

SHORE EXCURSIONS

NAPIER, NEW ZEALAND – FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Countryside, Wine & Home Visit



Duration: 4 Hours
Activity Level: Moderate
Adult: \$159.50
Child: \$159.50

DETAILS:

Venture into the magnificent countryside surrounding Napier for a unique perspective of New Zealand

rural life, made possible by visiting a boutique winery and a private home.

Head inland into the fertile Puketapu region just west of Napier. Your guide will be local resident Hamish Prins, who has spent his entire life in the area. While en-route, he will entertain you with stories about the continued development of Puketapu, especially the most recent evolution from sheep farming to organic orchards.

Boutique wineries have also sprung up, and you'll stop by one of the area's most esteemed for a sampling of its distinct vintages. Pinot Noir, Syrah and Vin Gris are now commonly produced in the Puketapu region, and that success has drawn other wineries to the valley. Some of the oldest Sauvignon Blanc vines on New Zealand's North Island are also found in this region.

In time, you'll stop at Hamish Prins' private residence, Horsford Downs, where he lives with his wife, Diane. Both are happy to answer your questions about everything from life in rural New Zealand to how they have adapted to the changing economy. Enjoy some light refreshments in the park-like setting and then perhaps take some time to wander about the gardens and orchards that surround the home.

Your return route to the pier travels via Taradale, a wine-growing community that boasts spectacular views of the fertile Heretaunga Plains and the dramatic Hawke's Bay coastline.

NOTE:

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking/standing, with some uneven terrain. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

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Hawkes Bay Countryside



Duration: 4 Hours
Activity Level: Easy
Adult: \$97.90
Child: \$97.90

DETAILS:

Set on a large sheet station that has remained in the same family for generations, you'll drive to Wool

World, a well-established New Zealand brand for premium wool duvets and alpaca fur rugs. During your visit here you'll find a farm display that includes demonstrations of shearing and sheepdog trials, as well as woolshed museum with displays of family history and mementos. Feel free to also take advantage of browsing the shop and finding high quality knitwear and some authentic New Zealand wool items available for purchase. You'll be treated to Devonshire tea at one of the charming local cafés.

Travel to the summit of Te Mata Peak where you'll find unmatched panoramic views over the Tuki Tuki River Valley and onwards to the cities of Napier and Hastings. During summer and autumn months the area is up to three degrees Celsius warmer during the day; making this area of Hawke's Bay it's most unique.

NOTE:

This tour includes limited walking/standing. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach several times during this tour and have a companion to assist them. The ascent of Te Mata Peak is not recommended for guests with a fear of heights or who suffer vertigo as the road up the peak is quite steep and narrow. Guests who prefer not to make the ascent may remain at The Peak House Restaurant and rejoin the coach on its return.