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Sculpture in the Gardens
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Visit Auckland Botanic Gardens this summer and enjoy Sculpture in the Gardens

This stunning outdoor exhibition is on until 12 February. It features 21 large scale works by New Zealand artists, along a two kilometre trail through the beautiful gardens. Must-see plant collections at this time of year are the Perennial Garden, Rose Garden and Salvias. The Edible Garden is always popular – as is the Potter Children's Garden, designed to inspire the young, and the young at heart.

For a more leisurely visit, view the indoor gallery showcasing a range of small works and the artists concept gallery, then enjoy lunch or a coffee at Café Miko. Free activities during Sculpture in the Gardens: Guided garden walks Wednesdays at 1pm, guided walks of Sculpture in the Gardens Sundays at 1pm, live music at the Visitor Centre Sundays from 11:30am, free kid's sculpture activity book.

Open every day, free entry (trail guide \$1, catalogue \$10). The Auckland Botanic Gardens is alongside the southern motorway, on Hill Road, Manurewa; 25 minutes from downtown Auckland. 09 267 1457. botanic.gardens@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz www.aucklandbotanicgardens.co.nz

SkyWalk

HOT DEAL: \$20 off the adult price of SkyWalk (see centre pages for discount coupon). Live life on the edge and walk the 1.2 metre wide walkway around Auckland's famous Sky Tower – 192 metres above the ground, no handrails and nothing but air on either side of you!

A harness and overhead railing prevent daredevil SkyWalkers from swinging off the edge while enjoying spectacular views of Auckland as a guide points out the city's famous landmarks.

Book now by phoning 0800 SKYWALK, or online at www.skywalk.co.nz (and enter the promo code "jasons")



Freddy's Ice House

Freddy's Ice House – Auckland's Coolest Experience

Freddy's offers a truly unique experience for visitors of all ages! This longstanding Ice House will chill your bones while delighting your senses. Freddy's is Auckland's only winter wonderland where everything is hand carved from ice. You can touch, feel and explore our hand carved sculptures and architecture; even the cocktail glasses are ice!

The theme is based around Frederic Tudor, the famous "Ice King" and the original man to pack and ship ice around the world. He's the reason you have ice in your drinks today!

Entering Freddy's takes your breath away! From the solid ice walls to stunning NZ themed ice carvings. Come and play on our ICE hockey table, or try out our famous Jagermeister ice luge. Your breath forms clouds of fog as you breathe in the beauty of the place and breathe out a sigh of marvel! Thousands have flocked to experience visit this unique concept, join them and visit Freddy's Ice House today!

fred@freddysicehouse.co.nz 09 377 6702. 201Quay St, Princess Wharf, Auckland Central. www.freddysicehouse.co.nz

BLOOM Family Festival

BLOOM Family Festival is a 3-day fun-filled event for the whole family! To be held at the stunning 50-acre Matakana Country Park only 45 minutes from Auckland, from Fri Jan 20 to Sun Jan 22, 2012.

The Festival presents 22 of NZ's best music acts like Ladió, Greg Johnson, Sola Rosa; amazing activities like Funky Fairground, Disney Village, Magic Meadow, Sports Village, Jousting, Circus, Comedy, Magic, Storytelling; plus 12 wonderful workshops including Royal NZ Ballet, Auckland Blues, top Kiwi children's writers & illustrators, Drumania with 300 drums. A Farmers Market, great food, fine wine & cocktails. Event ticket price includes all attractions (excluding food, beverage, merchandise & campsites). Very reasonably priced Weekend or Day Passes & camping options are on sale now at www.iticket.co.nz. Real Groovy, Coch Records & door sales at the Festival itself. www.bloomfamilyfestival.co.nz





Muriwai Surf School

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With sea water temperatures reaching 24 degrees Celsius around Auckland in the month of January there's never been a better time to take a dip. That dip could involve a surfboard if you hook up with Muriwai Surf School located on Auckland's beautiful West Coast. Only a 40 minute drive from the central city with plenty of other things to see and do it's a trip worth taking. Their popular introduction to surfing lessons are 2 hours long and are held daily at 10:30am and 3:00pm. These lessons include surfboard and wetsuit hire and will teach you everything you need to know to get you up and riding. They also do lessons for intermediate and advanced surfers by arrangement and with their qualified professional coaches everyone will have fun and be safe no matter what level your surfing. If you don't need a lesson but still want to go surfing they have New Zealand's largest range of surfboards and wetsuits for hire from their surf shed located right by the beach. Open 7 days a week 10am until 6pm. What are you waiting for? Looks like it's time to hit the beach!

Ph 021 478 734 info@muriwaisurfschool.co.nz www.muriwaisurfschool.co.nz

Big Day Out

Big Day Out Has changed the local musical landscape forever, growing from its ambitious, chaotic beginnings to evolve into the largest travelling festival in the world complete with all the highs and lows of a roller coaster. Still the undisputed king of summer music festivals, BDO mixes international heavyweights with local up and comers in a memorable day long romp through the rock, dance and alternative music universe. This year grunge legends Soundgarden, UK rock ringmaster Noel Gallagher of Oasis, dubsteppers Nero, rockers Kasabian and My Chemical Romance and the year's indie-pop breakout act Foster The People all headline at Mt Smart on January 20, 2012.

Mt Smart Stadium, Maurice Road, Penrose. Gates open 11am. Tickets \$160 from www.ticketmaster.co.nz or (09) 970 9700 plus all Ticketmaster outlets and Real Groovy (Auckland). www.bigdayout.com



East Cape - Auckland Motorbike Hire

Auckland Motorbike Hire

The Coromandel Peninsula, East Cape, The Forgotten World Highway, The Volcanic Plateau... the list goes on of all the wonderful motorcycling to be had in the North Island. These rides offer stunning roads and scenery and can be sampled from as little time as a day. Auckland Motorbike Hire has a range of modern, quality bikes and our Maraetai location is the perfect starting point, where you are immediately onto a beautiful coastal road free of traffic and already en route to the Coromandel.

Whether you have a day or a few weeks, Auckland Motorbike Hire has the bikes and riding apparel to make it easy to get you on your way and can offer city or airport pick-ups.

Phone +64 2102528309/+64 9 5341805. www.aucklandmotorbikehire.com

The Corporate Box

Looking for something different and unique in the Aucklands CBD? The Corporate Box is a venue unlike any other! Complete with a licensed bar, and big screen TV's, where else can you hit a round of golf in comfort, race F1 Cars around Monaco or simply enjoy a few games of free pool and Wii while enjoying a cold beer or wine? Impress your friends and colleagues by booking your upcoming party, stag do, conference, team building or corporate event at The Corporate Box – gift vouchers are also available and casual bookings are welcome.

Level 5, 92 Albert St, Ph 09 302 2790 Email: tim@bookthebox.co.nz
www.bookthebox.co.nz



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Playing with Light
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Frances Hodgkins, *The piano lesson*, c.1909 gouache and watercolour
©Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, purchased 2007



Marco d'Oggiono, *Madonna and Child* c.1490 Tempera on panel
Mackelvie Trust Collection, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, purchased with assistance from National Art Collection Fund, 1966



Ake Ake Kia Kaha
©Auckland Museum



Playing with Light
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Exhibitions

To 30 January, Property of a Gentleman: Sir George Grey's Paintings

Sir George Grey was the Gallery's founding benefactor. Discover some of the great treasures in this selection that hints at the breadth of Grey's collecting interests. FREE entry.

Venue: Auckland Art Gallery, Cnr Kitchener and Wellesley Streets.
www.aucklandartgallery.com

To 6 February, Playing with Light at MOTAT

'Playing with Light' is a fun filled, action packed travelling exhibition on now and only at MOTAT! Experience illuminating light, lasers and lenses like never before through a wide range of interactive and scientific activities for the whole family to enjoy! Daily 10am-4.30pm. Phone 0800 MOTATNZ (0800 668 286).

Venue: MOTAT, 805 Great North Rd, Western Springs. www.motat.org.nz

To 6 February, James Mackelvie's Gift to Auckland

Marvel at one of New Zealand's most important and generous art collections. This 19th century gentleman's enchanting collection includes fine arts, books, Chinese jade and a delightful group of snuffboxes. FREE entry.

Venue: Auckland Art Gallery, Cnr Kitchener and Wellesley Streets.
www.aucklandartgallery.com

To 26 February, Ake Ake Kia Kaha – the spirit of Maori rugby

Ake Ake Kia Kaha – the spirit of Maori rugby offers a special insight into the world of Maori rugby and what it means to be a Maori rugby player. No bookings required. Open daily, 10am-5pm. Free.

Venue: Tamaki Gallery, Auckland Museum, Auckland Domain.
www.aucklandmuseum.com

To 9 March, You are here: mapping Auckland

This exhibition of maps dating from the 1800s to today shows how Auckland has been planned, projected, organised, arranged and designed many times over. No bookings required. Free. Phone 09 306 7048. www.aucklandmuseum.com

Venue: Auckland Museum, Auckland Domain.

To March, Frances Hodgkins – Colour and Light

Experience Europe's sun-lit markets and bustling fishing ports through the eyes of New Zealand modernist, Frances Hodgkins. Displayed for the very first time, these paintings demonstrate why Britain claimed her as their own.

Venue: Auckland Art Gallery, Cnr Kitchener and Wellesley Streets.
www.aucklandartgallery.com

To early May, Whizz Bang Pop

Covering the period from the 1960s to the present day, Whizz Bang Pop will bring your senses roaring to life with its dynamic sculpture, painting, photographs, videos and prints. FREE entry.

Venue: Auckland Art Gallery, Cnr Kitchener and Wellesley Streets.
www.aucklandartgallery.com

Daily, Ship Break, a Photographic Exhibition

A photographic Exhibition in Voyager Maritime Museum which covers the birth, life, death and eventual rebirth of an American Merchant ship. Phone 09 373 0800.

Venue: Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum, Corner Quay & Hobson Streets, Viaduct Harbour.
www.maritimemuseum.co.nz



Children of Tangaroa:
Marine Mammals of
Aotearoa
©Voyager



The History of
drinking tea at the
Village Gallery
©MOTAT



Sir Edmund Hillary
©Geoffrey Lee Martin

Daily, Children of Tangaroa: Marine Mammals of Aotearoa

This temporary exhibition explores the stories of New Zealand's marine mammals, including Bryde's and humpback whales and Maui's and Hector's dolphins. Entry included in admission charge.

Venue: Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum, Corner Quay & Hobson Streets, Viaduct Harbour. Phone 09 373 0800. www.maritimemuseum.co.nz

Daily, European Landfalls

This redeveloped exhibition highlights the great journeys of some of Europe's most notable explorers.

Venue: Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum, Corner Quay & Hobson Streets, Viaduct Harbour. Phone 09 373 0800. www.maritimemuseum.co.nz

Daily, A Teaspoon Per Cup And One For The Pot

Come along to MOTAT and learn more about the common 'cuppa' and its significance to New Zealand society. 10am-5pm. Phone 0800MOTATNZ (0800 668 286).

Venue: MOTAT, 805 Great North Rd, Western Springs. www.motat.org.nz

Daily, I am the Last Tram

Take a stroll down 1950's Queen Street and transport yourself back to the decade that changed Auckland and New Zealand forever. 10am-5pm. Phone 0800MOTATNZ (0800 668 286).

Venue: MOTAT, 805 Great North Rd, Western Springs. www.motat.org.nz

Daily, Signposts to Godzone

MOTAT's 'Kiwi-as' exhibition, Signposts to Godzone, gives visitors a slice of Kiwiana through the use of iconic symbols. 10am-5pm. Phone 0800MOTATNZ (0800 668 286).

Venue: MOTAT, 805 Great North Rd, Western Springs. www.motat.org.nz



Taratai - European Landfalls
©Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum

Daily, 90° South – Sir Edmund Hillary and the NZ Antarctic Expedition 1956/58

Discover the story behind the first vehicular overland journey to the South Pole, led by Sir Edmund Hillary. 10am-5pm. Phone 0800 MOTATNZ (0800 668 286).

Venue: MOTAT, Logan Campbell Building, 805 Great North Road, Western Springs. www.motat.org.nz

Daily, Blue Water Black Magic – A Tribute to Sir Peter Blake

Discover New Zealand's remarkable yachting success and explore the extraordinary life, work and achievements of New Zealand's finest yachtsman and one of our foremost environmentalists. Entry included in admission charge. Phone 09 373 0800.

Venue: Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum, Corner Quay & Hobson Streets, Viaduct Harbour. www.maritimemuseum.co.nz

Family events

16-27 January, Stardome School holiday sessions

Have 'Fun with the Sun' this summer at Stardome. Find out all about our brightest star, the Sun. Take part in arts and crafts activities and watch model rocket launching! Daily. 10am & 1pm weekdays. Ph 09 624 1246.

Venue: Stardome Observatory, 670 Manukau Road, One Tree Hill. www.stardome.org.nz

Weekends, Land Ahoy- Weekend Trail

Grab a copy of the Land Ahoy Stamp and Discover activity sheet and see what wonders you can find within the Museum. Solve the riddles and discover some of our most fascinating objects! Activity is free with museum entry. Phone 09 373 0800.

Venue: Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum, Corner Quay & Hobson Streets, Viaduct Harbour. www.maritimemuseum.co.nz



Blue Water Black
Magic- A Tribute to
Sir Peter Blake



Stardome
Observatory



Voyager Museum



The Great Planning Puzzle Weekend Experience
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Weird & Wonderful Gallery
Auckland Museum



Incubus



Fleet Foxes

Weekends, The Great Planning Puzzle Weekend Experience

In this exciting new MOTAT Weekend Experience, the whole family must work as a team to solve the riddles, which relate to the essential planning elements for building a great city. 10am-5pm. Phone 0800 MOTATNZ (0800 668 286).

Venue: MOTAT, Great North Road, Western Springs. www.motat.org.nz

Weekends, Roll in Roll out – Activities in the weird & wonderful gallery

Kids can get creative in the Weird & Wonderful gallery to discover the sometimes wacky but always wonderful world of nature. No bookings required. 10.30am-12pm, 1.30pm-3pm. Gold coin.

Venue: Stevenson Discovery Centre, Auckland Museum, Tamaki Gallery, Auckland Domain, phone 306 7040, www.aucklandmuseum.com

Monday to Friday, I Spy for Under 5s

'I Spy' is a fun, hands-on experience especially designed for you and your under 5s, and is only available at MOTAT. Adults \$14, under 5s FREE. Bookings are NOT necessary. Phone 0800MOTATNZ (0800 668 286).

Venue: MOTAT, Great North Rd, Western Springs. www.motat.org.nz

Daily, MOTAT's Tactile Dome

Kids will love the challenge of working their way through a labyrinth of obstacles in this purpose-built tunnel. Activities included in entry fee. Phone 0800 MOTATNZ (0800 668 286).

Venue: MOTAT, Great North Road, Western Springs. www.motat.org.nz

Music

14 January, Fleet Foxes

Brimming with inviting melodies, evocative lyrics, and open-armed harmonizing Fleet Foxes are gloriously inescapable - gathering universal acclaim everywhere they travelled. \$75. 0800 BUYTICKETS or www.buytickets.co.nz

Venue: Great Hall, Auckland Town Hall.



Big Day Out - The Amity Affliction



Big Day Out - Abbe May



The Feelers

20 January, Big Day Out

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Venue: Mt Smart Stadium, Maurice Road, Penrose. www.bigdayout.com

23 January–24 February, Showstoppers!

Every show has a showstopper, the most popular song that stops the show and everyone wants to hear! We proudly present a show packed with those showstoppers. To book call Operatunity toll free on 0508 266 237, bookings@operatunity.co.nz No booking or postage fees apply.

Venue: In 24 Venues from Whangarei to Invercargill. www.operatunity.co.nz

To 29 January, The Feelers Hope Nature Forgives Summer Tour

The Feelers are announcing a string of summer dates with their special guests and partying with you in their favourite summer haunts. www.eventfinder.co.nz

Venues: www.thefeelers.co.nz for full details.

31 January, Incubus

Multi-platinum Californian-based alt/funk rockers Incubus will head Down Under this summer to deliver two shows, in support of their seventh and latest album 'If Not Now, When?'. Phone 0800-111-999 or www.ticketmaster.co.nz

Venue: Vector Arena. www.enjoyincubus.com



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Scottish Cultural Festival



Ted Ashby harbour sailings



Maori Cultural Performance and Tour

Special Events

21 January, Scottish Cultural Festival

Come along and enjoy a day of Highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, music, fiddling, singing, Robert Burns recitations, piping, the haggis ceremony, Scottish West Highland terriers. 10.30am-4pm. Free. Rain date 28 January.

Venue: By the rotunda and Robert Burns statue. Auckland Domain, Park Road, Parnell.

To 12 February, Sculpture in the Gardens

21 large scale sculptures by top New Zealand artists on a 2km garden trail. It also features an exhibition of small scale indoor works and a concept gallery display. Don't miss this great event. Phone 09 267 1457.

Venue: Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Road, Manurewa. www.aucklandbotanicgardens.co.nz

Every Sunday except Christmas Day, Music in the Gardens

Claim back a lazy Sunday and enjoy free music in the gardens between 11.30am-2.30pm. Every week there is something different; a mandolin orchestra, easy listening music by Keryn Winn or popular music by Charlotte and Garin. Bring a picnic and enjoy the day.

Venue: Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Road, Manurewa, 09 267 1457. www.aucklandbotanicgardens.co.nz

Wednesdays, Auckland Botanic Gardens – Guided Walk

Meet at Huakaiwaka Visitor Centre at 1pm and enjoy a free, mid-week walk with a member of the Gardens staff. On Sundays, ride the Wiri rambler train and explore the garden's beautiful collections.

Venue: Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Road, Manurewa, 09 267 1457, www.aucklandbotanicgardens.co.nz



Auckland Aces vs Northern Knights, One-Day Cricket

Wednesday-Sunday, Ted Ashby harbour sailings

Experience Auckland's Waitemata Harbour as our forefathers did 100 years ago and then visit the museum galleries for free. Voyager's heritage sailing scow, Ted Ashby, departs twice a day. Adults \$29, children \$14.50.

Venue: Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum, Corner Quay & Hobson Streets, Viaduct Harbour. 09 373 0800. www.maritimemuseum.co.nz

Daily, Maori Cultural Performance and guided tour

Enjoy a vibrant and entertaining glimpse of Maori culture, culminating in a high-energy haka – New Zealand's famous war dance, followed by a guided tour of the Maori Gallery. Charges apply – see discount voucher centre pages.

Venue: Auckland Museum, Auckland Domain, phone 306 7048, www.aucklandmuseum.com

Sports

1 January, The New Zealand Herald Christmas Carnival New Year's Day Races

They're turning on the racing entertainment at Ellerslie on New Years Day! Bring a packed lunch and enjoy your day out on the lawns or upgrade your RaceDay and purchase a ticket (or table) into one of the many reserved areas oncourse. From about 11.30am. Phone 09 524 4069.

Venue: Ellerslie Racecourse, 80 Ascot Avenue, Remuera. www.ellerslie.co.nz

26 January, Auckland Aces v Northern Knights One-Day Cricket

Come and see the Auckland Aces build on their successes of last season as they defend their One-Day Championship title. 11am-7pm. Follow the progress of the Auckland Aces at www.aucklandcricket.co.nz.

Venue: Colin Maiden Park, Merton Road, Glen Innes.



NZ Boodstock Karaka Million Twilight Races



Davis Sedaris



Bathing with Elephants

29 January, New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Million – Twilight Races

Live it up at Ellerslie this Auckland Anniversary Weekend with a spectacular mix of twilight racing featuring the \$1,000,000 Karaka Million, live music & partying into the night! From about 3.30pm. 09 524 4069.

Venue: Ellerslie Racecourse, 80 Ascot Avenue, Remuera. www.ellerslie.co.nz

To 1 March, BLACKCAPS v Zimbabwe and South Africa 2011/2012 Tour

New Zealand and the BLACKCAPS will host the Zimbabwe and South African cricket team in the summer of 2011/2012. www.blackcaps.co.nz/international/blackcaps/2/schedule.aspx

Theatre, Dance & Comedy

18 & 19 January, An Evening with Davis Sedaris

With his sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. \$57.80. 0800 BUYTICKETS or www.buytickets.co.nz

Venue: Concert Chamber, Auckland Town Hall.

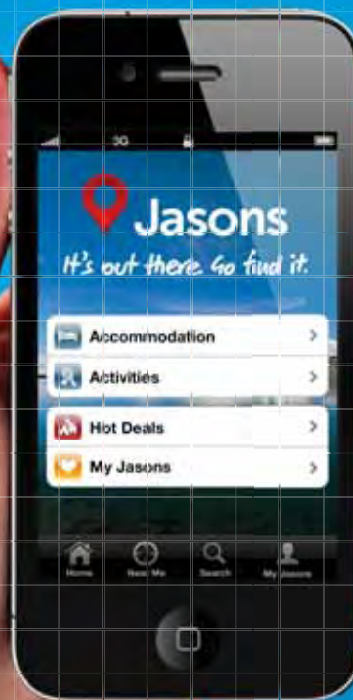
26 - 28 January, Bathing with Elephants & Other Exotic Reveries

A diverse array of performers, designers and artists create their own unimaginable exotic beasts, new worlds and transcendent journeys. 8pm. \$10 - \$15. 0800 BUYTICKETS or www.buytickets.co.nz

Venue: Taj Mahal and Safari Rooms, The Civic.

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