

Waiheke Island, Auckland, New Zealand

New Zealand's celebrated island of wine drifts in the Hauraki Gulf just 40 minutes from Auckland — vineyards, white-sand beaches, and a bohemian creative soul packed into a single spectacular shore day.

- Tender (boutique/expedition ships) or ferry from Auckland
- Typical call: 7-9 hrs
- NZD (cards accepted everywhere)
- English
- Wine island — book vineyard lunches in advance

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Expedition/luxury ships tender to Matiatia Wharf; most cruise lines dock in Auckland and ferry passengers over (40 min)
- Best For:** Wine touring, beaches, hiking, farm-to-table dining
- Walk to center:** Matiatia Wharf to Oneroa Village: 1.5 km, ~20-25 min (uphill) or 35 min via coastal track
- Don't Miss:** A winery tasting with gulf views — book 2-3 months ahead in high season

Getting around: Taxi NZD \$10–\$12 to Oneroa Village · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Fullers360

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Wine Country Tour** — Waiheke has 30+ boutique wineries producing world-class Bordeaux-style reds and Syrahs in its warm, sheltered...
- Onetangi Beach Day** — The island's crown-jewel beach — a 2 km sweep of white sand with calm, clear water.
- EcoZip Adventures** — Three dual ziplines over working vineyards and native forest from one of the island's highest viewpoints.
- Matiatia to Oneroa Coastal Walk** — Free and spectacular — this clifftop track starts right at the ferry wharf and winds along the Hauraki Gulf coast to...
- Stony Batter Historic Reserve** — Waiheke's hidden military secret — WWII gun emplacements and tunnels drilled into the island's eastern hills, now open...

BEST WALKS

- Matiatia to Oneroa via Coastal Track** 1.5 km · 35 min · Moderate (clifftop, some steps) — Start at Matiatia Wharf and follow the coastal walkway signposts uphill toward the cliff edge.
- Oneroa Village Stroll** 0.5 km loop · 30 min · Easy — Wander Ocean View Road through Oneroa's galleries, cafes, and the Alison Park sculpture trail.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	67°	61°	12d	Apr 6:45AM–5:53PM · Jun 7:30AM–5:09PM · Aug 7:03AM–5:45PM · Sep 6:20AM–6:10PM · Oct 6:35AM–7:35PM	
Jun	59°	54°	13d		
Aug	57°	51°	14d		
Sep	59°	53°	16d		
Oct	62°	55°	13d		

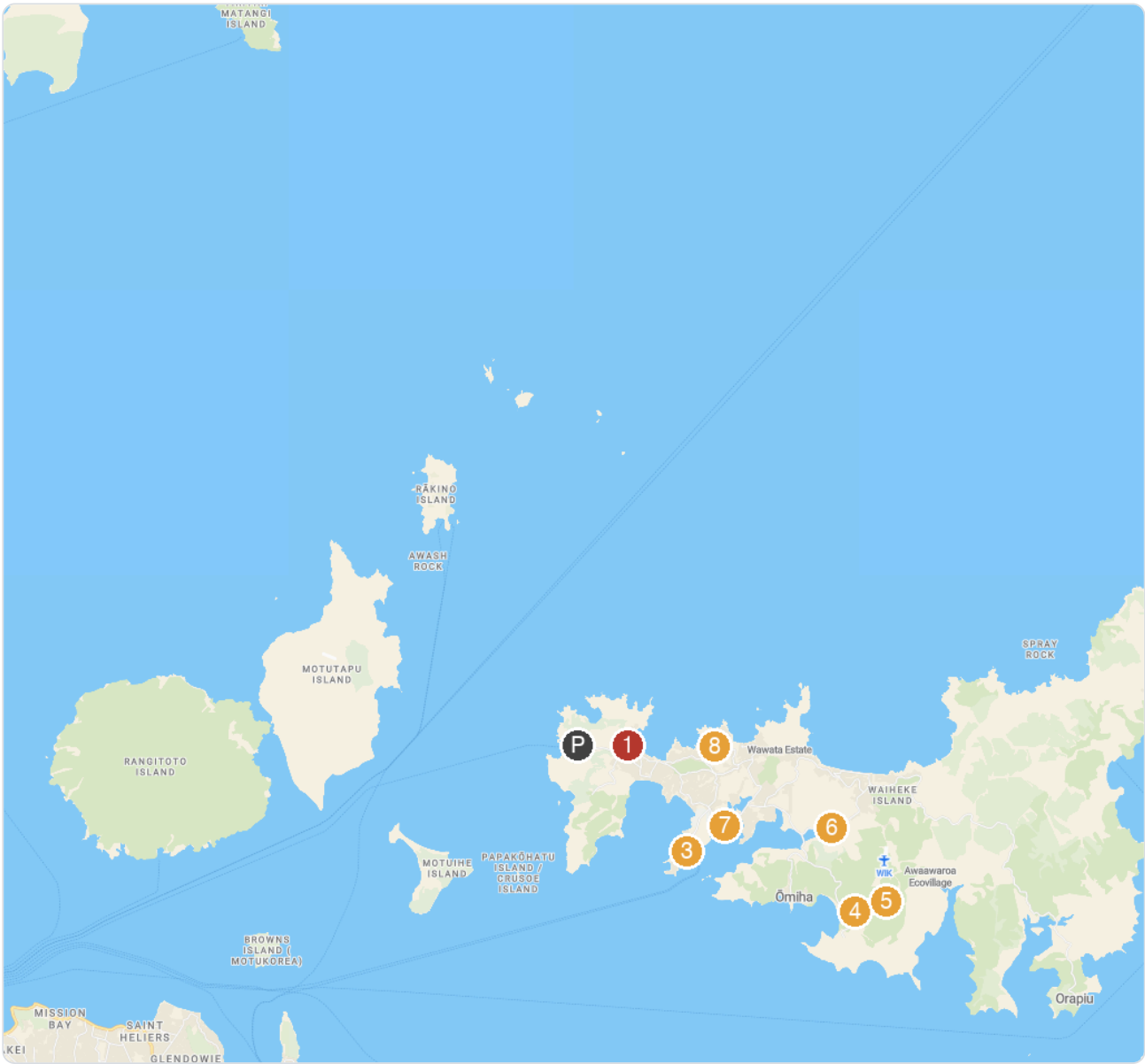
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Miss the last ferry, miss your ship. If your cruise departs Auckland at 6 PM, catch the 3:00-3:30 PM ferry from Matiatia. Ferries run every 30-60 min but can fill up — don't cut...

Waiheke Island, Auckland, 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.



- 1

Waiheke Art Gallery

Local art gallery showcasing Waiheke artists and diverse exhibitions.
- 2

Omana Regional Park

Coastal park with farm animals, beach, and walking trails.
- 3

Kennedy Point Vineyard

Waiheke vineyard offering wine tasting and stunning sea views.
- 4

Whakanewha Regional Park

Native forest park with wetlands, beach, and walking tracks.
- 5

Cascades Waterfall - Waiheke

Small, scenic waterfall accessible via a short bush walk.
- 6

Museum of Waiheke

Island history museum showcasing Waiheke's past and heritage.
- 7

Shelley Beach Reserve

Tranquil beach reserve perfect for swimming and picnics.
- 8

Sacred Blessing Sanctuary Garden & Sculptures

Peaceful garden sanctuary featuring unique sculptures and native plants.
- P

Cruise port / terminal