

Waiheke Island

EASTERN

EXPLORER



40

MINUTE
FERRY RIDE
(INCLUDED)

11

MUST-SEE
STOPS

110
MINUTE
LOOP



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Discover Waiheke Island's best kept secret

With a blend of dramatic views,
adventurous tastes, and rich history all
packaged into an unforgettable experience.



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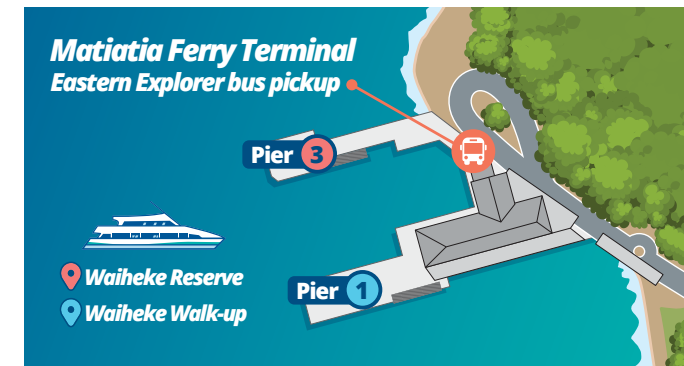
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EASTERN EXPLORER BUS

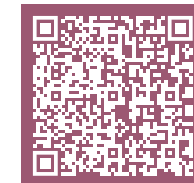
A flexible way to explore Waiheke Island's best-kept secret. Travel at your own pace as the Eastern Explorer bus takes you to the island's lesser-known eastern end, a side of Waiheke where world-class vineyards, boutique distilleries, and rich history meet some of the country's most spectacular views.

Tour details

- The Eastern Explorer departs from Matiatia Ferry Terminal every 30-60 minutes depending on the season. Explore each stop at your leisure or stay aboard for a 110-minute scenic loop. Along the way, your driver-guide shares fascinating stories, island history, and insider tips to help shape your perfect day.
- **Discover the flavours of Waiheke Island:** Highlights include the historic Stony Batter Tunnels, Man O' War Vineyard, Waiheke Distilling Co., Passage Rock Wines, and Jasper Ridge Winery; each offering a distinctive experience that brings this side of the island to life.
- **Duration:** We recommend allowing a full day, including ferry travel to and from downtown Auckland.
- **Departure time:** Each Eastern Explorer bus arrives at Matiatia Ferry Terminal to meet the ferry. The first bus meets the 9am sailing from downtown Auckland. The final bus will return passengers to the ferry terminal to meet the 6:00pm sailing back to downtown Auckland.
- **Ferry travel:** For certainty, book the Waiheke Reserve ferry for guaranteed seating and priority boarding. Prefer flexibility? The Waiheke Walk-up ferry lets you travel on demand, just plan to arrive at least 60 minutes before departure, especially during busy summer days.



Tour pricing – Scan the QR code below with your phone to view Eastern Explorer bus pricing. Or visit us online at fullers.co.nz



Some vineyards may close from time to time. In these instances, the Eastern Explorer bus will not stop at these destinations. Advanced bookings are advisable for Fullers360 tours. If you are planning to dine on Waiheke Island, please book the venue in advance of travel to avoid disappointment. For Waiheke Walk-up services, arrive at the Downtown Ferry Terminal at least 30 minutes prior to ferry departure for boarding. In summer, we recommend allowing at least 60 minutes. All departures and timetables are subject to change or cancellation. Prices in this brochure are correct at time of printing and inclusive of GST, and may change without notice. All travel on Fullers360 sailings and tours is subject to our full terms and conditions of travel, available online at fullers.co.nz.



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EASTERN LUNCH PACKAGES

Want to make a day of it? Choose an Eastern Lunch Package that includes return ferry, Eastern Explorer bus travel, and a hosted lunch at one of Waiheke's premier venues. Simply select your destination, arrive and indulge.

Book your packages with us prior to travel.

Packages
start from

\$179

Waiheke Walk-up
ferry included

\$212

Waiheke Reserve
ferry included



Man O' War Vineyards

A flagship Trinity tasting flight, a grazing board, one large plate per person, and a side to share (minimum two people per booking).

Passage Rock

3-course set menu, bread, and a glass of wine.

Poderi Crisci

Signature five-course long lunch menu with a complimentary glass of sparkling Pinot Grigio.

Allow at least 3 hours 15minutes – 3 hours 45 minutes.

Waiheke Distilling Co

A starter, authentic Napolitan style pizza, gin or vodka tasting, and a cocktail of your choice (minimum two people per booking).



Scan the QR code for
more information

FEELING ADVENTUROUS?

EcoZip + Eastern Explorer

Includes a return Waiheke Walk-Up ferry, the Eastern Explorer bus service, and a guided zipline and forest walk experience with EcoZip Adventures.

Book via our call centre.

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Bookings are recommended or essential, depending on the venue. Please scan the QR code for venue opening hours and for bookings ►



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Stony Batter Tunnels

- 50-minute heritage tour
- 25-minute bunker and art tour (200m underground)
- **(021) 483 425**
- stonybattertunnels.nz



Explore the unique underworld of Fort Stony Batter, taking you back in time through 1.2km of subterranean WWII tunnels. Built in the 1940s, the site features an extensive network of underground tunnels, gun emplacements, and observation posts. Learn about the history while enjoying the surrounding scenic reserve, known for its distinctive volcanic rock formations and panoramic views.



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Waiheke Distilling Co.

- Distillery tours
- Cocktails
- Grazing platters and pizzas
- **(09) 372 7797**
- waihekedistilling.co.nz



Perched on the scenic ridge above Cowes Bay, Waiheke Distilling Co. offers some of the island's most breathtaking views. Specialising in premium, small-batch craft spirits, you can sample their unique botanical blends and relax in the garden with cocktails, delicious pizzas, and grazing plates. Learn about their story and distilling process with a tour, or enjoy the shared lunch special, available with pre-bookings.



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Passage Rock Wines

- Cellar door
- Restaurant
- Art and sculptures
- **(09) 372 7257**
- passagerock.co.nz



Nestled between the hills and the eastern shores of Waiheke, discover Passage Rock, the island's most awarded winery. Renowned for its exceptional Syrah and other fine wines, Passage Rock offers a selection of high-performing wines, expertly paired with locally inspired dishes at its vineyard restaurant. Here, the artful combination of food and wine creates a symphony of flavour and an unforgettable experience.



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Awaroa Organic Winery

- Cellar door
- Grazing platters
- Organic wines
- **(022) 450 7613**
- awaroa.co.nz



Awaroa Vineyard is an award-winning boutique winery focused on organic and sustainable practices, with small-batch production. Visitors can enjoy wine tastings and delicious grazing platters in a peaceful garden setting. The grounds also feature three olive orchards, producing organic oil and preserved olives.



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Man O' War Vineyards

- Cellar door
- Restaurant
- Beachfront location
- **(09) 372 9678**
- manowar.co.nz



With iconic wines, picturesque vineyards, and warm hospitality, Man O' War offers a seamless blend of nature and indulgence. Showcasing current release Flagship and Kulta Collections alongside select limited library vintages, enjoy wine flights, private tastings, or a leisurely lunch.



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Jasper Ridge Estate

- Cellar door
- Vineyard tasting experience
- Gifting
- **(09) 372 9463**
- jasperridge.co.nz



Specialising in Rosé and Syrah, Jasper Ridge invites you to experience their 'Tasting in the Vines' this summer. A unique, rustic experience in their working vineyard. Enjoy a guided tasting of five wines, take a walk through the vines, and explore the selection of gifts and wines available for purchase at their cellar door.



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Poderi Crisci

- Distillery tours
- Cocktails
- Grazing platters and pizzas
- **(09) 372 2148**
- podericrisci.co.nz



Poderi Crisci is a destination vineyard and Italian restaurant set among 7.7 hectares of sun-soaked vines and lush gardens. It offers elegant, estate-grown wines and a seasonal Italian menu crafted from the property's own garden, making it the perfect spot for long lunches, curated wine tastings, and savouring the finer things in life.



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Onetangi Beach

- Beach and coastal walks
- Charlie Farleys - Gastropub
- Ki Māha Restaurant
- Swimming



Onetangi Beach is Waiheke's longest and most expansive sandy bay, roughly 1.8-2.5 km of golden sand with northern views across the Hauraki Gulf. It's a popular spot for swimming, sunbathing, long coastal walks and cafés, picnic areas and public facilities along The Strand.



EASTERN EXPLORER



- From Matiatia route
- Return to Matiatia route
- Eastern Lunch Packages route
- From Matiatia stop
- Return to Matiatia stop
- Vineyard
- Distillery
- Food
- Snacks
- Activity
- Ferry

Ferry timetable



Scan the QR code to view the ferry timetable

Bus timetable



Scan the QR code to view the current bus timetable

NEW FEATURE

TRACK YOUR EXPLORER BUS

We're excited to introduce our brand-new Eastern Explorer bus tracking feature, designed to make your Waiheke Island experience even better. Now you can seamlessly plan your day by checking the location of the next bus and nearby stops.

Just scan the QR code to instantly see where your bus is on the route.

Whether you're enjoying a little extra time at your favourite vineyard or taking a final refreshing dip in the ocean, you can relax knowing the next bus is just a tap away. Explore more of Waiheke at your own pace.

