

Auckland Explorer Bus

Bus Stop Information Sheet

FERRY BUILDING. (STOP 10) This structure serves as the centrepiece of harbour activity in Auckland. Built in 1912, it still serves as an active ferry terminal with ferries departing to Devonport and various Hauraki Gulf islands on a regular basis. The building itself is made of sandstone and brick. Directly across the road from the Ferry Building is the Britomart Transport Station and Queen St, Auckland's main street. Also across the road is the Westfield Downtown Mall, a small shopping mall including a large pharmacy and extensive foodcourt. This is also the best stop if you are wanting to wander around the harbour, Viaduct and Queens Wharf areas.

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Winter, (hourly) 10am – 3pm**

BASTION POINT LOOKOUT. (STOP 1) Bastion Point offers fine views out over the Hauraki Gulf and Waitemata Harbour. A popular destination for kite fliers, Bastion Point lives up to its name and has the remains of WWII-era lookout bunkers and gun emplacements. Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Gardens, dedicated to the Labour Party legend and Prime Minister of the 1930 are worth a visit. If you wish to visit Mission Bay Beach there is a path that will take you down the hill to Mission Bay - ask the driver to direct you. Please note this path is fairly steep and if you wish to join the bus back at this point allow time for the return walk. Alternatively you can walk back around Tamaki Drive on the waterfront and pick up the bus again at our bus stop at Kelly Tarltons Underwater world, near the entrance. This is a beautiful walk and well suited to a fine day, allow 30 minutes at a reasonable pace.

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Winter (hourly) 10.10am – 3.10pm**

KELLY TARLTONS (Antarctic encounter and Underwater World). (STOP 2) Travel on the moving walkway through this amazing underwater world. A ride on the snowcat through into the ice enclosure and penguins is a must. Allow 1 –2 hours for this attraction. The entrance for Kelly's is by the busstop but the exit is at the other end of the carpark so allow a few minutes extra to get back to the busstop on time.

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PARNELL ROSE GARDENS (STOP 3) (In winter only, a request Stop , Ring bell or ask driver) The Parnell Rose Gardens, showcases new and old rose varieties, many of which have been bred by internationally celebrated rose breeders. To enjoy the blooms at their fullest, visit between October and April. *This stop is ideally suited to summer months.*

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HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL (STOP 4) - Auckland Cathedral of the Holy Trinity is a place of worship, choral music, art, architecture, learning and history. The Cathedral is also used regularly as a venue for music and cultural performances. The Cathedral Precinct, situated in Parnell, consists of Holy Trinity Cathedral as well as St Mary's, the former Cathedral Church. Tourists are welcome to visit the Cathedral buildings on a daily basis.

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AUCKLAND MUSEUM – (STOP 5) A must see for visitors to Auckland. Three expansive levels tell the story of New Zealand's history, from our emergence as a nation through the loss and suffering of war, to our uniquely ancient natural history and our priceless Maori and Pacific treasures. An excellent Maori Cultural Performance show is at 11am 12 noon and 1.30pm. The Museum has an excellent café, there are also bathroom facilities in the atrium of the Museum building. Located a short distance from the Museum are the beautiful Winter Gardens next to a duck pond and natural spring, well worth a visit and free of charge.

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PARNELL VILLAGE – (STOP 6) New Zealand's oldest suburb is famed for its galleries, cafés, restaurants and charming boutique-style stores.

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CIVIC THEATRE CORNER – (STOP 7) This is an upper Queen St stop, Queen St being the main street of Auckland. Enjoy the shopping or cross diagonally at the traffic lights for the **Auckland Art Gallery** and beautiful Albert Park. The Art Gallery has New Zealand's largest art collection featuring over 15,000 local and international artworks.

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Winter (hourly) 9.40am – 3.40pm**

SKYCITY AND SKY TOWER – (STOP 8) At 328m the Sky Tower is the tallest man-made structure in New Zealand and offers breathtaking views for up to 80 kilometres in every direction.

Travel up in the glass-fronted lifts to one of the three spectacular viewing platforms, or for more thrills and excitement, SkyWalk around the pergola at 192 metres up or SkyJump off the Tower! SkyCity also hosts a Casino/Hotel and various restaurants.

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WYNYARD QUARTER/TRAM STOP (Auckland Fish Market) (STOP 9)

Catch a tram or walk to Auckland’s newest waterfront tourist attraction. Shops, restaurants and the huge fish market area. Tram has 1.5 kilometers of track and cost \$5 day pass with our ticket.

AMERICAS CUP VIADUCT HARBOUR (Drive through, as no stopping)

Short walk from Ferry building stop. New Zealand has a long history of involvement with the America's Cup Yachting regatta and was only the 2nd country in 100 years to win it from America. We first hosted it here in the year 2000 when we defended the cup but lost it in 2003 to the Swiss challenger Alinghi.

DISCOUNTS

Discounts available by showing your Auckland Explorer Day pass
(Only on Adult and Child fares)

Attractions and discount	Normal retail admission price (As at September 2011)
Auckland Museum 50%	(\$10 Adult - admission only)
Wynyard Tram 50%	(\$10 All Day Pass)
Maritime Museum 25%	(\$17 or entrance plus cruise \$29)
Eden Garden 25%	(\$8 Adult)
MOTAT 25%	(\$14 Adult \$8 Child)
Kelly Tarltons 10%	(\$34 adult Child \$17)
Fuller cruises 10%	(\$38 adult Child \$19)
Sky City 10%	(\$28 adult Total Tower Experience)
Sky Tower SkyWalk \$20 adult	(\$145 adult only)
Sky Tower SkyJump \$30 adult	(\$225 adult only)
Auckland Zoo 10% off Gift Shop	(\$22 Adult \$11 Child)
Auckland Fish Market	(Free coffee with fish meal- Market Seafood Brasserie)

SATELLITE BUS (bottom Blue circle)

Connects with the main Explorer Bus at the Auckland Museum

10.30am 11-30am 12-30pm 1-30pm 2-30pm *3.30pm

(*Winter 2.30pm final departure)

EDEN GARDEN (STOP I) - It has been described as Auckland's best-kept garden secret. Eden Gardens are a magical microcosm of the art and craft of gardening. In 1964, a far-sighted band of volunteers began their efforts to transform an abandoned quarry burrowed into the scoria rock of the extinct volcano. Today, this garden paradise features one of the largest collections of camellias in the Southern Hemisphere. The Satellite Bus will visit hourly from 10.40am – 3.40pm. (Winter 2.40pm)

MT EDEN (STOP II) – (Maunga-whau) Mt Eden is one of Auckland's most famous landmarks. As the highest volcano on the Auckland isthmus it provides good views over the city and the Waitemata Harbour. *Unfortunately the Auckland Council stopped coaches from going to the summit from 12 December 2011.* We apologies for our council who don't appreciate showing you this major attraction like we do! However you can walk the 300 metres to the summit from our bus stop at the Mt Eden information centre. Be aware a fair degree of fitness is required. Our buses depart hourly from 10.45am – 3.45pm (10-45am to 2-45pm in winter)

EDEN PARK - Drive Past - Eden Park is New Zealand's largest stadium. For over 100 years the park boasts some of New Zealand's proudest sporting moments, including the 1950 Empire Games, inaugural 1987 Rugby World Cup and 1992 Cricket World Cup. Venue of the Rugby World Cup final held here in October 2011.

ST LUKES WESTFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE (STOP III). One of Auckland's largest shopping malls housing stores of every description. The Satellite Bus will be back hourly from 11.05am – 4.05pm. (winter 3.05pm)

AUCKLAND ZOO (STOP IV). A beautiful zoo and well worth a visit, if you haven't seen a Kiwi bird yet this is the place to see one. The Satellite Bus will be back hourly from 11.10am – 4.10pm (Winter 3.10pm) .

MOTAT (Museum of Transport and Technology) (STOP V) (Request Stop)
MOTAT is New Zealand's largest and leading transport and technology museum. Within 40 acres, MOTAT will take you on an interactive journey through many of the technological achievements that have helped shape New Zealand. This is a request stop so please advise the driver if you wish to visit. The Satellite Bus will visit hourly from 11.15am – 4.15pm (Winter 3.15pm)