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Cruise to New Zealand

The youngest country on earth

Cruise Destination Guide

New Zealand

As the youngest country on earth, New Zealand offers its fair share of incredible natural scenery, unforgettable attractions and unique and intriguing cities.

Characterised by majestic snow-capped mountains, rolling green hills and pristine waterways and beaches, New Zealand is the ultimate cruising destination for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers alike.



Visit the attractive coastal cities of Wellington and Dunedin, traverse the tropical wonders of Fjordland National Park or soak up some sun in the beautiful Bay of Islands when you embark on a cruising holiday in NZ. With so much to see and do packed into just one small country, your choice to cruise in New Zealand will reward you time and time again with once-in-a-lifetime sights, experiences and memories.

Deciding what you want to see and do during your time in New Zealand can often be a difficult task. To make things a little easier, we've developed this useful guide on what to expect at your ports of call in New Zealand. From your port locations and transport options, to suggested activities and the best photo opportunities, this guide has it all!

Let all the stresses associated with planning a holiday evaporate and let us take care of it for you!



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Auckland War Memorial

North Island Auckland

New Zealand's biggest city, Auckland, is a true treasure of the South Pacific. Affectionately known as the "City of Sails", Auckland is sprawled over the Waitemata and Manukau Harbours and boasts stunning pockets of rainforest and dozens of dormant volcanic cones.

Home to the biggest collection of Maori taonga in the world, Auckland's history speaks for itself. However, its rich culture and heritage are only part of Auckland's appeal. Discover secluded tropical islands, unique city attractions and a close proximity to some of New Zealand's most remarkable natural wonders. Voted as one of the world's most livable cities, Auckland is a fantastic place to visit, offering a wealth of incredible things to see and do all year round.

Transport

A LINK bus is available pier side and is the perfect option for those wishing to explore the city's suburbs and will only cost you a maximum of \$3.40NZD. Regular buses are also available, but are generally more expensive and do not provide drop-offs to the tourist attractions like the LINK buses do.

Taxis are available pier side when you disembark from your cruise ship, and you can expect to pay around \$3NZD initial fare and then additional charges per kilometre.

Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock at either Princes Wharf or Queens Wharf, which is located less than one kilometre from the city centre of Auckland. You will immediately be in the downtown area of Auckland when you step off the ship, and there are plenty of fantastic shops, restaurants and cafes to explore within easy walking distance.



Recommended Currency

The New Zealand Dollar is used in Auckland, with credit cards widely accepted across the city. We recommend you carry some of the local currency in cash with you for small purchases like public transport and food.

Picture Perfect

Experience the most unsurpassed views of Auckland from the Sky Tower and take some panoramic shots of the city and its stunning surrounds.

Language: English and Te Reo Maori



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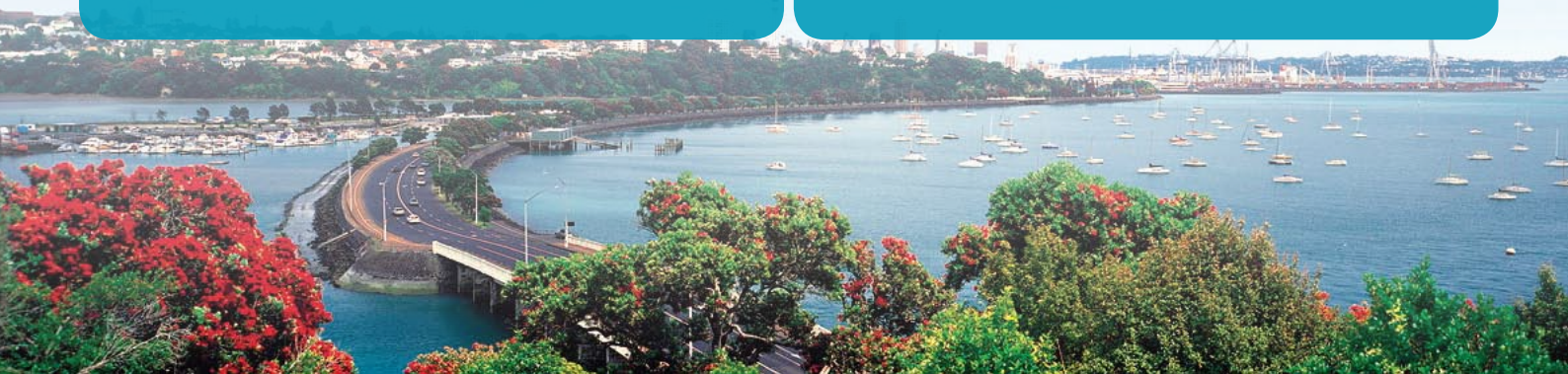
To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Auckland](#), visit the [Port of Call](#) page.

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

- 1.** The Auckland Bridge climb is a must while you're in town. Allow your very own tour guide to lead you up to the very tip of the bridge where you will experience unsurpassed views of the cityscape and surrounding areas. Extreme adrenaline junkies can choose to take the plunge and bungee from the bridge; guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience
- 2.** Visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum to uncover the area's Maori and Polynesian culture.
- 3.** Parnell Village offers an insight into Auckland's creative quarter and is ideal for those in search of charming boutique stores, quaint cafes and unique art galleries.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

- 1.** Home to the glow worm, *Arachnocampa luminosa*, the Waitomo Caves are a must-see for any traveler and can be experienced on a world-famous boat ride beneath their glow.
- 2.** Venture up the Auckland Sky Tower and take part in the Antarctic Encounter to get a true taste of the underwater world.
- 3.** Take a shore tour of the Auckland Wine Trail and sample some of the country's premier wines from absolutely breathtaking vineyards



North Island

Bay of Islands

Easily one of New Zealand's most picturesque destinations, Northland's Bay of Islands (Bay of Isles) is an absolute must see while visiting the world's youngest country.

Offering beauty, peace and relaxation all rolled into one, this incredible natural region is comprised of 150 glorious islands that make up New Zealand's finest Maritime Park.

The region is also a popular spot for fishing and sailing, offering 16km of stunning inlet scenery, and some of the country's most secluded and untouched islands.

Waitangi, Paihia and Russell are the bay's three central towns and provide excellent tourist facilities, along with a rich and intriguing history. However, it is out on the water that you will find the true treasures of this region.

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor offshore with tenders operating throughout the day to the mainland to Waitangi Wharf. A free shuttle service runs between the wharf and the town of Paihia, which is just three kilometres away.



Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Recommended Currency

The local currency is the New Zealand Dollar and we recommend that you carry some of this currency with you while visiting the Bay of Islands. Credit cards are also widely accepted and ATMs are available in the townships.

Transport

Taxis and hire cars are available at the wharf, but the cheapest option is to utilize the free shuttle service. Once in Paihia, your transport options are more varied with buses providing the best option for visiting the many destinations of the Bay of Islands.

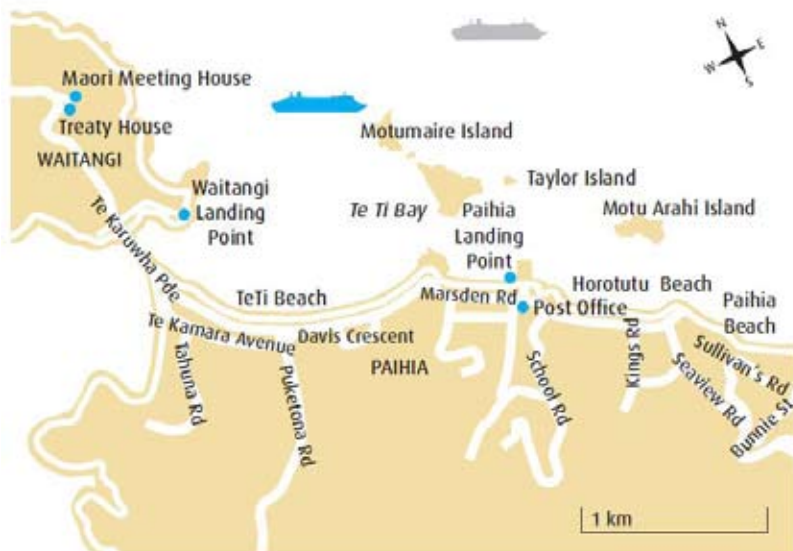
Ferry services also operate between the islands and will cost and where between \$3 and \$23NZD, depending on where you want to visit.

Picture Perfect

Ariel photos always tend to have such an appeal when compared to land-based shots so why not splurge on a heli flight and capture some stunning photographs of the islands from sky level?

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore to the **Bay of Islands**, visit the [Port of Call page](#).



Paihia & Waitangi

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Nestled on a peninsula in the eastern Bay of Islands, Russell is a charming coastal town that reflects the tranquility of older times and is the perfect place to visit to soak up some of New Zealand's fascinating history.
2. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of kayaking on the river that leads to the Haruru Falls



8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Discover the inner islands of the bay, pass by historic towns and spot local wildlife like dolphins, seals, fairy penguins and whales when you embark on the Hole in the Rock cruise on the magnificent Bay of Islands.
2. Uncover the rich traditions and culture of the Maori people with a visit to the Te Waimate Mission House, which was the centre of the Church of New Zealand in the early 19th Century. Here you will be able to participate in a Traditional Marae, witness a Powhiri, and enter the richly carved Marae, the meeting house of the Maori people.
3. Take a shore tour to the beautiful Hokianga Harbour and visit Pioneer Village and explore the Waipoua Forest, which is home to the largest kauri tree in the country



North Island Napier

Easily one of New Zealand's most attractive cities, Napier is nestled at the southern end of Hawke's Bay, just 20 minutes outside of Hastings.

Known as the "Art Deco City", Napier boasts a stunning collection of art deco buildings, which are celebrated each year at the Art Deco Weekend Summer Festival.

Napier is also highly regarded as one of New Zealand's oldest wine making regions. Enjoying some of the best sunshine hours in the country and a great climate for visiting, Napier is an ideal destination for grape growing.

With so much to see, do and explore in the Napier region, it will be hard to squeeze it all into just one day!

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock in Napier Port, which is just three kilometres from the centre of town. A shuttle bus will transport you out of the port to the Visitor Information Centre located nearby. From here you can pick and choose from your transport options. (Keep in mind that you will need to carry photo ID to be able to get back on the shuttle bus later.)

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Transport

Taxis are available outside the port's perimeter and vary in cost depending on where you wish to go.

The local bus service is another transport option for those who aren't booked on organized tours, with prices ranging from \$1.60 to \$4.80NZD for one-way trips.

Recommended Currency

The New Zealand Dollar is used in Napier, with credit cards widely accepted across the city. We recommend you carry some of the local currency in cash with you for small purchases like public transport and food.



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1. Explore Napier's unique art district with a walk around the city centre. Begin at the scenic Marine Parade and through some of the residential areas that can be found nestled in the surrounding hills, for excellent views over the city.
2. Discover some of New Zealand's best wines and cheese with a tour of the Hawkes Bay wineries.
3. Spend an afternoon exploring the charming seaside village of Ahuriri, where you will find an eclectic blend of boardwalk cafes, galleries and boutique shops.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Take an off-road adventure to Cape Kidnappers, where you will find a fascinating gannet colony and panoramic views of Hawkes Bay and the Mahia Peninsula.
2. Embrace your wild side with a quad bike tour! Traverse a Hawkes Bay farm, soaking up the stunning views of the Ngaruroro Valley and its surrounding vineyards.

Picture Perfect

Capture some truly unique shots while doing the walking tour of the city's art décor. Experiment with some interesting angles and discover your inner photographer.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Napier, visit the Port of Call page.](#)



Napier, Art Deco Architecture in New Zealand



North Island Tauranga

Positioned in the incredible Bay of Plenty region, Tauranga is a unique city of New Zealand and is one of its main centres of business, international trade, culture and fashion.

Bursting with a fascinating history, vibrant culture and incredible natural attractions, Tauranga is one of the sunniest places in the country, making it the perfect place to visit all year round.

Tauranga's position at the entrance of one of the largest natural harbours in New Zealand makes it a choice port of call for dozens of cruise ships all year round.

Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock on the Mount Maunganui side of the harbour at the Port of Tauranga. The mountain itself is only 200 metres from the wharf and is an easy stroll for all ages and abilities. There are also around 200 shops located close by, with the centre of Tauranga a 15 minute drive away over the Harbour Bridge.

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Transport

Local buses in Tauranga are called the Bay Hoppers and stop at various locations throughout the region and an adult Cityticket will set you back around \$3.00NZD.

Taxis are also widely available and are reasonably priced.

Recommended Currency

The New Zealand Dollar is used in Tauranga, with credit cards widely accepted across the city.

We recommend you carry some of the local currency in cash with you for small purchases like public transport and food.



Picture Perfect



You can't beat a happy snap taken while traveling on the Skyline Gondola. With panoramic views acting as your backdrop, your friends and family back home will go stir crazy with jealousy the second they see this picture.

Need more?

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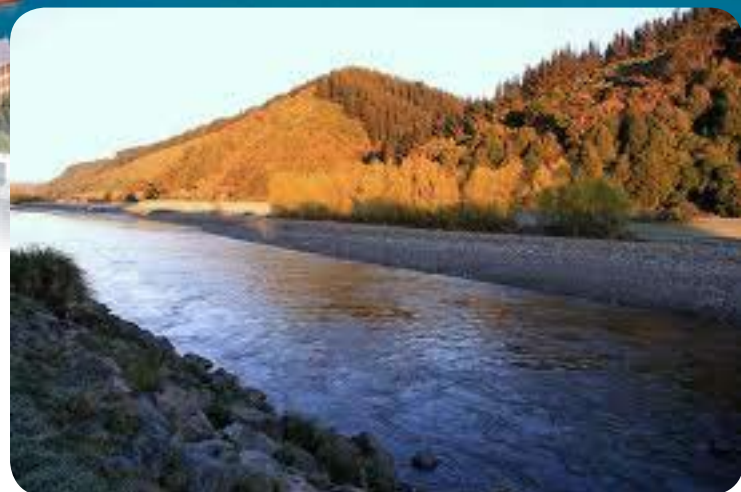
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1. Pay a visit to Paparoa Marae, where you will be taken on a cultural journey, uncovering the heritage of New Zealand's fascinating Maori culture.
2. Travel to the nearby city of Rotorua and experience it from all new heights with a ride up the skyline gondola. Ascend 487 metres above sea level and marvel at the uninterrupted views of the cityscape and surrounding waterways.
3. Experience the thrill of white water rafting on the Kaituna River in Rotorua, on an organized shore tour. This is sure to get the adrenaline pumping!

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Visit the geysers, mud pools and thermal springs in Rotorua for the ultimate experience in relaxation and rejuvenation.
2. Book an Agrodome shore tour to see New Zealand through the eyes of a farmer, catching a show of sheep dogs in action and a sheep shearing demonstration.





North Island Wellington

Known as “The Coolest Little Capital in the World”, the city of Wellington is one of New Zealand’s most treasured cities.

There really is no other place in the world quite like Wellington. Boasting a rich arts, cultural and dining scene, stunning natural scenery and a close proximity to some of the country’s most beautiful regions, it is a capital city that has it all.

Gain some perspective of the city and soak up the views atop Mount Victoria, before discovering New Zealand’s enchanting history at the National Museum of NZ - Te Papa, on the stunning waterfront.

Wander the city limits and stumble across beautiful old buildings, fabulous cafes and restaurants and boutique shops galore.

Whether your scene is city, coastal or country, Wellington is a city that offers it all.

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours) with select P&O cruises staying overnight

For out-of-town exploration you can hire cars for as little as \$30NZD a day.

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock in Wellington Harbour, which is approximately 1.3 kilometres away from the city centre. Shuttle buses operate between the pier and the city for a small cost.

Transport

A wide network of train and bus services is available in Wellington, with fares ranging between \$2 and \$18, depending on the length of your journey.

Taxis are also widely spread throughout the city and are reasonably priced, depending on the length of your journey.

Recommended Currency

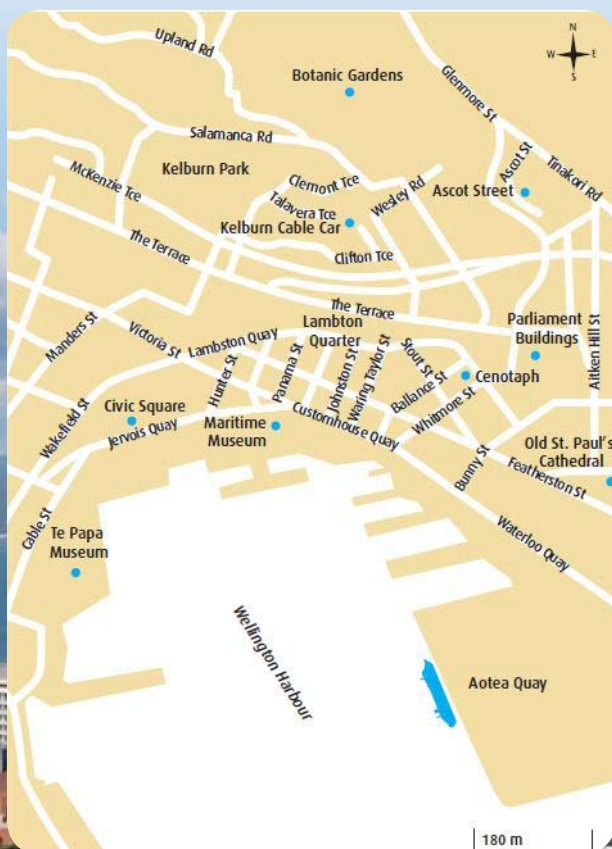
The New Zealand Dollar is used in Wellington, with credit cards widely accepted across the city. We recommend you carry some of the local currency in cash with you for small purchases like public transport and food.

Picture Perfect

Ride the cable car from Lambton Quay (behind the downtown shops) up to the hilltop district of Kelburn for absolutely spectacular views of the city and harbour.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Wellington, visit the Port of Call page.](#)



SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Take a journey through Middle Earth on a Lord of the Rings Tour on which you will see stunning natural scenery and an entire museum dedicated to the trilogy.
2. Get up close to some of the rarest creatures on the planet when you visit the award-winning eco-attraction, ZEALANDIA. Located just minutes from downtown Wellington, Zealandia offers the ultimate Karori Sanctuary Experience.
3. Experience the beautiful Botanic Gardens with a ride on the Wellington Cable Car. Running through the heart of the city to attractions like Victoria University, Carter Observatory, Planetarium and Mt Victoria, it is without a doubt the best way to soak up everything the city has to offer.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Get interactive at the National Museum of New Zealand on Wellington's waterfront.
2. Discover stories of Polynesian celestial navigation and check out New Zealand's digital planetarium at the Carter Observatory, near the Cable Car.

South Island

Akaroa

Regarded as a little piece of paradise, Akaroa is a charming, seaside village located just 75km from the New Zealand city of Christchurch.

Nestled in the heart of an ancient volcano, Akaroa is home to beautiful colonial architecture, fantastic art galleries, craft stores and lovely little outdoor cafes.

The landscape of Akaroa is dominated by the sparkling blue waters of the harbour, which is home to a unique array of marine life, including the world's smallest and rarest dolphin, the Hector's Dolphin.

Simply relaxing by the harbour's shores is another popular past time, while those who prefer more land-based activities enjoy walks or horse rides throughout the surrounding rolling hills.

Transport

A very limited number of taxis can be found by the wharf and keep in mind that they will only accept local currency (NZD).

A shuttle service also operates between Akaroa and Christchurch, departing at both 9:30am and 10:30am. After showing you the sights of the city, it returns to Akaroa at approximately 4:30pm. A direct shuttle will cost you around \$45 return, while the scenic tour shuttle costs \$60.



An Akaroa Scenic Tour will show you all the sights around this scenic harbour town, with the hour-long venture costing \$25 and departing the main wharf at 11:30am.

Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will anchor in the Akaroa Harbour and tender boats will transfer you to the main wharf.

Recommended Currency

The New Zealand Dollar is used in Akaroa, with credit cards widely accepted across the area. We recommend you carry some of the local currency in cash with you for small purchases like public transport and food.

Picture Perfect

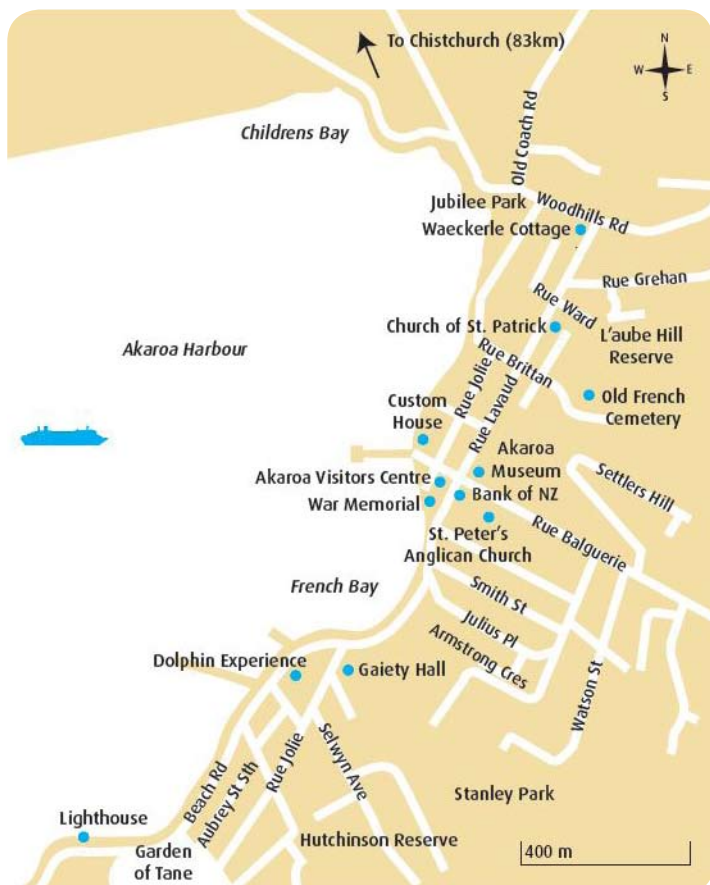
Put your hiking boots on and take a walk along some of the glorious rolling hills that rise above the Akaroa Harbour. Almost everywhere you look you will find stunning views over the clear blue waters of the bay.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Book a shore tour to explore the magnificent Arthur's Pass and enjoy a journey on the Tranzalpine Train. Soak up the unrivalled scenery, marveling at the surrounding snow capped mountains, native forests and untouched river gorges.
2. Discover the farming way of life in these parts and book yourself in for the Traditional Akaroa Farm Experience, where you can take part in separating sheep and watch a sheep shearing demonstration.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in **Akaroa**, visit the [Port of Call](#) page.



SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Swim with the incredible Hector's Dolphins; the smallest, rarest and friendliest dolphin in the world.
2. Get up close to New Zealand Fur Seals, penguins and Hector's Dolphins when you hire a kayak to explore the far reaches of the Akaroa Harbour. Combine fun, exercise and sight-seeing into one as you kayak solo or with a partner over the pristine blue waters
3. Visit the French Farm garden of Nancy Tichborne, which features over 100 different native plants and spans 11 pristinely landscaped gardens. A wealth of wildlife call these gardens home be so sure to keep an eye open for them.
4. The historic Giant's House, art gallery and gardens are just as fascinating, boasting mosaic steps, an extraordinary sculptural wall mosaic, colourful steel creations and gorgeous terraces tumbling with flowers.



South Island Christchurch

Christchurch is a city you will instantly fall in love with! Modeled on an old English style, Christchurch's charm and appeal is evident from the moment you arrive in its limits.

Positioned around the beautiful River Avon, historic buildings, stunning streetscapes and friendly locals make this the incredible city it is. It is also the largest on the South Island, making it a hub of activity for tourists and locals alike.

Take a tram ride to experience the city sights, or embrace your romantic side with a gondola ride down the river with your partner. Cathedral Square is a popular hot spot, while the city's shops always draw the crowds all year round. Offering a wealth of amazing things to see and do, Christchurch really is a city that has it all!



Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock in Lyttelton Harbour, which is located approximately 12 kilometers from the city centre of Christchurch. A free shuttle service will transport you to the nearby visitor centre.

Recommended Currency

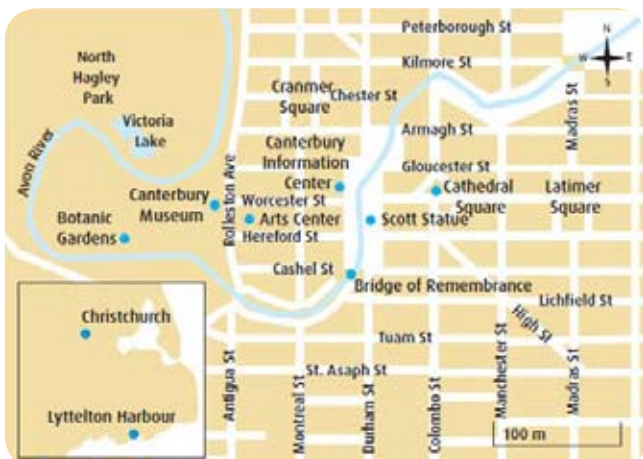
The New Zealand Dollar is used in Christchurch, with credit cards widely accepted across the city. We recommend you carry some of the local currency in cash with you for small purchases like public transport and food.

Picture Perfect

The Avon River flows right through the heart of Christchurch and offers the perfect setting for idyllic photos. Trick your friends into thinking you're in Venice and capture a shot of the floating punting boats that pass you by.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Christchurch](#), visit the [Port of Call](#) page.

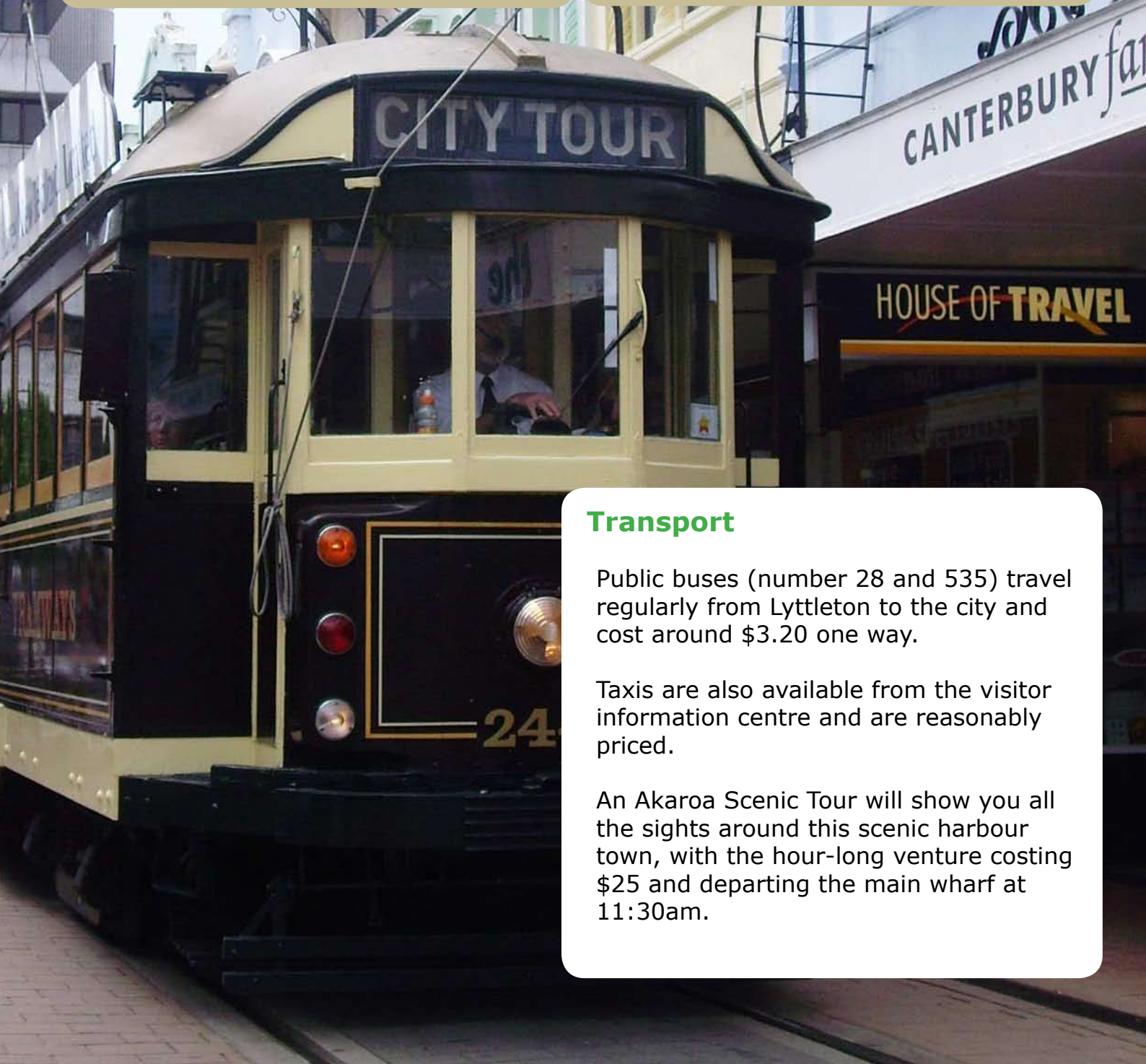


SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

- 1.** Although damaged in the 2011 earthquake, Cathedral Square remains one of the most beautiful places in Christchurch and simply must be visited.
- 2.** Visit the Christchurch Arts Centre, The Canterbury Museum and the Art Gallery, which can also be found in Cathedral Square.
- 3.** Take a tram ride through the city, soaking up it's sights and unique history

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

- 1.** Take an exhilarating jet boat ride across the white waters of the stunning Waimakiriri River and experience the thrills of skimming across the water's surface at unbelievable speeds.
- 2.** Pay a visit to the Christchurch International Antarctic Centre where you will discover everything that is great about the arctic.



Transport

Public buses (number 28 and 535) travel regularly from Lyttleton to the city and cost around \$3.20 one way.

Taxis are also available from the visitor information centre and are reasonably priced.

An Akaroa Scenic Tour will show you all the sights around this scenic harbour town, with the hour-long venture costing \$25 and departing the main wharf at 11:30am.



South Island Dunedin

Bursting with history, culture and beauty, Dunedin is a stunning city to visit, offering visitors a unique insight into New Zealand's fascinating past. Gateway to the incredible Otago Peninsula and positioned on a gorgeous harbour setting, Dunedin encompasses some of the country's best beaches, buildings, gardens and wildlife.

Take some time to visit the Dunedin Botanic Garden or the stunning landscaped lawns of Larnach Castle, before embarking on wildlife experiences like encountering seals, penguins and albatross on the Otago Peninsula.

In the city of Dunedin itself, absorb the wonder and beauty of standout Victorian and Edwardian buildings like First Church and Dunedin Railway Station, or simply take a walk through the Octagon to experience the best of Dunedin's iconic buildings.

Rain, hail or shine, Dunedin always rises to the challenge of impressing all who grace its presence.

Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Transport

A local bus service runs from Port Chalmers to Dunedin city, with the journey taking around half an hour and costing around \$6.40NZD each way. Buses in the city cost around \$1.50 each way.

Taxis are also available from the port and it is about a 15 minute drive into the city. Please note that not all taxis accept credit card so it is wise to have some of the local currency on you.

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock in Port Chalmers, which is approximately 13 kilometres from the city centre of Dunedin. Shuttle services operate from pier side, transporting passengers to the city centre for around \$10NZD return.

Recommended Currency

The New Zealand Dollar is used in Dunedin, with credit cards widely accepted across the city. We recommend you carry some of the local currency in cash with you for small purchases like public transport and food.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

1. Home to an abundance of world-famous wildlife, the spectacular Otago Peninsula is a must-see when visiting the city of Dunedin. A range of wildlife tours are on offer, giving you up-close encounters to the Royal Albatross, Yellow Eyed Penguins, the Little Blue Penguin, Stewart Island Shag and Hooker Sea Lions.

2. Positioned on the beautiful Otago Peninsula, Larnach Castle boasts a fascinating history, magnificent carved ceilings, precious local antiques and incredible scenic views, and is a must-see while visiting the Otago Peninsula

3. Book yourself on a shore tour to experience the nearby Taieri Gorge by train. Enjoy the luxury of a heritage carriage and soak up the spectacular scenery of the rugged terrain of the gorge and the Otago Peninsula.

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

1. Enjoy the colourful and educational environment, with chocolate-themed displays delighting those both young, and young at heart, at Dunedin's Cadbury World. The Cadbury World Tour is a chocolate lover's dream that will overwhelm the senses and leave you with a long lasting appetite for all things chocolate.

2. Take a trip out to the Otago Peninsula for a day of sea kayaking, paddling through hidden caves and discovering the nearby scenic beaches.

Picture Perfect

Trek to the Signal Hill Lookout for the best views over Dunedin!

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Dunedin, visit the Port of Call page.](#)



South Island Fiordland

There really is no other place quite like the World Heritage Listed Fiordland National Park of New Zealand's South Island.

Easily one of the most beautiful parts of the country, Fiordland boasts dramatic scenery that is idyllic all year round. Enclosed by stunning snow-capped mountains that descend into lush green grasslands, the ice-filled rivers of these incredible waterways reflect the splendour of these monolithic natural structures, creating a picturesque and unforgettable scene.

Boasting incredible waterfalls, stunning lakes, hidden pockets of rainforest and some of the world's best hiking trails, Fiordland National Park is a natural wonder that simply must be visited at least once in a lifetime.

Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock in the Milford Cruise Terminal. From here you can arrange scenic cruises of Milford Sound or arrange other transport for exploration of the area.

Transport

InterCity Buses are a great transport option if you are wishing to explore beyond Milford and take a day trip to places like Te Anau. The fares are very reasonable and if you book them in advance you can find them even cheaper.

Recommended Currency

The New Zealand Dollar (NZD) is the local currency in Fiordland National Park. Many of the scenic cruise tour operators accept credit cards, but if you want to purchase food at the café or onboard you may need some local currency.



Picture Perfect

There is no better picture to capture while visiting Milford Sound than of the stunning Mitre Peak. The amazing feat of nature will capture your heart and leave you inspired with awe.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in **Fiordland National Park**, visit the **Port of Call page**.

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

- 1.** Journey along the Milford Highway and explore the hidden treasures along the way, including the Mirror Lakes, the Avenue of the Disappearing Mountain and beautiful Lake Gunn. There are some great walks along the way so why not stretch your legs while you're at it?
- 2.** Home to the largest lake on New Zealand's South Island, Te Anau is the gateway to the stunning Fiordland National Park, offers a variety of great restaurants, cafes and shops, and simply must be explored.

SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

- 1.** Take a scenic cruise along Milford Sound and absorb the wonder and beauty of the incredible surrounding mountain peaks, with the pinnacle of the experience, Mitre Peak, offering photographers the opportunity of a lifetime.





South Island Picton

Situated at the head of the stunning Queen Charlotte Sound, Picton is your gateway to exploring all things New Zealand.

Connecting the North Island to the South Island, the seaside village of Picton is a relaxed community, bursting with a wealth of natural attractions to sink your teeth into.

Spend a day fishing, walking, tramping, kayaking or cycling, all while soaking up the remarkable coastal scenes that surround this town.

A close proximity to the famous Marlborough region also adds to Picton's appeal, allowing you to explore the incredible wineries, vineyards and coastal escapes this area is known for.

Average time spent in port

Full day (8 – 10 hours)

Language: English and Te Reo Maori

Docking Location

Your cruise ship will dock at the Waitohi Wharf, which is a comfortable walking distance from the centre of town.

Transport

Taxis are available pier side and throughout town, but you may find you don't need them as many of the town's cafes, restaurants and shops are within easy walking distance of each other.

There are also plenty of car rental options in town for those wishing to explore Picton and surrounds at their own pace.

Recommended Currency

The New Zealand Dollar is used in Picton, with credit cards widely accepted across the city. We recommend you carry some of the local currency in cash with you for small purchases like public transport and food.

Picture Perfect

Take a walk along one of the many Queen Charlotte walking tracks and once on the Cliffsides, you will experience beautiful views over the Marlborough Sounds that you simply have to capture using a camera.

Need more?

To find out more about dining options, climate and what to bring ashore in [Picton, visit the Port of Call page.](#)

8 HOURS TO SPARE?

- 1.** Book yourself on to the Greenshell Mussel Cruise that will take you to the hidden pockets of the Pelorus and Kenepuru Sounds, while enjoying fresh mussels and some of the delicious local wine.
- 2.** Explore the intricate waterways of the Marlborough Sounds on a kayaking adventure. You may just spot some of the local wildlife too!



SQUEEZE ME INTO 4 HOURS

- 1.** Take a tour of the wineries of the Marlborough Sounds, where you will find over 160 wineries, with over 40 open to the public for tastings and purchases.
- 2.** Explore everything the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sounds have to offer with a Scenic Cruise and guided walk along the Peninsula Loop Track. Pass through lush coastal forest, historic bays and along epic cliff faces that boast unsurpassed views of this incredible part of the world.
- 3.** Take a wander around the town of Picton and enjoy the foreshore surrounds, a local bushwalk or a trip to the Ecoworld Aquarium

