



SOUTH OF AUCKLAND

- › City meets country
- › Multicultural Manukau City
- › Harbourside views
- › Vintage railway
- › Awhitu Peninsula

South of Auckland is a place of complete contrasts. First, there's Manukau City: a bustling urban centre that's home to the biggest Polynesian community in the world. It's a melting pot of other cultures too, with over 165 ethnic groups living here. A great way to get a sense of Manukau's multicultural diversity is with a visit to Otaru Market on a Saturday morning. You'll find an amazing array of goods on sale here, from fresh vegetables to ethnic ingredients, from ethnic handicrafts to bargain clothing.

But no sooner do you leave Manukau than you're among the horse paddocks and bloodstock estates of Karaka. This is racing country, where some of the world's finest thoroughbreds are raised.

Along the southern shores of the Manukau Harbour are beaches and traditional Kiwi camping grounds. Close by, you'll find Glenbrook Steam Railway and Waiuku township. From Waiuku, you can head up the beautiful Awhitu peninsula with its coves and beaches, stunning views into the Manukau Harbour and out to the Tasman Sea, vineyards, galleries and even a golf course.

Valerie Vili
Olympic Champion



Manukau is an amazing mix of different people and cultures. It's a place where you can get a sense of Auckland's past, present and its future.

THIS IS MY MANUKAU CITY



THIS IS A SEA OF CULTURE

Manukau City is a multicultural eye-opener. Meet people from across the Pacific and around the world.

To the south lies the mighty Waikato river, beyond the rolling pastureland surrounding Pukekohe (with its international motor-racing circuit) and the heartland farming township of Tuakau. Bombay, and the Bombay hills, marks the traditional boundary of Auckland. Not far away, you'll find a large olive growing estate and fine-dining restaurant.

THIS IS NOT TO BE MISSED

OTUATAUA STONEFIELDS
Explore the remains of Maori settlements around Mangere, including the Otuataua stonefields. Follow the marked trail over Mangere Mountain, the least modified of Auckland's volcanic cones. Take in the geological importance, cultural significance and stunning 360° views.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Climb to the top of Mangere Mountain and take in the vast sweep of Manukau Harbour
- Walk along rugged Kariotahi beach outside Waiuku
- Discover the network of limestone caverns at Nikau Caves
- Explore the beautiful shoreline of the Awhitu Peninsula
- Ride the vintage steam train at Glenbrook



BLANC STARES
The Villa Maria winery is no distance from the airport. Enjoy a glass of their finest while drinking in the views across Puketutu Island and the Manukau Harbour.

IT'S A SCREAM
New Zealand's only theme park, Rainbow's End, is in Manukau City and it's a great place for kids of all ages. Or try Butterfly Creek near the airport - an exotic butterfly house, petting farm, playground, miniature railway and café will keep everyone happy.



MANGERE

The “Gateway” to Auckland, Mangere is a special area of deep cultural and spiritual significance. The Otuataua Stonefields was created by volcanic eruption about 20,000 years ago. Adjacent to Otuataua is Villa Maria, one of New Zealand’s most awarded wine producers - well worth a visit. Nearby, the volcanic cone of Mangere Mountain is one of Auckland’s best-preserved archaeological sites, the views from the top of Auckland are spectacular!

www.welcome2manukau.com



Mangere Mountain & Education Centre
 100 Coronation Road, Mangere
 Phone: (09) 634 7305
www.mangeremountain.co.nz

On Mangere Mountain you can see the remains of what was once an extremely large pre eighteenth century fortified Maori pa site or settlement. The Mangere Mountain Education Centre at the base of the Mountain offers guided walks and workshops and is open Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm.



Mangere Bridge Village
 Phone: (09) 622 1338
www.mangerebridge.co.nz

Mangere Bridge Village is located on the peninsula of the Manukau Harbour, with the green back drops of Mangere Mountain, an extinct volcano, and Ambury Farm Park. It boasts history, with one of the oldest stone churches in New Zealand, with a well serviced thriving little village centre.



Butterfly Creek
 Tom Pearce Drive, Auckland Airport
 Phone: (09) 275 8880
www.butterflycreek.co.nz

Australasia’s premier Tropical Butterfly House with 800 exotic butterflies from around the world. The Butterfly House hosts a variety of exotic birds, turtles, lizards and some of NZ’s largest fish aquaria. Check out Buttermilk Farm, Red Admiral Express train, gift-shop and café.



Villa Maria
 118 Montgomerie Road, Auckland
 Phone: (09) 255 0660
 Email: enquiries@villamaria.co.nz
www.villamaria.co.nz

Five minutes from Auckland’s airport, and set in the crater of a 20,000 year old volcano, Villa Maria is the home of New Zealand’s Most Awarded Wines. Whether you are a wine enthusiast or a beginner, the architecturally designed winery’s cellar door provides the opportunity to enjoy some of New Zealand’s most exciting wines while enjoying a platter and the peaceful surrounds!

Open from 9am-6pm Monday to Friday and 10am - 5pm on the weekends, with winery tours by appointment.



MANUKAU

Manukau is home to more than 165 ethnic groups, one of the most multicultural population centres in the country. Manukau's main visitor attractions include the Auckland Botanic Gardens in Manurewa, Rainbows End - New Zealand's only theme park and TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre - Manukau's iconic entertainment and meeting complex. Take in the pacific flavour of the Otaru Markets or, for contrast, shop till you drop at Botany Town Centre.

www.welcome2manukau.com



Airport Gateway Hotel

206, Kirbride Rd, Mangere, Auckland
Phone: 0800 651 110
www.airportgatewayhotel.co.nz

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Otaru Markets

Otaru Shopping Centre
Newbury Street, Otaru
Phone: (09) 274 0830

The Otaru Market is a fantastic market filled with colourful Polynesian culture, arts and crafts, food and entertainment. The largest and best known market in Manukau takes place every Saturday, 6am - 12noon.



Rainbow's End Theme Park

Off the Southern Motorway at Manukau
Phone: (09) 262 2030
Email: info@rainbowsend.co.nz
www.rainbowsend.co.nz

Get flung upside down, spun around, trapped in a runaway mine cart, and dropped 18 storeys at 82km/h! Fun for everyone at Rainbow's End.

All new Scorpion Karts and the Motion Master in 3D now are the latest addition to a world class stable of rides including NZ's only corkscrew rollercoaster, and fearfall - a drop you won't soon forget.

Our kiddie's castle has stuff just for the under-8's including a mini coaster!

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Holiday Inn Auckland Airport

Corner Kirkbride and Ascot Roads,
Auckland Airport
Phone: (09) 275 1059
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www.holidayinn.com



Auckland's largest and quietest airport hotel. Set amongst 10 acres of established gardens, away from traffic and out of flight paths - so quiet you can hear birds sing.

A \$10m entire refurbishment was undertaken in 2007/2008. The hotel has 250 guest rooms including spa suites and wheelchair accessible rooms. Guests can also access Sky TV, 24hr room service, in-room security safe, 1GB broadband and shower over bath. Facilities also include 10 refurbished conference rooms, a bar, restaurant, fully equipped gym and a business centre.

Airport transport leaves every half hour and picks-up and drops-off at domestic and international terminals. Qualmark 4 star rated.



NZSKYDIVE - Auckland

590 Koheroa Road, Mercer
Phone: 0800 865 867 (0800 TO JUMP)
Email: ak@nzskydive.co.nz
www.nzskydive.co.nz

Come and experience 12,000ft of pure adrenalin during a skydiving tandem jump. If jumping out of an aircraft and freefalling from 12,000ft above the earth sounds exciting, then you've come to the right place. Don your jumpsuit and climb on board... this skydive will be nothing short of spectacular.

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Heritage Hotel & Spa du Vin

Lyons Rd, Mangatawhiri Valley, Pokeno
Phone: (09) 233 6314
Email: reservations@duvin.co.nz
www.heritagehotels.co.nz

An idyllic hotel and spa retreat surrounded by native forest and vineyards just 45 minutes south of Auckland. Well-appointed garden rooms with great views, heated indoor pool, spa pools and vineyard restaurant. Balinese-style Heritage Spa du Vin offers a range of indulgent treatments.



Wrights Watergarden and Water Garden Cafe

128 Mauku Road, Patumahoe
Phone: (09) 236 3211
www.wrightswatergardens.co.nz

Spectacular watergardens of 7 acres surround the Mauku Waterfall & Stream. 50km south of Auckland City. Gift shop, Aquatic nursery and Café. Do not miss these gardens. 4km from Glenbrook Vintage Railway.



Glenbrook Vintage Railway

Glenbrook Station Road, Waiuku
Phone: (09) 235 8924
www.railfan.org.nz

Nostalgic 12km steam train rides through beautiful rural countryside. Also jigger rides, refreshments, picnic area and farm park. Operates Sundays and public holidays from late October to early June. Charters available. 50 minutes south-west of Auckland on Drury-Waiuku route.