



# CITY REFLECTIONS



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Patrick Smith sees Auckland's CBD through new eyes on a photographic tour of the central city.

**"I WANT TO SHOW YOU THAT THE CBD IS MORE FUN THAN MOST PEOPLE REALISE," PHOTOGRAPHER ROBERT PEPER TELLS US AS WE GATHER IN THE BRITOMART TRANSPORT CENTRE FOR A PRE-TOUR BRIEFING.**

Dutch-born Peper runs New Zealand Photography Tours and this one, called Auckland City Reflections, is a four-hour guided ramble on which camera-wielding participants are encouraged to "see" their surroundings "through reflections, architectural and impressionist views".

Although he offers pointers on camera settings and composition, Peper stresses that "creativity is more important than the tools of the camera".



Elliott Street



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“Open your eyes,” he says. “If you don’t open your eyes all you do is click, click, click! Put emotions into it. The challenge is to use your brain *and* your heart.”

And so we set off to find the hidden heart of the city in its reflections and in the movement of Saturday-morning crowds and traffic.

We head to the escalators and descend into the shiny underground world of Britomart Station. Later we’ll scope out the city’s glass towers, shop windows and arcades.

Auckland will never look the same again ... ■



## Looking at light

New Zealand Photography Tours runs various tours and workshops, including the two-day Impressions of Light workshop (\$375) led by fine-art photographer and author Eva Polak (who specialises in impressionist photography and took the picture seen on the right). Eva’s next workshop, at Muriwai beach, is on Aug. 28-29. The next Auckland City Reflections tour (\$95) is on July 10.

Other upcoming NZ Photography Tours include Auckland Skyline (July 31), Waitakere Ranges & Piha (Sept. 25) and Waimangu Volcanic Valley, near Rotorua (Dec. 4).

For more information and bookings, visit [www.nzphotographytours.com](http://www.nzphotographytours.com)