

Waiheke Island - itinerary

30% Deposit Required on Booking.

DAY ONE

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Get ready as we set off on a journey filled with stunning landscapes, coastal charm, and island delights! Along the way, we'll stop for a bite to eat before arriving at the SeaLink Ferry Terminal in Half Moon Bay. Then enjoy a scenic ferry ride to Kennedy Point on Waiheke Island. On arrival, we'll enjoy a leisurely drive to explore Waiheke's landscapes. If time allows, we may be able to visit Te Atawhai Whenua Forest and Bird Reserve for a short nature walk. Our next stop will be our accommodation whilst staying on Waiheke, the Onetangi Beach Apartments, a peaceful retreat near the water. This evening, we will dine offsite at one of the popular beachfront restaurants. You may want to end your evening with a stroll along Onetangi Beach before settling in for a restful night, the choice is yours.

DAY TWO

B, L, D

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast in your room, you may want to take this time for a morning swim or beach walk. Today our first stop is the Gabriella Lewenz Gallery in Church Bay, a stunning earth-brick gallery overlooking the coast. Whilst here we will enjoy a guided tour where Gabriella shares insights from the surrounding gardens and sea views. After our creative morning, we will visit Surfdale Village where you may want to visit a café of your choice before continuing onto Sacred Blessing Sanctuary, a serene garden and sculpture retreat. After a guided tour, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch in a reserved shaded area. We then continue a scenic drive via Enclosure Bay and Palm Beach. Along the way, a visit to Waiheke Ceramics for a talk on pottery craftsmanship, then head to Allpress Olives in Rocky Bay for a tasting tour featuring premium olive oils and local delicacies. After our day of food and art, we will take time to put our feet up before dining at another local restaurant in Onetangi Beach.

DAY THREE

B, D

Start the day with breakfast in your room, followed by a relaxing beach walk or swim. Visit the Kauri Art Gallery near Little Oneroa Beach to admire John Freeman's unique woodcraft. Stop for morning tea at a café of your choice in Oneroa. Next, enjoy a guided tour at the Waiheke Musical Museum, featuring storytelling and live demonstrations of rare instruments. Spend free time exploring Oneroa's galleries, boutiques, and cafés. If this doesn't appeal you could stroll along Big Oneroa Beach, visit the Waiheke Wine Centre, or stop by Timmy Smith, a specialty shop for tea and handcrafted jewellery, the choice is yours. We return mid-afternoon to our accommodation to relax before dinner. Late afternoon, we will visit Cable Bay Vineyards for a vineyard tour and tasting, where you will explore the beautiful grounds and sample four Waiheke wines. Our day will end with a delicious dinner at the vineyard's acclaimed restaurant.

DAY FOUR

B, L, D

After enjoying breakfast in your room, we'll drive to the fascinating Stony Batter. You may want to bring a snack and a bottle of water before setting off on an adventurous 1km walk across scenic farm terrain. Please note a moderate level of fitness is required for this activity. Once here we will discover the secrets of Fort Stony Batter Tunnels, a hidden WWII fortress that has undergone impressive restoration. Explore the historic magazines, gun turrets, and two hundred meters of tunnels, leading to the subterranean art galleries and a concert chamber. Learn about the fort's pivotal role during WWII, as expert guides share captivating stories of its construction and operation. Afterward, we will visit Man O' War Vineyard for a relaxing wine tasting and a delicious lunch with beautiful views. We will then enjoy a scenic drive around Waiheke's southern bays, then return for free time before dinner at Palm Beach, a perfect way to end the day.

DAY FIVE

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On the final day, you'll start with breakfast in your room before checking out and heading to the Waiheke Museum and Historic Village, where you will discover the island's fascinating history. Next, visit Batch Winery, perched on Waiheke's highest

hill, offering panoramic views of sun-soaked vineyards. Enjoy an Estate Tasting paired with a delicious barrel platter board and dessert at The Hedge, the winery's charming eatery. Afterward, it is a short drive to the Kennedy Point Ferry Terminal, where you'll check in for the ferry back. Your tour concludes as you are dropped off, wrapping up a wonderful Waiheke adventure.