

# EXPLORE THE MUSEUM

## GUIDED TOUR

Do you want to know more about our collections? Take a *Highlights of the Museum* tour to gain an inside knowledge from our guides. *10.30am, 2pm daily, Adult \$10, Child \$5.*

## ENJOYING THE MUSEUM

To protect the collections, food and drink should not be consumed in the galleries. This is a smoke-free building. Our treasures survive longer if they are not touched. You are welcome to take photos for personal use, but not for publication. No tripods please. Our premises are under 24-hour video surveillance.

## SHOPPING

Discover two stores of memorable gifts and mementos in our Grand Foyer and Atrium shops. From exquisite Maori artwork to books and children's toys, there's something for everyone. Members receive a 10% discount.

## MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of Auckland Museum and be the first to know about Museum events, receive special invitations, discounts and donation-waived entry. Choose to become a Friend of Auckland Museum or Museum Circle Member—whichever best suits your interests and needs. We even have a special membership for kids—the Stevenson Dinomites Club. Visit our website to find out more or pick up a membership brochure at any of our information desks.

## LIBRARY

The Museum Library houses one of New Zealand's largest collections of heritage material, including manuscripts, photographs, paintings and drawings. It is located at the rear of level two, and is open Monday through Friday, 1–5pm, and Saturday, 10am–5pm.

## EATING AND DRINKING

Our Atrium café offers irresistibly fresh fare, coffee, tea and a licence to serve wine and beer. There's also the coffee kiosk in the Grand Foyer.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family events are regularly held on weekends and during school holidays. Trails and activity sheets are available from the information desks. The Stevenson Discovery Centre, Weird and Wonderful, is located on level one and offers a wide range of hands-on fun and learning activities for children of all ages. Stevenson Dinomites Members receive a discount on charged children's activities.

## OPENING HOURS

Auckland Museum is open from 10am–5pm every day except Christmas Day. The Museum Library is open from 1–5pm, Monday to Friday, and 10am–5pm Saturdays.

## VENUE HIRE

The Museum's galleries and events centre are available for corporate functions. Phone Lucy O'Mahony on 09 306 7048 or email lomahony@aucklandmuseum.com.

# INSIDE THE MUSEUM

## MAORI CULTURAL PERFORMANCE AND TOUR

The Museum is the only place in Auckland where it's possible to experience the excitement of a Maori cultural performance on a daily basis. This is a vibrant and entertaining glimpse of Maori culture, culminating in a high-energy *haka*—New Zealand's world-famous dance. Afterwards, join our performers on a guided tour of the Maori Court to gain a deeper understanding of our unique culture. *Performance: 11am, noon, 1.30pm. Tour: 11.30am, 2pm. Charges apply.*

## WONDERLAND—THE MYSTERY OF THE ORCHID

Auckland Museum is taking two of the world's best loved flowers—the orchid and the rose—and exploding their magical attractions into a two-part wonderland of storytelling and sensory experience. The first chapter of this family-friendly exhibit explores the story of the mysterious orchid. Found in the world's elusive locations, orchids have evolved into the most striking and devious flowers on the planet. Creating a world of deception and intrigue, they enthrall insects to do their bidding, and create *orchid hunters* out of otherwise sensible humans, who risk life and limb to track new species to every corner of the earth. Enter *Wonderland* to discover the Museum Garden, a magical world of orchid-related objects from the Museum's collections. Open doorways into fascinating science and spellbinding stories of this most mysterious family of flowers. *From 3 July. Special Exhibitions Hall, Auckland Museum. Adult \$8, Members and Concession \$6, Children free (up to 14 years).*

## SONIC MUSEUM

Embark on a new experience as you put on headphones and explore Auckland Museum to exclusive music by top Kiwi musicians. *Sonic Museum* has seen us invite a host of acclaimed performers to choose a gallery which would inspire them to write a new track. Experience this innovative project with an audioplayer and headphones hired from the Museum, or download the tracks onto your portable music player, which you can bring with you. Featuring music by: Tiki Taane (Maori Court), Don McGlashan (Origins), Nathan Haines (Oceans), Phil Dadson (Ancient Worlds), Chris Adams (World War I Sanctuary), Rachel Shearer (Volcanoes), Richard Francis (Land), Rosy Parlane (World War II Hall of Memories), Tim Coster (Landmarks). *Headphones and audioplayer hire \$10. Members, concessions and students \$5. Download tracks \$10 at [www.sonicmuseum.co.nz](http://www.sonicmuseum.co.nz)*

## HILLARY'S AXE

*Hillary's Axe* showcases the ice axe used by Sir Edmund Hillary to cut a stairway to the pinnacle of the world. Sir Edmund once said his mountaineering career began with the Alpine Journal in one hand and an ice axe in the other. The axe accompanied a great man on a journey that brought him fame as well as the affection of his country. Alongside the ice axe the exhibit displays images, interviews and footage from Sir Edmund and Tenzing Norgay's extraordinary climb. *On now, Tamaki Gallery.*

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# KIA ORA WELCOME

## DISABLED ACCESS

All galleries are accessible. Wheelchairs can be borrowed from the Atrium and cloak desk at the Foyer entrance. There are two disabled car parks at the back of the Museum and five in the underground car park.

## EVENTS AND INFORMATION

The Museum presents a range of public events to complement the exhibitions programme. Event information is updated daily at the Foyer entrance and in the Atrium. Check the *what's on* boards, or ask our customer hosts for details.

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property desk is located at the cloak desk on the left as you enter the Foyer entrance.

## INFORMATION CENTRES

Each level houses an information centre to help you find out more about the collections. On the ground level is Te Kakano–Pacific People Information Centre. On level one, the Natural History Information Centre supports the natural history galleries. On level two, The Armoury–New Zealanders at War Information Centre holds the Cenotaph database in which visitors are able to trace their ancestors' military service.

## CLOAKROOMS

For the comfort and safety of visitors and collections, please do not take backpacks and camera tripods into the galleries. These can be left at the cloak desk on the left as you enter the Foyer entrance.

## GROUND LEVEL—PACIFIC PEOPLE

Explore the diversity of Pacific communities and the astonishing beauty of their objects. The Maori Court houses the world's largest and most important collection of taonga, or Maori treasure. Also on this floor are the Encounter and Landmarks galleries, devoted to local and international design and decorative arts.

## LEVEL ONE—NATURAL HISTORY

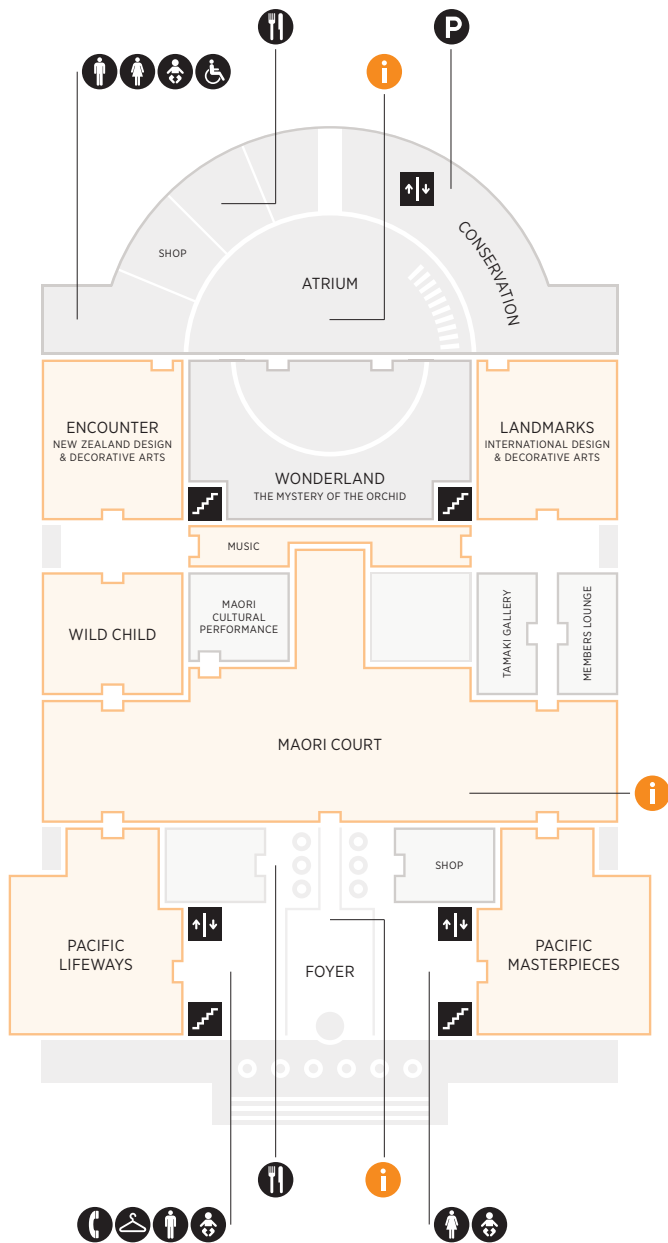
Travel through our unique natural environment, from mountain top to ocean depths. Experience a volcanic eruption in the Volcanoes Gallery, or discover the fascinating way in which life developed in our geographically exceptional nation.

## LEVEL TWO—SCARS ON THE HEART

In our short history war has played a major role in shaping New Zealand's identity. Trace our part in combat from the Boer War in South Africa through to more recent conflicts in Vietnam, and peacekeeping with the United Nations. Also on this floor are the Sanctuary and Hall of Memories, in which are inscribed the names of New Zealanders from the Auckland province who died while serving their country.

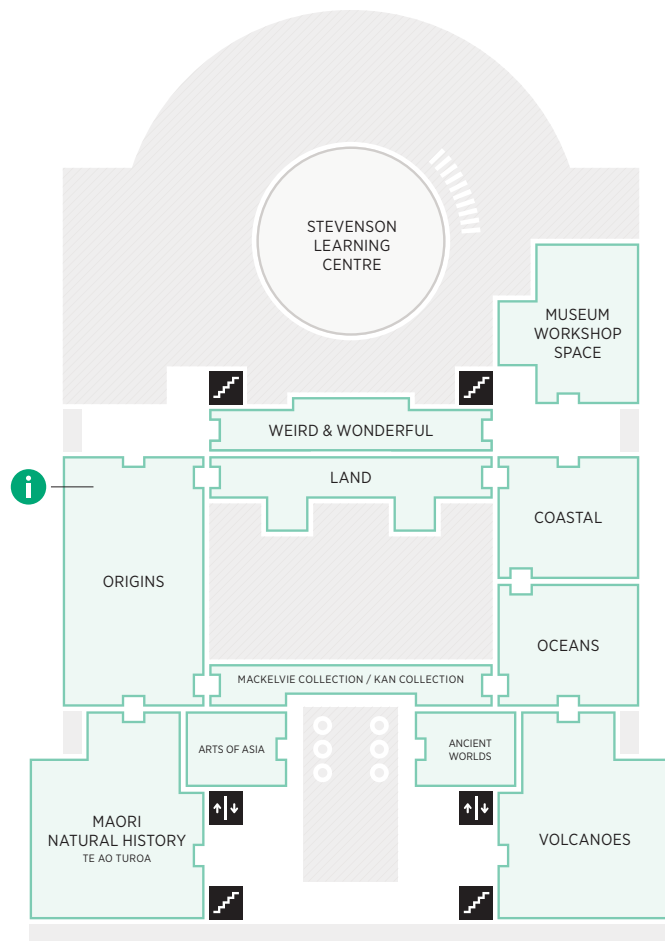
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