

Hawkes Bay Scenic Tours

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The best of Rural Hawkes Bay and Napier's Art Deco

The most popular Napier Shore Excursion by far.

Experience Napier and the Hawkes Bay in the short time you have available.

Drive through some beautiful, picturesque countryside.

See Vineyards, Orchards, Deer, Sheep and Cattle farming.

Be immersed in the "Art Deco Capital of the World".. Napier.

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ABOUT YOUR TOUR

\$100.00 NZD - approx. 4 hours.

Max of 20 passengers on the day

Or larger groups by prior arrangement

**Your tour commences as soon as our booked clients arrived.
There is no waiting around to sell extra seats on the day.**

We use a pictorial booklet on the tour to show historic differences before the huge 1931 earthquake and today. The books also give a great insight as to what Art Deco actually is.

On the day you shall receive bottled water, local fruit and souvenir postcards.

Welcome to the oldest Wine growing region, and the largest Apple and Pip fruit producing area in New Zealand, set around the Art Deco Capital of the World

“Hawkes Bay Wine Country – The Gourmet Wine and Food region of New Zealand”

We are looking forward to showing you our spectacular postcard rural scenery, stopping for photographs along the way. Visit Te Mata Peak for fantastic views across the region to Mt Ruapehu in the distance while stopping for supplied refreshments and a photo opportunity.

You then return back through Hastings, to see the Art Deco and Spanish Mission styles from the 1930's before heading back to Napier, the historic Art Deco Capital of the World, the City of Napier.

Our part of New Zealand has been a well-kept “Tourist Destination Secret” for a long time. Now it's time for visitors, like you, to explore and enjoy this unique region of the world with Hawkes Bay Scenic Tours.

Our customized tours are designed to take advantage of every minute you are ashore. This itinerary is suitable for almost every ship visiting this unique part of New Zealand. We understand that every vessel has a different amount of Port time and we do make that time work for you as the visitor.

As a general rule we will cover this tour as indicated. Should there be any changes in your ships arrival and/or departure times, we will make all necessary adjustments to the itinerary to ensure you get to experience the area as close to what is promised to you as possible on the day, and you are back on board in plenty of time for sailing.

STARTING DETAILS

These details may change from ship to ship...

Please be the first to depart your ship upon arrival.

- **Board the first shuttle (free)**
- **depart that shuttle at the final stop**
(99.9% generally this is the Aquarium – on occasion the Visitor Centre)
- **At the final stop look for your bright green signage**

If your shuttle just makes the one stop, we shall know in advance and we shall be beside your shuttle at the first and final stop.



In the case of a private tour, your name can be used.

NAPIER CITY SIGHTS

Discover lovely City Gardens and more



The Soundshell, and its colonnade surround, was built in 1935 following the 1931 earthquake. Napier was being restyled as a modern city of the future, a place for fun and pleasure."

This is a city with beautiful unique architecture and rich colourful gardens.



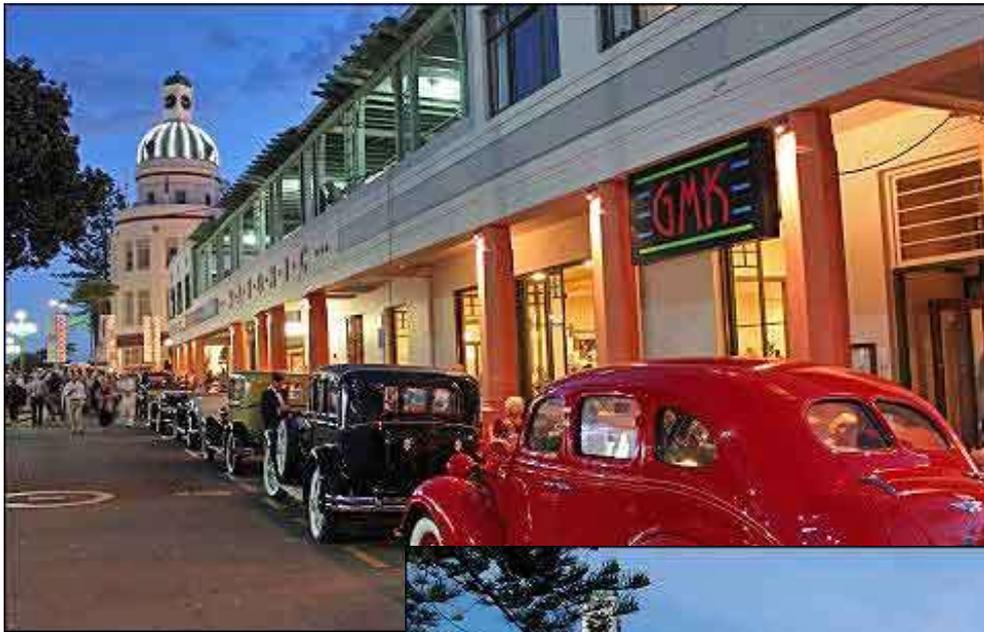
NAPIER'S FAMOUS ART DECO

At the start of the tour, you will learn the history so as to understand exactly what Art Deco is, and why here in Napier.

On the tour, you will drive all the main City streets and Suburbs to view this spectacular and very unique City and gain an understanding of all the aspects of this beautiful style that has stood the proof of time.

Our aim is to have enough time remaining for you to enjoy a stroll down the main City streets at the completion of the tour.

This then gives you the option to walk the main street and return to the shuttle at your convenience, or to return directly to the shuttle bus which will take you back to your ship.



DRIVE THROUGH POSTCARD SCENERY

You will take a drive through specular rural scenery. You will make many stops on the day as required for photos etc.

Te Mata Peak is a fantastic lookout point in the Hawkes Bay. On the day, you stop for a rest period to take refreshments and photos. You will have fantastic views as indicated in the image below.

You will also learn the Maori Legend and story behind Te Mata Peak - **The “Sleeping Giant”**



SEE ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS, DEER, SHEEP & CATTLE FARMING

See firsthand the many different types of farming across this countryside. The world knows us for our Sheep, but Deer farming.. ?

Did you know New Zealand has the largest number of domesticated Deer in the world ?

I think the images say it all.



NAPIER CITY CENTRE

Napier the Art Deco Capital of the World

The style known as Art Deco had its heyday between 1920 and 1940. Within two years 1931 and 1933, Napier city was rebuilt, predominantly in Art Deco style, with unique Maori Motifs and design elements incorporated setting this city apart from any other.

Napier still boasts 140 original 1930's Art Deco buildings and the care and protection of these buildings is managed by the City of Napier.

Visitors come from all corners of the earth to see, feel, and experience this unique collection of heritage buildings and lifestyle.

You too can feel the atmosphere, live the era of mystique, if only for a few hours on your fleeting ship visit on this tour.



DISCOVER NAPIER'S SUBURBS

Napier the Art Deco Capital of the World

Following on from the huge 1931 earthquake, the land was made suitable for housing growth and of course the Art Deco style proceed to move into the suburbs

Napier is so lucky today to still have dozens of these unique homes that you can discover with us on this tour.

You too can feel the atmosphere, as you drive slowly through a lovely 1930's housing area (as in the images below). The homes are a credit to the homeowners and council alike. There are photo opportunities throughout the tour. **This is NOT a high-speed tour**, we have allowed plenty of time for you to get the best from your short time in Napier.



DISCOVER NAPIER'S UNIQUE HISTORY

In 1931 the city of Napier was struck by an 7.8 earthquake lasting 2 1/2 minutes levelling most of the city.

Napier was rebuilt largely in the art deco style. Napier is today, considered to be the best-preserved art deco town on the Planet.

Thousands of people from all around the world, flock to Napier every February for the Art Deco event, a celebration of its Art Deco designs and post-earthquake heritage and history.

This is a chance for townspeople and visitors to dress up in their best Great Gatsby style and turn back the clock.... And they do.



At the conclusion of the tour, we will offer you a souvenir as a token of thanks for choosing us to be your hosts for your Napier visit.

We truly enjoy showing visitors our part of this beautiful country.

**Our aim is to make this tour, the best tour of your cruise.
Thank you: - John & Margaret Hanlon, Owner Operators.**