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Bus Stop Information Sheet Summer 2016-17



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Useful Information

- For your safety, please take a seat as soon as you board, and stay seated while the bus is moving
- Both Red and Blue loops depart every 30 minutes
- To get the best value from your day pass, we recommend visiting the attractions as you come to them, rather than travelling the whole route first
- As a courtesy to other passengers, please don't talk over the commentary
- Cruise ship passengers: please remember to exit at Stop 9 for Princes Wharf and Queens Wharf

Please recycle this sheet with the driver or take it with you as a souvenir

Red Loop



9

Philips Corner/ Princes Wharf (Stop 9)

(All cruise ship passengers disembark here)

Our main stop, this marks the entrance to the Viaduct Harbour, and is the closest stop to cruise ship terminals at Princes Wharf and Queens Wharf.

This is also the stop for Viaduct Harbour. New Zealand has a proud history with the America's Cup yachting regatta, the world's oldest sporting trophy. In 1995 we were just the second country in 100 years to win it from the United States. This waterfront area was developed to host the America's Cup regattas in 2000 and 2003.

Stroll around the marina past super yachts from around the world and enjoy views of the Auckland Harbour Bridge, explore New Zealand's rich maritime history at the fascinating Voyager Maritime Museum, or enjoy world class hospitality at the many delicious restaurants and bars that line the water's edge.

At the new Wynyard Quarter precinct you'll find the Auckland Fish Market, and the Silo Park playground, as well as many new bars and restaurants. This area is an easy walk from Philips Corner (stop 9), past the big boat and over the lift up bridge.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes from 9am-4pm, terminating at 5pm



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Bastion Point (Stop 1)

Bastion Point offers breathtaking views out over the Waitemata Harbour and back to the city skyline. Explore the WWII-era bunkers and gun emplacements, or enjoy the tranquillity in the Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Gardens. Savage was New Zealand's Prime Minister from 1935-1940.

A path to the front of the bus leads down the hill to Mission Bay, where you will find a beautiful beach and a range of shops and places to eat. Please note this path is fairly steep, and if you wish to rejoin the bus at this stop, allow time for the return walk.

Alternatively you can walk back around the waterfront and rejoin the bus at Kelly Tarlton's (stop 2), just past the entrance. This is a pleasant 30 minute walk and well suited to a fine day.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes from 9.10am - 4.10pm



2

Kelly Tarlton's (Stop 2)

At Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium you can discover with New Zealand's rich marine environment, including sharks, stingrays, seahorses and other incredible sea creatures. Journey through the underwater viewing tunnel, the first of its kind in the world, and get up close to New Zealand's only colony of king and gentoo penguins in the Antarctic Ice Adventure.

Allow 1-2 hours for this attraction. The entrance is near our bus stop but the exit is at the other end of the carpark, so allow a few minutes extra to get back to the bus stop on time.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes from 9.15am - 4.15pm



Parnell Rose Gardens (Stop 3)

Enjoy a riot of colour and scent in these beautiful gardens, which showcase more than 5,000 new and old rose varieties. The annual Parnell Festival of Roses is held here every November. To enjoy the blooms at their fullest, visit in the summer months between October and April. A pathway at the back of the gardens leads downhill through parkland to Judges Bay and the historic Parnell Baths – a salt water swimming pool complex open during the summer months.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes from 9.20am – 4.20pm



Holy Trinity Cathedral (Stop 4)

Situated in the suburb of Parnell, the cathedral is Auckland's principal Anglican church, as well as a venue for music and cultural performances. The cathedral precinct consists of the impressive Holy Trinity Cathedral, famed for its 'Pacific Gothic' architectural style and unique stained glass windows, and the historic cathedral church of St Mary. The funeral of Sir Edmund Hillary, first to climb Mt Everest and renowned Antarctic explorer, was held here in 2008. Visitors are welcome and entry is free.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 9.25am – 4.25pm



Interchange stop

Change buses here to switch between Red and Blue Circles.

Auckland Museum (Stop 5)

The Auckland War Memorial Museum is a must-see for all visitors to Auckland. Three expansive levels tell New Zealand's story, from our emergence as a nation through the loss and suffering of war, to our unique natural history and our fascinating Māori and Pacific treasures. Māori cultural performances take place at 11am, 12 noon and 1.30pm daily, with a 2.30pm show in peak summer. The foyer area has free wifi, a café and toilets, and is available to everyone.

The beautiful Wintergardens (Blue loop stop A) are a short distance from the museum. These are well worth a visit and entry is free.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 9.30am – 4.30pm



Parnell Village (Stop 6)

New Zealand's oldest suburb, Parnell is famed for its art galleries, cafés, restaurants and charming boutique-style stores. Enjoy wandering along the street and winding your way through the intriguing cobblestone alleys.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 9.35am – 4.35pm



Civic Theatre corner (Stop 7)

The heritage Civic Theatre sits on the corner of Queen Street, Auckland's main street, and Wellesley Street. Spend some time shopping along Queen Street or cross diagonally at the traffic lights for the Auckland Art Gallery and beautiful Albert Park.

The Auckland Art Gallery is an award-winning building containing New Zealand's largest art collection, with more than 15,000 local and international artworks. Free guided tours take place daily at 11.30am and 1.30pm.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 9.40am – 4.40pm



SkyCity and Sky Tower (Stop 8)

At 328 metres (1076 feet) high, the Sky Tower is the tallest man-made structure in New Zealand and the southern hemisphere. Travel up in the glass-fronted lifts to one of the three spectacular viewing platforms for breathtaking views for up to 80 kilometres in every direction.

If you're looking for thrills and excitement, you can SkyWalk around the pergola at 192 metres high, or do the SkyJump – base-jumping off the tower! The SkyCity entertainment complex also hosts a casino, two hotels and over 25 restaurants, bars and cafés, with free wifi inside.

Red loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 9.45am – 4.45pm

Blue Loop

Connects with Red loop at the Auckland Museum 5

Blue loop buses depart every 30 minutes from the front of the museum between 9.30am - 3.30pm, terminating at 4.30pm and connecting with the last Red loop back to the city.



Winter Gardens (Stop A)

Just a short walk across the Domain from the museum, the Domain Wintergardens are a beautiful historic garden complex. Large ornate greenhouses contain temperate and tropical plants from around the world, including some rare and exotic species. Entry is free. There is a café close by. **Blue loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 9.35am - 3.35pm**



Eden Garden (Stop B)

Described as Auckland's best-kept garden secret, Eden Garden is a magical microcosm of the art and craft of gardening. In 1964, a visionary band of volunteers began transforming an abandoned quarry burrowed into scoria rock on the slopes of Mt Eden. Today, this garden paradise features native and exotic plants, including one of the largest collections of camellias in the Southern Hemisphere. A café is open daily. **Blue loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 9.45am - 3.45pm**



Mt Eden (Stop C)

Maungawhau or Mt Eden is one of Auckland's most famous natural landmarks. As the highest volcano on the Auckland isthmus, it provides stunning views over the city and the Waitemata Harbour. You can walk the 300 metre path to the summit from our bus stop. Be aware a reasonable degree of fitness is required and there is no shelter on the mountain. **Blue loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 9.50am - 3.50pm**

Eden Park (Drive Past) Eden Park is New Zealand's largest stadium, seating up to 60,000 people.



St Lukes Westfield Shopping Centre (Stop D)

One of Auckland's largest shopping malls, St Lukes houses stores of every description and is the perfect place for a little retail therapy. **Blue loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 10.00am - 4.00pm**



Auckland Zoo (Stop E)

Auckland Zoo is home to the largest collection of native and exotic animals in New Zealand. Meet 138 different species and over 875 animals as you explore 17 hectares of lush parkland. See New Zealand's national icon, the kiwi bird, as well as elephants, lions and tigers, apes, giraffes and more. **Blue loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between 10.10am - 4.10pm**



Motat (Museum Of Transport And Technology) (Stop F) *Request Stop*

The Museum of Transport and Technology or 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. **Blue loop buses depart this stop every 30 minutes between from 10.15am - 4.15pm**

Bonus Discounts

Show your Auckland Explorer pass and receive great discounts at these stops along the way.

Auckland Museum: 20% off all general admission (\$25 Adult - \$10 Child - \$60 Family). 10% off packages (Packages start from \$40).

NZ Maritime Museum: 15% (\$20 Adult) (\$50 Adult Sailing + Admission).

Eden Garden: 25% (\$8 Adult).

MOTAT: 25% (\$16 Adult \$8 Child).

Auckland Adventure Jet: \$40 discount (\$98 Adult).

Auckland Adventure Duck: \$20 discount (\$68 Adult).

Kelly Tarlton's: 15% (\$39 Adult Senior \$30 Child \$22).

Sky Tower: 10% (\$28 Adult Total Tower Experience).

Sky Tower gift shop: 10% with purchases over \$10 when a Total Tower Experience to Sky Tower is purchased.

Sky Tower SkyWalk: \$20 adult discount (\$145 Adult only).

Sky Tower SkyJump: \$30 adult discount (\$225 Adult only).

Auckland Auckland Zoo: 10% off Adult & Child (\$28 Adult, \$12 Child).

Degree Gastrobar at stop 9: 10% off your bill.