

TĀMAKI MAKAURAU TOUR

Day 7, September, 5th

Great nature, history, food and souvenirs!

As a beginning of today's tour in Auckland, we climbed up to Mt. Eden, 196m high extinct volcano. From the top of this mountain, we could see a beautiful view of the town. And looking at the crater, it looked like a gigantic green bowl. It was a good morning exercise for us.



Then, we headed to the Auckland museum, which has Maori culture, creatures in NZ, history of war and so on. We have learned many Maori cultures by seeing ancient relics. In the natural exhibition, there were some species including extinct animals as fossils. We found kiwis but taxidermy. In WW II exhibition, there were Zero Fighter, and it made us surprised.



Before having lunch, we went to Mission Bay to see the beautiful sea and sand. It was our third time visiting beaches during this trip and the clearest and most beautiful one. I wish I could stay there longer because we had only 30 minutes.



To eat lunch, we went to Daikoku, a Japanese teppanyaki steakhouse restaurant, and had juicy meat, veggies, and more importantly rice and miso soup! Many of us started to miss Japanese food and they saved them. The cooks did some performances just in front of us like making a big fire and we rarely have a chance to see that even in Japan. By the way, was I the only person who was concerned about the price of Japanese food in NZ?

Everyone couldn't wait to go shopping anymore! We walked around central Auckland and enjoyed shopping. Some of them went to gift shops to get some souvenirs and others went to supermarkets to buy many kinds of snacks as cheap as possible. I got an All Blacks' foodie in an official shop under the Sky Tower, this was what I really wanted to buy!



The last thing to do that day was having dinner. It was Chinese but too much to eat. Most of us were already tired and couldn't afford to eat much. We all were completely stuffed after dinner and it was really hard to get back to the hotel because the ways to get there had many uphill. They almost knocked us out.



Students' Comments Vo.7

#7 How was your day? What did you buy for souvenirs?

“Today, I went to Mt. Eden, It was difficult to climb. Then, I went to the OK shop. I bought chocolate cookies and accessories for my family and friends at the OK shop.” -Saaya



“Today, I went to Mt. Eden, Mission bay beach and Queen road. I bought Manuca honey, a necklace and so on as souvenirs. I will return to Japan tomorrow.” -Konoha

“Today I went to the museum. I learned about Maori and New Zealand culture and history. For dinner, I was happy to be able to eat rice for the first time in a long time! I bought cookies, dolls, necklaces, etc.” -Nachi“

“I went to Auckland today. Mt. Eden was really beautiful. Then we went to the museum and OK GIFT SHOP. I bought cookies and a necklace for family and friends.” -Keitsu



“Today we went to Mt. Eden, the museum and the beach. The museum was interesting because it had a lot about the war and about Maori! Thanks to the guide's stories, I learned a lot of things! Had rice for lunch for the first time in a long time! It was delicious! As for souvenirs, I bought cookie time, chocolates, and key charms!“ -Runa



“I was particularly impressed by going to the museum today. I was surprised to see so many national flags and Japanese fighter planes in the museum. I also bought cookies for my family, honey for my cousin, accessories for my club members, cookies for my friends, teachers, and dojo owners, and candy for the Japanese drum members.” - Aoto

“Especially I enjoyed the museum. There were lots of interesting exhibitions. I bought magnets, mugs, key holders, toy cars, butters, and so on. I hope my family and relatives like it.” - Yota



“It was very good today. I bought a pen and gummies for my brother. I also bought a cream for my mother, bought a glass for my father, bought candies for the club and my cousins and the class, bought key rings for my friends“ - Sae

“Today I went sightseeing in Auckland. The place I enjoyed the most was the museum. There was a Zero fighter on display, and it was really cool! As souvenirs, I bought some jerky and other things for my family.” - Hiroto



“The beef steak for lunch was very delicious. There were so many attractive souvenirs that it was hard to choose. I bought cookies, butter, keychains and dolls.”- Saki

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