



Explore Matakana Region

Driving map and itinerary



Experience the best of coast and country – discover golden beaches, boutique vineyards, scenic bush walks and the crystal-clear waters of New Zealand’s first Marine Reserve.

Day 1

- Start your morning early at the famous **Matakana Village Farmers’ Market**, from 8am every Saturday. Spend a leisurely hour choosing tasty picnic supplies from the stalls of fresh produce, organic treats and artisan breads, cheeses, olive oils, preserves and meats.
- Grab a coffee from the markets and wander around the small township. Find unique



Matakana Village Farmers’ Market

- fashion, footwear, homewares, jewellery and gifts in the **boutique stores**.
- If you’re an art lover, take an hour or two to browse **Matakana’s art and craft galleries**. Make sure you visit the renowned Morris & James pottery studio, just a few minutes’ drive from the village centre, for exquisitely made pots, wall and garden art, sculptures and platters.
- From here, enjoy the scenic 25-minute drive to beautiful **Tāwharanui Regional Park** and stop off for a swim at Anchor Bay before you tuck into your picnic. Stay longer and stretch your legs after lunch on one of the walking tracks through native bush or along the coast, ranging from the half-hour Fisherman’s Track to three-hour walks.
- Head back to Matakana and freshen up before indulging in a delicious dinner and award-winning wines at one of the region’s numerous **independent wineries**.

- Catch up on your beauty sleep at one of the charming bed and breakfasts or private holiday homes surrounded by picturesque countryside.

Day 2

- This morning, make your way to **Goat Island Marine Reserve**, 25 minutes north of Matakana. The clear, sheltered waters are perfect for snorkelling, but if you’d rather stay dry you can get up close to the colourful sea life from the glass bottom boat or visit the interactive marine discovery centre.
- Grab some lunch in neighbouring **Leigh** – fill up with fresh fish and chips, a Kiwi favourite, or try the mouth-watering woodfired pizzas at Leigh Sawmill Café.



- As you travel back through Matakana, stop for **wine tastings** at a few of the wonderful vineyards and wineries – just follow the Matakana Wine Trail signs. Allow a few hours to find your favourites. Cleanse your palate afterwards with a refreshing gelato or sorbetto at Charlie’s Gelato Garden.
- Take a walk through the **outdoor sculpture trail** at



- Brick Bay Wines and discover some 45 modern New Zealand artworks nestled in peaceful native bush. Allow about an hour to walk the trail and a bit longer if you fancy a coffee in the Glass House afterwards.
- Finish your day with dinner at one of the stylish restaurants in Matakana village, followed by a movie at the **boutique cinema**, with its three intimate, individually decorated theatres.
- From here, it’s an easy 50-minute drive back to Auckland’s vibrant city centre.

Got a bit more time?

- There’s so much more to see and do if you’ve got the time – play a round of golf at one of the local courses, go horse riding, relax at one of the region’s many beaches or take the ferry from Sandspit over to Kawau Island.

Plan your trip and find activities, attractions and accommodation at aucklandnz.com

**Be responsible, be safe – always ensure you have a sober driver when visiting wineries for tastings.*



Brick Bay Sculpture Trail

FREE UPGRADE ON A 3+ DAY WEEKEND*



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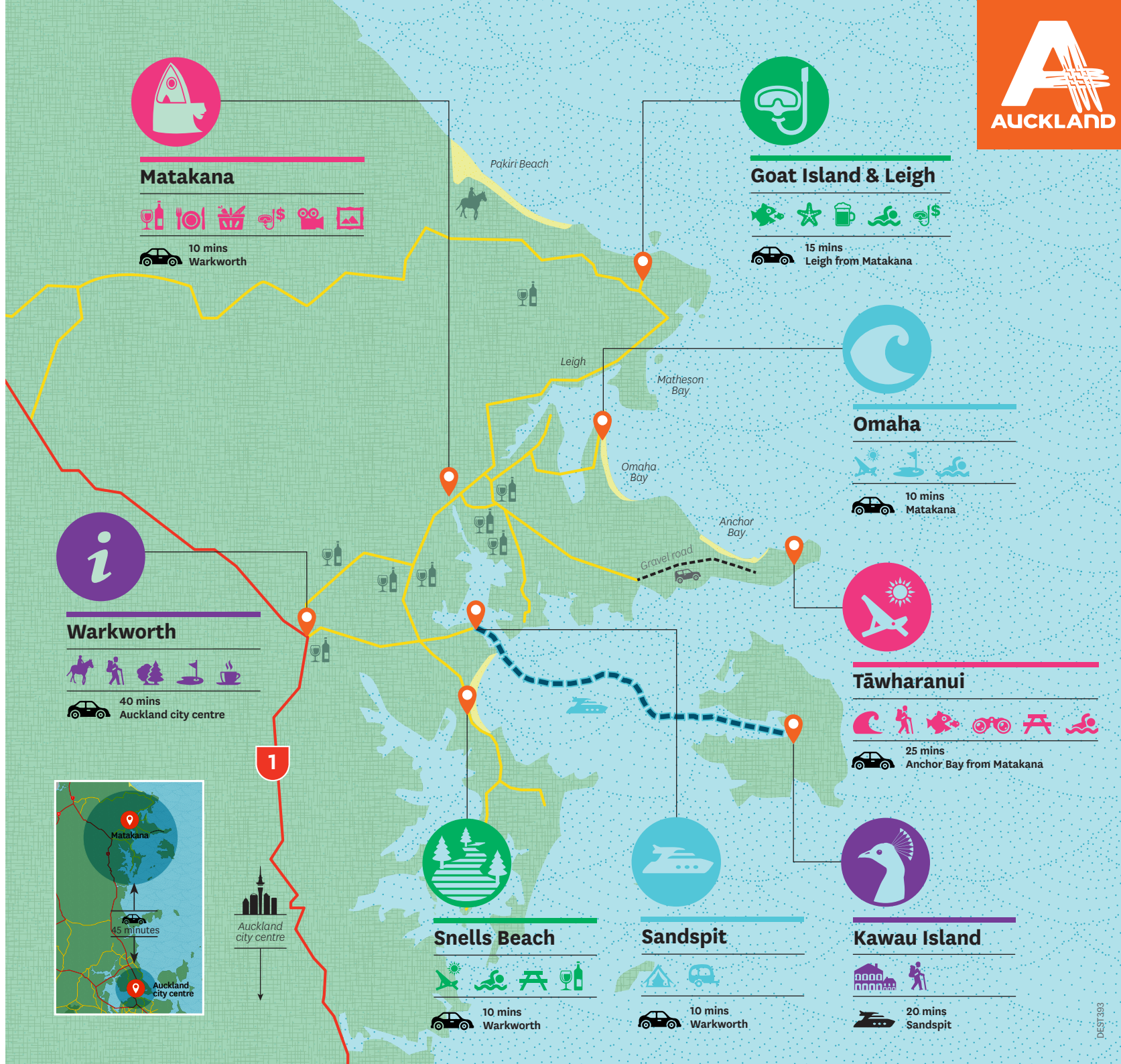
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Journey into a region where world-class wineries, stylish dining and unique art experiences blend with beautiful beaches, pristine native bush and picturesque countryside.

Find out more about Matakana and Tāwharanui, and view other drive itineraries at aucklandnz.com

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| Art & craft | Golf | Sculpture trail |
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| Beach | Horse riding | Snorkel hire |
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| Bird watching | Mansion house | Snorkelling and diving |
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| Boutique cinema | Marine discovery centre | Surfing |
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| Cafés | Marine reserve | Swimming |
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| Camping | Market | Walks |
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| Dining | Micro brewery | Winery |
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| Forest | Picnic spot | |



Matakana



10 mins
Warkworth



Goat Island & Leigh



15 mins
Leigh from Matakana



Warkworth



40 mins
Auckland city centre



Omaha



10 mins
Matakana



Tāwharanui



25 mins
Anchor Bay from Matakana



Sandspit



10 mins
Warkworth



Kawau Island



20 mins
Sandspit



Snells Beach



10 mins
Warkworth