

# **Group Study Tours Activity Booklet**

These are examples of just some of the activities NZLC Auckland can organise for your group. We can tailor activities to your preferences.







## **Outdoor Activities**

#### **Jet Boating (sss)**

A jet boat ride on the Waitemata Harbour gives students the chance to get a unique view of the city – from the water! They provide fun filled informative tours with amazing views at speeds of up to 90kmph.

#### Tree Adventures (\$\$\$)

An adventure wonderland nestled in the tree tops in the beautiful Woodhill forest. They have a wide range of courses suitable for all levels with a series of fun and challenging activities. Great for communication and teamwork.

Mission Bay Beach BBQ (ss) Experiencing a New Zealand style BBQ will make your visit to the beach a unique and memorable one. Enjoy a kiwi barbeque and so much more under a sunny day swimming at one of Auckland's beautiful beaches.

#### Kavaking (ss)

Try flat water kayaking in the sparkling waters of Okahu Bay. Combine this with a visit to Mission Bay and Bastion Point, an area important to New Zealand's history and the relationship between the Maori and NZ Government.

#### Sailing (\$\$\$)

Explore NZ have long been providing world-famous sailing cruises on Auckland's beautiful Waitemata Harbour. Your skipper will provide an informative commentary on the sights of Auckland and give you the chance to steer the yacht and trim the sails.

#### Snorkelling (sss)

Goat Island was New Zealand's first marine reserve and is famous for its snorkelling and diving. The area has calm, shallow conditions making it an easy, safe place to snorkel. You'll see an abundance of marine life including snapper and sting rays.

#### Surfing (\$\$\$)

Qualified, professional instructors will show you how to ride the waves at one of West Coast's stunning beaches, famous for its surfing.

#### Horse riding (\$\$\$)

Supervised treks over beautiful farmland and forest areas with horses and ponies to suit all ages and riding abilities.

## spectacular panoramic view of Auckland city.

Strawberry Picking (\$\$)

Take the ferry across the beautiful Waitemata Harbour where

you will arrive at Devonport, a historical maritime village on Auckland's North Shore. Admire the colonial architecture,

browse the specialty shops or climb up Mt Victoria for a

Sink your teeth into fresh, juicy New Zealand strawberries while taking in the sunshine and fresh air. Take them back to your homestay. Season varies between December to February.

#### **Scavenger Hunt (5)**

A variety of quizzes designed to develop teamwork skills and confidence in English. Students need to work together in teams to answer questions and solve clues to find their way around the city.

#### **Rocket Ropes (\$\$\$)**

Devonport (s)

Rocket Ropes is a high ropes adventure course with different courses for different levels. It encourages students to overcome their fears and helps build confidence while having fun.









## Workshops

#### Māori History and Mythology (\$\$)

Learn about the first people who settled in Aotearoa New Zealand: their history, how they arrived and about their unique culture. Read pūrākau (stories) to learn Māori myths and legends.

#### **Street Survey (5)**

Gain confidence speaking English and learn about the locals. In small groups walk around Auckland City and ask people questions to learn about their lives.

#### **Kiwi English Lesson (\$)**

Learn Kiwi words and phrases such as 'Kia ora', 'ka pai' and 'sweet as'. This practical lesson will help you communicate like a local during your stay in New Zealand. Take the phrases back home to share with your friends and family.

#### Local School Visit (\$\$\$)

This is a great opportunity to practise your English skills and meet local students. Learn about life at a New Zealand school and take a tour of the school grounds and classrooms.

#### NZ Cooking Lesson (\$\$\$)

You will learn how creative, interactive and challenging it can be to prepare food in a team. The atmosphere and the food will be memorable to your unique New Zealand Experience.

### **Cultural Presentation + Preparation (\$)**

Over two afternoons students prepare and present group presentations. The topic can be about your own culture, or what you have learnt during your stay in New Zealand. You will prepare and practise the presentation during the first afternoon, and present in the second. NZLC can organise an audience of staff or students for the final day presentations.

#### Job Training Lesson (\$)

Get 'hands-on' training as a receptionist, flight attendant or in the hospitality industry. NZLC is happy to assist if your group is interested in a different job type. Pick which job your group would like to learn about and practise the English skills required for the job.

#### Rugby (\$\$\$)

Auckland Rugby Academy run by ex All Blacks members and NZ leading trainers offers one of the highest indoor/outdoor rugby training programmes in the world. NZLC is honoured to be able to collaborated with Auckland Rugby Academy to create an English + Rugby programme. The rugby training will be conducted at Eden Park where the 2011 Rugby World Cup was hosted.

## **Indoor Activities**

#### Snowplanet Skiing/Snowboarding (\$\$\$)

Snowplanet is New Zealand's only all-year indoor snow resort where you can experience the thrill of snow sports close to Auckland. Snowplanet's giant snow hall features 50 centimetres of real powder snow and a terrain park for snowboarders. Lessons are available.

#### Shopping (\$)

Auckland is home to many of New Zealand's top fashion designers. Large malls and outlet stores are spread throughout the suburbs. You will visit one of the city's shopping malls and discover both local and international brands.

#### Movies (\$)

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, King Kong and Avatar are just some of the world-class movies filmed in New Zealand. Watch a new release or 3D film at IMAX cinema, New Zealand's largest movie screen offering the ultimate movie experience. A DVD with worksheets can also be arranged at the school.

## **Indoor Activities (Continued)**

#### Sky Tower (\$)

The Sky Tower is an iconic Auckland structure offering panoramic city views from the observation deck. It is the tallest free-standing structure in the Southern Hemisphere reaching 328 metres in height.

#### Sheepworld Warkworth (\$\$\$)

The live sheepdog display and sheep-shearing show guarantees an entertaining mix of impressive skills and interesting facts about New Zealand's sheep farming and wool industry. Suitable for all ages and weather.

# JUMP Trampoline Park

#### Laser Strike (\$\$)

Prepare yourself for an intense battle of skill and strategy while finding your way through the vast maze and watching out for mines. Blast your opponents and tag enemy bases with a high-tech laser gun. Great for team-building.

#### Paint the Earth Ceramics (\$\$)

All paints, design ideas and painting tools are supplied so you can sit back and enjoy creating your own ceramic souvenir to take home. Allow 1 week for your ceramics to be glazed.

#### JUMP (sss)

JUMP Trampoline Park is suitable for all ages, fitness and skill levels, offering a wide variety of physical activities including a massive free running area, a dodge ball court, foam pit and group fitness classes.



#### **Tenpin Bowling (\$\$)**

Enjoy the competition with your friends in an outstanding 10 -pin bowling complex with state-of-the-art sound and lighting. Try to get over 100 points!

#### Escape Room (\$\$)

In teams, find hidden clues and solve puzzles to try and escape! A great team building activity and an excellent way to practise English!



#### Go Karting (\$\$\$)

Race your friends in one of the most exciting indoor/outdoor motor sports. Stringent safety rules apply to the game. Highly experienced staff and qualified technicians make sure every kart is in a safe condition.

#### Mini Golf (s)

Travel through some of New Zealand's key events in history with this indoor mini golf course. From the gold mines of Waihi, to the lush forests of pre colonised New Zealand, right back to when dinosaurs ruled the earth.

#### VR (Virtual Reality) (sss)

Step into a different world using professional Virtual Reality gear. Try a range of VR experiences from multiplayer games, adventures and 4D movies.



#### Ice Skating (\$\$)

A popular indoor activity all year long. Skate to the latest and greatest sounds and funky light display.

#### **Team Building Activities (\$)**

Lots of fun games and activities to get students outside and to break down barriers and initiate confidence as well as rapport between students.









## **Educational Activities**

#### **University Tour (\$)**

Have a look around one of the many world class universities in Auckland. Explore the university campus and see the historical buildings. NZLC can organise a meeting with university students to answer questions and practise your English.

#### **Auckland Zoo (\$\$)**

Auckland Zoo is recognised as one of the most progressive zoos in the world. A winner of national and international environmental-related awards, it is home to 135 different species and over 1,400 animals. If you are lucky, you might spot the famous Kiwi bird!

## City Sights Bus Tour (\$\$)

After visiting the Westhaven Marina, you'll learn why Auckland is known as the "City of Sails". Follow the water along Tamaki Drive and stop at Bastion Point before taking in stunning views over the city from Mt. Eden, one of the highest of Auckland's many volcanoes.

## Auckland Art Gallery (\$)

The Auckland Art Gallery has the most extensive collection of national and international art in New Zealand. Exhibiting work from its collection along with a programme of national and international touring exhibitions.

#### Auckland Museum and Māori Concert (s)

Auckland War Memorial Museum is the country's first museum. It tells the story of New Zealand and its people. During the Māori Concert you will experience first-hand the world famous Haka dance.

#### Nature Walks (\$\$)

Escape the city and experience the beautiful nature New Zealand is world renowned for. Auckland has many scenic forest walks to choose from with a range of difficulty levels from 30 minute walks to half day treks leading to beaches, waterfalls and scenic coastal views.

#### Maritime Museum and Sailing (\$\$)

Auckland's vibrant waterfront is home to the New Zealand National Maritime Museum. A visit here promises a broad overview of New Zealand's rich maritime heritage with tales of exploration, discovery, design and success. A heritage sailing trip on "Ted Ashby" is included.

#### **Stardome Observatory (\$\$)**

Stardome Observatory is located within Cornwall Park. Take a space journey through our universe and learn about the legends of the stars and how to find the constellations in the night sky.

#### Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium (\$\$)

Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium is home to around 1,500 animals, including more than 50 different species. They showcase the world's largest Antarctic penguin colony exhibit and amazing curved underwater viewing tunnels.

#### **Tip Top Ice Cream Factory (\$\$)**

Tip Top is New Zealand's largest ice-cream manufacturer. Come for a magical tour and experience the wonder of ice-cream production. Enjoy sampling a delicious Tip Top ice-cream at the end of the tour.

#### Kiwi Valley (ss)

Kiwi Valley Farm Park has over 7 hectares of interactive and educational activities guaranteed to create new memories. Focusing on rural New Zealand, it's a hands-on experience where you can feed the farm animals and ride a horse.

#### Tree Planting (\$\$)

A volunteer project to help New Zealand sustain its ecosystems, native bush, parks and beaches. Part of NZLC's Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Action Plan, we encourage students to help the environment by planting trees.

#### **Arataki Visitor Centre (\$\$**)

Nestled amongst the Waitakere Ranges 40 minutes from Auckland City, the Visitor Centre offers vast views of Auckland from purposebuilt platforms. Stroll the scenic pathways lined with native New Zealand trees and ferns and enjoy the informative displays about the Waitakere Ranges.

## **Weekend Day Trips**

#### Waiheke Island (\$\$)

Approximately 45 minutes from the city, Waiheke Island is a beautiful mix of farmland, forest, beaches and vineyards. There is a great range of activities on Waiheke. Options include sightseeing, mountain biking, sea kayaking, wine tours and much more.

#### Tiritiri Matangi Island (\$\$\$)

Enjoy a guided walk through the wildlife sanctuary and learn about the variety of bird species and native trees on the island. One of the only places in New Zealand where you can readily see and walk amongst so many rare native species.

#### Hobbiton (\$\$\$)

Discover the picturesque countryside of Matamata while taking a guided tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings.



#### Rainbows End Amusement Park (\$\$\$)

With a host of thrilling rides, New Zealand's largest theme park promises to deliver on fun and excitement. Brave the corkscrew roller coaster or The Invader. With dozens of attractions, there is something for everyone.

#### Rangitoto Island (\$\$\$)

Rangitoto Island, the most noticeable feature of Auckland's inner harbour, pushed its way through the ocean floor around 600 years ago. The volcanic fireworks that accompanied it inspired local Maori tribes to call it 'Rangitoto' which in English means 'Sky of Blood'.



## **Weekend Overnight Trips**

#### **Taup**0 (\$\$\$)

Stroll along the largest freshwater lake in Australasia and admire the mountains famous internationally as the ominous Mt Doom in the Lord of The Rings trilogy. Visit the Honey House and beautiful Huka Falls.

#### Rotorua (\$\$\$)

Experience the scenic beauty, history and culture of Rotorua. This tour includes a visit to the boiling mud pools and mighty geysers at Te Puia, the Maori Culture show and the Farm show.



#### Bay of Islands (\$\$\$)

Take a trip up north and discover what many people call the "birthplace of New Zealand". A great summer destination where you can go snorkelling, paddle a sea kayak or even swim with dolphins!

#### Waitomo Caves (\$\$\$)

Head south from Auckland and pass through the rich farming region of the Waikato, before arriving at the famous Waitomo Caves. Take an underground boat trip and wonder at the thousands of tiny glow worms.

## **Activity Guide**

Please note: Some activities are weather dependent and may vary according to group size, suitability and time of year

	Half Day Activity	Full Day Activity	Overnight Trip	Summer Activity	Budget Friendly	Indoors	Outdoors	NZLC Top Picks
Arataki Visitor Centre	<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>	
Auckland Art Gallery	<b>√</b>				✓	✓		
Auckland Museum and Māori Concert	<b>√</b>				✓	✓		<b>√</b>
Auckland Zoo	✓					✓	✓	✓
Bay of Islands		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Beach BBQ	✓			<b>√</b>			✓	
City Sights Bus Tour	✓					✓	✓	✓
Cultural Presentation + Preparation	✓				✓	✓		
Devonport	✓				✓		✓	✓
Escape Room	✓					✓		
Go Karting	✓					✓		
Hobbiton		✓					✓	
Horse Riding	✓						✓	
Ice Skating	✓					✓		
Jet Boating	✓						✓	
Job Training Lesson	✓				✓	✓		
JUMP Trampoline Park	✓					✓		
Kayaking	✓			✓			✓	✓
Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium	✓					✓		
Kiwi English Lesson	✓				✓	✓		
Kiwi Valley	✓						✓	
Laser Strike	✓					✓		
Local School Visit	✓	✓				✓		
Māori History and Mythology	✓					✓		
Maritime Museum and Sailing	✓					✓	✓	
Mini Golf	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Movie	✓				✓	✓		
Nature Walks	✓	✓		✓			✓	
NZ Cooking Lesson	✓					✓		

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Paint the Earth Ceramics	✓					✓		
Rainbows End Amusement Park		✓					✓	
Rangitoto Island	✓	✓					✓	
Rocket Ropes	✓						✓	
Rotorua		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Rugby	✓						✓	
Sailing	✓			✓			✓	
Scavenger Hunt	✓				✓		✓	
Sheepworld Warkworth	<b>√</b>					✓	✓	
Shopping	✓				✓	✓		
Sky Tower	✓				✓	✓		✓
Snorkelling	✓	✓		✓			✓	
Snowplanet	<b>√</b>	✓				✓		✓
Stardome Observatory	✓					✓		
Strawberry Picking (season varies Dec. to Feb.)	✓			✓			✓	
Street Survey	✓				✓		✓	
Surfing	✓	✓		✓			✓	
Taupō		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Team Building Activities	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Ten Pin Bowling	✓					✓		
Tip Top Ice Cream Factory	✓					✓		
Tiritiri Maitangi Island		✓		✓			✓	
Tree Adventures	✓						✓	
Tree Planting	✓					✓		
University Tour	$\checkmark$				✓	✓	$\checkmark$	
Virtual Reality	✓					✓		
Waiheke Island	$\checkmark$	✓					✓	
Waitomo Caves		✓	✓				✓	
Wall Climbing	✓					✓		✓