

Explore Wellington and Marlborough Tour

Spend time in New Zealand's 'culture capital' Wellington City. You'll visit Weta Workshop, see native birds at Zealandia and take in the best of the city on a highlights tour. In Marlborough, cruise the sounds before sampling some of the regions best export - Sauvignon Blanc.

Starts in: Wellington
Finishes in: Wellington
Length: 6days / 5nights
Accommodation: Hotel 4 star
Can be customised: Yes

This itinerary can be customised to suit you perfectly. We can add more days, remove days, change accommodations, mix it up, add activities to suit your interests or simply design and create something from scratch. Call us today to get your custom New Zealand itinerary underway.



Inclusions:

Includes: Late model rental cars
Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance (excess may apply)
Includes: Unlimited kms
Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring
Included activity: Private Transfer Wellington Airport to your Accommodation with In Style Executive
Included activity: Zealandia by Night Wildlife Sanctuary Tour
Included activity: The Visitor Promise - Cultural Learning Course
Included activity: Taste of Wellington Foodie Delights Private Tour with Kaewa Tours
Included activity: Interislander Ferry Wellington to Picton with Premium Plus Lounge
Included activity: Marlborough Icons Tour with Marlborough Tour Company - Lunch Included
Included activity: Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre Combo Entry
Included activity: Deluxe Private Biking Wine Tour Full Day with Explore Marlborough
5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

Day 1



Welcome to Wellington

Wellington City is New Zealand's capital. It sits on a wonderful deep natural harbour and is surrounded by bush clad hills. The city centre itself is quite compact (only around 1 square kilometre) and so exploring on foot is relatively easy. From your city centre accommodation you can easily stroll the cafes and restaurants around Courtenay Place and if you arrive early enough New Zealand's national museum, Te Papa, is also close by.

Private Transfer Wellington Airport to your Accommodation with In Style Executive

You will be met on arrival at Wellington airport and transferred to your accommodation.

Zealandia By Night Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

Taking a night tour of Zealandia wildlife eco-sanctuary is an unforgettable experience and one that comes highly recommended. A conservation success and safe haven for some of New Zealand's rarest native animals, Zealandia is home to many remarkable species of birds, reptiles and insects living wild within a beautiful 225 hectare (one square mile) valley, just 10 minutes from the central city.

Your accommodation: Naumi Hotel Wellington

Naumi Studio Wellington, an iconic heritage landmark in the heart of the Cuba Street precinct. After an extensive renovation, this 116-room property has transformed into visual feast for the senses, enthralling guests with eclectic spaces inspired from seafaring, the library world and enduring love.



Day 2



Taste of Wellington Foodie Delights Private Tour with Kaewa Tours

Enjoy a 7 hour private guided tour where you savour the best tastes Wellington has to offer. From Coffee, Chocolate, Peanut butter, a Craft beer brewery, Gin Distillery, lunch, and a scenic drive to Mt Victoria, Eastern and Southern Bays.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Wētā Workshop Experience

Wētā Workshop has been making cool stuff for film and TV since 1987. The crew has brought to life beloved characters and epic special effects for iconic blockbusters like *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit*, *Avatar* and *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*.

Step into Wētā Workshop Experiences and explore a world of creativity, physical effects and movie magic on a guided tour through our creative home base. You'll learn about the making of props, creatures and costumes created for your favourite films. Get hands-on with unique pieces from many departments, catch the artists at work and discover how Weta have grown into the award-winning workshop you see today.

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Meals included: Breakfast



Day 3



Interislander Ferry Wellington to Picton with Premium Plus Lounge

The 92 km ferry journey between Wellington and Picton, taking around 3 hours, is hailed as one of the world's most beautiful ferry rides. Departing Wellington Harbour, you'll pass landmarks like Pencarrow Head with New Zealand's oldest lighthouse, Red Rocks' seal colony, and Oterangi Bay, famous for its record wind speed. From the Cook Strait, marvel at views of the Kaikōura Ranges and spot dolphins and seabirds. An hour of the trip winds through the stunning Marlborough Sounds, featuring bush-clad mountains, tranquil bays, and crystal-clear waters—a photographer's dream. The journey concludes in the charming town of Picton at the end of Queen Charlotte Sound. When not soaking up the views from the deck, relax in the Premium Plus lounge, offering complimentary drinks, snacks, internet, and luxurious seating for the most comfortable way to cross the Cook Strait.

Collect Rental Car

This tour's from price includes an intermediate-sized vehicle, setting you up for comfortable travels. Yet, we understand every adventure is unique! Feel free to select the perfect wheels from our incredible collection of rental cars, spanning from economy hatchbacks to premium SUVs.

Picton to Blenheim

It is a short 30 minute drive, as you'll follow the valley south to arrive in Blenheim, located in the heart of Marlborough - New Zealand's largest wine producing region. Go through acres of leafy green vines and marvel at the magnificent 'dry hills' of Marlborough in the distance.

Your accommodation: Carnmore Chateau Marlborough

Carnmore Chateau Marlborough offers luxury accommodation in the heart of Blenheim, one of New Zealand's most famous wine regions. This boutique hotel prides itself on offering guests luxury accommodation with enviable attention to detail, overlooking Seymour Square Gardens and is just a short walk from Blenheim's town centre.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 4



Marlborough Icons Tour with Marlborough Tour Company - Lunch Included

Marlborough has become world famous for two iconic areas, the Marlborough wine region and the Marlborough Sounds. Enjoy the perfect combo tour through both areas on the Marlborough Icons Tour. Start your morning with a guided tour of two premier wineries, hearing the stories behind the labels and tasting award-winning varietals. Afterward, head to the water for a relaxing seafood cruise through the Queen Charlotte Sound. Indulge in a fresh BBQ lunch on board paired with local seafood, including King salmon and Greenshell mussels, as you glide past lush coastal scenery and hidden bays.

Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre

Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre houses a display like no other and you don't have to be an aviation buff to enjoy it! Human stories from the Great War come to life in a theatrical treatment, which is innovative and visually stunning. Assisted by mannequins from Peter Jackson's Weta Workshop, captivating scenes depict the aircraft in context, some recreating actual incidents. The rare memorabilia is worthy of any national collection and ranges from beautifully crafted 'trench art' to personal items belonging to the famous Red Baron himself.

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Day 5



Deluxe Private Biking Wine Tour Full Day with Explore Marlborough

This private biking wine tour will allow you taste incredible local wine while enjoying Marlborough's stunning scenery. Ride past country roads, river stop-banks and through vineyards as your guide provides historical and geographical commentary throughout. The premium Marlborough wine tour experience is tailored to your individual tastes, with a personalised tour of at least five of Marlborough's boutique and iconic wineries. Wine experiences may include a private tasting, blind tasting, winery tour or food and wine match. Lunch is a delicious a la carte lunch at a beautiful vineyard restaurant (at your own cost).

Centennial Rose Gardens

The Centennial Rose Gardens are located in Pollard Park in Blenheim and were developed for the centenary of the Marlborough in 1957. Around 800 roses are featured of all types in 27 beds.

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Meals included: Breakfast



Day 6

Return vehicle to Blenheim Airport

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY - Air New Zealand flight Blenheim to Wellington

Tour details

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| Departures: | Daily |
| Tour type: | Nationwide Self Drive |
| Starts: | Wellington |
| Finishes: | Wellington |
| Tour length: | 6 |
| Accommodation: | Hotel 4 star |
| Car/transport type: | |

Accommodation summary

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| Day 1 | Naumi Hotel Wellington |
| Day 2 | Naumi Hotel Wellington |
| Day 3 | Carmmore Chateau Marlborough |
| Day 4 | Carmmore Chateau Marlborough |
| Day 5 | Carmmore Chateau Marlborough |