

# Auckland Island, Subantarctic, New Zealand

One of the world's most pristine wilderness islands, the Auckland Islands sit 465 km south of New Zealand and host extraordinary wildlife that exists almost nowhere else on Earth.

 Zodiac / tender (no pier)

 Typical call: 4–6 hrs

 NZD (no shops ashore)

 English

 DOC permit required

## MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ All aboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Excursion: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Zodiac tender from anchored ship; no pier exists

**Best For:** Wildlife photography, sea lions, penguins, albatross

**Walk to centre:** No town — guided walks on Enderby Island only

**Don't Miss:** Sandy Bay sea lion colony on Enderby Island

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sandy Bay Sea Lion Colony** — Walk to Sandy Bay on Enderby Island, home to one of the most important breeding colonies of the critically rare Hooker's sea lion (New Zealand sea lion).
- Northern Cliffs Boardwalk & Albatross Nesting** — A boardwalk trail winds through southern rātā forest to the northern cliffs of Enderby Island where Southern Royal Albatrosses nest.
- Zodiac Coastal Cruise** — For days when landings are weather-limited, or as an add-on, Zodiacs cruise the dramatic basalt columns and cliff faces.
- Yellow-eyed Penguin Watching** — Enderby Island is a breeding ground for the endangered yellow-eyed penguin (hoiho).

## BEST WALKS

- Sandy Bay to Northern Cliffs Loop** — Enderby Island 4–5 km | 2–3 hrs | Easy–moderate | Guided only — The main visitor track on Enderby Island links the sea lion beach at Sandy Bay with the albatross nesting cliffs in the north.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| Mon | 50°  | 44° | 20d  |
| Apr | 50°  | 44° | 20d  |
| Jun | 46°  | 41° | 19d  |
| Aug | 45°  | 39° | 19d  |
| Sep | 46°  | 40° | 19d  |
| Oct | 47°  | 40° | 22d  |

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:38AM–6:11PM · Jun 8:56AM–4:55PM · Aug 8:06AM–5:54PM · Sep 7:00AM–6:41PM · Oct 6:54AM–8:29PM

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for subantarctic weather. Wind, rain, and cold are the norm even in summer (Dec–Feb). Waterproof layers, gumboots or waterproof hiking boots, and gloves are essential — your ship will advise on gear.
- Biosecurity is serious. DOC requires all clothing and bags to be lint-rolled and checked before landing. Follow all crew instructions — violations can result in being denied a landing.
- Give sea lions space. They look docile but large bulls can move fast. Keep the 5-metre minimum distance your guide specifies. A 300 mm lens is ideal for close-looking wildlife shots.
- Landings are never guaranteed. Swells and weather can prevent Zodiacs from landing on any given day. Most itineraries build in extra time for this reason, but come mentally prepared for a Zodiac cruise only.
- Nothing to buy ashore. There are no shops, cafes, or services of any kind. Bring everything you need from the ship — including water and snacks if your operator does not supply them on the Zodiac.

# Auckland Island, Subantarctic, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



**P** Cruise port / terminal