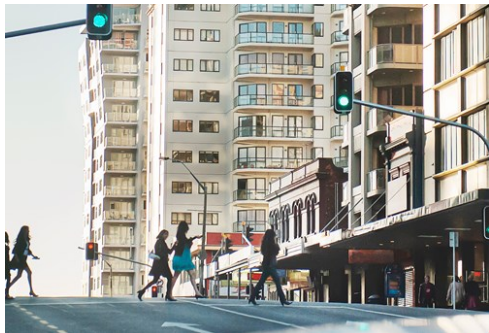




Auckland

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The majestic "City of Sails" is surrounded by water, which defines its sparkling appeal. The magnificent harbour is reminiscent of other famous waterside cities, but with its own unique charm. Auckland has a rich maritime history, shaping its identity as a seafaring city. Auckland is relatively small geographically, which makes it a pleasure to explore on foot and with its dynamic population the city has more of a cosmopolitan, sophisticated feel to it and with an easy, friendly atmosphere.



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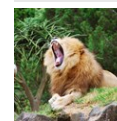


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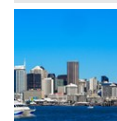
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THE CITY



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Auckland shines as the commercial and cultural centre of New Zealand. It is situated on 50 islands and 48 dead volcanoes which make it unusual and breathtaking to behold. Stroll along the water, a hike on a volcanic island, or a cruise through the glorious harbour are just a few ways to absorb the delights of the city. This city has the largest Polynesian population in the world, adding to its cosmopolitan, dynamic appeal. High-end fashion houses, sophisticated restaurants and chic bars compliment the abundance of outdoor activities.

The mythical, magical natural beauty of New Zealand made it an obvious choice for the setting of the imaginary Middle Earth, in the films of "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy. This enchanting wonderland is filled with craggy mountains, rolling, rustic hills, endless green meadows, gentle beaches and dramatic cliffs. It is a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts, with pursuits from rock climbing and scuba diving, to parasailing and white water rafting. Horse riding is also a popular activity in New Zealand. If you want to create a "Lord of the Rings" experience - of galloping across Middle Earth - this is the perfect place to do it! Auckland has more boats per capita than any other city in the world, which explains the national obsession of sailing. Home of America's Cup, boating becomes an infectious

pastime to almost every visitor who crosses its shores.

This luscious leafy city is a joy to explore. Its infectious energy emerges in the open and affable population and lively activities. Kiwis are proud of their country. They adore visitors and love to rave about this glorious city. Don't be surprised if you make new friends among the locals!

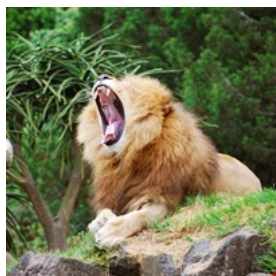
DO & SEE



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The whole region of Auckland is just waiting to be explored and with its stunning nature, beautiful beaches, pristine rainforest and the magnificent Hauraki Gulf, the city does for sure offer an amazing travel experience for their visitors. Auckland is the perfect place to recharge your batteries with some pampering, see a variety of scenic landscapes, or to experience the buzz of urban bustle or why not get a thrill of some adventure activities. No matter what you are, looking for you will for sure find it in Auckland.

Auckland Zoo



This beautifully landscaped zoo is home to 138 different species and over 875 animals and it as the largest collection of native and exotic

animals in New Zealand. The zoo is conveniently located just minutes from central city and truly has a lot to see including events, animal encounters, behind-the-scenes experiences and more.

Photo: Patricia van Sinderen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Motions Road, Western Springs, Auckland

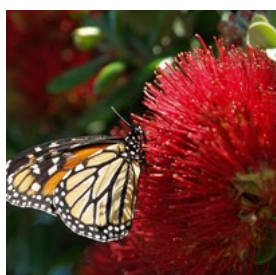
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9.30am - 5pm (1 May to 31 August), Monday - Sunday: 9.30am - 5.30pm (1 September to 30 April)

Phone: +64 9 360 3805

Internet: www.aucklandzoo.co.nz

Email: info@aucklandzoo.co.nz

Butterfly Creek



This tropical butterfly bastion shows off a variety of 800 free-flying tropical butterflies on lush grounds with waterfalls, ponds,

flourishing foliage, turtles, fish and exotic birds. Ride the miniature Red Admiral Express train through the grounds and stop at the Buttermilk Farm petting zoo.

Photo: Tomas Pavelka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Tom Pearce Drive, Auckland

Opening hours: Butterfly Creek is open every day of the year except Christmas Day and Boxing Day!

Phone: +64 9 275 8880

Internet: www.butterflycreek.co.nz

Email: info@butterflycreek.co.nz

More Info: Near Auckland International Airport

Rangitoto Island



A dormant volcanic island - only a 25-minute ferry ride from downtown Auckland - makes up part of the gorgeous scenery of the Hauraki Gulf

Marine Park. Hike to the summit of the volcano or stroll through the lush landscape of the lower fields. Accessible only by ferry (Fullers Auckland Harbour Cruises)

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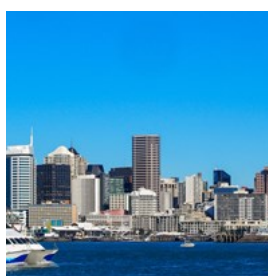
Address: Rangitoto Island, Auckland

Internet: www.fullers.co.nz/destinations/rangitoto-island

Email: info@rangitoto.org

More Info: www.rangitoto.org

Harbour Cruise



Cruising Auckland's harbour is a spectacular way to see the city and its surroundings from a different perspective. Several different

companies offer day, afternoon, dinner and overnight cruises for different prices:

Island Escape Cruises

+64 9 358 1717

www.islandescape.co.nz

Fullers Auckland Harbour Cruises and Ferry Services

Auckland Ferry Building

+64 9 367 9111

enquiries@fullers.co.nz

www.fullers.co.nz

360 Discovery

Pier 4, 139 Quay Street, Downtown Auckland

+64 9 307 8005

info@360discovery.co.nz
www.fullers.co.nz

Photo: Mark_and_Anna_Wilson/Shutterstock.com
Address: Pier 4, 139 Quay Street, Auckland
Phone: +64 9 307 8005
Internet: www.fullers.co.nz
Email: info@360discovery.co.nz

Auckland Museum

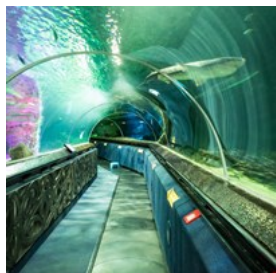


Set in one of the country's finest heritage buildings, the museum has a wonderful display of over 2000 priceless Maori and Pacific treasures and artefacts, showing its culture and history. There is also a war memorial for the Auckland province, mainly to those who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars.

Auckland Museum is the only venue in Auckland where visitors can also experience a Maori cultural performance daily. (3 times a day and last for 30 minutes.)

Photo: Gr8/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Auckland Domain, Parnell, Auckland
Public Transport: Take the LINK Bus or Explorer Bus, or the train to Grafton Station.
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10am - 5pm
Phone: +64 9 309 0443
Internet: www.aucklandmuseum.com
Email: info@aucklandmuseum.com

Kelly Tarlton's SEA LIFE Aquarium



Located just outside Auckland, Kelly Tarlton's SEA LIFE Aquarium houses thousands of marine animals from hundreds of species, including fish, turtles, sharks, penguins,

stingrays as well as underwater viewing tunnels. This is truly a top attraction for the whole family and should definitely be on your to-do list when here.

Photo: Les Williams/Flickr (image cropped)
Address: 23 Tamaki Drive, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9.30am-5pm
Phone: +64 9 531 5065
Internet: www.kellytarltons.co.nz
Email: info@kellytarltons.co.nz

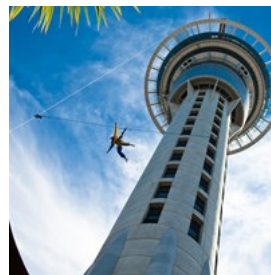
New Zealand National Maritime Museum



Dedicated to one of New Zealand's national obsessions, this museum explores 1,000 years of seafaring history. Visit the themed galleries to learn how the first Polynesians got here or learn more about NZ's most famous maritime pioneer among other things. New Zealand National Maritime Museum is a suitable attraction for both young and old.

Photo: Alan & Flora Botting/Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Quay Street, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10am-5pm
Phone: +64 9 373 0800
Internet: www.maritimemuseum.co.nz
Email: info@maritimemuseum.co.nz
More Info: Corner Quay Street and Hobson Street

The Sky Tower



The Sky Tower stands 328 meters tall, is an icon of Auckland's skyline and is an exciting hub of adrenaline activities such as SkyJump or a place where to enjoy superb dining and breath-taking 360-degree views. At the base of the Sky Tower you will find the SKYCITY Auckland

entertainment complex with restaurants, casino and a theatre. So when in Auckland, make sure not to miss this amazing attraction.

Photo: matiascausa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Federal Street, Auckland

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday: 8.30am-11.30pm, Friday - Saturday: 8.30am-midnight

Phone: +64 9 363 6000

Internet: www.skywalk.co.nz.

More Info: Corner of Victoria & Federal Streets, free phone within NZ 0800 759 2489. www.skycityauckland.co.nz.

Auckland Stardome Observatory



An archetypal planetarium with a guided tour of the Southern Hemisphere sky, Auckland Stardome Observatory is a unique and fun learning experience for all ages that allows you to observe the wonders of the universe. It doesn't come as a surprise, that this is one of the Auckland region's most popular and best loved attractions.

Photo: Giovanni Benintende/Shutterstock.com

Address: 670 Manukau Rd, Epsom, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday: 10am - 5pm, Tuesday - Thursday: 10am - 5pm and 6pm - 9.30pm, Friday: 10am - 5pm and 6pm - 11pm, Saturday: 11am - 11pm, Sunday: 11am - 10pm

Phone: +64 9 624 1246

Internet: www.stardome.org.nz

Email: info@stardome.org.nz

More Info: One Tree Hill Domain off Manukau Road

West Auckland Vineyards



New Zealand is famous for its white wines, particularly its Sauvignon Blanc. A visit to a few of Auckland's most renowned vineyards is a treat for any wine enthusiast. They will also ship

any wine that you purchase on your tour for a very reasonable fee. You can also do some wine tasting at one of the Glengarry stores. (www.glengarrywines.co.nz)

Or take wine tasting tour with Wine Trail Tours:

Photo: Prins/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Pentland Ave, Auckland

Phone: +69 9 630 1540

Internet: winetrailtours.co.nz/

Waiheke Island



The ultimate island retreat with vineyards, olive groves and beautiful beaches, Waiheke Island is only a 35-minute ferry ride from downtown

Auckland. Known as the island of wine where some of New Zealand's best red wines comes from. Due to the easy accessibility, Waiheke is an ideal day trip or why not stay over the night at any of the hotels?

Photo: NZGMW/Shutterstock.com

Address: Waiheke Island, Auckland

Internet: www.waihekewine.co.nz

Goat Island Marine Reserve



With crystal clear waters and masses of colourful fish, Goat Island (New Zealand's first and most accessible marine reserve), is a magnet for

snorkelers and divers, located only an hour from Auckland's city centre. Take the highly popular Glass Bottom Boat Tour, a fun and educational adventure for guests of all ages where to explore fish, fauna, marine life and birds that flourish in this protected reserve.

Photo: ian woolcock/Shutterstock.com
Address: Goat Island Road, Leigh
Phone: +64 9 422 6334
Internet: www.glassbottomboat.co.nz

Horse Rides



This horse riding experience takes you over the deserted white sands of Pakiri beach, through pine forests and past fresh water lakes. Owners Laly and Sharley Haddon are descendants of the Maori chief Te Kiri of Ngati Wai, and have a strong connection to the land and its ancestors. The Pakiri Horse Rides Farm is situated on lands that have been handed down for generations.

Photo: Fotokostic/Shutterstock.com
Address: 317 Rahuikiri Road, Pakiri Beach, Wellsford
Phone: +64 9 422 6275
Internet: www.horseride-nz.co.nz
Email: pakirihorse@xtra.co.nz
More Info: There are different rides to choose between, from a relaxed one hour ride to a full day or longer.

Tamaki Hikoi Maori Walk



Discover an ancient Maori trail in the modern heart of Auckland City. The experienced guide will bring Auckland's unique landscape alive by storytelling, song and customs. You will hear stories passed from generation to generation and experience Auckland's most illustrated locations.

Photo: mrcmos/Shutterstock.com
Address: 32-34 Mahuhu Crescent, Quay Park, Auckland
Phone: +64 21 146 9593
Internet: www.tamakihikoi.co.nz
Email: bookings@tamakihikoi.co.nz

Waitakere Ranges regional park



The Waitakere Ranges (Auckland's largest regional park), located only 30 kilometres from downtown Auckland, is the perfect place where to enjoy tranquillity and unique flora and fauna. One tour company who takes you to Waitakere Ranges is the multi-award winning tour company Bush and Beach Ltd who also offers other amazing tours, such as Hobbiton movie set tour, wine and food tours as well as city tours.

Photo: attem/Shutterstock.com
Address: Waitakere Ranges, Auckland
Phone: +64 800 423 224
Internet: www.bushandbeach.co.nz
Email: info@bushandbeach.co.nz
More Info: Pick up and drop off at inner city accommodation.

Bungy jump from Auckland Harbour Bridge



Auckland is home to the world's first harbour bridge bungy jump, operated by the bungy originals - AJ Hackett Bungy. Jumpers leap over the Waitemata Harbour and are offered the experience of a lifetime! The bridge is 40 meters high and if you really want it to be even more thrilling, opt for a water-touch and enjoy a nice ocean dip!

Photo: travellight/Shutterstock.com
Address: 105 Curran Street, Auckland
Opening hours: Operates seven days a week.
Phone: +64 9 360 7748
Internet: www.bungy.co.nz
Email: info@bungy.co.nz
More Info: Westhaven Reserve in Herne Bay

Auckland Bridge Climb



Auckland Bridge Climb is a 1½ hour climb under, in, through and over Auckland's iconic harbour bridge. Accompanied by a climb leader, this activity offers unique 360 degree views of the Hauraki Gulf, Viaduct Harbour and cityscapes. Full commentary covers the history, geology, geography and culture of Auckland, as well as some colourful secrets.

Photo: Shaun Jeffers/Shutterstock.com
Address: 105 Curran Street, Auckland
Phone: +64 9 360 7748
Internet: www.bungy.co.nz
Email: info@bungy.co.nz
More Info: Westhaven Reserve in Herne Bay

Matakana Coast



Stretching from Puhoi to Pakiri, the Matakana Coast is dotted with deserted bays with small islands and recreational reserves and offers some of the finest wines, arts, crafts and visitor attractions in rural New Zealand, all within an hour drive north of Auckland. Matakana also aims to be the first 'Slow Food' town in New Zealand.

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Address: Matakana, Auckland

Tiritiri Matangi Island

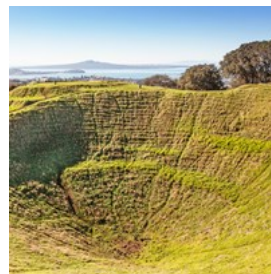


A world-renowned wildlife sanctuary, Tiritiri Matangi is one of only two Open Scientific Reserves in New Zealand, situated in the Hauraki

Gulf only a 75-minute ferry ride away from central Auckland. This is a protected haven for native and endangered species, and a true paradise for anyone who loves the nature and bird watching.

Photo: Unicus/Shutterstock.com
Address: Tiritiri Matangi Island, Auckland
Phone: +64 9 307 8005
Internet: www.360discovery.co.nz
Email: enquiries@fullers.co.nz
More Info: The boat leaves from pier 4, 139 Quay Street, Downtown Auckland

Maungawhau - Mount Eden



The grass-covered crater of Mount Eden in Auckland is the highest natural point in the region. A stunning view over the city's skyline unfolds from the top. A serene walk to the peak of the volcano is a great alternative to city bustle.

Photo: David Steele/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mount Eden Road, Auckland

Matamata (Hobbiton)



For fans of "The Lord Of the Rings" trilogy or "The Hobbit" movies, Matamata village is an essential must-visit. Here, you can experience Hobbiton first-hand and feel like one of Tolkien's characters for a moment. The village is an estimated 2 1/2-hour car ride from Auckland, but the journey is worth every minute and you can take breaks on your way there, to simply marvel at NZ's beautiful and diverse landscape.

Photo: Svetlana Orusova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 501 Buckland Road, Hinuera
Phone: +64 7 888 1505
Internet: www.hobbitontours.com/

Cornwall Park



The park is wrapped around One Tree Hill and its obelisk monument, which was erected in memory of the donor of the park Sir John Logan

Campbell. Regular guided tours, workshops and other events are held here, and the park is a beautiful area for a stroll through nature and to enjoy magnificent gardens, a large tree and bird diversity and stunning views.

Photo: Sam DCruz/Shutterstock.com
Address: Green Lane West, Auckland
Opening hours: Daily 7:00am - 7:00pm.
Phone: +64 9 630 8485
Internet: cornwallpark.co.nz/
Email: info@cornwallpark.co.nz

DINING



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Auckland's cuisine is inventive and incredibly diverse representing the multitude of cultures that make up its population. There are many seafood restaurants around due to the coastal location of Auckland. This means the city always has a wealth of fresh seafood at its disposal. There are thousands of restaurants, cafés, bars and wineries, offering everything from fine

dining to cheap eats where you can treat your taste buds with yummy and fresh food.

Harbourside Ocean Bar Grill



Harbourside Ocean Bar Grill is a chic premium seafood restaurant with stunning views and high quality food. Enjoy the freshest of New Zealand's seafood with relaxed à la carte dining, inside or outside on the sheltered balcony with world class harbour views.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 99 Quay Street, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: from 11.30am
Phone: +64 9 307 0556
Internet: www.harbourside.co
Email: auckland@harbourside.co
More Info: First Floor Ferry Building

Orbit 360° Dining



Situated at the top of the SkyTower building, 190 metres above the ground, Orbit Restaurant offers superb views of the city while rotating once every hour. A restaurant that offers a modern dining experience and where to relish delicious kiwi-inspired à la carte menu that features the best local and seasonal produce.

Photo: Andrei Diomidov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Victoria Street, Auckland
Phone: +64 9 363 6000
Internet: www.skycityauckland.co.nz
More Info: SkyTower, Corner of Federal & Victoria Streets

Sails Restaurant



The restaurant, situated in the heart of the Southern Hemisphere's largest marina, Westhaven, overlooking over thousands of yachts.

A luxurious interior compliments the breath-taking views in this award-winning restaurant where the menu offers premium beef cuts and quality seafood, cooked with modern techniques while maintaining respect for traditional methods.

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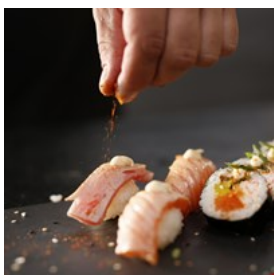
Address: 103-113 Westhaven Drive, Westhaven Marina, Auckland

Opening hours: Open for lunch Monday to Friday and for dinner every evening.

Phone: +64 9 378 9890

Internet: www.sailsrestaurant.co.nz

Gion Japanese Restaurant



Named after an ancient district in Kyoto, Gion is a stylish, chic restaurant in the trendy Parnell area. Traditional sushi and inventive Japanese

cuisine is served in a relaxing and warm environment. On the menu, you will find dishes like squid ring tempura, beef teriyaki and salmon sashimi.

Photo: Robert Przybysz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 168 Parnell Road, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: Lunch 11.45am - 2.30pm / Dinner 5.45pm till Late, Sunday: closed

Phone: +64 9 379 3344

Internet: www.gion.co.nz

Email: booking@gion.co.nz

Soul bar and bistro



Soul's open air style dining is very popular among local business luncheons and international guests alike. The bistro prides itself on

using the fines and freshest local produce, where seafood is an important ingredient. Grilled snapper, seared tuna but also meat dishes like pork belly schnitzel and roast lamb rack are all on the menu.

Photo: Yellowj/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viaduct Harbour, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11am till late

Phone: +64 9 356 7249

Internet: www.soulsearch.co.nz

Email: Enquiries@soulsearch.co.nz

More Info: Corner Hobson and Customs Street West

Sid at The French Cafe



This French Café is consistently rated as the best fine dining restaurant in Auckland. The décor is intimate and sophisticated, and the

food demonstrates owner and Chef Simon Wright's total dedication to detail and quality. The menu offers contemporary European cuisine with fresh New Zealand ingredients and the wine list encompasses the best local labels as well as fine French wines.

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Address: 210 Symonds Street, Auckland

Phone: +64 9 377 1911

Internet: www.thefrenchcafe.co.nz

Email: thefrenchcafeoffice@xtra.co.nz

The Engine Room



The Engine Room, on Auckland's Northcote Point, is a modern European restaurant set in a classic art deco building. The food is a blend of international peasant cuisines, modern bistro and revisited bistro classics. The local restaurant was the supreme winner of the 2007 Metro Restaurant of the Year awards.

Photo: dotshock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 115 Queen Street, Auckland

Phone: +64 9 480 9502

Internet: www.engineerom.net.nz

Email: info@engineerom.net.nz

More Info: Northcote Point, North Shore

Blue Elephant Thai Restaurant



The authentic tasty Thai food and the friendly service is what attract both locals and tourists to visit the restaurant. It is located in a cosy courtyard, down a small alley in Parnell. The fresh food is beautifully presented and make sure to get here with an empty stomach since the staff serves good sized portions.

Photo: JoannaTkaczuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: 237 Parnell Road, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: from 5.30pm

Phone: +64 9 358 3095

Internet: www.blueelephant.co.nz

Oh Calcutta



Take a culinary journey of flavours and colours at this Indian restaurant where quality is not compromised. In fact Oh Calcutta has been the winner of a number of Auckland Restaurant awards; one of them is "METRO'S Top 50 Best Asian Restaurants year 2008".

Photo: neil langan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 149 -155 Parnell Road, Parnell, Auckland

Opening hours: Tuesday - Friday: Lunch 12pm - 5.30pm,

Dinner: Monday: 5.30pm - 10.30pm, Tuesday - Sunday:

5.30pm - 10.30pm

Phone: +64 9 377 90 90

Internet: www.ohcalcutta.co.nz

Email: greatfood@ohcalcutta.co.nz

Casita Miro



Beautifully located on Waiheke Island, Casita Miro is renowned for its ambience, fine food and wines. A great place to head for when craving for Spanish food like tapas and where it is all about shared dining, making it a perfect social dining experience.

Photo: Bernd Juergens/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Brown Road, Onetangi, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: Lunch from 11.30am,

Thursday - Sunday: Dinner from 6pm

Phone: +64 9 372 7854

Internet: www.casitamiro.co.nz

More Info: Bookings are highly recommended.

Tony's Lord Nelson Restaurant



Lord Nelson started as a simple kiwi steakhouse over 38 years ago and has expanded ever since. This popular restaurant serves some of the best

succulent steaks in town but also offers fresh seafood, lamb, venison and chicken. The attentive staff serves big portion so make sure to get here with an empty stomach.

Photo: verca/Shutterstock.com

Address: 37 Victoria Street, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: Lunch 12pm - 2.30pm,
Dinner 5pm - 10pm, Saturday - Sunday: Dinner 5pm - 10pm

Phone: +64 9 379 4564

Internet: www.lordnelson.co.nz

Email: tonys@lordnelson.co.nz

Sal's Authentic New York Pizza



The name says it all, when dining here you will for sure get a full NY pizzeria experience, everything from the smell, the ovens, cosy

booths and the vibrant ambiance will transport you to the Big Apple. Even all of their base ingredients are imported to New Zealand like Wisconsin mozzarella, California tomatoes, New York State milled flour, pepperoni, and meatballs.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 49 Fort Street, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 11.30am - 10pm, Friday -
Saturday: 11am - 3am, Sunday: 11:30am - 10pm

Phone: +64 9 379 7257

Internet: www.sals.co.nz

Email: getintouch@sals.co.nz

More Info: Restaurant chain will several locations.

CAFÉS



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Sit back and relax over a cup of coffee or tea, while watching the world go by in one of Auckland's many inviting cafés. Unique cafés are dotted around the town so you will easily find one when you are craving for a hot beverage or something sweet, like a fresh baked cake!

Paneton Bakery



Paneton offers delicious French baked goods, full breakfasts and coffee drinks, available for sit down or take away. This stylish bakery/café is well

known for supplying top quality freshly baked bread and pastries and done it for over 25 years. So, if you have a sweet-tooth, make sure not to miss this place.

Photo: margouillat photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 21 Halsey Street, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 7am-4pm, Sunday:
Closed

Phone: +64 9 309 5338

Internet: www.panetonbakery.co.nz

Email: info@panetonbakery.co.nz

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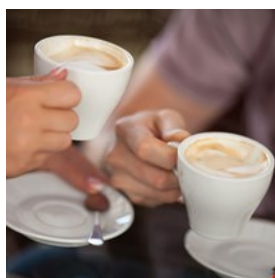


Minimalist in design, this cute café specialises in breakfast and lunch, it has a diverse menu of char-grilled vegetables, bagels and Jewish salads.

Dizengoff, attracts a diverse crowd of locals and the fashion conscious.

Photo: Maxim Khytra/Shutterstock.com
Address: 256 Ponsonby Road, Auckland
Phone: +64 9 360 0108
Email: dizengoffponsonby@gmail.com

Rosie



This is a trendy and yet a casual neighbourhood eatery, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner in a relaxed atmosphere. The café is nestled in

suburban Parnell across from the well-known Rose Gardens and is very popular among the locals. Try the chocolate and coconut drink, a delicious combo that can't go wrong.

Photo: Sofia Andreevna/Shutterstock.com
Address: 82 Gladstone Road, Parnell, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7am - Late
Internet: www.rosieparnell.nz
Email: rosie@hipgroup.co.nz

Richmond Road Café



Superb coffee and a variety of breakfast, brunch and lunch options make this busy café very popular amongst local Ponsonby and Grey Lynn

residents. In addition, you can find freshly squeezed juices and smoothie on the menu and it all can be enjoyed in a casual, vibrant

atmosphere.

Photo: Natalia Klenova/Shutterstock.com
Address: 318 Richmond Road, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 7am - 4pm
Phone: +64 9 360 5559
Internet: www.richmondrdcafe.co.nz

Takapuna Beach Café



Takapuna Beach Café has a beautiful location by the beachfront and offers an all-day menu that features fresh and healthy meals, which are

prepared with locally sourced, ingredients. If you are craving for something sweet, then you should not miss their homemade gelato that comes in many yummy flavours.

Photo: YanLev/Shutterstock.com
Address: 22 The Promenade, Takapuna, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 6.30am - 6pm
Phone: +64 9 484 0002
Internet: www.takapunabeachcafe.co.nz
Email: takapunabeachcafe@hipgroup.co.nz

Giapo



If you are a big fan of ice cream, then do not miss this ice cream heaven, Giapo, where they serve original ice cream flavours. The owner has

taken ice cream to a completely new level, experimenting, using art and science to create ice cream masterpieces. You almost need to pop in to see what all the fuss is about; it will be a gastronomical ice cream experience you will not forget.

Photo: Anna Mente/Shutterstock.com
Address: 79 Queen St, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 12pm - late

Phone: +64 9 550 3677
Internet: www.giapo.com
Email: giapo@giapo.com

Remedy Coffee



Situated in the city centre, opposite the Civic Theater, Remedy Coffee has an inner city vibe and is most of the time packed with regulars and delighted newcomers. Free WiFi is available as well as board games and an old school arcade machine. On the menu, you will find silky smooth coffee including sandwiches, wraps, bagels and much more.

Photo: CandyBox Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Wellesley Street West, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 6.30am - 3.30pm, Saturday - Sunday: 8am - 3pm
Phone: +64 9 377 1030
Email: remedycoffee@hotmail.co.nz

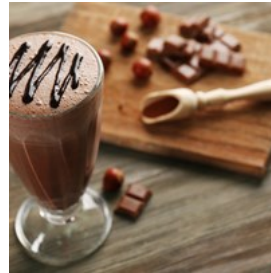
Little & Friday



It is all about pleasuring your sugar cravings when entering this cosy cafe that is so popular among many Aucklanders. Here you can sink your teeth into fresh pies, tasty pastries, doughnuts and cakes, which are all handmade from scratch.

Photo: beornbjorn/Shutterstock.com
Address: No. 234 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby, Auckland
Opening hours: Wed-Frid 8am - 2pm, Sat-Sun 8am-3pm
Phone: +64 9 489 8527
Internet: www.littleandfriday.com
Email: hello@littleandfriday.com

Chocolate Boutique Cafe



Another place not to be missed (especially if having a sweet tooth) is the famous Chocolate Boutique, a combined chocolaterie and café.

Enjoy a range of desserts and sweet treats while soaking up the European vibe this café is oozing. Try their world-renowned Italian denso hot chocolate or the iced chocolate drink.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 323 Parnell Road, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11am - 10pm
Phone: +64 9 377 8550
Internet: www.chocolateboutique.co.nz
Email: enquiries@chocolateboutique.co.nz
More Info: Shop 1

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Kiwis are a relaxed, friendly, fun-loving people, and relaxing with a drink is an integral part of the culture here. Whether you are looking for an intimate venue for quiet conversation or a lively festive atmosphere, anything your heart desires is easily found. Auckland has truly a lively, energetic nightlife, with something for everyone. Various DJ clubs with any type of music abound, available every night of the week.

Dida's Wine & Tapas Lounge



Opened in December 2011 and is located in the front of the old Victoria theatre in Devonport. Stylish and lively surroundings, with tasty treats and an enviable wine list. Didas Devonport is an ideal location for a drink and tapas prior to a movie, a late afternoon drink or a night out to catch up with friends. It is located 12 minutes from Auckland by Ferry.

Photo: Kichigin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 54 Jervois Road, Ponsonby, Auckland

Phone: +64 9 376 2813

Internet: www.didas.co.nz

Email: dida@glengarry.co.nz

The Fox Sporting Bar & Restaurant



The Fox is your typical sports bar, located in the heart of Auckland's stunning Viaduct Harbour. Claimed to be one of the best places to watch sport, a place where all the major international and New Zealand sports are shown. The atmosphere is always on top and you can come here for lunch or dinner, either way you will not regret your choice.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 85-87 Customs St W, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.45am - 11.30pm,

Friday - Saturday: 8.45am - 3.30am, Sunday: 8.45am - 12am

Phone: +64 9 358 2767

Internet: www.thefox.co.nz

Email: Events@TheFox.co.nz

The Sugar Club



Take the elevator 53 floors up and you will find this chic bar with a stunning view across the vibrant city of Auckland and with a decor that reminds of the 1930s Art Deco Italy. Be prepared to have a delicious cocktail with an exclusive New Zealand twist and when desiring for food, the menu provides small tasty seasonal plates.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Skytower 72 Victoria Street West, Auckland

Phone: +64 9 363 6365

Internet: www.skycityauckland.co.nz

Email: enquiries@thesugarclub.co.nz

More Info: Level 53, Sky Tower, Corner of Federal and Victoria Streets

Brew on Quay



Brew on Quay was opened by three close friends with the focus on a friendly atmosphere, ambience, fine food and the best brews. The decor in every room is different with influences from around the world, this because they want everyone who visits them to feel at home.

Photo: Ievgenii Meyer/Shutterstock.com

Address: 102 Quay Street, Britomart, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11am - late

Phone: +64 9 887 8787

Internet: www.brewonquay.co.nz

Email: info@brewonquay.co.nz

More Info: On the corner of Quay Street & Britomart Place

Cassette Nine



Cassette Nine has multiple personalities, during the day you can come and grab a burger or a hot dog. At night, this is one of the party places in town with both DJ's and local bands playing. Truly, a fun place that attracts a mix of people of all ages both locals and travellers.

Photo: sad444/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Vulcan Lane, Auckland

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 5pm - 4am

Phone: +64 9 366 0196

Email: play@cassettenine.com

Provedor



Known for its relaxed and friendly environment, where every guests can just have fun and be themselves. Provedor is a popular retro spot where a mix of pub anthems, rock and new hits are played to enhance the atmosphere. Pop in, mingle with the locals and party the night away.

Photo: Zurijeta/Shutterstock.com

Address: 139 Quay Street, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 3pm till late

Phone: +64 9 377 1114

Internet: www.provedor.nz

Email: info@provedor.co.nz

SKYCITY Auckland Casino



Try your luck at SKYCITY Auckland Casino, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and offers a non-stop fun and excitement for their guests. All the most popular casino games are

housed here including great live entertainment. When the hunger and thirst reminds you, there are great food and bar options here.

Photo: Nata789/Shutterstock.com

Address: Federal Street, Auckland

Opening hours: 24 hours a day

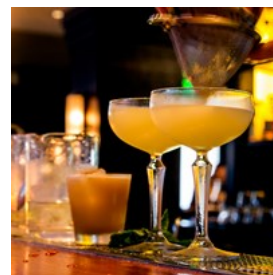
Phone: +64 9 363 6000

Internet: www.skycityauckland.co.nz

Email: enquiries@skycity.co.nz

More Info: Corner Victoria and Federal Streets Auckland

Twentyone



Situated on the third level of SKYCITY Auckland, Twentyone is a place to head for when looking for an epic night out with tasty cocktails and listen to the hottest DJs. The interior design is luxurious, creating a more of a sophisticated ambiance, making it a great place for after work drinks or late night clubbing.

Photo: cdrin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Federal Street, Auckland

Opening hours: Wednesday - Saturday: 5pm-late

Internet: www.skycityauckland.co.nz/bars/twentyone

More Info: Level 3, SKYCITY Auckland, Corner of Federal and Victoria Streets

Ding Dong Lounge



A premier rock bar that attracts business patrons and rockers alike with Rock Dj's and weekly live bands. Ding Dong Lounge in down town Auckland, is a great place with a cool vibe where to enjoy craft beer and snacks while catching up with friends.

Photo: Roman Voloshyn/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26 Wyndham St, Auckland

Phone: +64 9 377 4712
Internet: www.dingdongloungez.com
Email: info@dingdongloungez.com

The Classic Comedy Club & Bar



Big (and small) names in the scene come on stage here. Depending on the event, you can experience up to 10 acts per show -- a full pool of different

styles of jokes and humour. On weekends, you can usually watch the club's top pro comedians in a 2-hour show. Check out the week's schedule and pick a gig.

Photo: [Troddler/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)
Address: 321 Queen Street, Auckland
Phone: + 64 9 373 4321
Internet: www.comedy.co.nz/
Email: info@comedy.co.nz

SHOPPING



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When in Auckland, shopping is a must! Auckland has a wide array of high street fashion, local designers, house wares, crafts and eclectic markets to explore. Discover one of the many vibrant shopping streets where you will find boutique and designer stores, offering some of New Zealand's best-known names as well as top international labels. There are also numerous of malls to head for where you basically will find

everything you are looking for and also where you can pick some great Kiwi gifts to bring back home for the loved ones. Auckland markets is also a safe bet when looking for that special gift, art, craft or jewellery.

A local note: Karangahape Road is widely known as the abbreviated K'Road.

High Street, Vulcan Lane & O'Connell Street Areas



High Street and the shopping area known as Chancery, are home to many fashion boutiques and designer stores - including Karen Walker, a famous Zealand fashion designer. The area, which also encompasses Vulcan Lane, O'Connell and Lorne Streets, is popular for trend spotting and streetwear shopping.

Photo: [Olena Chukhil/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)
Address: High Street, Auckland

Victoria Park Market



Built in 1901, this former city rubbish incinerator had its own electricity-generating steam boilers, heated by the rubbish-burning furnace, and stables for horses which pulled the garbage carts. Since its 1972 restoration, Victoria Park Market is now known for its maze-like collection of stalls, barrows and shops where you can find plenty of arts, crafts, clothes and ethnic specialities. There are more than 85 shops, cafes and restaurants housed here.

Photo: [russellstreet/Flickr](https://www.flickr.com/photos/russellstreet/) (image cropped)
Address: 210 Victoria Street West, Auckland

Opening hours: 7 days a week from 9am to 6pm
Phone: +64 9 309 6911
Internet: www.victoria-park-market.co.nz

Otara Market



Otara Market contain a mix of all of Auckland's cultures. An endless market selling everything from clothes, crafts, exotic food to jewellery in a lively, energetic, head-spinning atmosphere. Come over here and find some great souvenirs to bring back home.

Photo: Dmitri Ogleznev/Shutterstock.com
Address: Newbury Street, Auckland
Opening hours: Held every Saturday from 6am - 12pm
Phone: +64 9 274 0830
Internet: www.otarafleamarket.co.nz
Email: o.f.c@xtra.co.nz

Nuffield Street



Nuffield Street, Newmarket, is a boutique-style destination with not only exclusive designer fashion shops, but also restaurants and home decor stores. The 29 new stores opened in August 2006, with nine of these brand new to New Zealand. Some of the stores located here are French Connection, Karen Millen, Mimco and Witchery.

Photo: ESB Professional/Shutterstock.com
Address: Nuffield Street, Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Saturday - Sunday: 10am - 5pm
Internet: www.nuffieldstreet.co.nz

Parnell Shopping



Parnell Village is a historic shopping area five minutes east of the city with charming boutiques and cafés. Here you can explore designer stores, fine art and quirky shops offering everything from clothes, home decor to diamonds. Along Parnell Road, you will find art galleries that house local New Zealand artwork.

Photo: MOAimage/Shutterstock.com
Address: 327 Parnell Road, Auckland
Phone: +64 9 379 0606
Internet: www.parnell.net.nz
Email: info@parnell.net.nz

Ponsonby



Ponsonby Road is a shopping destination for fashion aficionados and offers an array of clothing, furniture and designer lifestyle shops. Ponsonby is a five minute drive west of the central city with a combination of contemporary shopping and café dining. This is a late 19th-century neighbourhood full of wooden villas!

Photo: itravelNZ® - New Zealand in your pocket/Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Ponsonby Road, Auckland

La Cigale French-style Farmers Market



Each Saturday and Sunday the French-style Farmers Market takes place at the car park beside French store La Cigale in Parnell. The emphasis is on seasonal fruit and vegetables

(organic or spray free whenever possible), artesian bread, cheese, confectioneries, oils, spices and homemade preserves. It's a great place to pick up supplies for a weekend picnic.

Photo: Nikolay Dimitrov - ecobo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 69 Street, Georges Bay Road, Parnell, Auckland
Opening hours: Saturday: 8am - 1pm, Sunday 9am - 1.30pm
Phone: +64 9 366 9361
Internet: www.lacigale.co.nz

The Department Store

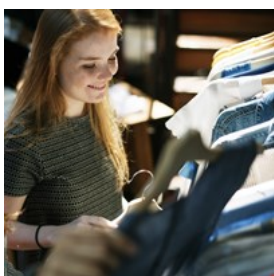


The Department Store is a modern take on the traditional department store experience, a store full of clothing, shoes, bags, accessories, beauty,

interiors and more. Here you will find an easy-going lifestyle with tons of different fashion brands to choose from.

Photo: Aaron Amat/Shutterstock.com
Address: 10 Northcroft St, Takapuna, North Shore
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 9am - 5pm, Sunday: 10am - 4pm
Internet: thedepartmentofnews.com
Email: info@thedepartmentstore.com

Sylvia Park Auckland



Ideally located in the heart of Auckland, Sylvia Park Auckland boasts a mix of retail shops, offering everything from fashion, accessories,

footwear to beauty and home decor. There are more than 200 stores here, including dining and a cinema complex. A premiere retail and fashion destination, where you will definitely find what you are looking for.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com
Address: 286 Mt Wellington Highway, Mt Wellington,

Auckland
Opening hours: Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 7pm, Thursday - Friday: 9am - 9pm, Saturday - Sunday: 9am - 7pm
Phone: +64 9 570 3777
Internet: www.sylviapark.org
Email: sylviapark@kp.co.nz

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Auckland Airport



The Auckland International Airport services all of Auckland. Located 21 km south of the City Center and it is easily accessible by bus,

shuttle or taxi.

Skybus is Auckland's airport transfer service that runs between Auckland City Centre and Auckland Airport. They operate 24 hours a day and the bus transfer takes about 40-60 min. Tickets can be bought at the Airport Ticket Kiosks (situated by the SkyBus bus stops at the airport) or from the bus driver (cash only). You can also buy your ticket online and some hotels.

There are only licensed taxi and shuttle companies at the designated taxi ranks at the terminal buildings, all to make sure that you will get a high standard of service. The taxi rank are

outside the arrivals area at the international terminal as well as the domestic terminal. You can pre-book or just turn up at the terminal rank.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Auckland Airport

Phone: +64 9 275 0789

Internet: www.auckland-airport.co.nz

Public Transport



Due to its recent growth spurt and the international interest developing in Auckland as a tourist destination, traffic has gotten more congested than it was 5 years ago. Given this, Auckland is still a relatively small city and the traffic is still manageable compared to other large cities.

The easiest way to get around Auckland is with Link bus services. Just look for the red, green or yellow buses. The buses run on such a frequent basis so no need to look at the timetable. You only need to head to the appropriate bus stop and wait for your bus. Take the red bus (The CityLink) when travelling within the city centre, the green bus (The InnerLink) to get around Auckland's inner city and the amber bus (OuterLink) when travelling around the inner suburbs of Auckland. For more detail and information, see website below.

You can buy your ticket from the bus driver (cash only) or get the AT HOP smart card that can be bought online or at a ticket office. One ticket office is Britomart customer service centre. (Ground floor Britomart Transport Centre, 8-10 Queen St, Auckland)

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: 8-10 Queen St, Auckland

Phone: +64 9 366 6400

Internet: www.at.govt.nz

Taxi



Street.

Taxi ranks are to be found around the city centre such as Lower Hobson Street, Ferry Building, Britomart and Kitchener

Auckland Co-op Taxis

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Address: Auckland

Phone: +64 9 300 3000

Internet: www.cooptaxi.co.nz

Post



Wellesley Street, close to Aotea Square.

Post offices and postal shops are abundant in Auckland. A centrally located one is Wellesley Street NZ Post & Kiwibank, located on

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 24 Wellesley Street West, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5.30pm, Saturday - Sunday: Closed

Phone: +64 800 081 190

Internet: www.nzpost.co.nz

Pharmacy



Medicines to Midnight is an after-Hours Pharmacy, open all day until midnight. A fully stocked pharmacy, specialising in medicines, prescriptions

and advice.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 160 Broadway Newmarket, Auckland

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 9.30am - 12am, Sunday:
10am - 12am

Phone: +64 9 520 6634

Internet: www.medicinestomidnight.co.nz

Email: medicinestomidnight@xtra.co.nz

Telephone



Country Code: +64 Area
Code: 09

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



240 Volts AC, 50Hz flat, 3
pronged plugs used.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

1.4 million

Currency

New Zealand Dollar (NZD) = 100 cents

Opening hours

Typical hours for shops are 9am-6pm weekdays, with an earlier closing on weekends but many shops stay open late on Thursday and Friday. Banks general opening hours are Monday – Friday 9am-4.30pm.

Newspapers

The New Zealand Herald,
The Independent,
National Business Review,
Sunday News,
Sunday Star Times

Emergency numbers

Police, Fire and Ambulance
111

Tourist information

The Auckland Visitor Information Center
Skycity atrium, Crn of Victoria and Federal Streets
Opening hours: Mon - Sun: 9am - 5pm
+64 9 365 9918



Abbey Street	A4	Grafton Bridge	B4 C4	Parnell Road	D3
Airedale Street	B3	Grafton Road	B4 C3 C4	Paul Street	C3
Albert Street	B2 B3	Graham Street	B2	Pitt Street	B3 B4
Alfred Street	C3	Greys Avenue	B3	Plumer Street	D2
Anzac Avenue	C2 D2	Halsey Street	A2 B1	Princes Street	C2 C3
Aotea Square	B3	Hamer Street	A1	Quay Street	C2 D2
Augustus Terrace	D3	Hayden Street	A3	Queen Street	B3 B4 C2
Bath Street	D3	Heather Street	D3	Ronayne Street	D2 D3
Beach Road	D2	High Street	C2	Sale Street	A2
Beaumont Street	A1 A2	Hobson Street	B2 B3	Seafield View Road	C4
Beresford Street West	A3	Hopetoun Street	A4	Shortland Street	C2
Bowen Avenue	C2	Howe Street	A3	St Benedicts Street	B4
Brigham Street	A1 B1	Ian McKinnon Drive	A4 B4	St Patricks Square	B2
Cancery Street	C2	Jellicoe Street	A1	Stanley Street	D3
Cenotaph Road	D4	Karaka Street	A4 B4	Sturdee Street	B2
Cheshike Street	D3	Karangahape Road	A4	Swanson Street	B2
City Road	B4	Kingstone Street	B2	Symonds Street	B4 C3 D3
Cook Street	A3 B3	Kiosk Road	D4	Te Taou Cres	D2
Customs Street East	C2	Liverpool Street	B3 B4	The Crescent	D4
Customs Street West	B2	Lorne Street	C3	The Strand	D3
Daldy Street	A2	Lovers Lane	D3 D4	Tinley Street	D2
Day Street	A4	Lower Domain Drive	D3	Turner Street	B3
Domain Drive	D4	Madden Street	A1	Tyler Street	C2
Drake Street	A2	Mahuhu Cres	D2	Union Street	A3
Durham Street West	B2 C2	Mayoral Drive	B3	Victoria Street East	C2
Earle Street	D3	Mercury Lane	B4	Victoria Street West	A2 B2
Eden Crescent	C2 D2	Mills Lane	C2	Vincent Street	B3
Edinburgh Street	A4	Mount Street	C3	Wakerfield Street	B3 C3
Eglon Street	D3	Napier Street	A3	Waterloo Quadrant	C2 C3
Elliott Street	B2 B3	Nelson Street	A3 B2 B3	Waverley Street	B3
Fanshawe Street	A2 B2	Newton Road	A4 B4	Wellesley Street East	C3
Football Road	D4	Nixon Street	A4	Wellesley Street West	B2 B3
Fort Street	C2	Ophir Street	A4	Wellington Street	A3
Fox Street	D3	Pakenham Street West	A1 A2	Wolfe Street	B2
France Street	A4	Park Avenue	C4	Wyndham Street	B2
Franklin Road	A2	Park Road	C4	Wynyard Street	C3 D3
Galway Street	C2	Parliament Street	C2 D2	York Street	D3
Gaunt Street	A2	Parnell Rise	D3		