Napier, New Zealand

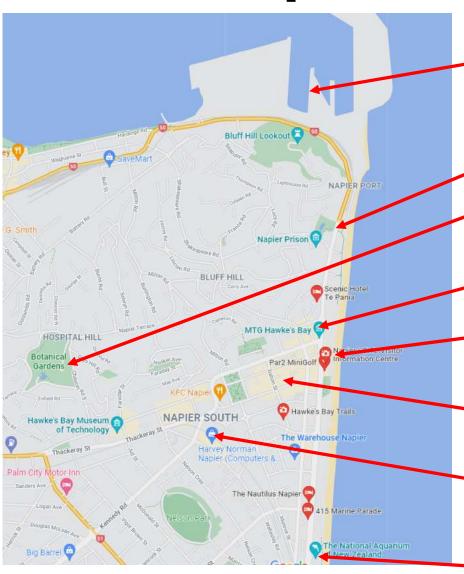
- Saturday, February 4, 2023
- Docked from 11:00AM to 6:00PM
- Tourist Info
 - https://www.lonelyplanet.com/new-zealand/the-eastcoast/napier
 - https://www.whatsinport.com/Napier.htm
 - https://www.hawkesbaynz.com/
- Weather
 - Feb temperatures range 55°-74°F; mean 65°F
 - 1.59" precipitation with 73% relative humidity

Napier – North Island Map



- Located on North Island in Hawke's Bay
- 4 other ships will be in port at same time
- Entire city rebuilt in Art Deco style after devastating earthquake in 1931
- Small town with only a few main streets
- New Zealand's oldest wine-making region

Napier – Local Map



- Cruise ship terminal
 - Marine Parade
 - **Botanical Gardens**
 - MTG Hawke's Bay Museum
- Visitor info center & Napier Soundshell Pania of the Reef
- Ocean Blvd Shopping Center
- **Balmoral Center**
- National Aquarium of NZ

~1.5miles from cruise ship terminal to Aquarium

Essentials

- Money US \$ usually not accepted. NZ \$ or credit card is best. \$1NZ = \$0.70US.
- VISA Need NZeTA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority). \$9 if use app or \$12 if online. https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta
- Safety Normal precautions.
- Clothing Informal/casual/comfortable. Few restaurants have dress codes.
- Internet
 - No WiFi in cruise terminal
 - WiFi available in town, including at tourist information center and many cafes and restaurants
- Cell Service 3G & 4G (no 5G)
 - 2degrees Mobile coverage along main streets only (not on Marine Parade)
 - Vodafone Mobile coverage along few main streets only
 - Spark Mobile more extensive coverage including along Marine Parade
- Tipping Not required. 10% would be a generous restaurant tip.

Transportation

Bus

- Complimentary shuttle bus from cruise terminal to city center; main stop is at the tourist info center on Marine Parade (Napier i-SITE Visitor information center); sometimes may stop at National Aquarium, the Museum (MTG), and the port exit.
- Local bus stop is on Dalton Street in the city center: https://www.gobay.co.nz/

Taxi

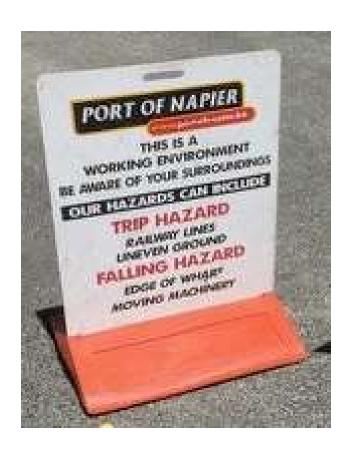
- Generally available at the pier.
- Usually only a few at the i-SITE.
- Official taxi stand is on Clive Square which is 3 blocks from i-SITE.
- Car Rental Several near the airport and outside of city center. None near the cruise terminal. Remember to drive on the left.
- Bicycle and E-bike Rentals Over 120 miles of trails and paths
 - https://www.bikehirenapier.co.nz/
 - https://ebikeshed.co.nz/
 - https://www.bikehirenapier.co.nz/
 - https://www.flying-cat.co.nz/



Cruise Terminal

- Container port.
- Walking is prohibited. Must take shuttle bus.
- No WiFi.
- Sometimes a representative from i-SITE will be there to hand out maps.
- Napier Business District is ~1 mile from port.
- Many cafes are within walking distance of the central city area.





Shopping

- Wine, Wine, Wine
- Malls:
 - Balmoral Center
 - Ocean Boulevard Shopping Center
- List of shops: https://napiercbd.co.nz/things-to-do/?filter=shop
- The Black Shed: flowers, coffee, gift shop; https://www.theblackshed.co.nz/
- The Silky Oak Chocolates: handmade chocolates and gourmet products; https://silkyoakchocs.co.nz/
- The Department of Curiosities and Fine Things: curated collection of handmade products from some of the finest creative makers in New Zealand; http://thedepartment.info/
- Classic Sheepskin Tannery: great range of New Zealand made sheepskin products; https://classicsheepskins.com/
- Shop at the Art Deco Center: range of quality Art Deco items; some one-of-a-kind; https://www.artdeconapier.com/shop.html
- New Zealand Wood and Jade: all products made from only New Zealand driftwood and New Zealand jade, all carved by Paddy Cooper; http://www.paddycooper.com/Home.html
- Opossum World: purely New Zealand possum fur and fine Merino wool blends; https://opossumworld.com/

Attractions (1)

- Marine Parade Walkway along the Pacific Ocean all the way from the cruise port to the southern part of town. Beaches not suitable for swimming or water sports.
- Taradale Several local wineries and vineyards are located in this suburb about 4 miles from Napier.
- Cape Kidnappers Also known as Te Kauwae-a-Maui is a headland at the southeastern end of Hawke's Bay, about 12 miles from Napier. Steep white chiffs on either side and large colony of Gannets
- Ocean Spa Hot pools and swimming complex. http://www.oceanspanapier.co.nz/
- Botanical Gardens 18 acres and is quite hilly; https://www.napier.govt.nz/napier/gardens/botanical-gardens/ gardens/?url=/napier/parks/gardens/botanical-gardens/









Attractions (2)

- MTG Hawke's Bay Museum Free museum at Marine Parade and Tennyson St. https://www.mtghawkesbay.com/
- National Aquarium of New Zealand Along Marina Parade w/ 1.5M liter Oceanarium;
 \$17.50-24 NZ; https://www.nationalaquarium.co.nz/
- **Bluff Hill Lookout** Great views from the top of the Bluff; a few walking paths available https://www.napier.govt.nz/napier/paths-and-walkways/bluff-hill/







Attractions (3)

- Pania of the Reef One of the most photographed landmarks in New Zealand; the statue of Pania is a figure of Maori mythology, and a symbol of Napier; on Marine Parade
- Sunken Gardens The Parade's "hidden treasure;" sits below street level, offering a sense of serenity; no sign but can't miss it; between the road and beach near I-SITE
- **Millennium Sculpture** Sculpture by Artist David Trubridge to celebrate the arrival of the year 2000; 62' long steel with 2 reflective disks; on Marine Parade







Attractions (4)

• Tom Parker Fountain - Built in 1936, with funds donated by local merchant Tom Parker; regularly featured in art deco period-style photos; near Pania of the Reef

Clocks - There are 4 clocks with unique styles; https://www.napier.govt.nz/napier/clocks/napiers-clocks/

- Floral clock on Marine Parade
- Manchester Unity clock in Marewa Park
- Taradale Clock Tower at Taradale end of Gloucester St
- Westshore Clock at Meeanee Quay and Pandora Rd











Private Tours

- Tours by Locals: https://www.toursbylocals.com/Napier-Tours
- Costco Travel Shore Excursions: https://www.shoreexcursionsgroup.com/search?search=napier
- **Get Your Guide:** https://www.getyourguide.com/napier-l2644/?partnerid=C2A6B
- Shore Trips & Tours: https://www.shoretripsandtours.com/CruisePort/Napier.php

HAL Tours

- Art Deco Drive & Walk: \$80; 3 hrs
- Cape Kidnappers Station & Gannet Safari: \$190; 4.5 hrs
- Clearview & Abbey Cellars: \$120; 3.5 hrs
- Countryside & Private Home Visit: \$140; 4 hrs
- Hawke's Bay Express: \$90; 1.25 hrs; website states they are closed https://www.hbexpress.co.nz/
- Hawke's Bay Town & Country: \$140; 4.5 hrs
- Mohaka River Rafting Trip: \$250; 5 hrs
- Napier City Drive & Aquarium: \$40; 2.5 hrs
- Napier Highlights: \$40; 1 hr
- The Arch of the Ancestors Experience: \$170; 4.5 hrs
- Hawke's Bay Wineries: \$110; 3.25 hrs