

Our favourite Auckland eats, from kid-friendly to fish and chips

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Auckland eateries have something for everyone - whether you're after kid-friendly meals or the best brunch in town.

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The City of Sails offers world-class dining in most cuisines and for all budgets. We could fill several editions of Be Well with recommendations but today we've forced ourselves to stick with five ideas in each of four categories.

Fish and chips



Fish Smith in Herne Bay lets you choose how you want your fish cooked. Photo / Supplied

FISH SMITH

200 Jervois Rd, Herne Bay

Forget the days of tasteless and nameless white fish battered to oblivion, Fish Smith offers a choice of fresh fish and lets you choose how you want it cooked. Plus, there's a choice between regular and kumara chips, and an array of sauces and condiments to complement your meal. This friendly joint also offers fish tacos, fish burgers and a vegetarian option or two.

What we love most: The freshness of the fish and being able to choose how it is cooked.

Open: Sun-Thu, noon-8.30pm; Fri-Sat, 9pm.

CHIP BASKET

3/112 Chivalry Rd, Glenfield

Exceptionally fresh fish and a love of good food come together at this neighbourhood secret offering light and delicately battered bites that will keep you coming back for more. Chip Basket also boasts some of the better gourmet burgers in the area.

What we love most: The fish is wonderful, as are the burgers, but the fritters, oh the fritters! Mussel, whitebait, corn, they have it all!

Open: Daily, 11.30am-8:45pm.

THE ANCIENT MARINER

157 Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden

Another one close to the slopes of Maungawhau and boasting food that is "Kiwi as", the Ancient Mariner offers a fun menu of fresh-caught fish, chips, burgers and even a bottle of gingerella for after all that salt. Definitely aiming for an old-school vibe, The Ancient Mariner will even cook you a battered sausage if you are so inclined.

What we love most: The clever puns and no-fuss fish and chips that don't leave you feeling like an oil-slick afterwards.

Open: Mon-Thu, 5pm-9pm; Fri, noon-9pm; Sat-Sun, 4pm-9pm.