



## **IAFL ASIA PACIFIC CHAPTER MEETING**

### **AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

**Wednesday 17 – Sunday 21 February 2027**



## **SOCIAL PROGRAM**

## **WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY**

### **Auckland Sightseeing Tour by coach for All**

**3.00 – 5.00 pm**

**US\$129**

Meet your guide at the Horizon hotel lobby to join an exciting 2-hour tour by coach. Sit back, relax and experience Auckland's highlights on a sightseeing drive, taking in the city's best-loved landmarks. Pass the iconic Auckland War Memorial Museum, cruise along the vibrant waterfront and Viaduct Basin, and enjoy panoramic views of the city from the summit of Mt Eden. Along the way, your guide will share insights into the city's history, culture, and scenic charm, offering a perfect introduction to New Zealand's "City of Sails." You will have a chance to get out of the coach, stretch your legs to take photos at key landmarks. This tour does not include any inside visits to buildings.

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 3.00 pm by coach



## **WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY**

### **Welcome Reception & Opening Party at Weta Workshop for All**

**6.30 – 10.00 pm**

**No charge, cost included in the registration fee**

Step into the world of movie magic with a unique welcome reception at Wētā Workshop in Auckland, the home of movie creatures, creations and so much more. Guests will receive a local welcome from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei before enjoying a casual stand-up dinner in an immersive setting surrounded by special displays, creating a memorable first evening of hospitality in Auckland.

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 6.20 pm, on foot (5 minutes' walk)



## THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY

### Auckland Bridge Climb for Accompanying Guests and Non-Practicing Fellows 9.00 am – 12.30 pm US\$162

Scaling the Auckland Harbour Bridge is rewarding and something a bit different. It's a fully-guided tour which will take you right to the top – giving you a 360-degree view of Auckland. With custom engineered walkways, it's both safe and fun (wear comfortable shoes!).

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 9.00 am by van (approx. 15-20 minutes' drive)



## THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY

### OPTION 1

### America's Cup Sailing Experience for All 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm US\$143

Experience the City of Sails with a unique 2-hour sailing experience on the Waitematā Harbour. Join a professional crew to help sail an authentic America's Cup race yacht, **no experience necessary**. With guidance from the crew take the helm, exert energy on the grinders or sit back relax and enjoy the action as you sail the beautiful Waitematā Harbour. Feeling competitive? If numbers allow, enjoy the opportunity to compete against your colleagues in a race.

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 1.30 pm, by coach (approx. 10 minutes' drive)



## **THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

### **OPTION 2**

#### **Whale & Dolphin Watching Tour for All**

**1.00 pm – 5.30 pm**

**US\$210**

As you head out from the Viaduct, enjoy views of famous Auckland landmarks like the Harbour Bridge, North Head and Devonport, and volcanic Rangitoto Island. Keep a look out for orcas, brydes whales and dolphins known to frequent the inner Waitematā Harbour. Light food is available from the onboard café (self-pay).

Because you are venturing into a wild, natural environment, every trip is different and the marine wildlife you may encounter varies from day to day. This is a shared trip with others (not a private hire).

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 1.00 pm, on foot (15 minutes' walk to the Viaduct)



## **THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

#### **Happy Hour at Reign and Pour bar, for All**

**7.00 – 8.00 pm**

**No charge, cost included in the registration fee**

Located just 15 minutes' walk from the Horizon Hotel, join friends and colleagues at Reign and Pour where you can enjoy a drink before heading off for dinner. The bar is located just below the Origine Restaurant where the group dinner takes place.

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 6.45 pm, on foot (10-15 minutes' walk)

## **THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

#### **Origine Restaurant Dinner for All**

**8.00 – 10.00 pm**

**US\$190**

Origine restaurant, located at Level 2, Commercial Bay (172 Quay Street) offers a sophisticated dining experience with stunning views across the Waitematā Harbour.

Led by acclaimed chef Ben Bayly, the restaurant showcases the very best of New Zealand produce with a modern French influence, featuring seasonal menus inspired by ingredients from its own organic kitchen garden.

With elegant interiors, exceptional food and wine, and a vibrant waterfront setting, Origine is an exciting restaurant for our group dining experience.

Origine has been officially included in the New Zealand MICHELIN Restaurants guide. While it did not receive a star, it is part of the prestigious inaugural 2026 selection, which highlights top dining spots.

Those who are attending their first meeting as a Fellow (our “First Timers”) will have the opportunity to dine on the restaurant’s Mezzanine level with members of the IAFL Executive Committee.

Depart the Happy Hour venue Reign and Pour at 7.55 pm, on foot (5 minutes’ walk)



## **FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

**Hobsonville Point & Little Creatures Tour  
for Accompanying Guests and Non-Practicing Fellows  
10.00 am – 2.30 pm  
US\$105**

Meet your guide at the Horizon hotel lobby, to take the public ferry to Hobsonville Point, a peaceful peninsula located in the inner Waitemata Harbour, west of Auckland city, and enjoy a walk around its scenic coastal walkway.

Following the walk enjoy a casual pub lunch at the Little Creatures brewery located in a historic 1939 Sunderland Air Force aircraft hangar, before driving back to the hotel.

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 10 am on foot (15 minutes’ walk) to the ferry



## **FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

**Happy Hour at the NZICC (New Zealand International Convention Centre) for All**

**5.00 – 6.00 pm**

**No charge, cost included in the registration fee**

## **FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

**Dine Arounds for All**

**6.30 – 9.00 pm**

After the Happy hour, the Asia Pacific Chapter has organized a number of Dine Arounds.

**Metita and Cassia restaurants** are located within walking distance of the Horizon Hotel and NZICC. Depart the NZICC at 6.15 pm on foot (approx. 10 minutes' walk)

**French Café restaurant**, located 10 minute drive from the NZICC.

Depart the NZICC at 6.15 pm, guests to arrange own transportation (such as an Uber), to get there.

### **METITA Restaurant**

**US\$ 165**

Metita is a refined dining experience helmed by acclaimed chef Michael Meredith. Drawing inspiration from his Samoan heritage, the restaurant offers a contemporary take on Pacific cuisine, celebrating traditional flavours with a modern twist. The ambiance is warm and inviting, and the restaurant offers a unique opportunity to explore the rich culinary traditions of the Pacific in the heart of Auckland.

Metita is recommended in the New Zealand MICHELIN Restaurants guide.

### **CASSIA Restaurant**

**US\$ 175**

Cassia, led by acclaimed chef Sid Sahrawat, is a celebrated Auckland restaurant. Renowned for its innovative approach to Indian cuisine, Cassia combines traditional Indian flavours with contemporary techniques and locally sourced New Zealand ingredients.

Cassia is recommended in the New Zealand MICHELIN Restaurants guide.

### **FRENCH CAFÉ Restaurant**

**US\$ 210**

An Auckland fine-dining institution, The French Café is renowned for its elegant, intimate setting and exceptional contemporary cuisine. Located on Symonds Street in Eden Terrace, the restaurant brings together classic French sensibility with modern New Zealand produce and creative culinary techniques.

The French Café has also recently been named MICHELIN Selected in the inaugural 2026 MICHELIN Guide for Auckland.

Under the stewardship of acclaimed chef Sid Sahrawat and his wife Chand, the restaurant offers beautifully presented seasonal tasting menus, complemented by an outstanding wine selection and attentive service.

Depart the NZICC at 6.15 pm, guests to arrange own transportation to get there.

## **SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

### **President's Excursion to Waiheke Wineries for All**

**9.30 am – 4.30 pm**

**US\$363**

Join us on the final day for what will be a highlight of your time in Auckland, a journey to enjoy a summer's day on Waiheke Island, beginning with a scenic ferry ride across the Waitematā Harbour, with amazing views back to Auckland's skyline. On arrival, you will have a guided tour of Mudbrick winery, a recent winner of one star in the inaugural New Zealand MICHELIN guide, where you'll enjoy tastings of award-winning wines with local insights into the island's winemaking while enjoying stunning views across their manicured gardens to the Auckland skyline.

The highlight of the day is a leisurely lunch at vineyard restaurant Stonyridge, nestled in a sheltered valley filled with olive trees, grapevines and picturesque vistas showcasing fresh seasonal produce and wine tasting. Then return to the city by ferry.

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 9.30 am on foot (15 minutes' walk to the ferry)



## **SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY**

### **Evening: Dinner at Leisure**

(restaurant suggestions can be found on the [IAFL Website](#) )

IAFL will be happy to facilitate introductions for those who wish to dine  
in an informal group

## **SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

### **Farewell Brunch for All**

**11.30 am – 2.00 pm**

**US\$132**

Step into a sun-lit waterfront bistro located on the Viaduct Harbour.

Oyster & Chop in Market Square offers a relaxed atmosphere with views of the many boats and its three course set menu strikes a perfect balance between the sea and the grill, a fitting way to end the Meeting in a relaxed environment.

Depart the Horizon Hotel at 11.15 am on foot (13 minutes' walk or a short Uber ride)

