Kia ora!

New Zealand is a country of open hearts, open minds and open spaces. In the spirit of manaakitanga we look forward to warmly welcoming you to Aotearoa, the land of the long white cloud, and specifically to Tamaki Makaurau (Auckland), the city of sails.

This document aims to provide you with helpful information to prepare your visit to the University of Auckland and provide options for an extended stay in our beautiful country!

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Auckland City

Nestled in the South Pacific and surrounded by sparkling harbours, native forest and beautiful beaches, New Zealand’s largest city is the country’s financial and economic powerhouse, and the gateway to the rest of the country.

With a population of 1.6 million, Auckland’s confidence rests with its diversity. Our tangata whenua (local people, hosts) extend a unique Māori welcome to visitors who arrive in the world’s largest Polynesian city. Auckland is one of the world’s super-diverse cities, with 40% of Aucklanders born overseas.

The Auckland region is a food-lovers’ paradise, bustling with trendy cafes, ethnic eateries and award-winning restaurants. Being located between two harbours, fresh seafood is an Auckland speciality, and the region features a range of vineyards and olive groves.

The city covers 5,000 square kilometres (1,900 square miles) and from just about anywhere within that area you can see the Sky Tower, the southern hemisphere’s tallest freestanding structure. Auckland is also known for the 15-plus extinct volcanic cones it is built around.

The University of Auckland

Established in 1883 to place the advantages of a university education “within reach of every man and woman of Auckland” the University of Auckland is New Zealand’s leading (#85 in 2019 QS rankings) largest comprehensive public university, grounded in its civic roots in NZ’s most diverse city.

Much of the University’s special character is conferred by the University’s and the nation’s place in the Pacific, by our acknowledgement of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, and by the achievements of our predecessors.

The University has 42,000 students of whom, 8,000 are international students from more than 120 countries. Almost half of the University’s doctoral candidates are international students, reflecting our commitment to international research and scholarship.

Times Higher Education (THE) has ranked the University of Auckland No. 1 globally in the inaugural University Impact Rankings. The new rankings measure how universities worldwide are performing against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This outstanding result recognises the University of Auckland’s commitment to sustainability and making a positive social impact through its research, teaching and knowledge transfer.
Travel to NZ

Auckland is the most connected city in New Zealand with regular flights to and from cities across the globe.

New Zealand is serviced by major airlines including members of Star Alliance, oneworld and SkyTeam. Thirty international airlines fly direct to Auckland from 43 destinations around the world and 150 international flight arrivals every day.

Transport from the airport to hotel

Auckland Airport licenses specific taxi and shuttle companies to ensure airport visitors and travellers receive a high standard of service. Only licensed taxi and shuttle companies are able to pick you up from the designated taxi ranks at the terminal buildings, however all taxi and shuttle companies are able to drop you off at the airport.

Taxi and shuttle ranks are located outside the arrivals area (door 8) at the international terminal and outside door 4 at the domestic terminal. You can pre-book with one of the companies listed below or just turn up at the terminal ranks – taxis and shuttles are always available.

Indicative fares from the airport into the city is between NZ$38 – NZ$75 one-way for a taxi and shuttles ($35 for one person plus $8 for each extra person together in the same group). For specific fare pricing, contact the taxi and shuttle companies directly.

### Taxi Price Information

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Super Shuttle
Door to door across Auckland. CBD rate as low as $17.50pp (for 2 people travelling together). Discounts for families and small groups.
Phone: +64 9 522 5100 Website: www.supershuttle.co.nz

SkyBus
SkyBus is Auckland’s airport transfer service between the airport and Auckland City operating 365 days a year. The Auckland City service operates 24/7 with two bus routes between the Airport and the city. Airport to City transfers take approximately 40-60 min.

Tickets are available at Airport Ticket Kiosks (located by the SkyBus kerbside bus stops at both the domestic and international airport), from the bus driver (cash only), selected city hostels, hotels, Auckland i-Sites, and Skybus.co.nz

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Accommodation

Pullman Auckland’s sleek interiors emit a warm and friendly vibe, creating an intimate atmosphere whether in the lobby lounge, by the 25 metre heated swimming pool, or within one of 16 dynamic meeting spaces. A selection of spacious hotel rooms, the exclusivity of an executive lounge, and chic residential suites with living areas and kitchen facilities framing views from city to sea uniquely redefines the lifestyle of the modern day traveller.

BOOKING DETAILS

The below rates include GST, are subject to availability and are valid until 30 days prior to arrival. Bookings have a 7-day cancellation policy. Breakfast is available for an additional $32.00 per person, per day. As a guest of the Pullman, you are entitled to 10% off food and beverages during your stay.

Superior room: NZ $285 incl. GST (approx. $195 USD)
Booking dates: 22-26 October 2019
Booking code: U21SLM221019

To book, please contact Chaeha Chawathey, VIP Groups Executive and quote the booking code. (Please note this exclusive code cannot be used online).

Phone: +64 9 358 8007 or Email: c.chawathey@pullmanauckland.co.nz

Please note: the SLM programme will begin promptly at 10:30am on Wednesday 23 October, therefore it is recommended to plan your arrival for Tuesday 22 October.
Transport from the hotel to the University of Auckland
The Pullman Hotel is within 2-minute walking distance of The University of Auckland. In the event of adverse weather, taxis to and from meeting venues will be provided for your comfort.

The map below provides an overview of hotel location in relation to the University’s city campus.
Draft Programme

The information below provides a draft overview of the programme of events during the Senior Leaders Meeting.

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<td>Vice-Chancellor’s Welcome Reception</td>
<td>U21 Senior Leaders Dinner</td>
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Afternoon and dinner on Waiheke Island (optional)

The approximate agenda for the afternoon and evening on Waiheke:

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<td>Ferry from Downtown Auckland to Waiheke Island</td>
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<td>3.15pm</td>
<td>Arrive Waiheke Island, transport to Goldie Estate Vineyard</td>
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<td>Vineyard tour, wine science tour and wine tasting at Goldie Estate</td>
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<td>Depart Waiheke to Oneroa beach</td>
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<td>Depart beach to Mudbrick Vineyard</td>
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<td>Depart Mudbrick for Matiatia ferry terminal</td>
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<td>9.45pm</td>
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This afternoon will be 50% subsidised by the University of Auckland for all U21 Senior Leaders, partners may also join the trip to Waiheke at a non-subsidised rate.

**U21 SL rate:** $100 NZD per person

**Additional attendee:** $200 NZD per person

Upon registration, please indicate intent to participate in the Friday afternoon trip, the University of Auckland will then be in contact to follow up for confirmation and payment arrangements.

**Pōwhiri Welcome Ceremony (traditional Māori welcome)**

A pōwhiri encapsulates the formal welcome ceremony onto the marae (Māori meetinghouse), starting with the initial karanga (call) from the tangata whenua (people of the land, the hosts) right up to the sharing of kai (food). This process also removes the tapu (sacredness) from the manuhiri (visitors), who are referred to as waewae tapu (literally, sacred feet) if they are first-time visitors to that particular marae.

A briefing on the protocols for the pōwhiri onto Waipapa Marae will be provided to those attending prior to the start of the pōwhiri on Wednesday morning. More information will be provided closer to the time.
Venues

Waipapa Marae

The Waipapa Marae is:

- The focal point of Maori life at our University
- For the benefit and support of our entire University community
- Where visitors can be formally welcomed onto our campus.

Old Government House

Old Government House, completed in 1856, was the first mansion of its kind built in New Zealand. Classical in style with much of the timber facade cut to resemble stone; it played an important part in the government of New Zealand until 1865 when the capital was moved to Wellington. For the next century, it was Auckland’s viceregal residence. Royalty stayed there six times and the present Queen broadcast her Christmas speech to the Commonwealth from upstairs in 1953.

Fale Pasifika

Our Fale Pasifika plays an important role as the touch-point between the University and Pacific communities. In most Pacific communities, the role that a central structure, such as our Fale Pasifika, has in the setting of a ‘village green’ or malae (marae), is to be the centre of focus for communal activities.

Waiheke Island – optional activity.

Waiheke Island is a haven of beautiful vineyards, olive groves and beaches, all just a 40-minute ferry ride from downtown Auckland.

Goldie Estate is the University of Auckland’s very own vineyard and is home to our Postgraduate Wine Science Programme. The programme uses the experiences of winemaking in New Zealand to highlight the multiple dimensions and applications of wine science. A central theme is that wine science is more than simply winemaking.

Mudbrick is renowned for its breath-taking location. By day, the sea and vineyard views are magnificent. By night, the stunning sunsets and sparkling city lights are unrivalled.
Explore Auckland

Auckland is New Zealand’s gateway and economic hub and the university venue occupies a prominent position in the heart of the city. With a population of 1.5 million it is easy to get around and its global reputation as the “City of Sails” means you’re never far from a summer’s day at the beach. Enjoy a ferry ride from downtown to one of the many islands in the Hauraki Gulf, offering bushwalking, rural escapes, arts, sun, sand, and even wineries. Head to the fringes of the city to Piha, Karekare, Muriwai and Bethells beaches – some of the best in all of New Zealand.

For more information visit www.newzealand.com/int/auckland

Attractions and Cultural Experience

Auckland Museum – Auckland Museum is the cultural and spiritual touchstone for the many cultures that inhabit this beautiful land, and the first stop for anyone wishing to gain an insight into New Zealand and its peoples.

Auckland Explorer Bus – The Auckland Explorer Bus is a hop on, hop off sightseeing tour with full commentary, visiting Auckland’s big 14 attractions.

Tours and Nature

360 Discovery – Explore the Hauraki Gulf and its history, the Tiritiri Matangi island sanctuary, and Motuihe Island.

Auckland Wine Tasting Tours – Auckland Wine Tasting Tours offers a personalised experience encompassing the scenic North/West Auckland and/or Matakana regions. Enjoy a full day winery tour with lunch from $135 per person and a half day tour from $90 per person.

Activities and Adrenaline Rush

Sky Walk – Dare yourself to walk the circumference of the Sky Tower, 192 metres above ground, with no rails or balcony, just a safety harness on a ledge 1.2 metres wide.

Sky Jump – Throw yourself off the top of the Sky Tower and plunge 192 metres in a controlled fall while wearing a safety harness. www.skyjump.co.nz
Explore New Zealand
North Island

Northland
Subtropical Northland is a water lover’s paradise offering swimming, snorkelling, diving, dolphin watching and boating. Also be sure to explore lush rainforests, and learn more about our Maori culture at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

Hamilton – Waikato
Just south of Auckland lies the Hamilton-Waikato region. This land of lush pastures was chosen to play The Shire in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit films, and also offers caving, gardens and culture.

Bay of Plenty
The Bay of Plenty region is home to spectacular beaches, juicy kiwifruit and produce, and New Zealand’s only active marine volcano.

Rotorua
Rotorua is known for bubbling mud pools, erupting geysers and natural hot springs, as well as showcasing our fascinating Maori culture.

Lake Taupo
Lake Taupo's Great Lake was created nearly 2,000 years ago by a volcanic eruption and is great for water sports and trout fishing. The surrounding forests offer opportunities for hiking and mountain biking.

Hawke’s Bay
Hawke’s Bay is New Zealand’s Art Deco centre and home to glorious beaches and rolling vineyards. Its warm, dry climate has made it one of the country’s leading producers of wine.

Wellington
Wellington was recently named “the coolest little capital in the world” by Lonely Planet for its cosmopolitan charm, cultural offerings, and fabulous foodie and café culture.
South Island

**Nelson**

Nelson’s diverse geography captures everything from long golden beaches to untouched forests and rugged mountains. Explore its natural beauty and thriving arts scene.

**Marlborough**

Marlborough is New Zealand’s largest wine-growing region and the home of world-renowned sauvignon blanc. There are more than 40 cellar doors to visit by yourself or on a pre-arranged wine tour.

**West Coast**

The West Coast is a wild place of rivers and rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures. The Great Coast Road stretching from Westport to Greymouth, is one of the world’s top coastal drives.

**Christchurch – Canterbury**

Christchurch mixes old-world charm, river punting and gardens with exciting urban revitalisation. Wider Canterbury’s attractions range from skiing to golf, white water rafting to whale watching.

**Wanaka**

Nestled below towering mountains, Wanaka and its stunning lake is perfect for year-round activities including fishing, hiking and skydiving. In winter, skiers flock to the Cardrona and Treble Cone ski fields.

**Queenstown**

Picturesque Queenstown is the home of adrenaline and adventure. Enjoy skiing in the winter and activities including bungy jumping, canyon swinging, jet boating, and river rafting all year round.

**Dunedin**

Soak up the quirky city vibe, street art and cafes of this historic city. Enjoy getting up close to rare local wildlife such as the royal albatross, yellow-eyed penguins, blue penguins and seals.
Carved by glaciers over 100,000 years, Fiordland is one of the most dramatic and beautiful parts of New Zealand, with its landscape of waterfalls cascading hundreds of metres into deep black fiords.

More than 85% of Stewart Island is National Park, making it a popular haven for hiking and birdwatching. At night, admire the glowing skies thanks to the appearance of the Aurora Australis.
Useful Information

Climate and seasonality
Auckland enjoys a temperate climate. Daytime temperatures range from 20° to 30° Celsius (60˚ to 86˚ Fahrenheit) during the warmer seasons (November to March), and from 10° to 17° Celsius (5 ˚ to 63˚ Fahrenheit) in the cooler seasons (April to October).

Currency
New Zealand dollars ($) and cents (c). There are five notes ($5, $10, $20, $50, $100) and five coins (10c, 20c, 50c, $1, $2).

Driving
Drive on the left side of the road in New Zealand. All drivers, including visitors from other countries, must carry their licence or permit at all times when driving.

Electricity
240V, 50Hz, with Australian/New Zealand pattern three-pin sockets.

Emergency services
Emergency services 111 is the emergency phone number for police, fire and ambulance services.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)
New Zealand has a 15 per cent GST. Overseas visitors cannot claim this back. Some stores may waive GST if delegates show onward or return air tickets, or when international shipment of goods is arranged.

Health and vaccinations
No vaccination certificates are required. Public and private hospitals provide a high standard of treatment and care. Medical services are not free to visitors, so travel insurance that covers medical and health is recommended.

Languages
English is the everyday language in New Zealand, with Māori and New Zealand Sign Language also official languages.

Mobile telephones
Like most countries, New Zealand operates on a 900 or 1800 MHz network. However, some mobiles cannot use international roaming on this frequency.

Safety and security
New Zealand is generally a very safe place to travel, with a relatively low crime rate. However, it is advisable to observe the same precautions with your personal safety and your possessions as you would in any other country or at home. New Zealand is a democratic and politically stable country.

Time zone
New Zealand Standard Time is 12 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Daylight saving runs from the end of September until early April, when the clocks advance by one hour — it then becomes GMT +13 hours.

Tipping and service charges
Tipping is not expected in New Zealand but delegates may wish to tip for special service or kindness.

Visitor Information
i-SITE is New Zealand’s official visitor information centre network with more than 80 i-SITEs nationwide, including locations in Auckland. i-SITEs provide free expert local knowledge and services including itinerary planning and nationwide accommodation and activity bookings.