

ARATERE



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A guide for your journey today

Welcome onboard Interislander's Aratere ferry.

Aratere is a te reo Māori word meaning 'quick path' and is the ferry that will carry you between the North and South Islands of Aotearoa New Zealand - one of the most spectacular ferry journeys in the world. Keep an eye out for our other ferries, Kaitaki and Kaiarahi, as you cross between the islands today.

Making the most of your time onboard

The views you'll see along your journey are definitely a highlight of your Interislander experience and Aratere offers three separate viewing decks to take them in.

Aratere is the only Cook Strait ferry that has a viewing area at the front. This is located immediately outside the bar area on **Deck 4**. For a more elevated view, you will find the gantry located immediately above the viewing area on **Deck 5**.

There is a large observation deck at the rear of **Deck 6**.

Wherever you are, keep your eyes peeled for the bird and sealife that call Cook Strait home. Spotting a pod of dolphins or a native sea bird will make your trip even more special.

Places to eat and drink

On Aratere, you can choose from three great dining options.

Ocean View Eatery

Situated towards the front of the ferry on **Deck 4**, the Ocean View Eatery offers a range of delicious meals for the entire family.

Hector's Shop

Hector's is located on **Deck 4** as you enter the ferry. If you're in the mood for a delicious slice of cake, or a fresh barista-made coffee, this is definitely the place for you!

Island Bar

Whether it's a solo journey, or a group voyage, Aratere's bar provides a comfortable setting to sit back and enjoy the wide selection of New Zealand's best wines and craft beers on offer. You'll find the Island Bar at the front of the ferry on **Deck 4**.



Upgrade to the Premium Lounge for enhanced privacy and comfort

Settle in for the journey in Aratere's Premium Lounge. You'll enjoy a complimentary meal including drinks (wine and beers available) in a comfortable, child-free environment.

You need to be 18 years or over to access the Premium Lounge which is located upstairs on **Deck 5**.

Access to the lounge is limited. Please talk to the friendly team at Hector's Shop on **Deck 4** about availability. Additional charges will apply.

Travelling with Children

Family Area

Relax on the comfortable couches located between the children's Play Zone and Hector's Shop.

Children's Play Zone

Specially designed for children aged 3 – 7 years, the children's Play Zone is a vibrant and active environment for them to enjoy!

Children's Entertainers

If you're travelling during the New Zealand school holidays, you may find a magician, balloon artist or face painter onboard to give the kids a super fun experience.

Free Activity Books

Pick up a free activity book from Hector's Shop. It's packed full of activities and puzzles to keep the kids entertained.

Nursery

A nursery is available for those travelling with little ones. It is by the Play Zone on **Deck 4**.



Things to keep you entertained

Cinema

You'll find a cinema on **Deck 4**. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the latest movie releases on offer. A movie is a great way to pass the time, especially if you're prone to getting seasick!

Movies, including the latest releases, are chosen daily and tickets are available from Hector's Shop.

Hector's Shop

Take time to browse our gift shop offering a selection of souvenirs and mementos. You'll also find a range of travel essentials, magazines, and activities and toys for children. Hector's Shop is located on **Deck 4**.

Free Wi-Fi

500MB of free Wi-Fi is available on the ferries for all passengers – including your teenagers! More data is available to purchase if you run out. Please note that the signal strength can be affected by weather, user volumes and distance from the land-based cell towers.





Keeping you safe and healthy onboard

As you move around Aratere make sure you stay safe.

- Pay close attention to safety announcements and notices.
- Use handrails and take extra care on stairs and in spaces with raised door sills. This is particularly important in rough weather when the motion of the ferry can be unpredictable.
- Take extra care around exterior doors. These are very heavy and can take some effort to open. Exit or enter the door quickly to avoid it swinging shut on you. Make sure you keep your hands clear of door enclosures.

Seasickness

Whether you're sensitive to seasickness or you're a bit worried about rough conditions, here are some helpful tips.

- Try sitting in a forward-facing seat and focus on the horizon or any fixed object in the distance like a mountain or building.
- Choose your seat wisely. Typically, towards the rear of the ferry is the most stable with the least motion. If possible, sit as close to water level as you can. The higher above the water you are the more movement you'll feel.
- Get out of your seat and get some fresh air, but keep looking at that horizon and not the rolling waves!
- Sucking on an ice cube can help calm the stomach and prevent queasiness.

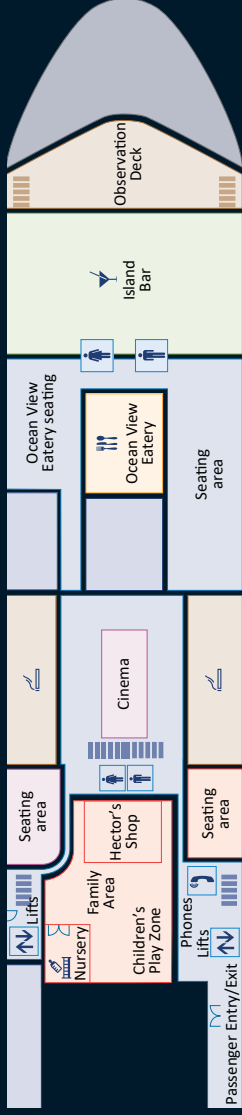
If you're feeling unwell, or need First Aid, let one of our crew know.

Accessibility

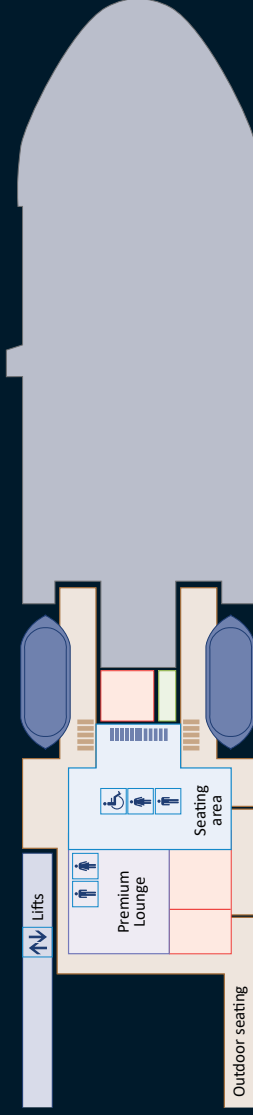
Aratere has a lift to take you from the vehicle deck to the main passenger area. There are also ramps and handrails. Accessible toilets are available. Just ask our crew for help or directions.

Aratere Layout

Deck 4



Deck 5



Deck 6
Observation Deck



Key facts about Aratere

Built Spain in 1998	Flag New Zealand	Breadth 20.3 metres
Interislander Crew 31	Passenger Capacity 600	Gross Tonnage 17,816 tonnes
Length 183.5 metres	Car & Truck Capacity 1,050 lane metres	Speed 19.5 knots (equivalent to 36 kilometres per hour)



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