnie, you will find fertile agricultural areas. Chances are, you will pass potato farms and fields of poppies, which are grown to supply the pharmaceutical industry with raw material to manufacture medicinal products.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive the spectacularly scenic Bass Highway, a coastal route across northwestern Tasmania.
- Pause for photos at the most picturesque lookouts.
- Gain an understanding of the region's history through the guide's commentary.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair and are able to make their own way on and off transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or if assistance is required, they should travel with a companion who can provide it.

**Hobart (Tasmania), Australia**

**HBA-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF HOBART**

**Date: Feb 14, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**

**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$139.00**



OVERVIEW

Explore the diverse sights and stunning topography of Tasmania on this introduction to Hobart, its charismatic capital city. Just like the lucky locals who make their home here, you'll find yourself captivated by this town's near-ideal blend of heritage, trendiness and showy scenery. Your orientation drive hits many of Hobart's most memorable sights, from the restored whaling warehouses of Salamanca Place, now a thriving market district, to the 19th-century mansions and cottages of Battery Point, to landmarks like the Cascade Brewery at the edge of town, crafting superior ales and lagers since 1824. A trip up to the summit of either Mt. Wellington or Mount Nelson promises crisp air and Instagram-worthy photo opps of the city and Tasmania's coast. Just north of the heart of town, a section known as Queen's Domain is home to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, recently celebrating the 200th anniversary of its founding. Enjoy some free time here to explore these tranquil, well-manicured grounds at your leisure. The RTBG's historic plant collections and venerable old-growth trees have earned it recognition as one of Australia's leading botanical conservancies.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Be properly introduced to the natural and manmade attractions that define Tasmania's capital city.
- See historic Salamanca Place, Battery Point, the Cascade Brewery and other beautiful old building.
- Spend time wandering a riverside botanical garden that rivals the best of Australia and beyond.
- Ascend to the summit of one of Hobart's iconic mountain peaks for panoramic views of the city and coastline.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes limited walking, mainly at the guest's discretion. The tour is available to guests who utilize a wheelchair who can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. During bad weather, a stop at the Botanic Gardens may not be made. The order of sites visited may vary.

**HBA-002 HISTORIC HOBART, COUNTRYSIDE & WINE**

**Date: Feb 14, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00**



OVERVIEW

Tour historic Hobart, explore a picture-postcard rural town built by convicts, visit a gracious country estate and sip the wares at a premier

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

Coal Valley vineyard. Settle in for a multifaceted immersion into the beauty and flavors of Tasmania as your coach heads across the Derwent River via Australia’s oldest bridge en route to the country town of Richmond. Its well-preserved cottages, homes, shops and pub reflect life in an era long since passed, when many area landmarks were built with convict labor. After exploring this charming burg awhile, prepare your palate for a trip into the Coal Valley wine district and a tasting at Puddle Duck Winery or one of the other fine vineyards located here. Wherever you land, expect genial hosts, informative commentary and a sampling of wines selected to showcase the region’s unique terroir. Next on the agenda: a tour of elegant Runnymede house, built in 1840 for Tasmania’s first lawyer, Robert Pitcairn. Nestled outside Hobart amidst mature garden grounds, your guided visit includes a fascinating retelling of the house’s history and residents. Back in the city, enjoy a narrated spin highlighting Hobart’s own rich history as your coach works its way back to the pier.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the sights of historic Hobart and those of its rural surroundings on this scenic and varied tour.
- Cross an ancient bridge over the Derwent to visit picturesque Richmond, considered one of Australia’s most historically important towns.
- Travel into Coal Valley wine country and enjoy an informative tasting at one its award-winning wineries.
- Enjoy a guided tour of elegant Runnymede, an estate home and grounds with deep Tasmanian roots.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

The venues on this tour are not wheelchair accessible and therefore, it is not recommended for wheelchair guests. The order of sights visited may vary and itinerary may be reversed. Winery visited varies depending on availability. Guests must be at least 18 years old to participate in the wine tasting.

**HBA-003 HISTORY, HERITAGE & WILDLIFE**

**Date: Feb 14, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00**



OVERVIEW

Return to Tasmania’s colorful past in historic Richmond, a village largely built by convict labor, then get immersed in colorful nature at Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary. A brief, scenic drive into the countryside brings you across Australia’s oldest bridge and into the area where Tasmania was first settled. You’ll see the spire of St. John’s Church from Richmond Bridge, just one of the lingering reminders of the devout 19th-century settlers who first brought Christianity to this island. Dating from 1824, well-preserved Richmond village still boasts fine Georgian buildings made of native sandstone, the handiwork of conscripted convict labor. These days, visitors are free to roam the galleries, shops, and cafés now housed in those same venerable structures at will. You, too, will have time to explore at leisure. Don’t forget to bring your favorite camera; this place is outstandingly photogenic. So are the residents of your next stop, Bonorong Sanctuary, where you’ll be invited to get up close to some of the country’s most legendary wildlife. Top on the list is the endangered Tasmanian devil, but wombats, koalas and free-roaming kangaroos round out the roster nicely. Knowledgeable park guides can provide fascinating background on this fascinating and often downright bizarre menagerie.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach into the countryside around Hobart, a region rich in

history, flora and fauna.

- Cross a graceful stone bridge built in 1823 to visit one of Tasmania’s earliest-settled villages.
- Browse the cafes, shops and galleries of Richmond, housed in Georgian sandstone buildings dating back to the convict era.
- Enter a world of free-roaming ‘roos, plump wombats and rare Tasmanian devils at Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Get up close to a bettong and other native animals unique to Australia.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, insect repellent, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking mainly at the guest’s discretion. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The order of sights visited may vary and the itinerary may be reversed.

**HBA-007 OYSTERS & WINE**

**Date: Feb 14, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$189.00**



OVERVIEW

Savor delectable local oysters and sample Tasmanian wines on this informative half-day excursion to Barilla Bay Oysters. It’s a tour designed to showcase how these succulent bivalves are farmed in this part of the world, and your expert guide at the venue knows all the secrets. Learn how oysters begin life as a tiny grain and grow to full maturity. Discover the important role that tides, weather and the environment play in their development. And see how oysters are packed to ensure their peak freshness when served up in restaurants around Australia and the world. Then, having remained impressively patient all the while, collect your tasty reward: the opportunity to taste a couple oysters and relish their freshness for yourself. You’ll also be treated to a brief commentary on Tasmanian wine appreciation before sampling some of the varieties best known in this region. The route back to the pier allows for panoramic Hobart views from Rosny Point Lookout as well as a narrated orientation drive through the city.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour a venue on the outskirts of Hobart where delectable oysters are raised, shipped and savored.
- Slurp a delectable farm-fresh Tasmanian oyster or two yourself after a highly informative tour of the Barilla Bay Oysters facility.
- Enjoy a briefing on the wines best known in this part of the world, and sample these as well.
- Enjoy an orientation spin through Hobart with stellar panoramic views from a stop at Rosny Point.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves about 1 hour of moderate walking over mostly even surfaces. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Minimum age of 21 is required for wine tasting. Order of sights visited may vary and the itinerary may be reversed.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour



**HBA-008 HOBART "JEWEL OF THE SOUTH"**

**Date: Feb 14, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**

**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00**



OVERVIEW

Explore the diverse beauty and topography of Australia during this orientation tour of Hobart, the Jewel of the South. Depart the pier for your introductory tour of Hobart. Your first stop will be the historic warehouse complex of Salamanca Place, which now houses charming shops and restaurants. You will then continue on past rows of historic cottages and the elegant mansions of Battery Point to see the city's many beautiful old buildings, including the Cascade Brewery. Established in 1824, it is Australia's oldest brewery. The highlight of this tour will be a brief stop at the summit of either Mt. Wellington or Mt. Nelson (depending on weather conditions), where you will take in panoramic views and photo opportunities of Hobart and southeast Tasmania. Just minutes from the heart of Hobart, you will find Queen's Domain. Here, a visit will be made to the spectacular Royal Botanical Gardens. These gardens are considered to be among Australia's finest. Upon arrival, some time will be made available for you to stroll through and explore the gardens at your leisure.

PLEASE NOTE

It is recommended that guests dress in warm, layered clothing and wear flat, comfortable shoes.

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light jacket.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate walking plus any additional done at guests' discretion during the stops. There are mostly flat surfaces with a few steps to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The order of sites viewed or visited may vary.

**TIU-007 INLAND EXPLORER**

**Date: Feb 18, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**

**Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$299.00**



OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Discover the natural wonders that lie inland and gain an appreciation for rural life on the South Island. You won't have to travel far before the landscape becomes more agricultural and spectacularly scenic, especially as you approach the foot of the Southern Alps. There in the town of Geraldine, you can explore its boutiques and art galleries and then stop at your guide's farm to watch a demonstration of sheep shearing. Few places so seamlessly blend country living, urban amenities and natural beauty as Geraldine. From a lookout point in the gorgeous, glacier-carved Rangitata River Valley, you will enjoy an even more dramatic view of the surrounding wilderness. In Peel Forest, which is considered the gateway to the river valley, you will have the opportunity to take a short hike into the woodlands. Enormous native totara trees, some estimated to be 1,000 years old, flourish within Peel Forest.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel inland and behold the natural beauty that lies in the shadow of the Southern Alps.
- Explore the town of Geraldine, which is known for its artistic flair.
- Watch a sheep-shearing demonstration at your guide's farm.
- Marvel at the towering totara trees in Peel Forest and walk through the woods if you wish.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: Weather appropriate clothing; light jacket, sturdy walking shoes are recommended.

**TIU-002 TIMARU BOTANIC GARDENS & AIGANTIGHE**

**Date: Feb 18, 2025 Time: 01:00 PM**

**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$159.00**



OVERVIEW

Meander through a garden of roses and duck ponds, view an impressive Kiwi art collection housed in a Victorian mansion, and see a champion racehorse immortalized in bronze. Timaru is known for its sizable bounty of early 20th-century architecture and scenic Caroline Bay beachfront, both of which you will encounter as you travel the city on this leisurely-paced excursion. Step out for a freeform stroll through the Botanic Gardens on Queen Street and discover a serene oasis of fragrant rose gardens, duck ponds, and leafy New Zealand hardwoods. On the other side of the historic district, admire the artworks of the Aigantighe Art Gallery arrayed within a 1908 mansion that is itself a work of art. The collection spans from the 16th century to the present day and sprawls out into a handsome surrounding sculpture garden. But in this town, one sculpture is revered above all others – and you'll see him outside a race course on the north

**Timaru, New Zealand**

**TIU-006 VICTORIAN OAMARU**

**Date: Feb 18, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**

**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$299.00**



OVERVIEW

Spend some delightful time in the late 19th century on a visit to Oamaru, where the Victorian era – and its characters – are still very much in fashion. While only about an hour south of Timaru, Oamaru's entire ethos is more than a century behind modern times. The costumed guide that joins your coach on arrival will introduce the story of this time-shifted town, and you'll actually be welcomed to the Mayor of Victorian Oamaru. You'll be issued an official visitor 'passport' and set loose to stroll these colorful streets at your leisure. You'll have plenty of friendly company, since many of the townsfolk are out and about. There are promenading gents & ladies, penny farthing riders, horse-drawn carriages and tradespeople dressed in their period garb. You can visit the arts & crafts merchants, taste a dram of local whiskey, grab a savory bite to eat, and shop for handsome Oamaru stone, jade, leather goods, soaps and jewelry. If you need directions to anyplace, just ask a friendly local. Eventually, you'll reboard your coach and return to Timaru and the current century, stopping en route at an iconic country gift store that overflows with household keepsakes and mementos.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy wonderful South Island coast views as you travel to a town where the Victorian era never ended.
- Enjoy a welcome from the Mayor of Victorian Oamaru, then explore this steampunk wonderland.
- See streets alive with period characters, horse-drawn carriages and shops offering arts & crafts and famous Oamaru limestone items.
- Taste the local whiskey, grab a bite to eat, surrender to the atmospheric charm of this time capsule.
- On the return, visit a much-lauded country gift store and enjoy a brief panoramic tour of Timaru.

HELPFUL HINTS

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

side of town. Phar Lap, better known as “Big Red,” was born near Timaru in 1926 and grew up to become one of the most accomplished racing thoroughbreds of all time. Portrayed in full gallop, he’s quite the sight.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel the city by coach, taking in a range of Timaru landmarks, and stopping to visit some of them.
- Explore the Botanic Gardens and discover why this town is known as the “Rose City.”
- At Aigantighe Art Gallery, tour an expansive collection housed within an elegant Victorian family home.
- Visit the statue of horseracing legend Phar Lap, drive along Caroline Bay, see the historic Landing Service Building, Centennial Park and more.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is mainly at guests’ discretion during the stops, with the terrain mostly smooth surfaces and a few slight inclines. The bulk of the art museum’s collection is on the ground floor; viewing pieces on the second floor requires negotiating a stairway. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The order of sites viewed or visited may vary.

**TIU-004 CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND HIGHLIGHTS**

**Date: Feb 18, 2025 Time: 01:00 PM**

**Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$159.00**



OVERVIEW

Spend free time in the artistically-inclined village of Geraldine and enjoy a spin through stunning Rangitata Valley sheep country. This mostly panoramic excursion provides an excellent overview a South Island region so visually stunning it served as a backdrop for several Lord of the Rings films. First up is Geraldine, a compact boutique village nestled among rolling hills and farmland. With your free time here, you might wander its open-air cafés and shops, sampling the renowned local cheeses and fruit preserves. Or tour the Vintage Car & Machinery Museum, home to a sizable collection of vintage tractors and the world’s only Spartan biplane. Or stroll the Historic Town Trail for glimpses into Geraldine’s history. Further north in the Rangitata landscape, it’s all about the scenery, the sheep, and the fine sweaters, blankets and other woolen items you’ll be tempted by when you stop in at the quirky Tin Shed, a store housed in an old grain building. You’ll also have time to amble their farmyard where the residents include comical alpacas, rotund and furry kunekune pigs and, needless to say, sheep. The return trip includes a drive along the lively Caroline Bay beachfront en route to the pier.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy panoramic views and intriguing stops on a drive into the countryside north of Timaru.
- Explore the famously artsy village of Geraldine at your leisure; there’s something for everyone here.
- Travel into Rangitata Valley sheep country, scenic backdrop of the Lord of the Rings movies.
- Visit the Tin Shed, a store where you can shop for fine woolsens and see alpacas in the barnyard.
- Return to the pier by way of a town famous for sheep-dipping and the Caroline Bay beachfront.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is mainly at guests’ discretion during the stops. There are some uneven and natural surfaces and a few inclines involved. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The order of sites viewed or visited can vary.

**TIU-005 MOUNT COOK NATIONAL PARK BY CHARTERED PLANE**

**Date: Feb 18, 2025 Time: 01:00 PM**

**Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$1309.00**



OVERVIEW

Take off by chartered plane for an incomparable flightseeing session over the wonderland that is Mount Cook National Park. Home to New Zealand’s longest glaciers and 22 of the country’s 27 peaks taller than 10,000 feet, the park sits at the heart of the Southern Alps. A third of its 17,300 acres lie beneath glacier ice and permanent snow while vast expanses of Southern Beech and podocarps cover its flanks, some of the trees known to be over 800 years old. In total, it’s a landscape so unspoiled and staggeringly beautiful, it’s been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. And smack in the middle of the majesty sits 12,350-foot Mount Cook, named for the English explorer even though Dutch seafarer Abel Tasman – of Tasmania fame – was the first European to view it. You’ll take it all in from a comfortable window seat aboard a prop-driven aircraft that departs from Timaru Airport, flies over South Canterbury’s rolling farmland, the turquoise glacial waters of Lake Tekapo and a vast basin of golden tussock grass on the way to the park. All told, you’ll be in the air for about 90 minutes. Pretty much every one of them amazing.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly over the snow-capped mountains, rugged glaciers and alpine forests of Mount Cook National Park.
- Spend about 90 minutes in the air, gazing down on this UNESCO-listed reserve from your window seat.
- See New Zealand’s longest glaciers, 22 of its highest peaks and trees that date back to medieval times.
- Depart from Timaru and enjoy stunning South Island terrain the whole way to and from the park.
- Learn about the region’s history, geology and ecology from the in-flight commentary.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a warm jacket.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

There is limited walking on this tour, but guests must be able to negotiate 3-5 narrow steps to board the aircraft. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. There is no restroom on the aircraft. Participants must provide the Destination Services Desk with their height and weight at time of embarkation or onboard booking of this excursion.

**Christchurch (Lyttelton), New Zealand**

**CHC-001 HIGH COUNTRY EXPLORER**

**Date: Feb 19, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 8.00 Hrs Price: \$409.00**



Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

OVERVIEW

Treat your inner adventurer to an exhilarating multi-transport survey of the Southern Alps high country by coach, 4x4 touring vehicle and jet boat. It all starts sedately enough, as you head out by motorcoach into the fertile earthen patchwork of the Canterbury Plains – where the island grows its wheat and grazes its cattle. But don't get too comfortable; the scenery changes dramatically as you reach Rubicon Station on the banks of the spectacular Waimakariri river gorge and make the switch into rugged 4x4 touring mode. Piloted with skill around Rubicon and Mt Torlesse Station, bouncing heartily across a spectacular landscape framed by jagged Southern Alp peaks and gorges, you're bound to fill your camera with Facebook-likeable shots. A well-deserved stop for lunch provides a break from the action, but it won't last. Soon enough, you'll shift back into thrill gear as you board a lightning-fast jet boat capable of 360-degree spins and strap in for a ride up the steep-walled Waimakariri River gorge to Stair Case Viaduct. After that little jaunt, the coach drive back to Lyttelton will feel like slow motion.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience adventure without exhaustion on a thrilling, multi-vehicle tour of the Southern Alps.
- Travel by coach across the fertile Canterbury Plains to Rubicon Station and a switch into 4x4 mode.
- Buckle up for a rollicking drive through rugged high country terrain framed by mountains and gorges.
- Hold onto your hat again later as you zoom up the majestic Waimakariri river gorge on a jet boat nimble enough to make 360-degree spins.
- Enjoy lunch at midday and return back to port with spectacular photos and memories.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water-resistant jacket.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

While this tour includes limited walking, it is geared toward the more adventurous traveler. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. This tour cannot operate when the Waimakariri River is flooded; if an issue, you will be notified by 7 a.m. on the day of the tour.

**CHC-003 JOURNEY INTO MIDDLE EARTH**

**Date: Feb 19, 2025 Time: 09:00 AM**  
**Duration: 9.00 Hrs Price: \$349.00**



OVERVIEW

Journey to a stunning and recognizable Lord of the Rings filming location in New Zealand's Southern Alps, then enjoy a central Christchurch orientation drive. Departing Lyttelton by panoramic coach, you'll travel through the patchwork green farmland of the Canterbury Plains, stopping in a country town for morning tea. Heading inland into the heart of the Alps, you'll pause for a photo opp at Lake Clearwater, where the views across the lake to the mountain range that forms the South Island's backbone are outstanding on a clear day. But that's before you encounter this tour's true showstopper vista – the terrain at remote and beautiful Mt Potts High Country Station. The moment you set eyes on this location you'll understand why it was chosen as the setting of Edoras in the epic Lord of the Rings trilogy. Even if you're not a Tolkien aficionado, you'll be taken breathless by the unspoiled beauty of this landscape of rugged mountain ranges, sparkling lakes, blue rivers and brisk alpine air. After free time to explore and photograph this magical place, you'll relax over a rustic lunch before heading for Christchurch city and an orientation drive covering its

must-see sights.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle back for a panoramic coach drive across the Canterbury Plains and into the Southern Alps.
- Enjoy morning tea in a country town and stop at a stunning alpine lake for photos and awe.
- Visit Mt Potts High Country Station, a setting magical enough to double for mythical Edoras in the Lord of the Rings films.
- Enjoy free time to explore this astounding place on earth, even pose for photos with replica swords.
- Lunch in Mt Somers Village and enjoy a Christchurch orientation drive that covers its top sights.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking mainly at the guest's discretion. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**CHC-006 CHRISTCHURCH TOWN & COUNTRY**

**Date: Feb 19, 2025 Time: 09:00 AM, 01:30 PM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00**



OVERVIEW

On this panoramic voyage, you'll circle volcanic harbors and lakes, cross the Canterbury countryside, visit a working sheep farm, and see the sights of urban Christchurch. It all begins with a spin around Lyttelton Harbor – the massive caldera of an ancient volcano – then winds past idyllic Governors Bay on the Banks Peninsula before entering the lush patchwork landscape of Canterbury Plains, where white sheep dot the green hills. New Zealand is famed for its sheep farms and at Manderley Farm, you'll get the chance to tour one up-close. After a warm greeting and morning tea, farm hands will lead you to a demonstration at the shearing shed and a lively performance by the operation's most dedicated herders – its talented sheepdogs. Marvel at their talents and agility as they gather a flock from nearby hills, bringing the sheep down to their master and responding to whistled commands from great distances away. Your return journey traces the shore of vast Lake Ellesmere en route to Christchurch for an orientation drive through areas damaged by the 2011 earthquake as you see how the city is rebuilding and restoring some of its most iconic heritage buildings.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a fascinating half-day experiencing the sights of both town and country by panoramic coach.
- See harbors, lakes and lagoons formed by prehistoric volcanos and cross idyllic green pasturelands.
- Visit a working sheep farm, meet the farm hands and watch champion New Zealand sheepdogs herding the flock by whistled command.
- Take a drive through central Christchurch and learn about its recovery from the 2011 earthquake.
- Return via a historic mountain tunnel that reigned as New Zealand's longest for over 50 years.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.

Minimal activity	Moderate activity	Oceania Exclusive	Beyond Blueprints	Go Green
Easy activity	Strenuous activity	Oceania Select	Culinary Discovery	Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	Food & Wine Trails	Wellness Tour

- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy-to-moderate walking and standing, with some natural surfaces to negotiate at the farm. Due to accessibility challenges at the farm, the tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests.

**CHC-007 DISCOVER CHRISTCHURCH**

**Date: Feb 19, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00**



OVERVIEW

This survey tour of Christchurch and its surrounds has it all – must-see central city sights, informative commentary, garden and beach walks, and spectacular views from the Port Hills. Your Kiwi guide will bring the stories of the “Garden City” vividly to life – from its 1850 founding to the devastating back-to-back earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 and the impressive rebuild that’s been underway since. Drive by everything from the Arts Centre’s cluster of reviving Gothic Revival buildings to the site of Re:Start, a temporary retail mall assembled from cargo containers, and the magnificent ruins of Christchurch Cathedral, finally to be rebuilt. Stretch your legs on a meander through stunning Mona Vale Gardens along the Avon River, and journey out to quaint, seaside Sumner village for a stroll along the beach and impressive views of the sea and Southern Alps in the far distance. This sea-level perspective, however, is just a preamble to what’s waiting for you at the Sign of the Takahe, a Tudor-style manor house high in the Port Hills. Named for a flightless New Zealand bird, this venue offers true eagle-eye views of the city, mountains and ocean.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See all the Christchurch must-sees as you tour the city and its outskirts by panoramic coach.
- Visit areas damaged by the 2001-11 earthquakes and see how the exciting recovery still underway.
- Pass landmarks like the Arts Center and Christchurch Cathedral, and take a stroll among rhododendrons and azaleas at Mona Vale Gardens.
- Travel to a quaint seaside village for a walk along the beach, and up into the hills above Christchurch for sensational city, sea and mountain views.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes limited walking, mainly at the guest’s discretion during the stops. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**CHC-009 HISTORIC CHRISTCHURCH & BOTANICAL GARDEN**

**Date: Feb 19, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$279.00**



OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Settle in for a panoramic drive around Christchurch in a double-decker bus and then ride through the Botanic Gardens in an open-air trolley called a caterpillar. In both venues, guides will point out and describe the attractions to give you an excellent understanding of what makes them so special. While traveling through the heart of Christchurch, you will pass cultural landmarks such as the Canterbury Museum and the Arts Centre, a collection of Gothic-style heritage buildings that house art

studios and galleries. Cathedral Junction, one of the main shopping and dining complexes, is also on the route. The focus will turn to the natural world in the Botanic Gardens, which was founded in 1863 with the planting of a single English oak. Today, the gardens display a vast tapestry of plants where something is always in bloom. No matter what your interest – whether azaleas, roses or water plants – you will find a garden specific to it.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the highlights of Christchurch while traveling through town in a double-decker bus.
- Ride through the Botanic Gardens in an open-air trolley that offers unobstructed views.
- Listen to enlightening and entertaining commentary at both venues.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: This tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or those with limited mobility. Weather appropriate clothing; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

**CHC-005 LYTTELTON DISCOVERY CRUISE**

**Date: Feb 19, 2025 Time: 09:45 AM**

**Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

Board a catamaran for a refreshing discovery cruise around scenic Lyttelton Harbour, an extinct volcanic crater and gateway to the Antarctic. Your vessel skims the seas gracefully as your skipper provides fascinating commentary about the sights you’re seeing and their ties to the region’s earliest Maori and European settlers. Sip a warming cup of tea or coffee, learn of the legends of Ripapa Island, and go in search of playful Hector’s dolphins, the world’s smallest and rarest oceanic dolphin – only found in New Zealand. Gray with black-and-white markings, these petite cetaceans are often seen leaping and frolicking around these waters. You’ll also see ample evidence of the harbor’s violent, volcanic origins. This entire sheltered body of water lies in the caldera of an extinct volcano. Your journey will reveal that much of the jagged coastal terrain left behind now serves as nesting habitat for marine birds such as spotted shags, white-fronted terns and several species of gulls. After about two hours on the water, you’ll return to the pier with a keen understanding of this scenic New Zealand seaport.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a couple delightful hours cruising picturesque Lyttelton Harbor by catamaran and discover the history and wildlife that inhabits these waters.
- Enjoy colorful commentary as your skipper points out landmark sights and recounts stories from the early Maori and European settlers.
- Learn of the harbor’s dramatic geological heritage, go in search of tiny dolphins, and see coastal terrain where abundant seabirds gather and nest.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a limited amount of walking mainly at the guest’s discretion. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

them. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**CHC-002 ICE & WINGS**

**Date: Feb 19, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM**  
**Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Tour a captivating museum filled with Royal New Zealand Air Force planes and memorabilia, then explore a one-of-a-kind experiential museum dedicated to all things Antarctic. Located in Christchurch on the site of a former base, the Air Force Museum showcases the country's long and valiant aviation history through hands-on exhibits – including dozens of vintage aircraft, WWI-era aviation barracks, rare uniforms and medals, and moving stories of the proud men and women who have served in the New Zealand and Allied flying services. After a leisurely guided visit, leave the museum behind as you move into cooler surroundings. Much cooler. At the International Antarctic Centre, you can actually experience an indoor blizzard, visit a snow cave, endure life at Scott Base and learn about other intrepid Antarctic explorers, even watch rescued Little Blue Penguins – smallest of their kind – cavort in a plush indoor/outdoor habitat. You can also take a virtual voyage down to Antarctica in the 4D Extreme Theatre and experience an epic thrill ride in the Hagglund, a genuine amphibious Antarctic transport that doesn't let anything stand in its way. A drive back through central Christchurch reveals how well it's recovered from the devastating 2011 earthquake.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Settle back for a 30-minute narrated coach drive from Lyttelton to the outskirts of Christchurch.
- Tour the Royal New Zealand Air Force Museum, home to a vast collection of meticulously preserved aviation memorabilia including dozens of historic aircraft and a vintage barracks.
- Enjoy an immensely fun, interactive experience at the International Antarctic Centre, next best thing to traveling to the South Pole yourself.
- Survive an ice storm, learn about life in modern Antarctica and visit historic Scott Base, watch Little Blue Penguins play, and crawl over an obstacle course inside a Hagglund amphibious vehicle.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour includes some 3 hours of moderate walking and standing over mostly flat surfaces. Additional interactive activities are at guests' discretion. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, can make their own way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

## Wellington, New Zealand

**WLG-002 PENCARROW STATION & THE STORM COAST**

**Date: Feb 20, 2025 Time: 08:00 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Explore Wellington Harbor by coach and discover a coastline dotted with quaint villages, quiet bays, and plentiful shipwrecks despite being home to New Zealand's oldest lighthouse. Your route passes the location where this region's first settlers landed and circles all the way round to

Pencarrow Station – with its spectacular views of the harbor mouth and across Cook Strait to the snow-capped Kaikoura Ranges of the South Island. Throughout the drive, narration from your driver/guide provides perspective on the history and legends of this dramatic section of the country. At Pencarrow Station, a vast sheep and cattle farm, you'll have the opportunity to visit one of Wellington's best-kept secrets, Pencarrow Lodge. This isolated cottage, once the home of a worker on the lookout for cattle thieves, has been transformed into one of New Zealand's most unique conference and function centers. Its privileged vantage point allows you to watch the constant sea traffic moving in and out of the harbor and perhaps even spot dolphins at play in the bay waters below. A refreshment of tea and cakes served in this idyllic setting adds an extra note of sweetness to your day before the drive back.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Circle the vast, magnificent arc of rugged green coastline that surrounds Wellington Harbor.
- Make your way past shipwrecks, small villages and a string of quiet hidden bays to Pencarrow Station.
- See the country's oldest lighthouse and drink in spectacular views that stretch across the Cook Strait to the snow-capped peaks of the South Island.
- Visit splendidly remote Pencarrow Lodge, once a farmer's redoubt, now a renowned conference center.
- Watch the harbor's sea traffic and perhaps some dolphins from here as you enjoy tea and cakes.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The order of sites visited may vary. This tour operates with a driver/guide, not a separate guide.

**WLG-GL1 KAPITI COAST AND MORE**

**Date: Feb 20, 2025 Time: 08:00 AM**  
**Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$319.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Discover the considerable charms of the Kapiti Coast, a picturesque area with abundant wildlife, diverse attractions and a breathtaking shoreline. The coast is particularly scenic at Red Rocks, a reserve that supports a large colony of fur seals. As you will learn while watching the animals, iron oxide colors the rocks, although Maori legends offer other theories. Birds are the attraction at the Nga Manu Nature Reserve, a tranquil setting where you are apt to see more wildlife than people. Upon reaching the hilltops on the outskirts of Wellington, you will see how giant wind turbines have changed the landscape while creating electricity to power the city below. You will also visit two farms—one that grows lavender for healing oils and natural cosmetics, the other more focused on blueberries, which also have health benefits. A final stop will be made at the Southward Car Museum, which holds an enormous collection of vintage vehicles.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- See a staggering array of attractions, ranging from a seal colony to a vintage car museum.
- Enjoy the tranquility of a nature reserve that is a sanctuary for native birds.
- Meet the owners of two farms that grow lavender and berries for healthy products.
- Behold the towering wind turbines atop the hills above Wellington.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

**WLG-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF WELLINGTON**

**Date: Feb 20, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM, 12:30 PM**  
**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$109.00**



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a proper and thorough intro to Wellington, New Zealand's compact capital city that's also known as the "Capital of Cool." A drive along beachy Oriental Bay and up to the spectacular lookout atop Mount Victoria leads to 360-degree views of Wellington and its well-protected harbor below. Take in the sights along the town's southern side as you make your way to Wellington Botanic Gardens for a stroll through this lush wonderland full of begonias, heritage roses, water lilies, and old-growth forest. You'll find the urban scenery nearby just as impressive as you drive along Bowen Street, where New Zealand's Parliament has convened since 1865. Most iconic of all the buildings within this sprawling complex is the modernist "Beehive" – a reference to its distinctive shape. Just next door is Parliament House, its architectural opposite and a showcase of classical Edwardian style. Another intriguing contrast awaits as you spin past the contemporary Wellington Cathedral before arriving at Old St. Paul's, the city's former cathedral, for a visit. Built entirely with native timbers back in the 1860s, this interior is an absolute stunner – from pews to rafters to stained-glass windows and pipe-organ. They definitely don't build 'em like this anymore.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the scenic and historical highlights of New Zealand's epicenter of government and culture.
- Ascend by coach to Mount Victoria's 360-degree views over the city and its magnificent harbor.
- Enjoy a relaxed stroll among the exotic and indigenous plantings at Wellington Botanic Gardens.
- Feel the pulse of the Parliament at work along Bowen Street and see the famous Beehive building.
- Step inside to be awed by the vaulting wooden arches of the city's former cathedral, still a place of deep spiritual beauty.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy walking and is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The order of sites viewed or visited may vary. This tour may operate with a driver/guide rather than a separate guide.

**WLG-010 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LORD OF THE RINGS**

**Date: Feb 20, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$159.00**



OVERVIEW

Get a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the making of The Lord of the Rings trilogy on a tour of director Peter Jackson's Weta Workshop special effects studio. A picturesque drive along sandy Oriental Bay toward Mount Victoria brings you to wondrous Wellington Harbor views and a stop to stroll the dense forest that served as the Outer Shire where Frodo and company began their epic journey. But the feature attraction of this journey

is further ahead in Miramar, where a LOTR expert guide will lead you on an exclusive peek into the movie magic lurking inside the Weta Workshop and Weta Cave. Insights into the production process will be revealed as you tour these custom-built facilities full of props, models, costumes and Middle Earth weaponry. Interactive exhibits go into deeper detail as you learn about over 20 years of blockbuster effects work that's been brought to life here. And a 25-minute film screening provides commentary from Peter Jackson himself along with the other Weta founders. Even if you don't know an Orc from a Dwarf, this will be a fascinating glimpse behind the screen. At tour's end, ride back to the pier or request an optional drop-off in the city.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Wellington studio where local-hero Peter Jackson brought The Lord of the Rings and other film legends masterfully to life.
- En route, stop for epic views over Wellington and stroll the same woods the Hobbits did at the start of their long film journey.
- Tour the Weta Workshop complex with a crewmember as they share fascinating secrets and show off props, models, and weapons made for the LOTR films.
- See director Peter Jackson interviewed in an exclusive behind-the-scenes film that lays out 20+ years of moviemaking magic here in what's become known as "Wellywood."

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking or hiking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, a bottle of water from the ship, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves about 2 hours of moderate walking and standing over unpaved and sloping walkways. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with limited mobility. No photography or filming is permitted within the actual Weta Workshop.

**WLG-004 WELLINGTON'S IMPRESSIVE FOOD & ART SCENE**

**Date: Feb 20, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**  
**Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$479.00**



OVERVIEW

Discover why Wellington has gained such widespread accolades for its food and art during this behind-the-scenes gastronomy and gallery tour. Enjoy a brief city highlights drive, then hop out for your relaxed walk through some of Wellington's liveliest back streets, where the craft gallery browsing is eclectic, the designer stores are filled with temptation, and the local artisanal cuisine sampling is...flavorful. Highlights include a stop at a contemporary chocolatier, visits to two modern Maori art and crafts galleries, and a sweet New Zealand honey tasting. A visit to Moore Wilson's Fresh, where local chefs purchase their produce and regional cheeses, is filled with savory sights and aromas. A visit to a coffee roastery lets you experience the distinctive local coffee styles. But don't fill up. The main event is yet to come: a light, tasting lunch paired with New Zealand wines at a leading Wellington restaurant. Eventually, with your visual and culinary appetites well-satisfied, you'll reboard the vehicle for the return drive to your waiting ship.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a guided, curated dive into Wellington's renowned – and buzzing – food and art scene.
- Start out with a brief city highlights drive, then switch to on-foot mode to explore the options waiting along Wellington's eclectic back streets.
- Visit galleries where modern Maori art is featured and ample chocolates and New Zealand honey.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Sip joe at a coffee roastery and visit the market where local chefs find their fresh produce and cheeses.
- Cap this sensory extravaganza with tasting lunch and wines at a top Wellington resto.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The sequence of restaurants, cafés and galleries visited may vary. The coffee roastery is closed on weekends and the chocolatier is closed on Sundays. On Saturdays, these will be replaced with morning tea at a top eatery, while on Sundays you will visit two Sunday markets, the City Market and Harborside Market, for a range of tastings of local products.

**WLG-009 TE PAPA TONGAREWA MUSEUM**

**Date: Feb 20, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM**  
**Duration: 2.75 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

Gain great insight into the Maori culture at Te Papa Tongarewa, the national museum of New Zealand, where many of the most significant Maori treasures are displayed. Depart from the pier and enjoy a short drive to the Te Papa Tongarewa Museum, a landmark national museum constructed in an architectural style that reflects New Zealand's history and evolving identity. Symbolism is abundant throughout the museum and includes entrance boulders that reflect Mother Earth and the indigenous people, and elaborate "waharoa" gateways that serve as thresholds to the country's natural and cultural heritage. The museum holds more than 30,000 cultural treasures known as "taongas" in its Taonga Maori Collection, the focus of your visit. While browsing the exhibits, you'll learn the history of the most highly prized tribal artifacts, which include ancestral carvings, garments, shells and weapons. There are also fine examples of Maori weaving that beautifully express the different techniques used for baskets, cordage and house panels. You'll also explore Te Papa's verdant Bush City, an outdoor exhibition of approximately 1,400 plants that naturally thrive in the rainforests, wetlands and mountains surrounding Wellington. Pepper trees, giant pig ferns and towering edible ferns are but a few of the usual plants. Following your exploration of Te Papa, you'll be treated to Kapu Ti, a sampling of traditional dishes and a hot drink. Then, you'll drive back to the pier.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2-hours of easy to moderate walking/standing. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Weather appropriate clothing; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

**WLG-WT1 WELLINGTON SIGHTS AND YOGA IN THE GARDEN**

**Date: Feb 20, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM**  
**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$219.00**



OVERVIEW

Practice yoga amid fragrant roses and herbs in Wellington Botanic Garden, then breathe in amazing views from atop Mount Victoria. Long established as New Zealand's capital and recently as its "Capital of Cool," Wellington

brims with landmarks both architectural and natural – and you'll encounter many of them during your brief drive to Wellington Botanic Garden. First planted in the 1860s, this 61-acre urban oasis features everything from a rare begonia conservatory to tranquil duck ponds to a hefty slice of old-growth forest. It's also the picture-perfect locale for a yoga session. Led by your instructor, you'll move through a series of postures and deep-breathing techniques, becoming ever more self-aware and attuned to your world connection. While practiced in many forms, all yoga has physical and emotional well-being as its goal. Feeling calmed, yet invigorated, you'll depart the garden and resume your rolling survey of the city's top areas of interest. A drive up to the Mount Vic lookout rewards you 360-degree panoramas of Wellington, its iconic harbor and the ocean beyond. By the way, the dense forest surrounding this mountain is so enchanting, it was used for filming Hobbit scenes in the Lord of the Rings movies.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in some of the highlights of New Zealand's capital city en route to a tranquil botanic garden.
- Experience inner calm and outer awareness during an instructor-led yoga session amidst heritage rose gardens and ferneries.
- Travel up to the Mount Victoria lookout, renowned for its breathtaking views of Wellington Harbor.
- See still more of Wellington as your guide points out key locales en route back to the pier.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear light clothing that allows free movement.
- Flat, comfortable sneakers or walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**Napier, New Zealand**

**NPE-001 CAPE KIDNAPPERS & GANNET SAFARI**

**Date: Feb 21, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM**  
**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00**



OVERVIEW

Board a safari vehicle for a scenic drive down the coast to observe thousands of breeding gannets and catch amazing views across Hawke's Bay. This unique excursion carries you out to a dramatic promontory where the 4,500-acre private farm known as Cape Kidnappers Station borders on the world's largest and most-accessible mainland nesting place for gannets. These handsome, quirky members of the booby family nest high on the sea cliffs and are famous for the ritualized recognition dance performed by mating partners who pair up for life. Skilled anglers, they swoop and dive for fish in the water below, preen on the rocks, and generally make themselves fascinating to watch – especially in these large numbers. To reach their remote domain, you'll be driven across the farm's river beds, rolling pastures, steep gullies and breathtaking inclines to within a few feet of the Cape Kidnappers sanctuary. Your guide will provide the background commentary on this habitat, and the gannets will provide the entertainment. From this cliff 328 feet up straight from the beach, you'll also see the entire rugged sweep of the Hawke's Bay coastline – all the way north to Mahia Peninsula. Afternoon tea will also be served.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel from the pier by safari vehicle to Cape Kidnappers Station, a vast

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

private farm adjacent to a vast gannet sanctuary.

- Traverse farm terrain to the tip of a dramatic promontory, within feet of the 15,000-bird colony.
- Observe these acrobatic birds fishing, preening, and performing their famous recognition dance with their life-long mates.
- Enjoy complimentary tea, jaw-dropping views from a 328-foot sea cliff, and top Napier sights like Marine Parade and Tom Parker Fountain on the return drive.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

The sites on this tour are not wheelchair accessible and therefore, it is not offered to wheelchair guests. The order of sites may vary. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**NPE-002 ART DECO HIGHLIGHTS OF NAPIER**

**Date: Feb 21, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM**  
**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00**



OVERVIEW

Take a drive and walk through Napier's famously Art Deco districts and see the results of the city's remarkable 1931 rebuild. Art Deco was all the rage in the U.S. and Europe in 1931 when a severe earthquake struck here, leveling much of the town. With an entire metropolis to rebuild, Napier embraced this whimsically streamlined architectural style and went to work. Today, the heritage sections of the city feel like a 1930s-era film set – except real. You'll travel by coach to Ahuriri, the character-filled port district where Napier began, stopping by the landmark National Tobacco Company building for photos, and spin along the streets of Marewa, Napier's charming Art Deco residential neighborhood. A drive down Marine Parade, lined with rows of Norfolk Pines leads to the Art Deco Shop, where you'll learn more about Napier's history with a brief film presentation, then set off on a leisurely guided half-mile stroll through the official Art Deco Quarter. You'll marvel at its eclectic mix of period buildings in the Spanish Mission, Stripped Classical and, of course, streamlined Art Deco styles – and step inside the old AMP Building and ASB Bank for interior inspections.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sit back for a drive through several Napier neighborhoods that showcase its unique Art Deco heritage.
- Tour Ahuriri, the old wharf district, and stop for photos at the magnificently detailed 1932 National Tobacco Company building.
- Leave the coach behind for a while, as you take a leisurely guided walk in the central Art Deco District.
- Enjoy close-up views of Spanish Mission, Stripped Classical and streamline-Deco landmarks, with some interior visits included.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about an hour of walking and may not be suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. The order of sites may vary. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**NPE-003 HAWKES BAY WINE TRAIL**

**Date: Feb 21, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM, 12:15 PM**  
**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00**



OVERVIEW

Second only to Marlborough on New Zealand's South Island, Hawke's Bay is one of New Zealand's leading wine producing regions. With more than 60 prominent wineries, the Hawke's Bay area is renowned for its Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Visit two of the top wineries of the region. At each winery, you will be treated to a tasting of some of their recent vintages with the opportunity to purchase the ones you enjoyed afterwards. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Tuki Tuki Valley, with stunning views of Te Mata Peak before returning to the wharf.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel from the pier by coach into the beautiful winegrowing landscape of Hawke's Bay.
- Visit the iconic Mission Estate Winery and its Cellar Door tasting room for a sampling session and enjoy a tasting at another of the premier local vineyards.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

The order of sites may vary. The Mission Winery may be substituted with another winery of similar quality and ranking. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**NPE-005 HAWKES BAY EXPRESS**

**Date: Feb 21, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM, 01:00 PM**  
**Duration: 1.50 Hrs Price: \$109.00**



OVERVIEW

Take in the sights of downtown Napier from aboard a unique sightseeing train that travels through the streets rather than along rails. After a devastating earthquake and fire of 1931, Napier was completely rebuilt in the then-modern style that was sweeping the U.S. and Europe. The happy result is a city boasting the world's largest concentration of Art Deco buildings, most of them today restored to the peak of their period beauty. Riding through the streets on a modern road train styled like a vintage steam railroad, you'll pass a dazzling parade of stucco relief facades, ornamentation in geometric patterns, streamlined silhouettes and even some Maori symbols thrown in for a regional twist. Of the 164 Art Deco, Spanish Mission and Stripped Classical buildings constructed in Napier in the 1930s, some 140 of them still stand – creating a living time capsule of the Deco era. From the wide, comfortable seats of the Hawke's Bay Express, you can relax and see it all through the train's large windows. You'll also get a look at Bluff Hill, where the early settlers lived, and the old port village of Ahuriri, where their ships came in.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an hour-long, slow-motion speed date with a beautiful Art Deco city you're bound to love.
- Travel through downtown Napier on a sightseeing train that rides the streets, not the rails.
- Sit back in romantic, old-fashioned comfort and see the city through modern big picture windows.
- Learn about the circumstances that led to the Napier's world-class collection of Art Deco landmarks.
- Catch the views from Bluff Hill and along the old Ahuriri wharf, as well.

HELPFUL HINTS

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour



- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

There is limited walking on this tour. Guests must negotiate a small step to enter and exit the train. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the train and have a companion to assist them. However, foldable wheelchair may have to remain on the port during the tour. The train is not air-conditioned, but the windows open.

**NPE-006 NAPIER CITY DRIVE & AQUARIUM**

**Date: Feb 21, 2025 Time: 11:30 AM**  
**Duration: 2.75 Hrs Price: \$109.00**



OVERVIEW

Drive past the marquee attractions of New Zealand's 'Art Deco City,' then explore its underwater world at the National Aquarium. Considered one of the most attractive cities in New Zealand, Napier was completely rebuilt after enduring a devastating 1931 earthquake and fire. The result is what you'll see on this leisurely drive: the world's largest concentration of stylish Art Deco buildings, most of which still stand in their streamlined, original condition. You'll also enjoy a spin along Marine Parade, the coastal road lined with symmetrical Norfolk Island pines that traces the gentle curve of Hawke's Bay and showcases beaches beloved by surfers and boaters alike. The Maori-inspired Pania of the Reef bronze and graceful Spirit of Napier monument and among the sights you'll see en route to your independent tour of the National Aquarium. Here you'll encounter every imaginable sort of marine life, including giant squid, living coral reefs, seahorses, eels and fish indigenous to New Zealand. Other tanks showcase penguins and marine oddities like the endangered pacu, a toothy Amazonian fish that feeds on fruits and berries. Even land animals like flightless kiwi birds and scaly tuatara lizards are among the attraction's attractions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a coach-driven tour of the Art Deco District of Napier, a living time capsule of the 1930s.
- Drive along Marine Parade, a Norfolk Pine-lined coastal boulevard whose scenery includes sunken gardens, iconic sculptures and the beaches of Hawke's Bay.
- Visit the National Aquarium of New Zealand, touring the diverse tanks and exhibits at your leisure.
- See everything from giant squids to tiny seahorses, penguins, fruit-eating fish and even kiwi birds.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, a bottle of water from the ship, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is mainly at guests' discretion during the Aquarium stop. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

## Gisborne, New Zealand

**GIS-005 TATAPOURI REEF WALK & STINGRAY FEEDING**

**Date: Feb 22, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

Do something you don't do every day: wade out onto a rock shelf to watch stingrays, fish and octopuses glide gracefully around the shallow reef. You'll be driven out from town along the scenic Pacific Coast Highway, past the surfing meccas of Wainui and Okitu Beach and on to where Tatapouri reef sits just off the shore. After an enlightening orientation and the donning of provided wading gear, you'll walk with your guide out to a rocky reef shelf where the waters usually teem with Down Under's most iconic marine life. Your guide will bring food to entice a visit from squadrons of gentle, magnificent short-tail stingrays and larger eagle rays to the water around you. These creatures mostly feed on local yellowtail kingfish, which in turn feed on jack-like trevally – silvery, blue-green, and highly sought after by fishermen due to their strong fight when on the line. With luck, you'll be able to witness this entire underwater menagerie from where you stand – along with other undersea residents that frequent the reef. Afterwards, enjoy some refreshments and hear stories about the Maori who were fishing these waters for trevally long before the first Europeans arrived.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach along the Pacific Coast Highway past premier-grade surf beaches to Tatapouri.
- Wearing supplied waders, take a guided walk out to a shallow shelf surrounded by clear water and reef.
- Watch in wonder as your guide uses food and fish-whispering to attract graceful rays, octopuses and other marine life to where you're standing.
- Observe these gentle creatures gliding in the shallows so close you could even touch them.
- Post-adventure, enjoy refreshments and hear stories about ancient Maori fishing tricks.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing that can get wet.
- Low-heeled shoes that can get wet and a second dry pair to change into are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Guests must be able to walk out to the reef shelf through water. The reef itself is rocky and there will be over 30 minutes spent on it, so all guests must be capable of standing for that length of time. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with walking difficulties. Waders with boots attached are provided for all participants; however, size 14 US is the largest available. The minimum age to participate is 5 years old and the local operator may restrict participation by those over 75. Reef activity is weather and tide dependent.

**GIS-001 GISBORNE ORIENTATION**

**Date: Feb 22, 2025 Time: 09:00 AM, 11:00 AM**  
**Duration: 1.50 Hrs Price: \$59.00**



OVERVIEW

Take an introductory drive through easy-going "Gizzy," where a surf beach and a bottle of locally-made wine are never far from hand. These shores are legendary for their beauty, as you will see driving along the coast and past where the great explorer, Captain James Cook, first landed and met the native Maori people in 1769. Traveling up to the top of Kaiti Hill, you'll be treated to glorious views of beach-lined Poverty Bay and of the white bluffs sitting across the turquoise water; that's Young Nick's Head, the first land sighted by Cook's crew and named for the young lad who

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

spied it. As your coach hugs the shoreline, Wainui and Okitu appear, two showy surfing beaches known for their impressive rollers – and the photogenic sand dunes of Lysnar Reserve. A few miles further out, the scenery changes dramatically as you come into Gisborne’s idyllic rural area. Enjoy the views as you drive along roads bordered by sweet-smelling orchards and award-winning vineyards, and see lush green fields dotted with fluffy sheep and quaint farmhouses. Back in the city, you’ll spin down tree-lined Gladstone Road, where the city shops, dines and people-watches. Hop off here if you’d like to solo-explore.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy an introductory coach tour of Gisborne, a laid-back East Cape town that knows how to enjoy life.
- Pass gnarly surfing beaches, impressive dunes, New Zealand’s largest Maori meeting house, and Captain Cook’s 1769 landing spot.
- Enjoy panoramic views of Poverty Bay, Young Nicks Head and your ship from atop Kaiti Hill.
- Travel outside the city to where the vineyards and orchards flourish, and contented sheep graze.
- Hop off for independent exploring along the café-lined Gladstone Road or stay aboard back to the pier.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour is panoramic in nature and there are no stops. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them.

**GIS-002 GISBORNE CITY CYCLING TOUR**

**Date: Feb 22, 2025 Time: 09:00 AM**  
**Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$199.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Take a seat for a leisurely two-wheeled spin through downtown Gisborne and out along a level cycling trail. Along the way, you’ll encounter much the city’s local color and many of its most significant sites – and even take out time for morning tea at a lovely Art Deco café. A town that knows how to appreciate life’s pleasures, Gisborne – or “Gizzy,” as it is affectionately known, has a colorful backstory that revolves around the 1769 meeting of European explorer James Cook and the local Maori who had migrated to these shores hundreds of years earlier. Your guide will elaborate on that history and show you the spot where the meet-up happened, along with other landmarks that usually include an extraordinary post office clock tower, the rustic Tairāwhiti Museum nestled in the trees, and the Taruheru River that winds lazily through the city. You’ll also see plenty of “First to See the Light” signs; Gisborne is proud to be New Zealand’s easternmost city and the world’s first to greet the rising sun each new day. Your ride also carries you out of the city center and along part of a long stretch of beach that hugs the arc of Poverty Bay.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Follow your guide on a cycle through compact downtown Gisborne and out along a shoreline path.
- See the main sights and monuments, including the one marking where James Cook landed in 1769.
- Encounter the lovely river that winds through town, surfer-pleasing beaches that line the coast, and the boulevards where the city relaxes and shops.
- Stop mid-ride for a civilized morning tea break at an Art Deco café.

- Learn about how this town has the distinction of being “First to See the Light.”

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, closed-toe shoes are mandatory.
- Bring a hat, a bottle of water from the ship, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

The cycling is on flat terrain on cruiser-style, low-step touring cycles suitable for all age groups. Total route covers approximately 6.5 miles in approximately 2.5 hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility issues. Participants should be in good physical condition. The minimum age to participate is 10 years old.

**GIS-004 EASTWOODHILL ARBORETUM**

**Date: Feb 22, 2025 Time: 09:00 AM**  
**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Experience an extraordinary collection of Northern Hemisphere trees in a surprising place: over 2,500 miles below the Equator outside Gisborne. Established in 1918 on over 300 acres of fertile North Island ground in the hills of Poverty Bay, Eastwoodhill is New Zealand’s national arboretum – and home to a diverse collection of mature trees that is breathtakingly comprehensive. Hundreds of colorful maples, oaks, ironwoods and poplars as well as fragrant flowering trees – even a towering California redwood – flourish here. On the coach drive to the reserve, a docent from the Friends of the Eastwoodhill will provide background and context on the arboretum – including how modern more-restrictive international agricultural regulations would make it completely impossible to replicate this collection today. Luckily, it’s already here for you to enjoy. And upon arrival, you can choose the manner of enjoying it that suits you best. Options include a 30-minute guided walking tour through the Homestead Garden, a broader-range guided tour in a 4WD vehicle, or the tried-and-true method of setting out on your own two feet with a detailed map and signage to guide you. Either way, you’ll have about two hours here to satisfy your arboreal cravings.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a scenic drive through the Gisborne hills to tour New Zealand’s 100-year-old national arboretum.
- Explore parts of Eastwoodhill’s extraordinary 325-acre collection by one of several methods.
- Follow a guide on a 30-minute narrated walk, take a guided tour by 4WD vehicle, or just go old-school and wander the paths with map in hand.
- See specimen maples, oaks, ironwoods and poplars too numerous to count.
- Depending on the season, many trees could be in bloom with delightful scents wafting through the air.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

While walking is required on this tour, it is primarily at guests’ discretion; a moderate level of fitness is required for those who wish to walk independently. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. The 4X4 vehicles cannot accommodate wheelchair guests. Those with other mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before

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Easy activity	Strenuous activity	Oceania Select	Culinary Discovery	Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	Food & Wine Trails	Wellness Tour

participating. The 4X4 vehicles are open-air and do not operate in the rain; these are only 4-passenger vehicles and there can be a significant wait-time for one.

**GIS-003 LEADING GISBORNE WINERIES**

**Date: Feb 22, 2025 Time: 09:45 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

Taste the distinctive North Island terroir as you visit two leading Gisborne vineyards and sample their most characteristic wines. Blessed with a Mediterranean-style climate, fertile alluvial soil and low-altitude river plains, this area is fast becoming one of New Zealand’s largest wine-producing regions – renowned especially for its chardonnays and gewürztraminers. On this tour, you’ll have the delicious opportunity to find out what all the fuss is about. Traveling by coach from the pier, it’s a short but picturesque drive out into the rolling, green hills of wine country. At Bushmere Estate, where the Egan family has been growing grapes for over 40 years, you’ll sample their selections accompanied by a light antipasto platter. The tasting may include their elegant chardonnay redolent of nectarine and grapefruit, or an excellent gewürztraminer, known for its lychee flavor with a touch of honey and a lime/ginger finish. At Matawhero Wines, the offerings can be quite adventurous; founder Bill Irwin defied convention from the get-go in 1968, making wines of boutique standing and bringing acclaim to New Zealand’s prowess in the process. At one point, absolutely everyone was drinking Matawhero’s wines – even the Queen of England. You’ll sample their varietals while nibbling on complimentary cheeses.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel out to Gisborne wine country and sample the wares at two prominent vineyards.
- At the family-run Bushmere Estate, taste wines of standout character created for generations.
- Visit the tasting room at Matawhero Wines, known for their inventive, renegade spirit – and a gewürztraminer fit for a Queen.
- Learn about the unique growing conditions that make this region heaven for chardonnay and gewürztraminer grapes.
- Nibble light antipasto and cheese accompaniments as you savor the terroir of Gisborne.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes some easy to moderate walking/standing and there will be a few steps to negotiate as well as natural and gravel surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability.

**GIS-006 STEAM TRAIN TO MURIWAI**

**Date: Feb 22, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM**  
**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00**



OVERVIEW

Relive the golden age of steam rail travel on a scenic vintage train journey with a charming Maori cultural performance at the turnaround point. Built in 1897, “WA 165” was brought to Gisborne in 1911, faithfully working the north line until its 1942 retirement to a children’s playground. Rediscovered and lovingly restored to original working condition, it runs again in all its Victorian glory. Stroll over from the pier, settle into an upholstered seat in a heritage carriage, and toast your good fortune with a complimentary glass

of sparkling wine or juice as you watch the passing scenery in the style of travelers a century ago. Traversing the Poverty Bay Coastline, you’ll pass the Captain Cook Statue and enjoy views across the bay to the famous Young Nick’s Head bluffs. The ride to the rural Maori settlement of Muriwai takes about 40 minutes, and on arrival, you’ll alight on a grass platform where you’ll enjoy a heartwarming performance of traditional songs and dances, often performed with the help of local school children. With the train now turned around, you’ll return to Gisborne.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a roundtrip ride in early 20th-century style on a fully-restored heritage steam train.
- Seated in comfort, cross picturesque coastal terrain and fertile farmland en route to a rural settlement where Maori roots run deep.
- At Muriwai, enjoy an engaging performance of traditional songs and dance – often with the participation of local school children.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

There is limited required walking on this tour, but guests must be able to negotiate 3 steep steps to enter and exit the train cars, and the surfaces at Muriwai are natural and uneven. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Three of the train carriages are air-conditioned but the Heritage carriage is not. There are restrooms on the train.

## Rotorua (Tauranga), New Zealand

**TAU-001 A ROTORUA MAORI EXPERIENCE & THERMAL RESERV**

**Date: Feb 23, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM**  
**Duration: 8.75 Hrs Price: \$359.00**



OVERVIEW

Spend the day immersed in Rotorua’s melting pot of Maori cultural character and breathtaking geothermal activity. It all begins with a 90-minute drive inland past sprawling kiwifruit orchards to Rotorua’s Agrodome to watch champion rams parade on stage, highly-trained sheepdogs do their thing, and sheep having their woolly fleece clipped. A gondola ride up Mount Ngongotaha provides jaw-dropping views of Lake Rotorua and leads to the mountaintop restaurant where buffet lunch is accompanied by local Maori dancers performing traditional action songs, including the fierce “haka” chant and dance. Afterwards, visit Te Puia, where pools of boiling mud and hissing vents surround world-renowned Pohutu Geyser, which goes off regularly with height and drama. Your guide here, a Maori well-versed in the local lore and legends, will also lead you on a tour of Te Puia’s Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, where masters and their apprentices selected from around the country keep the ancient skills and rich heritage of the Maori people alive through traditional carving, weaving and the making of flax skirts and patterned bodices. This institution has been underway since 1926, and witnessing these craftsmen at close hand remains a fascinating, privileged experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach from Tauranga pier to experience the powerful natural and cultural appeal of Rotorua.
- See vast kiwifruit groves, watch prize rams strut and sheep being shorn, ride a gondola to a mountaintop for lunch, and thrill to the performance of fierce Maori dancers.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

- Marvel at the geothermal wonders of Te Puia, where the star 100-foot geyser is surrounded by pools of boiling mud pools and steam vents.
- Watch masters and their young apprentices at work at Te Puia's Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, dedicated to preserving the traditional skills of the culture.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves approximately 3 hours of roundtrip driving time. The order of sites visited may vary.

**TAU-008 THE ROTORUA EXPERIENCE**

**Date: Feb 23, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM**  
**Duration: 6.50 Hrs Price: \$289.00**



OVERVIEW

Enjoy an immersive excursion into the historic spa region of Rotorua, where breathtaking geothermal activity and traditional Maori culture are among the chief draws. From the Tauranga pier, a scenic 90-minute spin inland past sprawling kiwifruit orchards leads to internationally renowned Te Puia and the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve. Foremost among the sights you'll encounter as you explore on foot here is Pohutu Geyser, a showy display of nature's raw force as it erupts with steam and superheated water, sometimes as high as 100 feet. You'll also see pools of boiling mud, silica terraces and hissing fissures – and visit Te Puia's Arts & Crafts Institute where young Maori apprentices are taught the ancient art of carving and weaving by masters of these crafts. Entering the sacred marae, you'll be presented with a Maori performance including the famous "haka" war dance, before making your way into the Wharekai dining hall for a hangi-inspired lunch, cooked in the traditional Maori method using hot rocks in an earthen oven. During your time at Te Puia, be sure to keep an eye out for the native kiwi bird. Handsome, furry and flightless, it's been New Zealand's national symbol since the First World War.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel across the NZ countryside by coach to visit a natural and cultural icon just outside Rotorua.
- Explore a steaming world of geothermal wonders at Te Puia, home to the famous Pohutu Geyser and more bubbling mud pools and hissing vents than you can count.
- See the traditional skills of the Maori culture being handed down from masters to their young apprentices at Te Puia's Maori Arts & Crafts Institute.
- Enter the sacred marae for an exciting performance by Maori dancers, then relax over a savory lunch cooked in "hangi" earth oven style.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear lightweight, comfortable clothing.
- Flat, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, including about a half mile of paved pathways and well-maintained tracks at Te Puia. Round trip drive time is approximately 3 hours. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

**TAU-002 HIGHLIGHTS OF TAURANGA & MAORI CULTURE**

**Date: Feb 23, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00**



OVERVIEW

Take an intimate cultural journey into Maori heritage at a local indigenous village and catch stunning views of the Bay of Plenty from Minden Lookout. From the pier, you'll travel through modern, booming Tauranga and the Bethlehem suburbs on your way to Ngati Ranginui Marae. Arriving at this Maori village, you'll be greeted by a gracious indigenous guide and escorted on a fascinating tour of this village well known for its hospitality. The tangata whenua, the local people, will help you feel at home as you explore their working settlement, where the ways of the Maori and early New Zealand settlers remain deeply tied to contemporary life. During your visit, you'll have an opportunity to view craft-making and cooking underway and to experience the Maoris' famous oral storytelling. Your hosts will also treat you to a refreshing tea before you depart for the wider world. Arriving up at Minden Lookout, you'll find the perspective has gotten wide indeed. Expect to see across Tauranga, out into the Bay of Plenty, and, if conditions are favorable, even plumes of wispy smoke and steam rising from volcanic Whakaari, the White Island, offshore to the east.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel out into the countryside surrounding Tauranga to visit a local Maori village, known as a marae.
- Be welcomed by an indigenous guide as you begin an intimate tour of the village, meeting its hospitable residents and learning about their lives.
- Witness traditional craft-making and cooking underway, experience Maori's tradition of storytelling, and share tea with your hosts.
- Driven up to Minden Lookout, be swept away by exceptional views out across the Bay of Plenty – and perhaps out to Whakaari volcano, puffing away some 30 miles offshore.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is acceptable for guests with mobility concerns and for those who utilize collapsible wheelchairs. Ngati Ranginui Maori Marae could be substituted with another similar local Marae and the order of sights may be reversed. This tour operates with a driver/guide.

**TAU-005 TAURANGA HIGHLIGHTS**

**Date: Feb 23, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM, 02:30 PM**  
**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$99.00**



OVERVIEW

Settle in for a half-day orientation tour that visits key Tauranga sights. Driving into town from across Tauranga Harbor, you'll survey this fast-growing city on the Bay of Plenty. Abundant in natural attractions and supporting a high quality of life, Tauranga was founded by a group of 19th-century missionaries who left a behind a legacy of well-planned parks and gardens. You'll step back into one of their landmarks on a guided walking tour of Elms Mission House and its gardens shaded by venerable old oaks. Built in 1847 by Archdeacon Brown, this historic Georgian-styled home remained in the family until very recent times. A scenic drive around Tauranga brings you past Gate Pa, site of the last major battle between the British and Maori people back in 1864, while a stop up at the Minden Lookout promises outstanding panoramic views out over the city and bay waters. After, it's time for a scenic return drive by way of the Matapihi Peninsula.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a drive around Tauranga, whose natural attributes have made it one of New Zealand’s fastest-growing cities.
- Tour the Elms Mission House and grounds, dating from 1847 and kept in its builder’s extended family for some 150 years.
- Pass by wartime landmarks like Monmouth Redoubt and Gate Pa, and visit Minden Lookout for stunning views out across the Bay of Plenty.
- Drive back through the Matapihi Peninsula, sacred home to an extinct volcano known as The Mount.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 500 yards of walking over flat surfaces. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**TAU-GG1 LAKE ROTOITI, WILDLIFE & WATERWAYS**

**Date: Feb 23, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM**  
**Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00**



OVERVIEW

Kayak across serene Lake Rotoiti, a sheltered waterway with abundant wildlife and natural geothermal pools along its scenic shoreline. After a briefing on how to get the most out of the adventure, you will ease into a double kayak and paddle off. Lake Rotoiti is wonderfully picturesque, in part because a lowland forest borders much of it. Pohutukawa, known as the Christmas tree for its crimson flowers and greens, also grows there. You can expect to spot wildlife along the way, especially water birds such as black swans. Once you reach the mineral-rich Manupirua hot pools, you will have the opportunity to soak in the soothing waters. The springs are of varying temperatures, so you can surely find one to your liking. You will also paddle through a cave softly illuminated by glow worms. It is quite the natural phenomenon.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kayak along the shores of Lake Rotoiti, a natural paradise with plenty of wildlife .
- Relax your muscles by soaking in the mineral-rich hot pools along the lake’s coast .
- Paddle through a cave illuminated only by glow worms .

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear a swimsuit under your clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be at least 8 years of age. This tour includes a moderate amount of walking over paved and unpaved ground with surfaces which can be wet and uneven. It is not recommended for guest who use a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. 2 person per kayak. Step on to kayak from shoreline. Guests will likely get wet in getting on and off kayak. Wildlife is not guaranteed.

**TAU-GG2 SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN & SUSTAINABLE FARM**

**Date: Feb 23, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM**  
**Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$289.00**



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of a working dairy farm before visiting New Zealand’s largest mainland sanctuary, an oasis for indigenous flora and fauna. The Red Barn farm showcases what rural life was like in this region centuries ago. Days start early, and the work continues pretty much nonstop. Before sitting down to a hearty country-style lunch at the farm, you will watch a demonstration of traditional butter-churning. A drive across the volcanically formed Kaimai Mountains will bring you to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. One of the world’s longest pest-free fences surrounds the ancient forest that blankets the mountain to keep out invasive species. As you wander along the forest trails, the naturalist guide will point out indigenous species that may include endangered birds, tuatara reptiles and giant wetas, a type of massive insect whose name means “god of ugly things” in the Maori language. You may also climb a tower to observe animals living in the tree canopy.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the working dairy farm Red Barn for a glimpse into rural life centuries ago .
- Enjoy a hearty farm-to-table lunch at the Red Barn .
- Walk through an ancient forest that a protective pest-free fence surrounds .
- Observe indigenous species of flora and fauna that thrive in the sanctuary forest .

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking over paved, uneven and flat surfaces for approximate 3.5 miles. There will be 110 steps to negotiate throughout the tour. It is not recommended for guest who use a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

**TAU-WT1 HELLS GATE MUD BATH RETREAT**

**Date: Feb 23, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM**  
**Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$309.00**



OVERVIEW

Tour the steamy terrain of Hells Gate Geothermal Park, dine on lunch cooked in a superheated pool, and slip into a luxurious mud bath at the spa complex. It all starts with an immensely scenic drive inland to reach this place of healing and revitalization where native Maori have lived for centuries. An introductory tour acquaints you with the park’s boiling mud baths, steaming fumaroles and incredibly hot waterfall. You’ll learn about Hells Gate’s cultural importance to its Maori owners and have the opportunity to feel different types of geothermal mud used to treat arthritis, rheumatism, burns – even to cook. In fact, your meal here will be cooked by steam pot in one of the hot pools, a unique alternative to the traditional Maori earth-oven method using heated rocks. The menu varies, but typically includes chicken, prawns, mussels, corn and a local sweet potato known as kumara. After nourishing your body, you’ll nourish your skin as you ease into a mud bath at the Hells Gate spa. The heated, nutrient-rich mud has a silky-smooth texture that naturally exfoliates, detoxifies and polishes your skin. You’ll emerge relaxed, glowing, and ready to show off your vigor back to the ship.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for a scenic coach drive inland from the pier to the historic spa region around Lake Rotorua.
- Tour Hells Gate Geothermal Park – some 50 acres of heated mud baths,

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

steaming fumaroles and the Southern Hemisphere's hottest waterfall

- Get a hands-on intro to the forms of therapeutic geothermal mud used in this place of revitalization long revered by the Maori people.
- Dine on a healthy lunch cooked in a thermal pool, then head to the spa for a very satisfying mud bath.
- Step out of your session naturally detoxified, exfoliated and fabulously relaxed.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear spa-casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes limited walking, mainly at the guest's discretion. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**TAU-006 MAORI CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Date: Feb 23, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$139.00**



OVERVIEW

Experience traditional Maori life in the tribal village of Paparua Marae, where you will listen to storytellers and watch crafts being made by hand. Following a traditional welcome, you will be graciously shown around the village, which steadfastly embraces its heritage. Most of the buildings are constructed with natural materials and adorned with intricate totem-like figures. The meetinghouse or marae is one of the more sacred buildings, and Maori storytellers often gather there to regale visitors with ancient legends. You will also have the opportunity to watch the villagers create handmade crafts, including items carved from indigenous totara trees. Carving is especially significant to the Maori as they knew nothing of writing until the 19th century and have always expressed themselves and honored their culture through carved works of art. In time, tea will be served, after which you may drive to nearby Minden Lookout for a stunning view of the Bay of Plenty.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain an understanding of traditional Maori life in the tribal village of Paparua Marae.
- Listen to Maori storytellers recount ancient legends in a sacred meetinghouse.
- Watch highly skilled carvers ply their craft by creating handicrafts.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2-hours of easy walking/standing over mostly flat surfaces. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Minimal activity	Moderate activity	Oceania Exclusive	Beyond Blueprints	Go Green
Easy activity	Strenuous activity	Oceania Select	Culinary Discovery	Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	Food & Wine Trails	Wellness Tour

## General Information

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

**Transportation** - Licensed and insured late-model coaches, mini-vans, automobiles, watercraft and other modes of transportation are utilized.

**Guides** - Licensed, English-speaking local guides accompany all tours.

**Admission Fees** - Shore excursions include all required admission fees, where applicable.

**Meals & Refreshments** - Meals and/or refreshments are included only when indicated in the shore excursion description.

### CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- Shore excursions operate rain or shine.
- Minimum participation levels are required to operate shore excursions, so please sign up as early as possible. Excursions may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met. To ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance.
- Shore excursion packages are fully refundable prior to embarkation of your cruise. Packages cancelled after embarkation will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- À la carte excursions are fully refundable until 36 hours in advance of the excursion. Excursions cancelled less than 36 hours in advance will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- In the event of a port cancellation, guests who have purchased a shore excursion package will receive a pro rata refund for that port based on the price paid. Guests who have purchased an à la carte excursion for a cancelled port will receive a full refund.
- For guests with the Simply More Shore Excursion Package, no refunds or credits will be given if the excursion is not taken, unless the excursion is cancelled by Oceania Cruises.

### PRICES, ITINERARIES & GENERAL INFORMATION

- All pre-reserved shore excursions receive priority confirmation over those booked on board.
- In order to receive maximum pre-cruise savings, you may pre-purchase shore excursions up until 7 days prior to your sail date.
- The discount of 25% off à la carte excursion prices that is offered with the Simply More Shore Excursion Package is subject to a minimum number of excursions that must be purchased. This minimum is based on the number of port days on your cruise.
- Shore excursion prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations. Once excursions have been purchased, pricing is guaranteed and not subject to change.
- During local or national holidays, access to certain facilities (such as museums or archaeological sites) may be limited or denied. In such instances, adjustments in the shore excursion itinerary will be made to minimize inconvenience to guests.
- Some shore excursions have limited availability; reserve your excursions early to avoid disappointment.
- Oceania Cruises reserves the right to require guests to complete a liability waiver for select shore excursions. For more information, please consult the Destination Services Desk on board.

### PLEASE NOTE

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 Moderate activity

 Oceania Exclusive

 Beyond Blueprints

 Go Green

 Easy activity


 Strenuous activity

 Oceania Select

 Culinary Discovery

 Go Local

 Evening excursion

 Meal included

 ADA Accessible

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 Wellness Tour