

Auckland, North Island, New Zealand

The City of Sails docks you right in the heart of the waterfront CBD — volcanic islands, world-class wineries, and Maori culture are all within easy reach of the pier.

Docked (CBD piers)

Typical call: 8-12 hrs

NZD (New Zealand Dollar)

English & Māori

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Princes Wharf or Queens Wharf — both in the CBD, steps from shops and transport

Best For: Waiheke Island wine tours, Sky Tower, Rangitoto volcano, Maori culture

Walk to center: 5 min to Queen Street; ferry terminal and Britomart train hub are adjacent

Don't Miss: A ferry to Waiheke Island or Rangitoto — Auckland's harbour is the star

Getting around: Taxi NZD \$10–\$20 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt · Hop-on hop-off Auckland Explorer Bus

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Waiheke Island Wine Tour** — A 35-minute ferry ride delivers you to Waiheke Island's world-class vineyards.
 - Rangitoto Island Summit Hike** — Catch the ferry to Rangitoto, Auckland's youngest and largest volcano.
 - Maori Culture & Auckland Museum** — The Auckland War Memorial Museum on the Domain holds one of the world's finest collections of Maori and Pacific taonga (treasures).
- Sky Tower & Harbour Bridge Climb** — Auckland's two signature adrenaline experiences: the Sky Tower offers a glass-floor observation deck (328 m) and a SkyJump; the Harbour Bridge Climb...
 - Hobbiton Movie Set (Full Day)** — Two hours south of Auckland in the Waikato, the Shire set from Peter Jackson's films is fully preserved for guided tours.

BEST WALKS

- CBD Waterfront & Viaduct Walk** 2 km · Flat · 30-45 min · No guide needed — Turn right off the pier to explore the Viaduct Harbour — Auckland's America's Cup hub, now filled with restaurants, bars, and superyachts.
- Queen Street to Sky Tower** 1.5 km · Gentle uphill · 20 min walk — Walk up Queen Street — Auckland's main shopping spine — through the CBD to the base of the Sky Tower.
- Mount Eden Summit** 6 km round trip from CBD · Allow 2-3 hrs · Moderate — Auckland's most accessible volcanic summit offers sweeping 360° views of the harbour, city, and Hauraki Gulf.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		67°	59°	12d
Jun		59°	52°	12d
Aug		58°	49°	15d
Sep		60°	51°	16d
Oct		62°	54°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:46AM–5:55PM · Jun 7:32AM–5:10PM · Aug 7:04AM–5:46PM · Sep 6:21AM–6:11PM · Oct 6:37AM–7:36PM

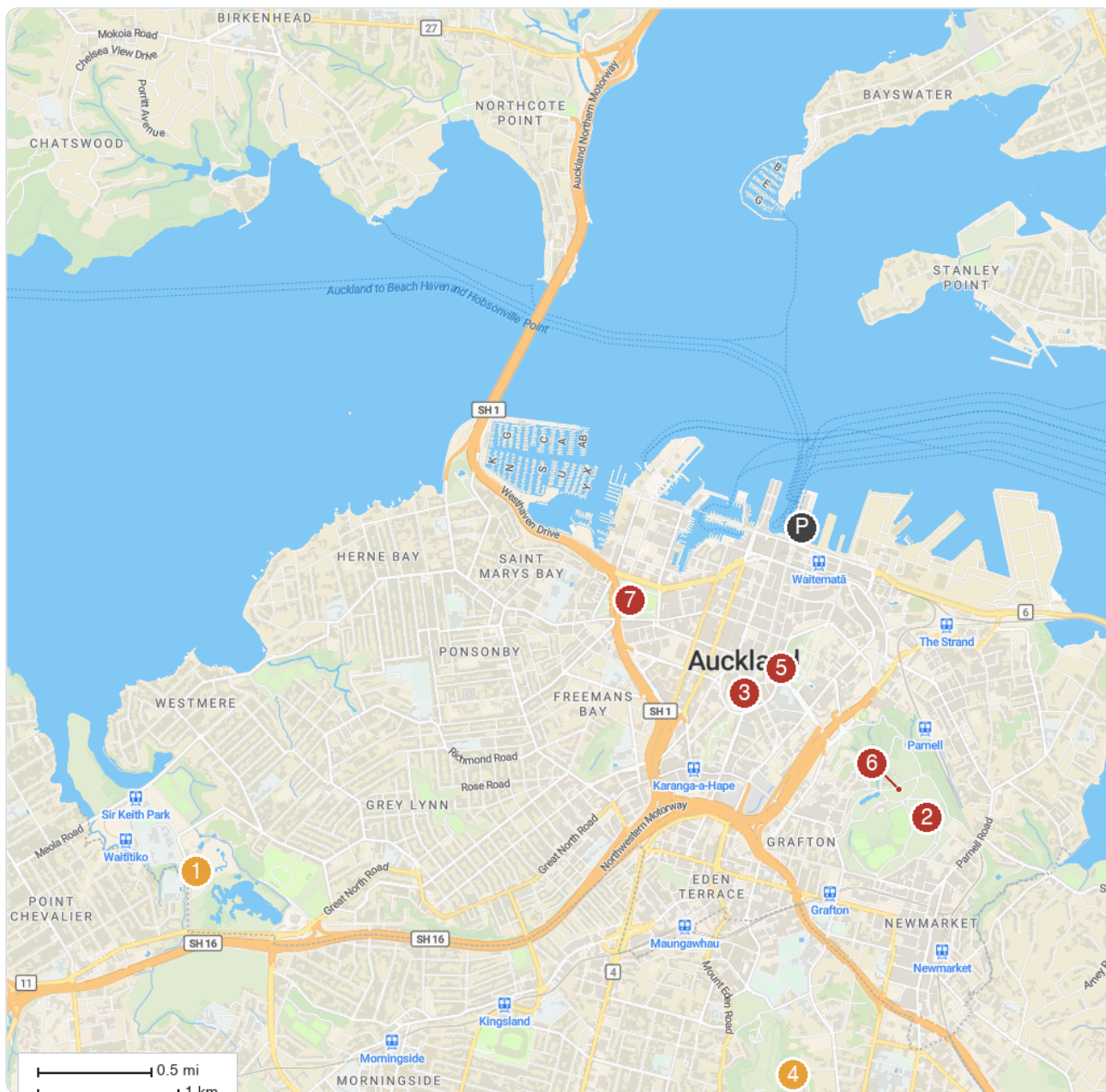
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Waiheke early: The ferry to Waiheke runs every 30 min from the Downtown Ferry Terminal (5 min walk from Queens Wharf). In peak season the 9-10am departures fill up — buy Fullers360 tickets online ahead of time.
- Currency is NZD: Cards are accepted almost everywhere. ATMs are at Britomart and on Queen Street. The exchange rate matters — NZD ~0.60 USD. Skip the wharf money changers.
- Four seasons in one day: Auckland weather is famously changeable. Pack a light waterproof layer even on sunny mornings — afternoon squalls are common October–April.
- Hobbiton takes the whole day: If you're on a 12+ hour call, Hobbiton is doable; under 10 hours, prioritise Waiheke or Rangitoto instead. Missing the ship is not an option — plan buffer time.
- Eat local: The Wynyard Quarter and Britomart precinct have excellent New Zealand seafood — green-lipped mussels and whitebait fritters are the standouts. The Fish Market at Wynyard is walkable from the pier.
- AT HOP card not worth it for one day: For a single port day, pay cash fares or use contactless card on buses and trains. The AT HOP transit card requires loading credit and isn't worth the hassle for a day visitor.

Auckland, North Island, 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.



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| 1 Auckland Zoo | See New Zealand and international animals at this conservation zoo. | 2 Auckland Museum | Explore Māori culture, natural history, and war memorials. |
| 3 Auckland Town Hall | Historic civic building and grand concert venue. | 4 Eden Garden | Beautiful volcanic rock garden with diverse plant collections. |
| 5 Auckland Art Gallery | Discover New Zealand and international art collections. | 6 Auckland Domain | Auckland's oldest park, built around a volcanic cone. |
| 7 Victoria Park | Historic urban park for sports, recreation, and relaxation. | P Cruise port / terminal | |