



What's New in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

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Introducing Auckland

Discover Auckland, New Zealand's largest and most diverse city, where sparkling waters, lush landscapes and city sophistication converge. World-class dining, shopping and luxurious accommodation are all within reach of water adventures on the Hauraki Gulf.

Explore what's new across our region and start planning your next adventure!



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Accommodation

Auckland's diverse accommodation ranges from international hotel brands and self-contained apartments to boutique lodges to suit any budget.



TRIBE Auckland Fort Street - Accor

Opening 2025



60



[TRIBE Auckland Fort Street](#)



Fort Street, Auckland city centre

- TRIBE, the design-led midscale brand by Accor is set to open its doors this summer. TRIBE Auckland Fort Street will become the brand's first address in the country, serving as a stylish destination where guests and locals can work, play, and relax with a like-minded community of entrepreneurs and adventurous travellers.
- The hotel will bring a bold design edit to Auckland's hotel scene with 60 compact, yet ultra-comfy guestrooms featuring the latest technology, a lobby bar, terrace, and social hub.



Hotel Indigo

Opened December 2024

 225

 TBC

 Albert Street, Auckland city centre

- Auckland will welcome New Zealand's first Hotel Indigo by IHG group to the city centre in 2025.
- Tāmaki Makaurau will set the backdrop for this boutique hotel, drawing inspiration from local artists for its design, service, amenities, food, and beverages.
- The 225-room hotel will be part of a mixed-use development in a sought-after Auckland Central location. This new build will be among Auckland's tallest buildings, preserving the façade of the original historic structure, with a world-class hotel elegantly integrated around it.
- The hotel will feature its own all-day dining and bar, meeting space, and gym, and most hotel rooms will offer stunning views of the city and the iconic Viaduct Harbour.



Grand Chancellor Hotel Auckland

Opened September 2024



191



[Grand Chancellor Hotel Auckland](#)



76/80 Wellesley Street West, Auckland city centre

- Ideally located in Auckland CBD, this 4-plus-star hotel is directly opposite the New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC), and close to the Sky Tower and the bustling central city dining and entertainment hub.
- Spread across 11 floors with 191 rooms, a mix of kings and twins, plus one suite located on the top floor, the hotel offers scenic city and harbour views.
- The hotel restaurant located on the first-floor seats up to 80 people, offering a buffet breakfast and A La Carte dinner.



Horizon by SkyCity

Opened August 2024



303

 [Horizon by SkyCity](#)

 85-93 Hobson Street, Auckland city centre

- This new 5-star hotel has 303 rooms, including 10 suites, over 11 floors and feature restaurants, a bar, and a gymnasium.
- Horizon Hotel is connected via an air-bridge to the upcoming New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC). This will be New Zealand's largest convention centre, with capacity to cater to a small event for 20 to over 3,000 guests at one time for a dinner or theatre show.
- Alongside the Sky Tower, the SkyCity complex includes a 700-seat theatre, a convention centre, 12 bars and restaurants, 3 hotels and casino.



Attractions & activities

With lively urban precincts and a stunning natural playground so close together, it's easy to hop from one adventure to the next. From sailing and dolphin spotting out on the water to the city's galleries, museums and exciting attractions, Auckland has all the ingredients for a perfect tailor-made holiday.



The Lookout at Sky Tower – newest Observation Deck



Available now

[The Lookout at Sky Tower](#)

-  Level 53, Sky Tower, Victoria Street West, Auckland city centre
- From 192 metres above, experience Auckland from the panoramic 360° views overlooking the city's key volcanic landmarks and the surrounding Hauraki Gulf. Indulge in the delicious New Zealand made ice cream from Lewis Road Creamery and their famous chocolate milk.
- Take front row seats as SkyWalkers and SkyJumpers gear up for their adrenaline-pumping adventures. Finish your visit with exclusive behind the scenes access to the Sky Towers core stairwell.



Man O' War Forest Flight

Available now



[Man O' War Forest Flight](#)



725 Man O War Bay Road, Waiheke Island, Auckland

- Tucked away on the pristine north-eastern end of Waiheke Island, Man O' War is a haven steeped in 300 years of heritage.
- Man O' War's eco-friendly 'foot-free' Forest Flight ziplining journey comprises three separate tandem ziplines spanning over 900m connected by 660m of boardwalk protecting the forest floor. Explore the untouched Kauri forest with minimal environmental impact, preserving it's natural beauty for the generations to come.



City Lights Night Kayak Tour

Auckland Sea Kayaks



Available now

 [Auckland Sea Kayaks – City Lights Night Kayak Tour](#)

 Z Pier, Westhaven Marina, Auckland

- Experience the enchanting beauty of Auckland after dark with the City Lights Night Kayak Tour. Paddle alongside Westhaven Marina as the iconic Sky Tower glows against the twilight sky. Glide beneath the Auckland Harbour Bridge, witnessing spectacular Vector Light displays during event weeks and learning about the bridge's rich history from knowledgeable guides
- **Duration:** Approximately 2 hours



Fullers360 – Auckland Harbour Cruise



Available now



[Fullers360 – Auckland Harbour Cruise](#)



Downtown Auckland’s ferry Terminal, Auckland city centre

- Experience the Auckland Harbour Cruise from Fullers360, offering a scenic 1.5-hour journey through Auckland's Waitematā Harbour and Hauraki Gulf, featuring stunning views of the city's skyline and iconic landmarks, all departing from the Downtown Ferry Terminal.
- **Duration:** Approximately 1.5 hours



Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki – Te Arai Toi guided tour



Available now



[Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki](#)



Wellesley Street East, Auckland city centre

- The guided tour of Te Arai Toi has returned to Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, following the re-opening of the exhibition “Ngā Taonga Tūturu: Treasured Māori Portraits”.
- Join this Māori Art Journey through time. See the faces and artefacts of New Zealand’s indigenous people, discover their origins, the stories of their early endeavours in a new land, their spiritual understanding of the world, their language and customs. Our guides offer you a treasure trove of art, history and culture, all contained within a building that is a work of art itself, reflecting history and landscape.
- **Duration:** 45 minutes



Mānawa Bay at Auckland Airport

Opened September 2024

 [Mānawa Bay](#)

 4 Jimmy Ward Cres, Auckland Airport

- Right by the water's edge, set within park-like grounds overlooking the mangroves of Auckland's Manukau Harbour, Mānawa Bay is Auckland Airport's latest development with more than 100 iconic stores, with a great selection of internationally acclaimed and local brands.
- In te reo Māori, Mānawa means mangroves – a coastal plant species that provides a habitat for native birds and fish.
- Conveniently located 4 minutes from Auckland Airport terminals and 25 minutes from CBD. Accessible via motorways and main routes. Public transport available at Hape Drive bus stop (10-minute walk). Airport Link orange bus connects to city centre and wider network.



Te Arai Links – The South & North Course & Ocean Restaurant

[Te Arai Links](#)

 11 Te Ara Whenua Miharo Kotiti, Tomarata, Auckland

- Te Arai Links is Auckland’s latest world-class golf destination and country club. It is a scenic 90-minute drive from Auckland's city centre or a 25-minute helicopter ride.
- Te Arai Links boasts two golf courses, each offering different perspectives of the stunning sea views and islands beyond.
- Ric’s Restaurant and the latest Ocean Restaurant are now open to the public.



Restaurant & bar openings



Portside

Opened December 2024

Opening time Thursday – Saturday: 4pm - late

 [Portside](#)

 46 Tyler Street, Britomart, Auckland

Private dining No

- Perched atop Tyler St Sport, Britomart precinct, Portside Cocktail Bar is Auckland's newest rooftop destination - a laid-back cocktail bar and rooftop terrace with views of Auckland's sparkling harbour.
- Portside specialises in seasonal & elevated cocktails with an impressive 19 crafted creations on offer.



Cāntīng by Nic Watt

Opened November 2024

Opening time Monday – Friday: 12pm – 3pm, 5pm – 10pm
Saturday - Sunday: 11am – 3pm, 5pm – 10pm

 [Cāntīng by Nic Watt](#)

 Level One Shop No/1190N Commercial Bay, CBD, Auckland

Private dining Yes

- Located at Commercial Bay, CānTīng is a smart casual, upmarket modern Chinese, Asian restaurant and bar. Presented by Nic Watt, CānTīng will seamlessly blend the richness of an Asian dining experience, with a harmonious fusion of tradition and innovation.
- The focal point of the kitchen is the Duck Oven, where CānTīng bbq duck will soon become a must order for every table. Sunday will feature the CānTīng signature Yum Cha offering from 11am- 3pm.



The Wine Room by David Nash

Opened November 2024

Opening time Monday – Tuesday: 11am – 7pm
 Wednesday - Sunday: 11am – 11pm

 [The Wine Room by David Nash](#)

 43 College Hill, Freemans Bay, Auckland

Private dining Yes


- Situated in Auckland's Freemans Bay neighborhood, The College Hill Wine Room is created by David Nash, one of New Zealand's most esteemed wine professionals, in partnership with acclaimed Executive Chef Ryan Moore.
- The Wine Room features a luxury wine bar, upmarket retail space, 20-person private dining room and chef's kitchen, alongside New Zealand's premier underground wine storage vaults.
- The venue's adaptable space with its bespoke handcrafted fitout will be a drawcard for private dining, celebrations and events.



Kemuri Hi-Fi

Opened August 2024

Opening time
Sunday – Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday – Wednesday: 4pm – 11pm
Thursday: 4pm – 12.05pm
Friday - Saturday: 4pm – 2.30am

 [Kemuri Hi-Fi](#)

 1 Queen Street, Auckland city centre

Private dining Yes

- Kemuri Hi-Fi is a sultry underground bar inspired by Japanese jazz cafes, where whisky, vinyl, and high-end audio systems take centre stage.
- Nestled beneath Queen Street, this bespoke basement lounge showcases its owner’s unique and extensive personal collections of vinyl and whisky.



Trivet Dining

Opened August 2024

Opening 7 days a week (all day)

 [Trivet Dining](#)

 22 Albert Street, Auckland City

Private dining Yes

- Trivet, a new 125-seat all-day bistro, is part of JW Marriott Auckland's renovation, offering a menu that showcases New Zealand ingredients with global influences.
- Executive Chef Wallace Mua, with experience from top kitchens in Marseille and New Zealand, brings his diverse culinary background and Samoan heritage to create innovative dishes at Trivet.



The Grill by SkyCity



Opened August 2024

Opening time: Dinner 5pm daily - Onyx bar 12pm daily

 [The Grill by SkyCity](#)

 Horizon by SkyCity, 85 Hobson Street, Auckland

Private dining Yes (up to 12 pax)

- Led by Executive Chef Patrick Ikinofu, The Grill returned to the SkyCity Precinct, with a new home in the Horizon by SkyCity, Auckland's newest 5-star hotel.
- The brand-new location, with spacious outdoor courtyard is a must-visit destination for those looking to indulge in the best of New Zealand beef, lamb and seafood, cooked over our Montague grill to perfection.



Upcoming events



Auckland's Upcoming Events – 2024/2025

For more event information, visit [Discover Auckland website](#).

Events	Event dates
Luke Combs Concert	17 – 18 January 2025
New Zealand Sail Grand Prix (Sail GP)	18 – 19 January 2025
St Jerome's Laneway Festival 2025	6 February 2025
BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival	13 – 16 February 2025
SIX The Musical	27 February – 20 March 2025
Drake – Anita Max Win Tour 2025	28 February – 1 March 2025
Moana Auckland	24 February – 24 March 2025
Chris Stapleton	7 March – 8 March 2025
Nelly – Where The Party At Tour	21 March 2025
Synthony in the Domain	29 March 2025
Pasifika Festival	March 2025
Dupa Lipa 'Radical Optimism Tour'	2 & 4 April 2025
Aotearoa Art Fair	1 – 4 May 2025
Auckland Writers Festival	13 – 18 May 2025
Train Concert	28 May 2025

Fun Facts



In New Zealand's indigenous Māori language, Auckland is called Tāmaki Makaurau which means a 'place desired by many.'



Auckland's landscape is dotted with **53 volcanic cones**. The largest, youngest and most iconic is Rangitoto Island, which emerged from the water approximately 650 years ago.



Auckland is home to about **1.7 million people** – more than a third of New Zealand's population.



One of the few cities in the world bordered by **three harbours on two separate bodies of water** – The Pacific Ocean on the east coast and the Tasman Sea on the west coast.



Westhaven Marina, on the city's doorstep, is the **largest marina in the Southern Hemisphere**.



The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park encompasses an incredible area of **1.2 million hectares and more than 50 islands**. Many of them easily accessible by ferry from downtown Auckland, including Waiheke Island, Rangitoto Island and Tiritiri Matangi Island



Auckland is fortunate to enjoy one of the most diverse and unique music scenes in the world – so much so, that it's officially a **'UNESCO City Of Music'**.

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