

The Afternoon Artisan Tour

Sample Itinerary from 1 July 2024 - available from Labour Weekend to Easter

- 1200 Depart Auckland on Fullers sailing to Waiheke Island.
- Arrive at Matiatia. You will be greeted on the wharf by Ananda Tours. The tour will commence with a drive along the scenic northern route, taking in spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf and beyond to the Coromandel Peninsula.
- 1315 Step into Island mode, with a wine tasting at the celler door of **Awaroa Vineyard**. Awaroa is a small organic vineyard and winery run by six partners, all with a shared common interest in making the best possible wine, with all viticulture and harvesting done by hand.
- 1430 Wine tasting and lunch at Passage Rock. This is a relaxed venue at the eastern end of Waiheke and takes you a bit off the beaten track. The bistro is surrounded by their Syrah vines, creating a relaxed ambience to enjoy great food and award winning wines. They create their dishes use quality ingredients that are cooked well, using real fire in some cases, and focusing on clarity of flavour served in a convivial style to reflect their country setting.
- 1600 Pick up from lunch venue
- Visit **The Heke** for a premium single malt whisky + beer tasting. Enjoy sampling 2 single malt whisky's each a minimum of 5 years old, the new make spirit and chase it with a crisp Heke lager. Set on 4 acres of gardens with 180-degree views, The Heke is architecturally designed with a relaxed atmosphere and is proudly the home of award-winning Waiheke Whisky & Waiheke Brewing Co.
- 1800 Depart Waiheke on Fullers sailing back to Auckland