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**EXCLUSIVES**  
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*Hot Five: Auckland, New Zealand*

En route to interview the organizers of Gay Ski Week NZ in Queenstown, OutTraveler's Dennis Hensley spent three action-packed days in the City of Sails, Auckland, New Zealand. Here, in his own words, are his top recommendations.

By Dennis Hensley

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## 1. MOLLIES

This 5-star luxury B & B overlooking the Harbor Bridge is the most fabulous place I've ever stayed. The owners, Frances Wilson and Stephen Fitzgerald, have poured lots of TLC into every detail, creating a sumptuous, homey atmosphere that reflects their passions for antiques, opera and contemporary design. There was a baby grand piano in my room. Seriously. You know, in case Josh Groban happened to stop by. There was also a romantic fireplace that roared to life with just the flip of a light switch, again in case Josh Groban happened to stop by.

Though I was tempted to never leave Mollies, a short stroll took me to the eclectic shopping district of **Ponsonby Road**, where I dined at the Spanish-influenced **Rocco**, indulged in a raspberry bar at the Earlybird Bakery and Cafe, and had the tastiest chai latte of my life at **Dorothy's Sister**, a cozy neighborhood hangout that's as old-school camp-tastic as its name would lead you to believe.

Watch Dennis's YouTube video of Mollies here:



For more on New Zealand by Dennis Hensley -- *A Gay Ski Week With a Kiwi Twist*

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