



Hawkes Bay Scenic Tours

Discover Hawkes Bay Shore Excursion

The best of Rural Hawkes Bay and Napier's Art Deco

The most popular Napier Shore Excursion by far.

Experience Napier and the Hawkes Bay in the short time you have available.

**Drive through some beautiful, picturesque countryside.
See Vineyards, Orchards, Deer, Sheep and Cattle farming.
Be immersed in the "Art Deco Capital of the World".. Napier.**

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ABOUT YOUR TOUR

\$100.00 NZD

Time on tour 4 hours – Max of 20 passengers on the day

Your tour commences as soon as our booked clients arrived.

There is no waiting around to sell extra seats on the day.

We use a pictorial booklet on the tour to show historic differences before the huge 1931 earthquake and today. The books also give a great insight as to what Art Deco actually is.

On the day you shall receive bottled water, local fruit and a souvenir postcard.

We are able to cater for larger groups on request. Interpreters available - please enquire.

Welcome to the oldest Wine growing region, and the largest Apple and Pip fruit producing area in New Zealand, set around the Art Deco Capital of the World

“Hawkes Bay Wine Country – The Gourmet Wine and Food region of New Zealand”

We are looking forward to showing you our spectacular postcard rural scenery, visit the highest drivable Peak in the region for some amazing 360 degree views, then return back to the historic Art Deco City of Napier via the City of Hastings which is also famous for its Art Deco and Spanish Mission styles from the 1930's.

Our part of New Zealand has been a well-kept “Secret Tourist Destination” for a long time. Now it's time for visitors, like you, to explore and enjoy this unique region of the world with us.

Our customized tours are designed to take advantage of every minute you are ashore. This itinerary is suitable for almost every ship visiting this unique part of New Zealand. We understand that every vessel has a different amount of Port time and we do make that time work for you as the visitor.

As a general rule we will cover this tour as indicated. Should there be any changes in your ships arrival and/or departure times, we will make all necessary adjustments to the itinerary to ensure you get to experience the area as close to what is promised to you as possible on the day.

You will always be returned in plenty of time for your sailing.

STARTING DETAILS

These details may change from ship to ship...

Generally

Please be the first to depart upon arrival. Board the first shuttle (free) then depart that shuttle at the final stop, (generally this is the Aquarium – the second shuttle stop).

At the aquarium look for your bright green signage – Hawkes Bay Scenic Tours “Discover Hawkes Bay Tour”

If, if your shuttle just makes the one stop, we shall know in advance and we shall be beside your shuttle at the first and final stop.



In the case of a private tour, your name can be used.

NAPIER CITY SIGHTS

Discover lovely City Gardens and more



The soundshell, and its colonnade surround, was built in 1935 following the 1931 earthquake. Napier was being restyled as a modern city of the future, a place for fun and pleasure."

This is a city with beautiful unique architecture and rich colourful gardens.



NAPIER'S FAMOUS ART DECO

At the start of the tour, you will learn the history to understand exactly what Art Deco is, and why here in Napier.

On the tour, you will drive all the main City streets and Suburbs to view this spectacular and unique City and gain an understanding of all the aspects of this beautiful style that has stood the proof of time.

Our aim is to have enough time remaining for you to enjoy a stroll down these streets at the completion of the tour.

At the completion of your tour, you will be given the option to walk the main street and return to the shuttle at your convenience or return directly to the shuttle bus which will take you back to your ship.



DRIVE THROUGH POSTCARD SCENERY

You will take a drive through specular rural scenery. You will make many stops on the day as required for photos .

You will drive this very spot below, then from the top of the huge hill in the top image, you will (on a clear day) have the opportunity to take the same mountain photo as below.

You will have a full 360 degree view from the top of Te Mata Peak. On the tour you will also learn the Maori Legend and story behind Te Mata Peak.... The “Sleeping Giant”



SEE ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS, DEER, SHEEP & CATTLE FARMING

See first hand the many different types of farming across this countryside. The world knows us for our Sheep, but Deer farming.. ? Did you know New Zealand has the largest number of domesticated Deer in the world ?

I think the images say it all.



Napier the Art Deco Capital of the World

The style known as Art Deco had its heyday between 1920 and 1940. Within two years 1931 and 1933, the city was rebuilt, predominantly in Art Deco style, with Maori motifs and design elements incorporated setting this city apart from any other.

Napier still boasts 140 original 1930's Art Deco buildings and the care and protection of these buildings is managed by The City of Napier.

Visitors come from all corners of the earth to see, feel, and experience this unique collection of heritage buildings.

You too can feel the atmosphere, live the era of mystique, if only for a few hours on your fleeting ship visit on this tour.



Discover Napier's suburbs

Following on from the huge 1931 earthquake, the land was made suitable for housing growth and of course the Art Deco style proceed to move into the suburbs

Napier is so lucky today to still have dozens of these unique homes that you can discover with us on this tour.

You too can feel the atmosphere, as you drive slowly through a lovely 1930's housing area (as in the images below). The homes are a credit to the home owners and council alike. There are photo opportunities through out the tour.

This is NOT a high speed tour, we have allowed plenty of time for you to get the best from your short time in Napier.



HEAR NAPIER'S UNIQUE HISTORY

In 1931 the city of Napier was struck by an 7.8 earthquake lasting 2 ½ minutes levelling most of the city.

Napier was rebuilt largely in the art deco style. Napier is today, considered to be the best-preserved art deco town on the Planet.

Thousands of people from all around the world, flock to Napier every February for the Art Deco event, a celebration of its Art Deco designs and post-earthquake heritage and history.

This is a chance for townspeople and visitors to dress up in their best Great Gatsby style and turn back the clock.... And they do.



At the conclusion of the tour, we will offer you a souvenir as a token of thanks for choosing us to be your hosts for the day.

We truly enjoy showing visitors our part of this beautiful country.

[Our aim is to make this tour, the best tour of your cruise.](#)

[Thank you: - John & Margaret Hanlon, Owner Operators.](#)