

# EXPLORE DEVONPORT

## Heritage

Rich in heritage the Devonport Peninsula offers multiple opportunities to experience and connect with the past:

- Flagpole:** Once a visual shipping signal station, the flagpole was moved from Takarunga in 1957 to mark the site of the birthplace of the New Zealand Navy. At this place Māori waka (canoes) landed in 1350AD.
- Commerative Sea Wall & Lava Flows - 14 King Edward Parade:** Lava flows from the eruption of Takarunga many years ago spread down the mountainside to the sea forming the distinctive rock formations beyond the sea wall.
- Execution Site:** A gory murder of the officer in charge of the Royal Naval Base, his wife and daughter took place here in 1847. His murderer was caught and hung at the same site..
- Tainui Memorial:** Commemorates the arrival of the Tainui canoe from Polynesia over 500 years ago.

## Places to Visit

Boutique shops, excellent dining, heritage buildings, and stunning scenery, Devonport is a village to explore.

- Takarunga (Mount Victoria) & Maungauika (North Head):** Climb these two volcanic cones, discover the North Head tunnels and gun emplacements, and enjoy the Mount Victoria views.
- The Victoria Picture Palace and Theatre aka The Vic:** The oldest surviving purpose-built cinema in the Southern Hemisphere. Movie theatre, live venue, wine bar and home of Devonport Gelato.
- Devonport Chocolates:** Devonport's boutique chocolate maker and retailer. See chocolates and truffles being handmade through a window by their team of chocolatiers.
- Victoria Road:** Victoria Road is Devonport's main street and home to high end fashion retailers, art galleries and boutique shops, all housed in stunning heritage buildings.

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**+ Defibrillator Locations**

- ASB Devonport - 21 Victoria Road
- New World Devonport - 35 Bartley Terrace
- Just Workout Devonport - 18 Clarence Street
- Devonport Library - 2 Victoria Road
- Devonport Ferry Terminal - Security Office
- Barfoot & Thompson - 39 Victoria Road
- Devonport Yacht Club - 25 King Edward Parade

**Beaches**

Devonport has arguably the best beaches in Auckland. With calm lagoon-like waters, and golden sands, and within easy walking distance:

- Devonport Beach
- Torpedo Bay
- Cheltenham Beach
- Narrow Neck Beach

**Museums**

- Devonport Museum - 33 Vauxhall Rd
- Torpedo Bay Navy Museum - 64 King Edward Parade

**Devonport Explorer Tours**

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**DEVONPORT**

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A VILLAGE TO EXPLORE

**VISITOR GUIDE & MAP**

A short ferry ride from Auckland's CBD, Devonport is a heritage and arts destination, a seaside village to explore.

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# Heritage BY THE Sea

## A 10 MINUTE FERRY RIDE FROM AUCKLAND'S CBD

Dating from the mid 1800s, Devonport is one of Auckland's most historically authentic villages. It's a place where time slows down, where elegant Victorian buildings house unique boutique shops, and the many cafes and restaurants offer relaxed and delicious dining experiences.

Māori history goes back to the mid 14th century and the three maunga (mountains) Takarunga (Mount Victoria), Maungauika (North Head) and Takararo (Cambria Reserve) were originally used as Māori pā sites (fortified villages). Takarunga remains an important icon for locals as it stands sentinel at the top of the village and you can still see its Lava flows on Devonport Beach. On its western slopes is both the Michael King Writers' Centre and the Community Art Space, a short climb to the summit offers magical 360 [can't do degree symbol!] views encompassing Auckland City, the sparkling Waitemata Harbour, Devonport Peninsula, and the iconic Rangitoto Island.

Maungauika (North Head) is riddled with military tunnels, connecting bunkers and empty gun emplacements, and the rumours of old dismantled aeroplanes hidden in secret tunnels persist to this day.

Devonport, named after the Devonport naval base in England, is also home to our own Royal New Zealand Navy. The harbour occupies a special place in the hearts of residents, and two of the country's most noted yachtsies the late Sir Peter Blake and Bruce Farr are from these parts.

Originally an island, Devonport used to be joined to the mainland by a slim causeway which is still called Narrow Neck beach (local Māori originally named it Kiritai - meaning "skin of the ocean") Reclaimed land later allowed for the building of another road and a horse racing course, later



converted to the Waitemata Golf Course. Just beyond the beach is Fort Takapuna where an underground fort was constructed in the late 19th century to repel enemies and is today used as a back drop for the biennial New Zealand Sculpture OnShore exhibition.

With a history of social innovation, Devonport Borough Council was the first to provide voting rights for women, establish a free library, open all its meetings to the public, establish a comprehensive recycling programme and to declare itself nuclear free.

In addition to its heritage, Devonport is also known for the arts. Producing international talent such as Lorde and Gin Wigmore, and with five popular and diverse galleries and an annual Arts Festival, the local music and art scene is alive and strong.

Whether it's a short stay, or a half day, there's plenty to see and do in Devonport; Auckland's seaside village to explore.

## DEVONPORT IS A SEASIDE VILLAGE TO EXPLORE



### DEVONPORT MUSEUM

View the memorabilia, photographs and records pertaining to Devonport's History. Check their website for opening times: [www.devonportmuseum.org.nz](http://www.devonportmuseum.org.nz) - 33 Vauxhall Rd.



### TORPEDO BAY NAVY MUSEUM

The guardians of the Royal New Zealand Navy's memory and a great place to take the kids and get a coffee - 64 King Edward Parade.



## GETTING TO DEVONPORT

Devonport is one of the simpler places to visit in Auckland City, with regular ferries running from downtown Auckland, it's a mere ten-minute cruise on the harbour. By car it's an easy 20 minute drive from the centre of Auckland over the Harbour Bridge on the northern motorway. Exit at Esmonde road and follow the signs. Parking is usually plentiful and free, although time limits apply. Allow extra travel time during peak traffic hours.

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## SHOPPING & DINING PRECINCT

The commercial area on lower Victoria Road was first established in response to the new ferry service that connected Devonport with the city in the 1860s. 20 years on Victoria Road had become the leading commercial centre of the North Shore and by the 1920s it was lined with fine Victorian and Edwardian commercial premises. Today Victoria Road has one of the most intact collections of Victorian and Edwardian commercial buildings in Auckland and several have been listed by Heritage New Zealand.

Devonport is fortunate to boast unique boutique shops, high-end fashion retailers, gift sellers and tourist offerings. However, it's not only the retail offer that makes Devonport village unique. With a lively and active café scene and diverse eateries, dining in Devonport is consistently relaxed and enjoyable. Whether it's the quality pub lunch, the relaxed café experience, a perfectly brewed coffee, or a meal with fine service, you are sure to be satiated in Devonport.



## STAYING IN DEVONPORT

Devonport boasts some of Auckland's most charming accommodation, often with breathtaking views and all within a short walk to the shopping precinct, and public transport. No other part of Auckland has such a diverse range of Bed & Breakfasts in such a small area; or, if you prefer, you can stay in The Esplanade, the magnificent historic hotel that faces proudly out to the city. Everything you need to make your stay easy is here; from hair and beauty spas, to a supermarket, pharmacies and a hardware store - and of course bars and restaurants.



Peter Raos Gallery - 2 Queens Parade

## DEVONPORT ART SCENE

An arts destination, Devonport is widely known for its creative and literary core. Behind doors there dwell potters and poets, writers and crafters, painters, illustrators, musicians and glass blowers. The village is dotted with exceptional galleries exhibiting fine art and local talent, and often these dots are connected by public murals commissioned by The Devonport Arts Festival.

The oldest purpose-built cinema building still standing in the Southern Hemisphere, The Vic, now operates as a live venue, cinema and bar. Up Takarunga (Mt Victoria), if you get the right night, you can find your way to The Bunker, where the Devonport Folk Music Club will warmly welcome you with their lively performances.

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