

# Group Study Tours Activity Booklet

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## Budget Friendly



### 1. 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.

### 2. Ambury Regional Park (\$)

Take a walk through Ambury Regional Park located in the shore of the Manukau Harbour. Take a walk through the grassy lanes seeing sheep, goats, cows and chickens. Enjoy mingling with the animals and learning about the parks volcanic history.

### 3. Volunteer/Sustainability (\$)

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.

### 4. 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.

### 5. 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.

### 6. Chelsea Sugar Factory (\$\$)

Learn the history of New Zealand's main source of sugar products. Take a tour through the Chelsea Sugar factory, where you will learn about how sugar is made, taste their delicious syrups and see the wondrous sugar mountain.

### 7. 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.

### 8. Maritime Museum (\$)

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.

### 9. Howick Historical Village (\$\$)

Explore a recreated settler tour of the 1840S-80s with authentic restored buildings set on seven acres of heritage gardens. A recreation of a New Zealand colonial village using surviving buildings from the surrounding area.

### 10. Sports (\$)

NZLC can organise a sports day for students to learn Rugby, Volleyball or Football. Guided by one of our staff members to create a fun and engaging activity.

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### 11. Downtown Photo Quiz (\$)

Explore Auckland CBD while having a bit of competition! Complete the photo challenges in your team, and the first to complete all challenges or the most challenges take the prize!

### 12. University Tour (\$)

Visit New Zealand largest and highest-ranked university, The University of Auckland, and Auckland University of Technology. Tour the campus, visit inside famously known buildings such as 'The Clock Tower.' Explore your future options in New Zealand!

### 13. Mini Golf (\$\$)

Travel through time in an 18-hole mini golf course with a view of Mission Bay! Enjoy a great challenge and some fun in the sun.

### 14. 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!

### 15. Maungawhau Mt. Eden (\$)

A short drive from NZLC, known for its deep crater and views. One of Auckland's most visited mountain with spectacular views over Auckland City and Waitematā Harbour.

### 16. Mission Bay Beach (\$)

Known for its beach, food and water activities. Experience a day out at Mission Bay! Take in the beautiful scenic drive from Auckland CBD. View the beautiful Pohutukawa trees that line Mission Bay and take in the view of the Waitemata Harbour. Enjoy a swim in one of Auckland's beautiful beaches.

### 17. Devonport Ferry & Mt. Victoria (\$)

Take the ferry across the beautiful Waitematā Harbour, where you will arrive at Devonport, a historical maritime village on Auckland's North Shore. Admire the colonial architecture, browse the specialty shops and climb up Mt. Victoria for a spectacular panoramic view of Auckland City.

### 18. 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 nation and international touring exhibitions.

### 19. Indoor Wall Climbing (\$\$)

Popular indoor wall climbing for all ages and capabilities. With an automatic belay system to climb up and lower you to the ground, a variety of challenges and stunning walls prove to be fun for all.

### 20. Odyssey Sensory Maze (\$\$)

Lose yourself in a sensory world of wonder! Encounter optical illusions, mysterious soundscapes, and tactile experiences. Treat your senses to a fun challenge!

### 21. Maungakiekie One Tree Hill (\$)

Take a walk on one of Auckland City's largest volcanoes, and one of the most important Māori sites in Auckland reflecting a deep history of settlement, leadership and sacred traditions while enjoying the views of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.

### 22. Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT) (\$\$)

New Zealand's largest transport and technology museum offering a fun and exciting learning experiences for all ages. Showcasing technologies from the of steam right through to modern technologies.

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## Widely Favoured



Strawberry Picking



Sky Tower



Auckland Zoo



Auckland Museum and Māori Cultural Experience

### 1. 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.

### 2. Wētā Workshop Unleashed (\$\$\$)

Explore the world of practical effects through an interactive tour at Wētā Workshop. Bringing to life belloved characters, iconic properties and unforgettable experiences in movie projects like ‘Lord of the Rings.’

### 3. 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.

### 4. 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!

### 5. Auckland Zoo (\$\$)

Auckland Zoo is recognised as one of the most progressive zoos in the world. A winner of national 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!

### 6. All Blacks Experience (\$\$\$)

Learn the story, feel the passion and experience the All Blacks story – New Zealand’s Rugby team. A guided encounter through exceptional innovation and technology. A full sensory and interactive experience through 5 interactive zones and 1 incredible haka.

### 7. Kiwi Valley Farm (\$\$)

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.

### 8. Ice Skating (\$\$)

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

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

Experience being a student at a local NZ secondary school. We can help coordinate a visit for students to tour the school, meet with other students and the schools international director.

### 10. Strawberry Picking (Seasonal) (\$\$\$)

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 and February.

### 11. Auckland Museum & Māori Cultural Experience (\$\$\$)

Auckland War Memorial is the country’s first museum. It tells the story of New Zealand and its people. During the Māori cultural experience, you’ll hear beautiful songs, see incredible poi skills and the well-known and powerful – haka.

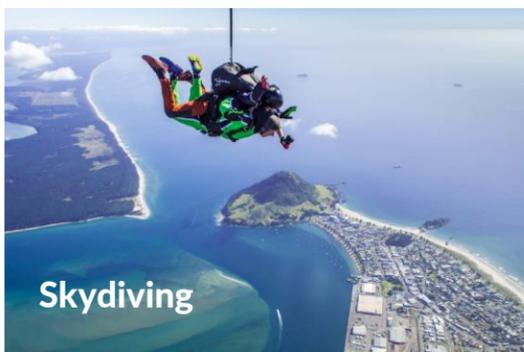
### 12. Arataki Visitor Centre (\$\$\$)

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

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## Extreme Action



### 1. Tree Adventures (\$\$)

As 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.

### 2. Go Karting (\$\$)

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

### 3. 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 change to steer the yacht and trim the sails.

### 4. Skydive Auckland (\$\$\$\$)

Experience up to 75 insane seconds of freefall with views of both the east and west coast beaches of New Zealand, Waiheke Island, Great Barrier Island and Mt Ruapehu, followed by the serenity of a beautiful parachute ride. The highest skydive in New Zealand at 18,000 ft.

### 5. Bungy Jump (\$\$\$\$)

Bungy jump off one of these two iconic landmarks – Auckland Harbour Bridge or Sky Tower. Give yourself the opportunity to view Auckland city through an angle with a sense of adventure.

### 6. Jet Boating (\$\$\$\$)

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

### 7. Kayaking (\$\$\$)

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.

### 8. Snowplanet (\$\$\$)

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 terrain park for snowboarders. Lessons are available.

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## Weekend Day Trips



### 1. 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.

### 2. 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.

### 3. Hobbiton (\$\$\$\$)

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



### 4. 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.

### 5. 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'.



### 6. 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.

### 7. Hamilton Gardens (\$\$)

From the ancient landscapes of Egypt to a modern 21st-century concept garden, enjoy 18 enclosed gardens representing diverse cultures and times. Rated amongst the top 3 things to do in New Zealand and in the top 1% of attractions globally. It can be a combined day trip with Hobbiton.

### 8. Waitomo Glowworm 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. Learn the science behind the mysterious glowing creatures, and hear about the geology and history.



### 9. 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.

### 10. Snorkelling (\$\$\$)

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.

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## Weekend Overnight Trips



### 1. 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!

### 2. Coromandel (\$\$\$\$)

Popular holiday destination in New Zealand, with many attractions that make it an ideal summer escape. Hike to the top of the Pinnacles for marvellous views, see the iconic Cathedral Cove, enjoy the picturesque beaches like Hot Water Beach or New Chum Beach.



### 3. Taupō (\$\$\$\$)

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.

### 4. 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.

# Activity Guide

**Please note:** Some activities are weather dependent and may vary according to group size, suitability and time of year. The prices are guidelines and may differ depending to group size. Prices are only valid for 2025.

	Summer Activity	Year Round	Indoors	Outdoors	NZLC Top Picks
All Blacks Experience		✓	✓		
Ambury Regional Park		✓		✓	
Arataki Visitor Centre	✓			✓	
Auckland Art Gallery		✓	✓		
Auckland Museum and Māori Cultural Performance		✓	✓		✓
Auckland Zoo		✓	✓	✓	✓
Bay of Islands	✓		✓	✓	
Bungy Jump	✓			✓	
Chelsea Sugar Factory		✓	✓		
City Sights Bus Tour		✓	✓	✓	
Coromandel	✓		✓	✓	
Devonport Ferry + Mt. Victoria	✓	✓		✓	✓
Downtown Photo Quiz		✓		✓	
Go Karting		✓	✓	✓	
Hamilton Gardens	✓			✓	
Hobbiton		✓	✓	✓	✓
Howick Historical Village	✓	✓		✓	✓
Ice Skating		✓	✓		
Indoor Wall Climbing		✓	✓		
Jet Boating	✓			✓	
Kayaking	✓			✓	✓
Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium		✓	✓		✓
Kiwi Valley Farm		✓	✓	✓	✓
Laser Strike		✓	✓		✓
Local School Visit			✓	✓	
Maritim Museum		✓		✓	
Maungakiekie One Tree Hill	✓			✓	✓
Maungawhau Mt. Eden	✓			✓	✓
Mini Golf	✓	✓		✓	✓

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Mission Bay Beach	✓			✓	✓
Movies		✓	✓		
Museum of Transport and Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Odyssey Sensory Maze		✓	✓		
Rainbows End Amusement Park	✓	✓		✓	✓
Rangitoto Island	✓	✓		✓	
Rotorua	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sailing	✓			✓	
Sheepworld Warkworth	✓	✓		✓	✓
Shopping		✓	✓	✓	
Sky Tower	✓	✓	✓		✓
Skydive Auckland	✓	✓		✓	
Snorkelling	✓			✓	
Snowplanet Skiing/Snowboarding		✓	✓		
Sports		✓		✓	✓
Stardome Observatory		✓	✓		
Strawberry Picking	✓			✓	
Taupō	✓		✓	✓	
Tenpin Bowling		✓	✓		✓
Tip Top Ice Cream Factory		✓	✓		
Tiritiri Matangi Island	✓	✓		✓	
Tree Adventures	✓			✓	✓
University Tour		✓		✓	
Volunteer/Sustainability	✓	✓		✓	
VR (Virtual Reality)		✓	✓		
Waiheke Island	✓	✓		✓	