



## DEVONPORT *A never-ending discovery!*

Wonderful heritage buildings, spectacular scenery, stunning beaches... Devonport, the beautiful village by the sea has it all, and at just 12 minutes ferry ride from Auckland's CBD it is wonderfully easy to visit.

You'll fall in love with Devonport from the moment you arrive, and you may well not want to leave! It's no wonder that Devonport rates so highly on nearly every Kiwi's "must-do" list and is the 4th most visited destination in the Auckland region. Surrounded by the stunning waters of the Waitemata Harbour, Devonport is blessed with boundless natural beauty, from the twin volcanic cones of Mount Victoria and North Head, offering some of the most spectacular views in Auckland, to its superb, safe, white sand beaches. Experience the galleries, cafes, boutique shopping, the history, and the delights of all that Devonport has to offer.

Auckland is the world's 5th most liveable city\* and Devonport is Auckland's crown jewel.

*So come on over... you'll love it!*

(\* According to the Lonely Planet Guide)



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## MUST SEE, MUST EXPERIENCE

- **TAKE IN** the spectacular views from Mt Victoria (Takarunga) and North Head (Takapuna), both offering some of the very best vistas of Auckland City and its magnificent harbour.
- **STAY AWHILE** in a local B & B and experience real Kiwi hospitality.
- **ENJOY** the beautiful white sand beaches including Devonport Beach, Torpedo Bay, Cheltenham Beach and Narrow Neck Beach, all within easy walking or cycling distance.
- **EXPLORE** the real Devonport. Steeped in maritime history and time locked in the Victorian and Edwardian eras, Devonport is a pure delight to discover and explore.
- **DELIGHT** in the rich diversity of Devonport's wonderful Arts and Crafts culture.
- **EXPERIENCE** the superb new Navy Museum at Torpedo Bay (open 7 days) and visit the historic Devonport Museum situated at Mt Cambria (open weekends - 2pm to 4pm).
- **CREATE** your own perfect day or perfect week for that matter! There is simply too much to see and experience in just one day.



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HISTORIC SEASIDE VILLAGE



Just 12 minutes across the harbour, the marine village of Devonport boasts pretty Victorian villas, sandy beaches, stylish shops and charming cafes.

Sailings depart regularly from Auckland Downtown Ferry Terminal. Fullers also operates ferry services from Devonport to Waiheke Island and Rangitoto Island.

**GREAT DEAL!** A free return ticket to Devonport is included as part of the Fullers Harbour Cruise - a perfect option for those wanting to experience both trips.

Or why not join the Devonport Explorer Tour for a 1 hour, commentated minibus tour around the main sights. Tours run daily and meet the 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm ferry departures from Auckland. Lunch/dinner options are also available.



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Unique Shops - Fabulous Food - Historic Architecture  
Character Accommodation - Superb Arts & Crafts  
Just 12 min by ferry from Auckland CBD

Devonport - Beautiful, Historic, Village by the Sea.  
[www.devonport.co.nz](http://www.devonport.co.nz)



## STAYING OVER IN DEVONPORT

Devonport boasts some of Auckland's most charming accommodation, often with breathtaking views and all within a short walk to lovely shops, cafes, bars and restaurants. No other part of Auckland has such a diverse range of 'Bed & Breakfasts' in such a small area. If B & B's are not your thing then you can enjoy staying in a magnificent historic hotel or beautifully appointed holiday apartments. Devonport has everything you may need to make your stay pleasant and comfortable; from nail, hair and beauty spas, to a supermarket, pharmacies, a hardware store and even its own community newspaper 'The Flagstaff'.



## GETTING TO DEVONPORT

Travelling to Devonport is a breeze - a sea breeze that is. You can just hop on the regular 1/2 hourly ferry from downtown Auckland and in 10 short minutes you're in the heart of the historic seaside village of Devonport.

By car, Devonport is an easy 20 minute drive from the centre of Auckland. Take the northern motorway over the harbour bridge, exiting at Esmonde Road and follow the signs to Devonport. Parking is usually plentiful although time limits often apply. Allow extra travel time during peak traffic hours.



## SHOPPING IN DEVONPORT

Devonport's Main Street shopping district is an experience not to be missed. Situated in grand old heritage buildings the retail centre offers a truly unique shopping experience. Most of the shops are independent and locally owned, offering a vast range of boutique products that you will not find in the large corporate malls. From designer clothing to candles, bed linen to handmade chocolates, Devonport has it all. So if you are looking for a special piece of stationary or an old hard to find book, or perhaps a lovely item of jewellery, a toy for a special grand child or a hand made hat for yourself, take time to discover all the hidden gems that shopping in Devonport has to offer.



## EXPLORING DEVONPORT - HERITAGE WALKING TOUR See Map

No trip to Devonport is complete without experiencing all that this village by the sea has to offer. Take time to experience the truly spectacular city and harbour views from the summits of Mt Victoria (Takarunga) and North Head (Takapuna), both of which were Maori Pa (fortified village) sites and are both still fortresses of sorts today, with the Navy maintaining a presence. Both have gun emplacements, bunkers and North Head is riddled with tunnels, many of which are accessible to the public. Started at the end of the 19th century in response to the Russian threat, they were extended during WWI and WWII.

Perhaps a more relaxed pace is more to your liking. Devonport is blessed with four beautiful white sand beaches all within walking distance. So whether it's relaxing under the striking red flowers of the pohutukawa trees framing Devonport Beach, swimming at Torpedo Bay or Cheltenham Beach or eating an ice-cream at Narrow Neck Beach you're bound to find your perfect spot in the sand.

To get a taste of the real Devonport, you're best to take a wander around the local streets, discovering the many heritage buildings and grand 19th century villas that contribute to Devonport's unique charm and character.

Most of Devonport can be explored on foot or perhaps you could hire a bike or take a fun 'segway' tour. Alternatively, 'Devonport Tours' operates organised hourly mini bus tours departing from the ferry building.



## ARTS & CRAFTS

Devonport has always attracted a wide and diverse range of artists, writers, poets and craftspeople that live, work and display their wares here. The numerous galleries - displaying oils and watercolours, glass art, ceramics and every other media imaginable - combine with studios open to public viewing, bespoke jewellery manufacturers and a quirky craft market to cement Devonport's place as the Arts Capital of Auckland.



## WHERE TO EAT

Devonport is blessed with an abundance of coffee houses, cafes, bars, pubs and restaurants to tempt the most discerning of taste buds. One thing we can guarantee, when you come to Devonport you will never leave hungry or thirsty! So whether you feel like freshly roasted coffee, lunch overlooking the magnificent harbour, a lovely relaxed alfresco dinner or perhaps a quiet beer with friends, you won't be disappointed!



## HISTORY OF DEVONPORT

Devonport is one of Auckland's most historically authentic villages, dating from the mid 1800s. Maori settlement goes back much further from around the mid-14th century. The three small mountains: Takapuna, Takarunga and Takaroa were Maori sites (fortified villages). With the arrival of pakeha settlers, Devonport became an important farming and shipbuilding centre - the dry dock at the naval base (now privately owned) is still in use today.

Devonport was named after the Devonport naval base in England and the Royal New Zealand Navy still contributes significantly to the flavour and prosperity of this township. The harbour occupies a special place in the hearts of Devonportians. Two of New Zealand's best-known yachtsies, Bruce Farr and the late Sir Peter Blake are local lads - Sir Peter Blake was a member of the local yacht club for many years. The Coastal Classic yacht race officially begins just beyond the Devonport Wharf every year, with many Farr designed yachts entering.

North Head (Takapuna) is riddled with military tunnels, connecting bunkers and empty gun emplacements and rumours still abound of mysterious tunnels that are long forgotten. You can visit North Head any day; it's just a short walk away from the retail heart of the village (see map overleaf).

Devonport was originally an island, joined to the mainland by a narrow causeway which is still known as Narrow Neck Beach. Fort Takapuna, with its underground fort constructed in the late 19th century to repel the Russians, lies just beyond this beach.

Devonport is also remarkable for its collection of many late 19th century villas, some of them very grand indeed. You'll see them both in the village and on the walks around the township, restored to their original elegance and surrounded by beautiful gardens.

