



2017 Australasian CoDA Convention Auckland, New Zealand

Info Guide

Ponsonby

The convention is being held at All Saints, 284 Ponsonby Road, on Saturday, 11 November. The suburb of Ponsonby is located just 10 minutes from central Auckland. It can be described as anything from sophisticated and stylish to quirky and hip.



Accommodation

Auckland has an accommodation shortage, particularly at busy tourist times and when major events are held in the city, so do try to book early. Let us know if you have problems, as we may be able to help provide options.

If you'd like to stay near where the convention will be held, we'd suggest looking for accommodation in **Ponsonby, Herne Bay, St Marys Bay, Grey Lynn, Victoria Park, Freemans Bay, K Rd (Karangahape Rd)** and the **CBD**. All these areas are within walking distance of the convention or an easy bus or cab trip away.

Other areas worth considering are the inner-city suburbs of **Parnell, Newmarket** and **Grafton**. Although slightly further away, they are all on the inner-city Link Bus route which stops directly outside the convention.

Also, reasonably close are the suburbs of **Newton** and **Eden Terrace** and the popular areas of **Kingsland and Mt Eden**.

If you choose to stay in the CBD, we'd suggest avoiding Albert St and some of the side streets in this area, such as Victoria St West (between Albert St and Queen St) as there are heavy earthworks underway there.

Here's a few suggestions to help you with your search.

Search engines:

You may find these sites helpful: * airbnb.co.nz * hostelworld.com * expedia.co.nz
* booking.com * trivago.co.nz * hotels.com * wotif.co.nz * tripadvisor.co.nz.

Some Ideas:

Airbnb

There are quite a few places listed on Airbnb. Check out the suburbs we've listed above and see if any take your fancy.

Backpackers

Here are a few hostels nearby the convention, but there's also quite a few in the inner-city.

www.verandahs.co.nz
www.ponsonby-backpackers.co.nz
www.brownkiwi.co.nz
www.uenukulodge.co.nz

Guest House / Cottage

www.ponsonbymanor.co.nz
www.baytree-cottage.com

Apartments / Motels

www.questapartments.co.nz/Quest/Ponsonby
www.abaco.co.nz/apartments
www.thesurreyhotel.co.nz/rooms
www.st-martins-waldorf.co.nz

Airport Transfers

Skybus

Skybus is Auckland's most frequently used bus transport from the Airport to the City and vice versa www.skybus.co.nz/timetable. It will take you all the way into Britomart Transport Centre in the city centre, where you can bus, train, walk or cab to wherever you are staying. Tickets can be purchased from the Skybus airport kiosk outside Arrivals or from the driver for \$18 (one way) and \$32 (return).

For a cheaper rate, you can buy your ticket in advance from the website (www.ticketing.skybus.co.nz/) or through the mobile app (www.skybus.co.nz/where-to-purchase). Tickets purchased online cost \$17 (one way) and \$30 (return).

There is no train service from or to the airport.

Shuttles

There are various shuttle services that will take you directly to your destination. Below are 2 examples of airport shuttles:

www.supershuttle.co.nz/booking. The cost is approx. \$40 one way for one person. The more people you have taking the shuttle, the cheaper it becomes per person (eg. 3 people is \$56.50 (\$19 each), 5 is \$72.50 (\$15 each), up to 11 people being \$117.50 (\$11 each).

www.quickshuttle.co.nz/auckland-airport-transfer/ Pricing for this is structured a bit different. \$65 for one person, \$75 for 2 people (\$38 each) and up to 9 people is \$95 (\$11 each).

Taxis

Taxi fares from the airport to the city typically cost between \$80-\$90.

Cheap Cabs have a set fare of \$35 to the airport. These cabs can be booked online. www.cheaptaxi.co.nz/pricing/

Uber drivers are permitted to drop passengers off at the airport, but are banned from making pickups.

Rental Cars

All the main rental companies operate from the airport. **If you plan to drive to the convention, please let us know** as there are a few parking spaces at the venue that can be set aside for our overseas and out-of-town guests. Ponsonby can be a tricky area to find parking and also has 2-hour maximum parking limits.

Traffic Congestion

There can be heavy traffic congestion across the city, especially near the airport, so factor this into your travel plans, especially if you're trying to catch a flight home.

Getting Around

AT Hop Card



If you plan to use public transport, you might want to purchase an Auckland Transport 'Hop Card' (<https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/at-hop-card/buy-at-hop-card/>) as they make it cheaper to get around. It can be used on buses, trains and ferries. A card costs \$10 and can be purchased from Britomart Transport Centre in the city centre or certain supermarkets and stores where you see the AT Hop sign.

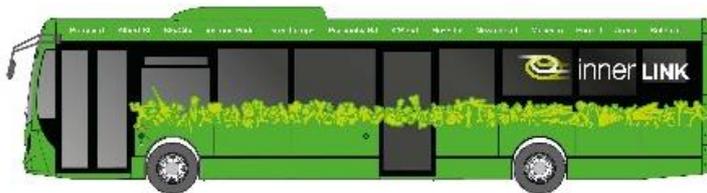
Journey Planner & AT App



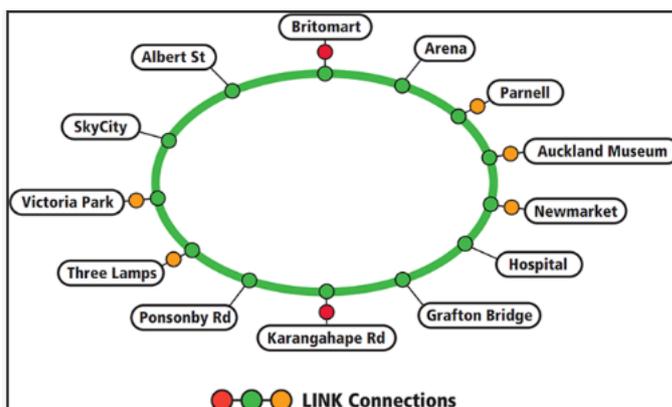
It's also helpful to use the 'Journey Planner – Auckland Transport' website (<https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/journey-planner/>) to plan any trips you might want to make around the city.

The Journey Planner is also available on the AT (Auckland Transport) app which you can download to your phone. This give you real time arrival times for public transport.

Link Bus

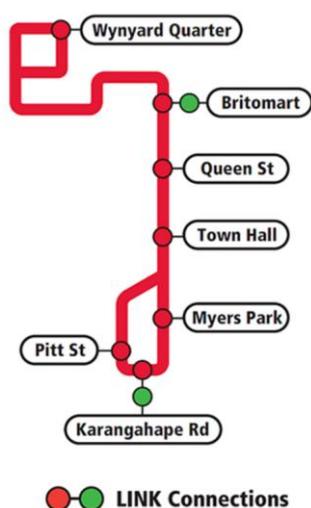
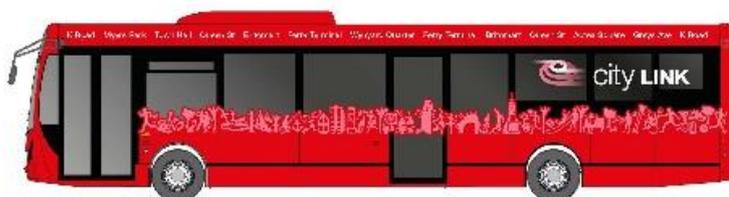


The Inner 'Link Bus' is probably the simplest way to get to the convention (there is a Link bus stop directly in front of the venue) and also the most convenient way to see the inner-city attractions. The Link does a continuous loop of the inner city (clockwise and anti-clockwise) and costs \$1.85 for a round trip (with a Hop Card).



Things To Do

A trip on the (Red) City Link Bus and (Green) Inner City Link Bus is one of the easiest ways to check out the city centre and the surrounding inner city streets and suburbs.



Some ideas of things to do:

If you're up for a few interesting things to do, here's a few ideas:

*Ferry to **Devonport** (Walk up **North Head** for great harbour views)* Ferry to **Waiheke Island** (Great for a day escape, voted one of the world's Top 20 islands)* Share a meal by the harbour at **Wynyard Quarter** * Bus to **Mission Bay** for fish & chips by the ocean, stop off at **Savage Memorial** (Bastion Point) on the way for gorgeous views across the harbour * Enjoy a gentle walk up **Maungawhau** (Mt Eden) *Bus to **One Tree Hill** (immortalised in song by U2) for sweeping views of greater Auckland *Train to **Kingsland** for a lazy afternoon treat (and a glance across the road to rugby's famous Eden Park) *Walk to the **Auckland Art Gallery** in the central city * Catch a Link bus to the **Auckland War Memorial Museum** for a glimpse of ancient Māori and Pacific Island artefacts and afterwards enjoy a gentle stroll around **The Domain** and stop to admire the beautiful **Wintergardens** * Enjoy the evening vibe of **Ponsonby Rd** and the colours and fabulousness of **K Rd**.

Want to feel alive? Travel 40kms out of the city to Auckland's West Coast beaches: **Piha**, for views to die for, black sands, wind in your hair and wild pounding ocean. Or to nearby **Karekare Beach**, voted the second most beautiful beach in the world.