



Ananda Black Tour

Sample Itinerary 2024

0900 Depart Auckland on **Fullers** Ferry to Waiheke Island.

0945 Arrive at Matiatia Wharf where you will be greeted by Ananda Tours and commence your privately guided tour of Waiheke Island. On the way, stunning scenery is around every corner, and you will be entertained by your guide's commentary on the history, geography, culture, people and produce of Waiheke.

1000 Visit **Allpress Olive Oil** (formally Rangihoua Estate) where the first olive oil in the North Island was produced. Rangihoua's award-winning olive oils have won many accolades since the first pressings. Here you will learn how the oil is produced and taste a range of different oils, including the peppery Greek-style Koreneiki, the Spanish-style Picual, or the Tuscan-style Frantoio, as well as island blends.

1100 Visit **Batch Vineyard**, the highest vineyard on Waiheke Island with north facing sun-soaked hillsides of vines including terraces of traditional and elegant Alsace-style vines close to the winery. There are spectacular 360 degree views over the island and beyond to the gulf islands and Auckland city. Here take part in an in-depth wine experience with the winemaker or General Manager. Visit their onsite winery and enter the barrel hall. Here you will try several wines from barrel, learn about how they make and blend the wines, then move through to enjoy a seated tasting of their top wines accompanied by breads and dips.

1200 Visit **Stonyridge Vineyard** for vertical wine tasting of their flagship wine Larose. Founded in 1982, Stonyridge is a world-class producer of Cabernet blends Larose 2019 was rated 97 points out of 100 by James Suckling. Larose is often considered one of New Zealand's top red wines and is sought after by wine collectors around the world.

1300 Lunch at **Tantalus Estate**. This award winning winery within the vines offers a range of beautifully designed spaces including spacious botanical courtyards, comfortable lounge areas, a light and expansive tasting room and the elegant restaurant. The seasonal menu offers refined, tantalising dishes with bold flavours designed to complement the wine and beer made onsite.

1600 Depart Waiheke on **Fullers** Ferry service back to Auckland

This itinerary is subject to some variation depending on seasonal vineyard availability. Substitutions of equal quality may be made as required. The price quoted is for a set timeframe. If the tour runs later than expected on the day, we may charge an extension fee. Our price includes tasting charges at selected venues but not beverages, lunch, dinner or ferry tickets unless arranged otherwise. Cancellation policy: Full payment is required if cancellation occurs within 48 hours of tour time. Price is quoted for a set number of people. Should the number of people alter the price may change. Full terms and conditions can be viewed on our website at the following link: http://www.ananda.co.nz/terms_conditions.php