



# Auckland

A brief guide to what's new and noteworthy in the City of Sails, served by Singapore Airlines' A380 aircraft

## STAY

### MARINO RIDGE

The sun-drenched interiors of this retreat are a nod to the owners' well-travelled past. The eclectic décor features restored retro Pullman lounge chairs, antique European rugs and native New Zealand art. Outside, a lap and spa pool round out this three-suite lodge on Waiheke Island, a short ferry ride from downtown Auckland. **211 Delamore Drive, Waiheke Island; [marinoridge.co.nz](http://marinoridge.co.nz)**

### ST MARYS RESIDENCE

This three-bedroom private villa feels like the Hamptons with a dash of Kiwi charm. In addition to ocean views, an outdoor fireplace and a garden, the property offers a personal chef, private driver and concierge so guests are afforded private accommodation with all the services of a luxury hotel. **62 St Marys Road, St Marys Bay; [stmarysresidence.co.nz](http://stmarysresidence.co.nz)**

## SAVOUR

### WOODPECKER HILL

A self-described 'oriental smokehouse', this hip new restaurant marries Asian flavours with American-style BBQ. Try the spiced curry brisket with lemongrass, fried shallots, Vietnamese mint and lime, and wash it down with a moonshine cocktail. The setting is as creative as the menu – think industrial chic meets Alpine glam. **196 Parnell Road, Parnell; [woodpeckerhill.co.nz](http://woodpeckerhill.co.nz)**

### MATTERHORN

This year the storied half-century-old Wellington restaurant Matterhorn finally opened an Auckland location. Inspired by the chalets that dot the base of the namesake peak, the décor features soft lighting and dark timber, while the kitchen turns out modern, seasonal New Zealand dishes and artisanal cocktails. **37 Drake Street, Freemans Bay; [matterhorn.co.nz](http://matterhorn.co.nz)**

### CORNWALL PARK CAFE

A change of pace from the CBD, Cornwall Park Cafe is located within one of the city's largest green spaces. The venue is modern and the food inventive. There's a 'park-to-table' concept here, with much of the produce grown within the grounds. Pop by post-run for eggs benedict with blood orange hollandaise. **Cornwall Park, Pohutakawa Drive, Epsom; [cornwallparkeateries.com](http://cornwallparkeateries.com)**





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## DRINK

### 16 TUN

Featuring more than the odd tippie – 120 specially selected New Zealand craft beers to be precise – this rustic-chic bar is an ode to the art of beer making. Choose from the 19 on tap, which rotate regularly, or book a beer appreciation session to learn how to pair beer and food. Prefer wine? Choose from about 18 local reds, whites and sparkling wines. **10-26 Jellicoe Street; 16tun.co.nz**

### THE JEFFERSON

This basement bar, with a swanky interior of plush blue velvet booths and oak panelling, features an over-the-top whisky selection. You'll find 550 bottles of the popular drink here – 450 of which are limited-run, irreplaceable bottles. Prices range from NZ\$10 to NZ\$102 (for a serve of Ardbeg 21 Y.O. Old Particular, the bar's rarest bottle). **Imperial Building, Fort Lane; thejefferson.co.nz**

## SEE

### TE URU GALLERY

Recently reopened, this purpose-built gallery's design is more in tune with the modern art adorning its walls than its former 1930s abode. Five galleries, stacked on top of each other and connected by a spiral staircase, display Kiwi and foreign art. Check out the mixed-media exhibition 'The Brain' from now till 15 November. **420 Titirangi Road, Titirangi; teuru.org.nz**

### TWO ROOMS

This unassuming gallery is tucked away from the main tourist haunts. Within the sleek warehouse space, two rooms displays local and international contemporary exhibitions that rotate regularly. From late September through October, see three Kiwi photographers' images in *Close* and watch Joyce Campbell's *Flightdream*. **16 Putiki Street, Newton; tworooms.co.nz**

## SHOP

### THE SHELTER

Designer Vicki Taylor's concept store in one of Auckland's most fashionable neighbourhoods represents a range of styles. You'll find everything from flowing silk coats by local label Lela Jacobs and leather accessories from avant-garde French brand Maison Margiela, to homeware and beauty products. **78 Mackelvie Street, Ponsonby; theshelter.co.nz**