PROPOSAL TO HOST THE

5TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON MARINE BIODIVERSITY (WCMB) 2020/2021

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
We are proud to present this bid for the 5th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity in 2020/2021. In the spirit of manaakitanga — we welcome you to Auckland, New Zealand, with open hearts and open minds.

Manaakitanga
Is the Māori word for hospitality, kindness, generosity or support — the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others.
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Welcome to the country of open hearts.

Where care for the land and people is genuine. Where life is for living. Where time spent together is never time wasted. Where lasting partnerships are formed. Where strangers are treated as friends and memories are made.
Thank you for the opportunity to present a proposal for Auckland, New Zealand, to be host city for the World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (WCMB) in 2020/2021. We look forward to welcoming your delegates to a region where big city style, beautiful landscapes and first-rate facilities come together.

Inspired choice
As New Zealand’s largest city, Auckland is the country’s financial and economic powerhouse, and the gateway to the rest of the country. The modern city centre is surrounded by sparkling harbours, native forest, beautiful beaches and scenic wine regions.

Confident choice
Auckland has a strong track record of hosting seamless and memorable business events involving local and central governments, global and national organisations, and the private sector.

If Auckland is chosen to host the WCMB, a wide range of Auckland and New Zealand promotional materials will be made available for use in marketing activity to encourage delegates to come to New Zealand and to save the date for 2020/2021.

Impressive choice
Auckland is home to a wide range of world-class convention and accommodation choices, from large facilities to boutique options. Most of the main convention centres are a short walk from popular attractions and the city has a myriad of transport options.

Easy choice
Auckland is easily accessible from overseas, with a modern, efficient international airport. Residents from 60 countries around the world do not need to apply for a visa into New Zealand.

Smart choice
Auckland is a thriving high-tech hub of the Asia-Pacific region, home to more than 20,000 innovation-based companies. Auckland Convention Bureau can access experts across business, industry, tertiary and research institutions, making the city the perfect choice for international delegates to connect and collaborate.

A world of choice
Auckland’s Polynesian flavour – including its unique Māori culture – is a major attraction for international visitors; and an abundance of activities and adventures on Auckland’s doorstep will excite your delegates.

Choose to have it all in Auckland, New Zealand.

Professor Mark Costello
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HOST CITY  Auckland, New Zealand
PROPOSED DATES  14-16 December 2020 or 11-14 April 2021
PROPOSED VENUE  The University of Auckland
SUMMARY OF SUPPORT

Key Letters of Support

The World Conference on Marine Biodiversity 2020/2021 is met with great support from New Zealand including support from the following prominent leaders and organisations.

1. Barb Hayden
   Chief Scientist, Coasts & Oceans
   The National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research (NIWA)

2. Steve Armitage
   General Manager – Destination
   Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development

   Chief Executive
   Tourism New Zealand

13 February 2018

To Whom It May Concern

NIWA supports the bid prepared by Mark Costello (Institute of Marine Science, University of Auckland) for New Zealand to host the World Conference on Marine Biodiversity in 2021.

NIWA is the primary research organisation within New Zealand responsible for conducting research on all aspects of marine biodiversity. New Zealand has a very large marine region for which it is responsible. To help meet the requirements of the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy and related international initiatives, NIWA is actively involved in the discovery and documentation of marine biodiversity.

The Coasts & Oceans Centre of NIWA aims to provide the knowledge needed for the sound environmental management of our marine resources, to ensure that the economic, social and environmental benefits are realised now and into the future.

Having the World Conference of Marine Biodiversity in New Zealand would be an opportunity for us to learn from overseas experts and emerging best practice, as well as for New Zealand to showcase the work that has been done here in marine protection, resource management, biosecurity, and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.

Yours faithfully

Barb Hayden
Chief Scientist, Coasts & Oceans

Cc: Dr Mark Costello
13 December 2017

Philippe Archambault (chair of the 4th WCMB)
4th WCMB Congress Secretariat - JPdL International
1555 Peel Street, Suite 500
Montréal, QC H3A 3L8 Canada

Dear Mr. Archambault,

Thank you for the opportunity to present Auckland as a destination for hosting the 5th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity in 2021.

With a culturally diverse population of 1.6 million and growing, Auckland is the financial and economic powerhouse of New Zealand, contributing 38 per cent of the national gross domestic product.

Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) is Auckland’s economic growth agency and is tasked with advancing the prosperity of Auckland, making it a more desirable place to visit, live, invest and do business.

Auckland boasts a unique mix of magnificent natural features, including three stunning harbours which are home to an abundance of sea and marine life. Scattered throughout the waters are picturesque islands rich with birdlife and flora and fauna. With nature playing such an important part in New Zealand’s appeal, both local and central government are focused on maintaining the environment and ecosystem in a sustainable way throughout the country.

Within the city you will find a rich and distinctive cultural heritage that is supported by ‘big city’ sophistication which brings with it an endless array of exceptional galleries, theatres, shopping and restaurants.

Auckland’s compact city centre means everything is in close proximity, with a range of accommodation available for all budgets, along with attractions and conference venues, all within easy reach.

Getting to Auckland has never been easier with 30 international airlines flying direct to Auckland from 43 destinations into Auckland International Airport.

You can be assured of thorough professionalism and strong support for your conference in Auckland, coupled with our unique personal touch which will make your event a highly memorable and successful experience.

We look forward to welcoming the many delegates attending the 5th World Conference on Marine Biodiversity in 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Armitage
General Manager - Destination

4 December 2017

Philippe Archambault
C/- 4th WCMB Congress Secretariat - JPdL International
1555 Peel Street, Suite 500
Montréal, QC H3A 3L8 Canada

Dear Philippe,

I am pleased to offer my support for the bid to host the 5th World Congress on Marine Biodiversity in Auckland, New Zealand in 2021.

Auckland offers outstanding conference venues and has a proud history of hosting successful international conferences. It also offers world class accommodations, sights and attractions and I am sure that will lead to visiting delegates enjoying their time here.

Our beautiful country also offers stunning landscapes from the top of the North Island to the bottom of the South Island with friendly locals sharing rich tales of our history, our legends and our future.

I highly recommend Auckland as the location for the 5th World Congress on Marine Biodiversity and I look forward to welcoming delegates to New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen England-Hall
Chief Executive
The University of Auckland

The University of Auckland is New Zealand’s largest university and is situated in the heart of Auckland, the country’s commercial capital.

The university is well equipped with state-of-the-art conferencing facilities, making it an ideal conference venue. Now hosting over 40,000 students on five campuses, the university has come a long way since 1883 when it first opened with just 95 students and four staff, teaching from an old courthouse and jail building.

Today, the University of Auckland has grown to eight faculties, two large-scale research institutes, and a variety of other institutes and centres that enable cross-disciplinary research. The faculties are:

- Arts
- Business and Economics
- Creative Arts and Industries
- Education
- Engineering
- Law
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Science

Almost all teaching staff engage in research which attempts to advance the frontiers of knowledge and understanding. Around 5,000 students are enrolled for postgraduate studies, with 1,200 of these undertaking doctorates. The university has continued to improve its facilities, most recently with new teaching and research spaces at the Newmarket Campus, along with a new state-of-the-art building for the Faculty of Science.
**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**Professor Mark Costello**  
*Committee Chair*  
**The University of Auckland, New Zealand**

Mark was co-convenor of the 3rd WCMB in Qingdao and is President of the International Association for Biological Oceanography (IABO), the world academic body for marine biodiversity. He organised the New Zealand Marine Sciences Society Annual Symposium in 2009 and Census of Marine Life All Programs Meeting in 2007 at the University of Auckland. He has convened over 16 international workshops and been co-convenor of over ten conferences and symposia, mostly when working in Europe. Through his involvement in international networks, and running the Marine Research Information Network on Biodiversity (MARINE-B) since the 1990’s with over 1,200 subscribers, he has an extensive network of contacts to promote attendance. Networks include: IABO, the Census of Marine Life, Ocean Biogeographic Information System, World Register of Marine Species and Marine Biodiversity Observation Network, INVASIVESNET, and International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

2. **Professor Martin Solan**  
*Convenor of 2nd WCMB*  
**University of Southampton, England**

3. **Professor David M. Paterson FMBA**  
*Convenor of 2nd WCMB, Executive Director of MASTS*  
**University of St Andrews, Scotland**

4. **Professeur Philippe Archambault**  
*Convenor of 4th WCMB*  
**Département de biologie, Faculté des Sciences et de génie, Université Laval, Québec, Canada**

5. **Professor Graham Edgar**  
*Keynote Speaker at 3rd WCMB*  
**University of Tasmania, Australia**

6. **Professor Dr Phang Siew**  
*Moi FASc, FMBA, Institute of Biological Sciences and Director, Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences (IOES)*  
**University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

7. **Professor Robert Poulin**  
**University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand**

8. **Dr Moriaki Yasuhara**  
*Associate Professor*  
**School of Biological Sciences, Swire Institute of Marine Science, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong**

9. **Anton van Helden**  
*Marine Advocate*  
**Forest and Bird (New Zealand’s national nature conservation organisation)**

10. **Professor Scott Baker**  
**University of Oregon, USA**

11. **Sue Taei**  
*Executive Director*  
**Conservation International Pacific**

12. **Dr Amanda Bates**  
**Memorial University, Newfoundland, Canada**
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

13. Professor David Schiel  
    Marine Science, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

14. Professor Angelika Brandt  
    Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung, Frankfurt, Germany

15. Dr Tina N. Molodtsova  
    P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology, Moscow, Russia

16. Dr Suchana Apple Chavanich  
    Deputy Managing Director  
    Chula Unisearch, Chulalongkorn University, Reef Biology Research Group,  
    Department of Marine Science, Bangkok, Thailand

17. Dr Alison MacDiarmid  
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18. Dr James Davis Reimer  
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19. Professor Emma Johnston  
    Keynote Speaker at 3rd WCMB, Dean of Science,  
    Professor of Marine Ecology & Ecotoxicology  
    University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

20. Dr Konstantin Lutaenko  
    Head International Cooperation Department  
    A.V. Zhirmunsky, Institute of Marine Biology, Vladivostok, Russia

21. Dr Yoshihisa Shirayama  
    Executive Director  
    Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC),  
    Yokosuka City, Kanagawa, Japan

22. Professor Mike Burrows  
    Scottish Association of Marine Science, Dunstaffnage, Scotland
Event Services provides event and conference management service for The University of Auckland, both on and offsite. As innovative and dedicated event and conference specialists, Event Services, supported by finance and marketing professionals, utilises the latest industry tools and technology to deliver high quality events.

Event Services specialises in conferences which aim to:
- disseminate research
- advance knowledge
- promote thinking

In addition, the University is highly experienced in hosting Annual Meetings of University Presidents through its participation in Universitas 21 and the Association of Pacific Rim universities.

A successful conference is the result of a major investment of time and sound planning. With extensive experience in all aspects of conference management and event hosting, Event Services is well placed to deliver a successful World Conference on Marine Biodiversity in 2020/2021.

Event Services Track Record:

- **eResearch**
  - 2017 — Auckland
  - **170 delegates**

- **NZ Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE) 2016**
  - University of Auckland
  - **250 delegates**

- **NZ Geothermal Workshop, (annual)**
  - 2016 — University of Auckland
  - 2015 — Taupo
  - 2014 — University of Auckland
  - **400 delegates**

- **International Indigenous Research Conference (bi-annual)**
  - University of Auckland
  - **300 delegates**

- **Pacific Region Indigenous Doctors Congress (PRIDoC) 2016**
  - University of Auckland
  - **300 delegates**

- **Southern Power Electronics Conference (SPEC) 2016**
  - University of Auckland
  - **250 delegates**

- **8th Asian Biological Inorganic Chemistry (ASBIC8) 2016**
  - University of Auckland
  - **350 delegates**

- **ASPIRE Professional Staff Conference (annual)**
  - University of Auckland
  - **500 delegates**
Welcome to the country of open minds.
Where learning is embraced and opinions valued.
Where freshness is championed and quality prized for the world to enjoy.
Where nature inspires creative thinking. Where ingenuity drives innovation and productivity. Where big ideas are born every day and new technologies are perfected. Where the impossible becomes real and where every sun rise inspires the extraordinary.
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Themes:
Conference themes will be discussed by the conference committee in the light of hot topics in the field in 2020. The conference will maintain the breadth of previous WCMB. Special topics that are considered likely concern Marine Protected Areas, climate change, deep-sea ecology, ecosystem function, trends in biodiversity over time, invasive species, marine islands and parasites.

Programme:
The programme will include the following: six keynote speakers, including the Carlo Heip Award winner; options for special topical symposia proposed by delegates; and full (15 minute) and short (five minute) oral presentations. Innovative aspects will include:

1. A conference app for Android and iPhone users.
2. Digital posters available through the conference app and online.
3. Video recording of plenary speakers in real time.
4. Live feed of at least plenary sessions for delegates who cannot attend in person.
5. Virtual attendance will be facilitated to reduce costs and carbon footprint for delegates who cannot travel to New Zealand.

Considering the long distance many delegates will travel and associated travel costs, we are planning to make the event more affordable in the following ways:

1. Our budgeted registration fee is the same as for the 2018 congress.
2. The conference dinner will be a separate cost item for delegates who wish to minimise costs.
3. The host university is subsidising the venue cost by NZ$54,000.

Sponsorship:
We expect to raise NZ$100,000 in sponsorship from government departments and agencies, scientific societies, NGO and industry. The University of Auckland has already committed NZ$54,000. Additional sponsors to be approached include: government agencies including Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Department of Conservation (DOC), National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Sciences (NIWA), Esri/Eagle Technologies, New Zealand Marine Sciences Society (NZMSS), Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Forest and Bird and Conservation International.
CONFEERENCE VENUE

The University of Auckland

The Owen G. Glenn Building (OGGB), one of Auckland’s most architecturally striking buildings, is situated on The University of Auckland campus which is right in the heart of Auckland, within walking distance of all the main cultural, entertainment and commercial hubs.

Harbour views and the close proximity to Albert Park, an historic park dating back to the 1880’s, adds to the appeal. The campus has a full range of amenities including cafes, health services, libraries, childcare facilities and a recreation centre.

The OGGB is a modern, spacious and sophisticated venue ideal for large conferences. Two large theatres with tiered seating are available, together with a number of smaller rooms for parallel sessions. With world-class facilities and a super central location, the OGGB makes an ideal conference venue.

Foyer Areas

The spacious design of the two adjacent foyers on Level 0 provide an ideal area for registration, cocktail receptions, exhibitions and conference breaks.
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OPTIONS FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Auckland War Memorial Museum

Sitting amongst the grounds of the Domain—Pukekawa, Auckland War Memorial Museum casts a protective eye over Tamaki Makaurau—Auckland. With its commanding hill-top position, the iconic heritage-listed Museum is one of Auckland’s premier event locations. Enter the majestic Grand Foyer for a pre-dinner cocktail before discovering the award-winning contemporary architecture of the Event Centre. Celebrate your gala dinner event under the copper dome roof of the Museum and take in the spectacular 360 degree views across Auckland city, Waitemata Harbour, the Hauraki Gulf, and her islands.

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OPTIONS FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Shed 10

With stunning, uninterrupted views of the Waitemata Harbour and situated in the heart of downtown Auckland, Shed 10 at Queens Wharf is the perfect setting for your function. With no exclusivity arrangements, you’ll have the freedom to engage your preferred suppliers to make the event entirely yours.

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Cordis, Auckland

Located near the heart of Auckland’s vibrant CBD, Cordis, Auckland award-winning hotel provides an elegant backdrop for meetings and celebrating special occasions. The Cordis, Auckland offers 13 elegant events, meeting and function spaces, including the magnificent Great Room – one of the largest pillarless ballrooms in New Zealand. You will also enjoy the expertise of your dedicated event specialist, world-class banqueting and catering staff, and expert sound and lighting facilities on site. At the Cordis, Auckland, every occasion is enhanced by enticing cuisine and superior service designed to impress every guest on your list.

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ANZ Viaduct Events Centre

ANZ Viaduct Events Centre is a premium venue located on Auckland’s vibrant waterfront with spectacular views of the Waitemata Harbour and cityscape. Ideal as an offsite venue for gala dinners or cocktail functions with seven dynamic spaces over three levels. The most commanding space within the centre is the Waiheke room with a 12m high ceiling surrounded by glass walls. The Waiheke room can seat up to 1,200 people for a banquet dinner, or host 2,200 for a cocktail function.

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**North Island**

**Poor Knights Islands**
The Poor Knights Islands in Northland is one of the world’s top dive locations. Beneath the waves at the Poor Knights Islands, an ocean of diving has been compressed into a relatively small area. From turbulent sunlit waters and kelp forests on the upper reaches of the tumbling ‘giant staircase’, to the dark waters of the islands’ many caves, the Poor Knights offer an extraordinary variety of underwater experiences.

**Goat Island Marine Reserve**
Goat Island, the local name for Cape Rodney/Okakari Point Marine Reserve, was New Zealand’s first marine reserve. Located just north of Auckland, Goat Island is one of New Zealand’s most famous and most accessible dive sites. It is home to a huge variety of marine life including blue cod, snapper and crayfish. The attraction however, is not just the marine life but the opportunity to dive off the beach into an underwater world so undisturbed in visibility – between five and 20 metres. Visitors can also enjoy swimming, kayaking and walking on the beach.

**Tawharanui Marine Reserve and Park**
Tawharanui Regional Park is situated on a peninsula in the Matakana Coast Wine Country and combines farming, conservation and recreation in an ecological open sanctuary. Tawharanui boasts some of Auckland’s most beautiful white sandy beaches, rolling pastures, shingled bays, native coastal forest and regenerating wetlands. The Tawharanui Marine Reserve borders the northern coastline and provides spectacular diving and snorkelling opportunities in an unspoilt underwater environment.

**Tiritiri Matangi Island**
This entire island is an open wildlife sanctuary and one of the most successful conservation projects in the world. Catch the ferry from downtown Auckland and if you’re a first-time visitor, join a guided tour to discover the thriving wildlife all around you. Keep a watchful eye out for stitchbirds, bellbirds, tiny North Island robins and spot the beautiful blue-grey colours of the kokako. Plus check out the little blue penguins’ nesting boxes on the walking track around Hobbs Beach. Explore one of the walking tracks that lead to the visitor centre, a popular place to enjoy a picnic lunch, or the 1-hour Kawaura Track through coastal forest and pohutukawa trees thought to be 800 to 1000 years old.

**Muriwai Gannet Colony**
Muriwai’s gannet colony is a one hour drive from the centre of Auckland. Out to sea, the colony nests on two vertical-sided islands. About 1,200 pairs of gannets nest here from August to March each year. The views from the colony are very impressive. Muriwai Beach extends 60 kilometres to the north - a line of black sand between the thundering surf and the sand hills. Far below, enthusiastic surfers look like seals on the large ocean swells.
CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS

South Island

**Milford Sound**

Described by Rudyard Kipling as the 'eighth wonder of the world', Milford Sound was carved by glaciers during the ice ages. Breath-taking in any weather, the fiord's cliffs rise vertically from the dark waters, mountain peaks scrape the sky and waterfalls cascade downwards from as high as 1000 metres. When it rains in Milford Sound, and it often does, those waterfalls multiply with magnificent effect. Boat cruises – during the day or overnight – are an excellent way to experience the Sound. Adventurous types might also like to head out sea kayaking, diving or flightseeing.

**Kaikoura**

Kaikoura is a base for wildlife experiences of all kinds. An easy two-hour drive north of Christchurch, Kaikoura makes for a great day trip or a fun stop on your way to Marlborough. Kaikoura’s environment is truly spectacular – the village is caught between the rugged seaward Kaikoura Range and the Pacific Ocean. In winter the mountains are covered with snow, adding to the drama of the landscape. Kaikoura’s special talent is marine mammal encounters – whales, fur seals and dolphins live permanently in the coastal waters. Whale watching trips leave the town several times a day and the local seal colony is always entertaining. There are plenty of cafés, restaurants and shops to explore.

**Otago Peninsula**

Put a day aside to explore Otago Peninsula, where eco-experiences range from penguin and fur seal colonies to the toe-tingling cliffs of The Chasm and Lovers Leap. Flanking the southern edge of Dunedin’s extensive harbour, Otago Peninsula is high and rugged on the ocean side; warm and sheltered on the harbour side. Volcanic in origin, the peninsula is part of the crater wall of a large, long-extinct volcano. As a scenic drive, Otago Peninsula is spectacular. Beginning at Vauxhall, you can follow the coastal road past small settlements and beaches to Taiaroa Head, where there’s an albatross colony. Other attractions near Taiaroa Head include the fur seals at Pilots Beach and sea lions on Te Rauone Beach.

**The Catlins**

This corner of New Zealand is largely untainted by the modern world—a place where time has stood still and a visitor may enjoy forest, wildlife and the lifestyle of a bygone era. The great South Pacific Ocean bites into the land here and this piece of coast is home to an abundance of native vegetation and wildlife, and holds a rich history. Sights to see include: Tahakopa Beach where the vegetation of this pristine beach is the least modified on the Catlins coast; Curio Bay, the site of one of the world’s finest fossilised forest from the Jurassic period over 180 million years old and Porpoise Bay, home to Hector’s Dolphins and Yellow-eyed penguins. It is also a regular resting place for seals and sea lions. Porpoise Bay is a safe swimming, snorkelling and surfing beach. There are many more attractions including the Purakaunui Falls, Nugget Point, Jack’s Blowhole, and the Cathedral Caves.
# BUDGET

## Conference Financials

The information provided in this document is estimated for the World Conference on Marine Biodiversity and excludes New Zealand Goods and Services Tax (GST) at 15%.

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**TOTAL REVENUE**

- $184,160.87
- $207,560.87
- $231,360.87
# BUDGET

## EXPENDITURE

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CONFERENCE SUPPORT

Local and central government strongly support conferences in Auckland by providing incentives for organisers and making travel here simple for delegates.

Auckland Convention Bureau

Auckland Convention Bureau (ACB) is part of Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) — Auckland’s economic growth agency and an Auckland Council-controlled organisation. ATEED supports and enhances Auckland’s ability to compete internationally, and to fuel the growth of the region’s industry sectors of competitive advantage through collaboration.

ACB helps conference planners create unforgettable events from start to finish. ACB offers a wide range of support, including:

- free, impartial advice on venues, accommodation, activities and service providers
- site inspections to familiarise you with Auckland’s infrastructure
- marketing materials such as brochures, imagery and DVDs to help drive delegate numbers
- online access to professional photographs for use in conference marketing materials
- linking your conference website to aucklandnz.com to let your delegates explore what Auckland has to offer.

aucklandnz.com/meet

Tourism New Zealand

Tourism New Zealand, New Zealand’s National Tourism Organisation, is committed to making every conference a success.

Tourism New Zealand’s Conference Assistance Programme offers practical and financial assistance to organisations that want to host a conference in New Zealand by:

- evaluating the financial feasibility of each conference
- assisting with customised bid documents and strategic marketing support for bid submission
- funding delegate marketing activity to help boost international delegate attendance
- assisting with air travel for bid presentations
- providing access to materials, promotional videos and marketing collateral
- providing local expertise and knowledge on pre and post touring ideas throughout New Zealand.

New Zealand, with its stunning scenery, world-class infrastructure, diverse range of activities, and its safe and welcoming society, has all the components required to ensure every conference is successful as well as memorable.

businessevents.newzealand.com
Welcome to the country of open spaces.
Where nature bursts and flows.
Where the elements come alive.
Where there is room to breathe, and places to find.
TOP 10
Friendliest cities in the world
Condé Nast Traveler Reader Choice Awards 2017

1.6 million
People live in the greater Auckland region, around one third of New Zealand’s population

New Zealand Māori call Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau, a maiden desired by 100 lovers.

1.2 million
1.2 million hectares of sea, coast and islands make up Auckland’s magnificent Hauraki Gulf Marine Park

21,000
AUCKLAND IS HOME TO 21,000 INNOVATION-BASED COMPANIES - 12% OF THE BUSINESS POPULATION

200 +
DIFFERENT ETHNIC COMMUNITIES CALL AUCKLAND HOME

2nd
New Zealand is the 2nd safest country in the world
2017 Global Peace Index

AUCKLAND’S CBD ALONE OFFERS MORE THAN 7,000 ROOMS FROM 5 TO 2-STAR

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AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

All figures are accurate as at September 2017.
International Access

Auckland is the most connected city in New Zealand, with regular flights to and from cities across the globe and daily flights to all of the country’s main centres and popular tourist destinations.

It is approximately an 11 hour direct flight from most places in the Pacific Rim, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo and the West Coast of the USA and it is only a three hour flight for neighbouring Pacific Islands and the eastern seaboard of Australia.
AIR TRAVEL

Internationally connected

Airlines servicing New Zealand include those in Star Alliance, Oneworld and SkyTeam.

540+
WEEKLY FLIGHTS CONNECTING AUCKLAND TO THE WORLD

150
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ARRIVALS EVERY DAY

95%
Auckland Airport handles more than 95 per cent of all international arrivals into New Zealand

35 MINS
The central city is just 25km (35 minutes drive) from Auckland Airport

30
International airlines fly direct to Auckland from 43 destinations around the world
Entry to New Zealand is easy with a little preparation.

**Visa waiver countries**
If your delegates are citizens or permanent residents from a visa waiver country (which includes Australia and the United Kingdom), they do not have to apply for a visa. However, they’ll need to show that they’re a genuine visitor, have enough money for their stay and have a travel ticket out of New Zealand.

**Non-visa waiver countries**
Delegates from non-visa waiver countries will need to apply for a visa at least 30 days before travelling to New Zealand.

Auckland Convention Bureau can supply you with details of a Relationship Manager at Immigration who will guide you through the process of applying for visas for your conference delegates.

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**List of visa waiver countries**

- Andorra
- Argentina
- Austria
- Bahrain
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Chile
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea (South)
- Kuwait
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Oman
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Romania
- San Marino
- Saudi Arabia
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States of America
- Uruguay
- Vatican City

*Conditions may apply.
Te Puia Pa, Rotorua
Auckland

A world-class event demands a world-class destination and Auckland has it all.

Auckland’s excellent infrastructure network sets the stage for first-rate meetings, conventions and conferences.

Auckland is one of the great cities of the South Pacific, where stunning natural beauty and big city style meet. Its compact CBD contains everything you need in close proximity—generally within a 15 minute walk or less. Home to 1.6 million people and buzzing with excitement, the city abounds with modern shopping areas, a myriad of excellent cafés and restaurants and superb events all year round. Yet its setting is a natural paradise of sparkling harbours, native forests, dormant volcanoes and beautiful beaches.

Auckland is more than a city—it’s a whole region full of things to see and do. From the tranquil waters and emerald islands of the Hauraki Gulf to the urban sophistication of downtown, the sheer diversity of the place means you can experience any kind of adventure.

As a destination for any business event, Auckland has few parallels. There’s every type of venue you could imagine and a list of activities and events to enjoy that defies imagination. Any interest, any season; your delegates will be thrilled with what Auckland has to offer. The outdoor world and nature adventures are close at hand. Gourmet cuisine, vineyards, live entertainment, top sports events, theatre, outstanding sights and attractions—Auckland is home to them all.

Auckland is also the financial and economic powerhouse of New Zealand, contributing 35 percent of the national gross domestic product. Auckland is the base for many of New Zealand’s leading companies in sectors including marine, food and beverage, information and communications technology (ICT), life sciences, banking, accounting, insurance, hospitality, retail, transport and logistics. Many world-leading multinationals also have a strong presence in Auckland.
AUCKLAND’S TRACK RECORD

Auckland has an impressive track record of hosting successful conferences and business events. Examples include:

- **Annual Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology**
  December 2016 • 1,642 delegates

- **Asian Biological Inorganic Chemistry Conference**
  December 2016 • 405 delegates

- **Topical Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry**
  April 2016 • 220 delegates

- **APAC Forum 2015**
  September 2015 • 1,200 delegates

- **The Goodfellow Symposium 2015**
  March 2015 • 590 delegates

- **XXXII SCAR Biennial Meetings and 2014 Open Science Conference**
  August 2014 • 943 delegates

- **International Congress of Biometeorology**
  December 2011 • 315 delegates

- **International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit**
  November 2010 • 2,400 delegates
ACCOMMODATION

Auckland Hotel Information

There are over 7,000 hotel rooms in the Auckland central city within a 10-15 minute walk of the proposed event venues.

Pullman Auckland

Pullman Auckland enjoys stunning views of the Auckland harbour and parks. The hotel is located just a few minutes walk from the city centre and within easy access of many Auckland attractions. The hotel offers 270 beautifully appointed European style guest rooms and suites in the 14 storey Pullman Tower, complemented by 70 deluxe rooms, one and two bedroom apartment style suites and penthouses in the 17 storey residences. Spa at the Pullman offers six New Zealand themed treatment rooms, fully equipped gym, 25 metre heated swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna and steam room—an ideal offering for those with fitness and relaxation in mind.

Indicative room rate: $260 NZD

www.pullmanhotels.com

SKYCITY Grand Hotel

SKYCITY Grand Hotel offers guests a truly five-star experience. Whether your stay is for business or pleasure, the friendly and attentive team will attend to your every need. Beautifully appointed, modern and spacious rooms are just the start of the five-star experience. Stunning views, award-winning dining at your door step, the iconic Sky Tower and the tranquil East Day Spa await you. Secluded within the entertainment hub that is SKYCITY Auckland, the Grand Hotel has a natural charm where you can leave the hustle and bustle at the front door.

Indicative room rate: $399 NZD

www.skycityauckland.co.nz/hotels/skycity-grand
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**Hobson Street Hotel**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

(New build yet to be named)

This new hotel in the heart of Auckland City on Hobson Street will be a 300 room, five star luxury hotel. It will be connected, via air-bridge, to the SKYCITY precinct, the New Zealand International Convention Centre and to world class dining precincts.

**Indicative room rate:** $369 NZD

**Grand Mercure Auckland**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ (self rated)

Located in the heart of the Auckland waterfront district and surrounded by designer boutiques and award winning restaurants of Britomart, Grand Mercure Auckland embraces all of these elements to tell the story of our uniquely diverse city. Our stories can be experienced from in room amenities through to iconic pacific art and dining menus. With 207 guest rooms, a dedicated conference floor and lifestyle spaces, Grand Mercure welcomes every traveller to explore the intimate ethnic mosaic of Auckland.

**Indicative room rate:** $270 NZD

www.mercure.com
Auckland Hotel Information

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Rydges Auckland

Rydges Auckland is an urban oasis in the heart of Auckland’s CBD, a 267 room contemporary 4.5 star hotel, centrally located just a short stroll away from Queen Street, Sky Tower and Viaduct Harbour. The accommodation enjoys breath-taking views over the city or the iconic Sky Tower, while the harbour view accommodation offers panoramic views of the Auckland Harbour Bridge, Westhaven Marina and stunning Waitemata Harbour. The most reputable shopping locations such as High Street, Britomart and Queen Street are all within easy walking distance from the hotel.

Indicative room rate: $249 NZD

www.rydges.com/accommodation/new-zealand/auckland/

Crowne Plaza Auckland

Conveniently located in the heart of Auckland’s business and entertainment district, Crowne Plaza Auckland combines an amazing location and facilities with seamless service.

Featuring 352 spacious, contemporary guest rooms and suites, an award winning restaurant plus 24 hour gymnasium and sauna, Crowne Plaza Auckland is the ideal place for visiting delegates to achieve their business goals and recharge their batteries.

Indicative room rate: $295 NZD

auckland.crowneplaza.com
** ACCOMMODATION **

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**SKYCITY Hotel**

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Perfectly situated in the heart of Auckland CBD is SKYCITY Hotel. The four and a half star hotel offers 323 well appointed rooms and a place to relax and unwind with world-class entertainment at your feet. Adjacent to the SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre and with direct air-bridge access to the venue, this hotel has excellent proximity.

Right in the middle of the SKYCITY Auckland entertainment destination you can feel the anticipation and excitement of your adventure starting here.

**Indicative room rate:** $339 NZD

[www.skycityauckland.co.nz/hotels/skycity-hotel](http://www.skycityauckland.co.nz/hotels/skycity-hotel)

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**The Sebel Auckland Viaduct Harbour**

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The Sebel Auckland Viaduct Harbour is an apartment hotel in Auckland which epitomises style and sophistication in an atmosphere alive with genuine warmth and hospitality. Appointed with everything the modern business and holiday traveller seeks, each apartment is designed to be the perfect retreat after a day of conferences, travelling or exploring Auckland. Thoughtful in-suite comforts include high-speed internet, private balconies, laundry facilities and fully equipped kitchens with well-stocked refrigerators and mini bars.

**Indicative room rate:** $275 NZD

[www.thesebelauckland.co.nz](http://www.thesebelauckland.co.nz)
Auckland Hotel Information

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Ibis Budget Auckland Central

Enjoy a sensational location just off Queen Street in the heart of Auckland city, Ibis Budget Auckland Central is just a short walk from major Auckland attractions including the SKYCITY Entertainment and Casino complex and Viaduct Harbour. With its 141 rooms featuring balconies and some with kitchenette facilities, Ibis Budget Auckland Central offers easy access to transport including local trains and buses.

Indicative room rate: $125 NZD


Base Backpackers Auckland

Base Backpackers Auckland is located in the heart of the city - central to shops, cafes, museums, Sky Tower and only a few minutes walk to train, bus and ferry terminals and Vector Arena.

Base Backpackers offers comfy beds in a clean modern and secure environment. Rooms range from private ensuite doubles to small and large dorms.

Indicative room rate: $33* NZD per person per night


*Backpacker rates based on 4 person rooms.
Auckland Hotel Information

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YHA Auckland

Backpackers

YHA Auckland offers a range of clean and comfortable rooms from different sized dorm rooms to private single, twin and double rooms. The hostel combines the excitement of the city with a safe and secure environment. Located at the top of Queen Street in the heart of Auckland, YHA provides easy access to the city centre and is surrounded by shops, cafes and restaurants.

Indicative room rate: $36 NZD*

www.yha.co.nz

*Backpacker rates based on 4 person rooms.
PROXIMITY MAP

Visual representation of the location of accommodation providers within close proximity to proposed venues within Auckland.

Conference Venue:
Owen G. Glenn Building, The University of Auckland

Social Venues:
1. Auckland War Memorial Museum
2. Shed 10
3. Cordis, Auckland
4. ANZ Viaduct Events Centre

Accommodation:
5. Pullman Auckland
6. SKYCITY Grand Hotel
7. Hobson Street Hotel
8. Grand Mercure Auckland
9. Rydges Auckland
10. Crowne Plaza Auckland
11. SKYCITY Hotel
12. The Sebel Auckland Viaduct Harbour
13. Ibis Budget Auckland Central
14. Base Backpackers Auckland
15. YHA Auckland

Metres (m) distance: 200 m

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EXPERIENCE AUCKLAND

WITH AN IRRESISTIBLE COMBINATION OF MAGNIFICENT NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND A VIBRANT CITY LIFESTYLE, AUCKLAND IS A PLACE OF EXCITING CONTRASTS AND ENDLESS ADVENTURES.
AROUND THE REGION

Auckland is more than a city, it’s a region of contrasts waiting to be explored.

HAURAKI GULF AND ISLANDS
Discover tranquil islands lined with golden-sand beaches, walk up Auckland’s youngest volcano, or go kayaking, sailing or dolphin spotting in the harbour.

NORTH SHORE AND HIBISCUS COAST
Head north and discover the ultimate laid-back lifestyle, where great food is always close at hand and the sea is your constant companion.

EAST AND SOUTH-EAST AUCKLAND
Sparkling blue waters, white-sand beaches, rolling countryside, boutique vineyards and the largest native forest in the Auckland region.

SOUTH AUCKLAND
Auckland’s south is a melting pot of cultures from around the world, a place where history, adventure and beautiful landscapes combine.

CENTRAL CITY AND SURROUNDS
World-class shopping, buzzing waterfront precincts lined with restaurants, a vibrant arts and culture scene and harbour adventures right on your doorstep.

WEST AUCKLAND
Journey into a region of natural wonders, experience the rugged beauty of the wild west coast beaches and visit Auckland’s oldest wine region.
With an abundance of diverse activities and adventures on Auckland’s doorstep, there are experiences to excite every visitor.

**THE ADVENTUROUS CHOICE**

**ARTS AND CULTURE**

Immerse yourself in Māori and Pacific culture. See the collection of Māori taonga (treasures) or catch a traditional Māori cultural performance at Auckland War Memorial Museum. Visit Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, which houses more than 15,000 artworks, from the old masters to contemporary New Zealand artists. Take a walk through Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum to learn about the Polynesian people’s epic migration to New Zealand on traditional sailing waka (canoes) or go sailing in a waka yourself.
FROM MILD TO WILD

Auckland’s extraordinary variety means there’s an adventure to suit everyone. Bungy jump off Auckland Harbour Bridge, go canyoning down waterfalls or heli-fish from the remote shore of a Hauraki Gulf island. For something more mellow, hike through native rainforest or along spectacular coastal paths, horse ride along white-sand beaches, or indulge in personalised shopping tours.

SHOPPING

Indulge in some top-notch retail therapy while you’re in Auckland — from luxury international labels, cutting-edge New Zealand design and modern interiors, to vintage finds, high street fashion and quirky Kiwi art.

Head to Britomart or High Street/Vulcan Lane for the flagship stores of New Zealand’s most internationally successful designers, including Karen Walker, Zambesi, WORLD and Kate Sylvester, or hop on a CityLink bus from the city centre to explore one of Auckland’s other top fashion precincts — Ponsonby Road, Parnell and Newmarket.

GOLF

With more than 40 coastal and inland courses throughout the region, Auckland is an ideal spot for a round of golf. Whether you’re after international quality resort courses or picturesque local gems, there’s a perfect round for players of all abilities.

ISLAND ADVENTURES

Auckland’s Hauraki Gulf Marine Park encompasses 1.2 million hectares of coast, sea and islands. Just 35 minutes on the ferry from downtown Auckland is Waiheke Island — a haven of beautiful vineyards, olive groves and beaches and a range of adrenaline pumping activities as well, or head to the volcanic island of Rangitoto where you can walk to the top or join a guided 4WD tour to the base of the summit and follow the boardwalk the last 900m. You’ll be rewarded with breathtaking 360-degree views back to the city, harbour and islands of the Hauraki Gulf.

1.2 MILLION
Hectares of sea, coast and islands make up Auckland’s magnificent Hauraki Gulf Marine Park

40
Coastal and inland golf courses throughout the Auckland region

35 MINUTES
Waiheke Island is only 35 minutes on the ferry from downtown Auckland
DINING PRECINCTS

Auckland’s lively dining precincts serve up an impressive variety of cuisine, from five-star fare created by internationally renowned chefs to casual café dishes.

BRITOMART
Revamped heritage buildings and cobbled lanes are home to an eclectic collection of eateries — from modern Mexican to a dedicated dessert restaurant.

FEDERAL STREET
From luxurious fine dining, to New York deli dishes, Auckland’s newest foodie precinct is home to a number of internationally renowned chefs including Peter Gordon and Nic Watt.
WYNYARD QUARTER
This revitalised waterfront precinct is abuzz with eateries offering tapas, Italian, Indian, Thai and American soul food. In summer it’s even livelier with a Friday night market and outdoor cinema.

VIADUCT HARBOUR
The perfect spot for a laidback lunch and glass of wine in the sun, or an elegant evening dining experience of succulent seafood from the nearby fishing fleet.

CITY WORKS DEPOT
This collection of quirky casual eateries in a revamped industrial area offers everything from wood fired bagels to crayfish dumplings — or pamper yourself at a hair salon that’s also a tea house.

PONSONBY
Urban style — award-winning cafés, uber-cool bars and sophisticated bistro.

NEWMARKET
Café culture and retail therapy in perfect harmony.

PARNELL
City fringe sophistication — elegant cafés, wine bars and restaurants.

WAIHEKE
The jewel of the Hauraki Gulf — award-winning wines, fine dining and island life.

TAKAPUNA
Chilled-out, contemporary dining beside beautiful Takapuna beach.

MATAKANA
Live music, organic chocolate and artisan cheeses at the Saturday morning Matakana Farmers’ Markets.

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2. WAIKATO
Meander through themed public gardens and along riverside trails in Hamilton. This heartland city offers an eclectic mix of metropolitan culture and rural charm and is famed for its proximity to must-do attractions like the Hobbiton™ Movie Set and Waitomo Caves.

3. ROTORUA
Immerse yourself in Māori culture and exhilarating outdoor adventure in Rotorua. Built amidst a geothermal landscape of steaming geysers and bubbling mud pools, this tourist hotspot is home to many quintessential Kiwi experiences — from white water rafting and off-road 4WD, to spine-tingling Māori cultural performances.

4. TAUPO
Delve into a lake so big that it’s really more like an inland sea. Lake Taupo is surrounded by natural wonders like the stunning Huka Falls and the bubbling mud pools and geysers at the Orākei Korako thermal wonderland.
5. NAPIER
Enjoy a guided wine tour through the celebrated vineyards of Hawke’s Bay. The city of Napier is New Zealand’s Art Deco capital and has fantastic heritage, a picturesque shoreline and just the right climate for delicious orchard fruits.

6. WELLINGTON
Dine on fine food, craft beers and world-class coffee in the harbour-side city of Wellington. Dubbed the “coolest little capital in the world” by Lonely Planet, Wellington also offers top opportunities for wildlife spotting and cultural discovery at the renowned national museum, Te Papa Tongarewa. From Wellington you can take a day trip to the Wairarapa, a popular rural area and wine region where great food, wine and character accommodation can be enjoyed amid a stunning natural environment.

7. NELSON
Explore the long golden beaches, alpine lakes and enchanting forests of the Nelson region by kayak, car or bicycle. Home to three national parks, this region is a favourite holiday spot for New Zealanders and so beautiful you’ll never want to leave.

8. MARLBOROUGH
Discover the many coves of the magnificent Marlborough Sounds on a cruise, or cycle through vineyards on a wine tasting tour. With its glorious sunshine, delicious food and luxurious resorts, any visit to Marlborough is a pure joy.

9. CHRISTCHURCH
Relax in the picturesque ‘Garden City’. Christchurch offers something for everyone — from golf and hot air ballooning, to punting on the Avon River, to relaxing in its stunning Botanic Gardens.

10. QUEENSTOWN
Find inspiration amongst the unforgettable landscape of Queenstown. This four-season resort is known as the adventure capital of the world. It also offers plenty of opportunity for lakeside dining, boutique shopping and tours of the region’s rich gold mining history.

11. DUNEDIN
Broaden your mind in Dunedin, home to grand old buildings and New Zealand’s oldest university. See penguins, sea lions and albatross on the nearby Otago Peninsula and experience one of the great scenic train journeys on the Taieri Gorge Railway.
3 Day Sample Itinerary in Auckland

Day One

**Jump on a Harley** Kick-start your day with a scenic orientation tour of Auckland on the back of a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Tours cater for groups of all sizes and are a memorable way to see the city's sights, from the buzzing downtown area and surrounding hills to the sparkling Waitemata Harbour.

**Bridge Climb or Bungy** After a relaxed lunch at one of Auckland’s many al fresco restaurants, it’s time for some action. Join an Auckland Harbour Bridge climbing tour for stunning views of the city and harbour or try bungy jumping from the purpose-built jump pod suspended under the bridge.

Day Two

**Get out on the water** A visit to Auckland wouldn’t be complete without a day out on the harbour. Spend the morning learning the ropes on an ex-America’s Cup racing yacht or just relax on a private charter vessel. If fishing is your thing, join a heli-fishing excursion to experience an exclusive fishing spot in the nearby Hauraki Gulf.

**Lunch on the waterfront** Auckland’s Wynyard Quarter and Viaduct Harbour are ideal places to enjoy lunch. Located on Auckland’s waterfront, both offer a wide range of dining options for groups of all sizes, and stunning views out over the harbour.

**Pick your pleasure** Spend the afternoon and evening at leisure. Head to one of Auckland’s premier spa facilities for an afternoon of pampering or shop till you drop at some of New Zealand’s top designer boutiques such as Zambesi or Karen Walker. If you enjoy golf, a round at Gulf Harbour Country Club or Formosa Golf Resort is a great way to relax and unwind.

Day Three

**Island time** Take the ferry or board a luxury super yacht and cruise to Waiheke Island for a full-day guided tour of the island’s award-winning restaurants, cafés, olive groves and beautiful golden beaches. Tours to the island are fully commentated and offer tailored lunch options for groups of all sizes. Soak up some sun, meet the laid back locals and savour delicious local fresh produce.

**Farewell dinner** Return to Auckland in the evening to enjoy a farewell dinner in the Viaduct Harbour area. The Viaduct Basin is home to many of Auckland’s finest eating establishments and is the perfect place to bid farewell to a magic few days in the stunning harbourside city.
3 Day Sample Itinerary in Hamilton

Day One
Take a trip through time and civilisations You will be welcomed to the region in Te Parapara Garden at Hamilton Gardens by a Māori Warrior and experience a traditional pōwhiri. Followed by a tour of Hamilton Gardens — voted International Garden of the Year in 2014. The concept is unique, it tells the story of gardens through time and civilisations.

Taste winning wines and mediterranean lunch Vilagrad Winery is now in its fifth generation as a family owned and operated winery. Take a tour, taste the hand harvested wines and enjoy the Mediterranean cuisine.

Middle-earth™ movie magic and evening banquet tour Experience the real Middle-earth at Hobbiton™ Movie Set. Step into the lush pastures of the Shire, as seen in The Lord of the Rings and Hobbit trilogies. Enjoy an exclusive Hobbit Southfarthing beverage and a magnificent banquet feast in the magical setting of the Green Dragon inn.

Day Two
Taste the world’s purest tea Enjoy a Tea Experience Tour at Zealong Tea Estate, New Zealand’s only tea plantation and home of the world’s purest tea. Experience a traditional tea ceremony, taste the range of premium tea, relax and enjoy a Zealong signature high tea overlooking the plantation’s stunning setting.

Underground wonders Thousands of tiny glow worms radiate their unmistakable luminescent light as expert guides provide informative commentary on the Caves’ historical and geological significance. For the more adventurous we suggest a black water rafting experience.

Opera in the caves You will enjoy a spine-tingling concert in the majestic Cathedral Cave. Followed by a magical boat ride under thousands of sparkling glow worms, exit through the forest, and enjoy a delicious New Zealand inspired dinner.

Day Three
Visit the home of champions Experience a guided tour of the Avantidrome, including an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at New Zealand’s high performance sports set up, and try out the track for yourself with the assistance of a qualified coach.

The Waikato story — from pasture to milk factory Visit a working Cambridge Dairy Farm (600 Friesian and Jersey Cross herd) and listen to the story behind producing New Zealand’s liquid gold.

Discover a slice of kiwi paradise Raglan (Whaingaroa) boasts one of the longest left-hand surf breaks in the world. Raglan has a bohemian vibe and funky shops. Try stand-up-paddle boarding or kayaking, adventurous types will love the guided rock climbing or canyoning trips.

Wahine Moe Raglan Harbour sunset cruise Enjoy local fish and chips as you cruise into the upper reaches of one of the most spectacular harbours in New Zealand and watch the sunset.
3 Day Sample Itinerary in Rotorua

**Day One**

**Meet the locals** Start your first day in Rotorua with a traditional pōwhiri (Māori welcome) among the giant redwood trees of Whakarewarewa Forest. Enjoy a hot chocolate and refreshments while taking in the breathtaking scenery.

**Amusement park adrenaline** Find adrenaline fuelled excitement at Velocity Valley adventure playground. The park offers fast-paced jet boat rides, ‘Shweeb’ monorail racing, a ‘Swoop’ through the air at up to 130km/h, classic Bungy jumping, and a gourmet BBQ lunch to refuel. Smaller groups can move between activities with ease, while large groups can book Velocity Valley exclusively.

**Cruise the lake** In the afternoon, charter the luxurious 53 foot catamaran Tuia, operated by Pure Cruise Aotearoa/New Zealand. Sail across beautiful Lake Rotoiti and enjoy a soak in the lake’s natural hot pools that are only accessible by boat. Back at shore enjoy a feast of fine cuisine and premium Aotearoa/New Zealand wines while taking in the lake surroundings.

**Day Two**

**High flyers** After breakfast, enjoy views of the region’s many lakes and geothermal hotspots on a HELIPRO helicopter tour. Visit Mt Tarawera to view the lasting impact of the massive 1886 volcanic eruption or head to White Island, an active marine volcano complete with historic sulphur mines, bird colonies and a beautiful crater lake.

**Superb skylines** Once back on the ground, enjoy lunch atop Mt Ngongotaha at Skyline Rotorua, overlooking Lake Rotoiti. Race down the slopes on a three-wheel luge cart or take your time and enjoy the view. Mt Ngongotaha has several other entertainment options — including the sensational 50-metre-high Sky Swing and a scenic gondola that ferries people up and down the mountain.

**Pure relaxation** Spend the rest of the afternoon at Wai Ora Lakeside Spa Resort where you can experience the Spa’s signature massage — Miri Miri — based on the traditional Māori massage technique. Finish your day with dinner at the resort’s Mokoia Restaurant, specialising in Pacific fusion cuisine.

**Day Three**

**Off the beaten track** Start your day on the forest-clad Mamaku Plateau with Off Road NZ. Go on a 4WD Bush Safari, race 390cc 4-stroke karts or experience the adrenaline pumping Monster 4X4 Thrill Ride. Afterwards, experience all Rotorua has to offer: go fly fishing, explore Rotorua Museum, bathe lakeside in the healing waters of Polynesian Spa, take a walk in the Rainbow Springs wildlife park, or enjoy a coffee in the city centre.

**Thermal culture** Experience a traditional cultural performance at the famous Māori Art and Craft School Te Puia. Dine under the stars on indigenous cuisine, in the midst of Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, with Pohutu geyser and steam vents illuminated as a natural and spectacular backdrop.
3 Day Sample Itinerary in Wellington

Day One
Get a bird’s eye view Start your time in Wellington with a helicopter tour over the city and rugged south coast. Conclude your flight with lunch at the exclusive Boomrock Lodge or award winning Wharekauhau Country Estate.

Get adventurous After an incredible lunch prepared by your own personal chef, it’s time for some adventure. Boomrock Lodge offers activities ranging from archery and clay bird shooting to tackling the lodge’s purpose built track in a Mercedes Benz or flying a helicopter under the guidance of a professional pilot. Alternatively, Wharekauhau Country Estate provides opportunities for mountain biking, farm tours and excursions to Cape Palliser Seal Colony to see fur seals.

Day Two
Get amongst the nightlife Enjoy dinner at one of Wellington’s fine dining restaurants before taking a short stroll down to Courtenay Place, the city’s nightlife quarter, packed with vibrant cafés, cinemas, art installations and theatres.

Go behind the scenes Continue your exploration of the arts with a tour of the Park Road Post Production facility. Enjoy lunch and discover the secrets behind major movies that Park Road has helped to create, including The Lord of the Rings, King Kong and Avatar. The facility is owned by WingNut Films, the production company of famed Kiwi director Sir Peter Jackson.

Later in the afternoon head back to the central city for a personalised shopping tour of one of Wellington’s iconic up-market stores or a curator tour of the Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa.

Day Three
A culinary experience Continue to tempt your taste buds with an exclusive guided walking tour of Wellington’s food hotspots to meet the locals that make the city New Zealand’s cuisine capital.
3 Day Sample Itinerary in Christchurch

Day One
Sightseeing on the Avon A quintessential introduction to Canterbury incorporates a stroll through the beautiful Botanic Gardens on the banks of the Avon River to discover why Christchurch is called ‘The Garden City’. Or enjoy the view from the water, taking a traditional water gondola and punting down the river in luxury. Then jump on a historic tram for a loop to see some of the brilliant artwork and design projects underway in the central city.

Thermal pools or thrill-seeking Continue on to the alpine spa village of Hanmer Springs and spend the afternoon relaxing in the natural thermal pools or indulge in a spa treatment. Alternatively, venture into the nearby Waiau Gorge for an afternoon of excitement. Thrillseekers Adventures specialises in jet boating, white water rafting, canoeing, bungy jumping, quad biking and mountain biking experiences for incentive groups.

Day Two
A flight to remember Wake early for a majestic hot air balloon or helicopter ride over Canterbury. Flights depart in time for you to watch the morning sun roll in over the plains. Once you are back on solid ground, enjoy a celebratory glass of chilled bubbly.

Classic country charm Depart mid-morning for Terrace Downs High Country Resort. Enjoy a gourmet barbecue lunch while overlooking the stunning foothills of the Southern Alps before playing a round of golf on the resort’s championship course. If golf is not for you, there are plenty of other activities to keep you occupied. Try your hand at clay pigeon shooting, archery, go salmon or trout fishing, take a horse trek or indulge in a spa treatment at The Spa. Finish the day off with dinner at one of the resort’s three on-site dining options before retiring to your suite.

Day Three
Rolling plains and highland lakes Sit back and enjoy a sightseeing drive through the Canterbury plains, passing the mirror-like lakes of the Mackenzie High Country and the iconic Church of the Good Shepherd on the shores of Lake Tekapo. Stop for lunch at Peppers Bluewater Resort before taking a relaxing soak in the hot pools overlooking the lake.

Cosy luxury or alpine adventure Travel by coach or chartered plane to the renowned Hermitage Hotel at the base of Aoraki Mount Cook, New Zealand’s tallest mountain. Whether you’re up for adventure or simply want to cosy down by the fire, all guests are catered for at the Hermitage. Afternoon activities include alpine 4WD tours, heli-hiking, mountain hikes or a scenic flight over the nearby glaciers, or head out on the mighty Tasman Glacier Lake for a boat trip, fly fishing or kayaking adventure.

Southern skies stargazing After a sumptuous dinner, make the most of the clear mountain air for a fantastic final night of stargazing. Take a guided tour from Mt Cook village or Lake Tekapo to experience the magnificent night sky within the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve, the largest gold-rated reserve of its kind in the world.
PRE AND POST TOURING

3 Day Sample Itinerary in Queenstown

Day One

**Water adventures** Kick-start your Queenstown experience with white water rafting or jet boating on the Shotover or Kawarau rivers. The Shotover River offers thrilling grade 3 – 5 rapids with fitting names like Toilets, Pinball and Jaws, while the gentler Kawarau River is ideal for people seeking a more relaxed white water rafting adventure. If you want to combine river action with the power of a turbo engine, both rivers can also be enjoyed by high speed jet boat.

Day Two

**Take a helicopter tour** Begin the day with a scenic helicopter flight over Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown township, before landing on top of mile-high Cecil Peak. The relaxed and leisurely flight will leave you with a lasting appreciation of how Queenstown earned its name — a town literally “fit for a Queen”.

**Relax in Arrowtown** Linger over lunch at one of the award winning restaurants along the main street of historic Arrowtown before heading to nearby Millbrook Resort. Be pampered at Millbrook’s luxury day spa or enjoy a round of golf on their championship golf course.

**Exclusive dining** Travel back to Queenstown in the evening for dinner at an exclusive lakeside restaurant alongside Lake Wakatipu. There are a wide range of world class restaurants on the waterfront serving some of the region’s best produce.

Day Three

**Jet Boat Safari** Experience a unique day of jet boating, breathtaking scenery, Māori heritage and inspiring adventure. A good option is Dart River Jet Safaris, which will take you from the head of Lake Wakatipu into the pristine Dart River and spectacular Mount Aspiring National Park. This jet safari experience combines exhilarating jet boating, stunning scenery, captivating Māori history and inspiring adventure.

**Farewell function** Finish the day with a farewell function at one of Queenstown’s many fabulous venues. This is a great way to wind up a truly inspirational three days in Queenstown.
Banks
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm. Some banks in shopping centres are also open during the weekend. New Zealand’s main banks are ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Kiwibank, TSB, and Westpac.

Climate and seasonality
Auckland enjoys a temperate climate. Daytime temperatures range from 20° to 30° Celsius (60˚ to 86˚ Fahrenheit) during the warmer seasons (November to March), and from 10° to 17° Celsius (50˚ to 63˚ Fahrenheit) in the cooler seasons (April to October).

Currency
New Zealand dollars ($) and cents (c). There are five notes ($5, $10, $20, $50, $100) and five coins (10c, 20c, 50c, $1, $2).

Customs allowances
Visitors aged over 17 years may bring in 50 cigarettes, 4.5l of wine or beer, and three 1.125l bottles of spirits. Goods worth over NZ$700 may attract duty and tax.

Driving
Drive on the left side of the road in New Zealand. All drivers, including visitors from other countries, must carry their licence or permit at all times when driving. Delegates will only be able to drive the same type of vehicles they are licensed to drive in their home country.

Electricity
240V, 50Hz, with Australian/New Zealand pattern three-pin sockets.

Emergency services
111 is the emergency phone number for police, fire and ambulance services.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)
New Zealand has a 15 per cent GST. Overseas visitors cannot claim this back. Some stores may waive GST if delegates show onward or return air tickets, or when international shipment of goods is arranged.

Health and vaccinations
No vaccination certificates are required. Public and private hospitals provide a high standard of treatment and care. Medical services are not free to visitors, so travel insurance that covers medical and health is recommended.

Languages
English is the everyday language in New Zealand, with Māori and New Zealand Sign Language also official languages.

Mobile telephones
Like most countries, New Zealand operates on a 900 or 1800 MHz network. However, some mobiles cannot use international roaming on this frequency. Delegates may buy or rent a New Zealand-compatible phone or sim card upon arrival.

Postal services
Delegates can buy stamps and post items at Post Shops. Stamps can also be purchased from stationers and many convenience stores. Look for red, black and white post boxes to post letters.

Safety and security
New Zealand is generally a very safe place to travel, with a relatively low crime rate. However, it is advisable to observe the same precautions with your personal safety and your possessions as you would in any other country or at home. New Zealand is a democratic and politically stable country.

Setting the standard
Qualmark is Tourism New Zealand’s official quality assurance organisation. Business displaying a Qualmark rating have met strict quality and environmental criteria.

Shopping
Standard shopping hours from Monday to Friday are 9am-5pm, with most shopping centres open until 6pm. Some shops and malls are open late on Thursday and Friday to 9pm. On Saturday and Sunday most malls are open normal shopping hours.

Smoke-free policies
In New Zealand it is illegal to smoke in most indoor spaces, including workplaces, function venues, cinemas, pubs, restaurants and hospitality venues, as well as all public transport. Cigarettes cannot be sold to anyone under 18.

Time zone
New Zealand Standard Time is 12 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Daylight saving runs from the end of September until early April, when the clocks advance by one hour — it then becomes GMT +13 hours.

Tipping and service charges
Tipping is not expected in New Zealand but delegates may wish to tip for special service or kindness.

Visitor information centres
i-SITE is New Zealand’s official visitor information centre network with more than 80 i-SITEs nationwide, including locations in Auckland. i-SITEs provide free expert local knowledge and services including itinerary planning and nationwide accommodation and activity bookings.
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