
Leisure Time Travel: Art Deco Weekend

Join like-minded travellers on an unforgettable guided group tour to the Napier Art Deco Festival in sunny Hawkes Bay; New Zealand's Art Deco capital. This unique festival has a wide range of activities and events, including hundreds of vintage cars, flying displays, Great Gatsby picnics and everything Art Deco. Be transported to another era as guests and locals embrace 1930's glamour, bringing Art Deco back to life. Other highlights of the tour include an orientation tour of Napier, a wine tasting at Mission Estate Winery, a vintage car tour in magnificently restored Art Deco vehicles, and a visit to the popular Hawkes Bay Farmers Market. This nostalgic getaway is the perfect mix of history, culture, and camaraderie, offering a unique way to experience one of New Zealand's most iconic celebrations in style.

Starts in: Hamilton
Finishes in: Hamilton
Length: 4days / 3nights
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: All coach transport
Includes: All pick ups/drop offs at destinations
Includes: Afterhours emergency support while touring
Included: Napier City Tour
Included: Mission Estate Winery Tour & Lunch
Included: Explore Napier by Art Deco Vintage Car
3 breakfasts, 1 dinner

Day 1



Art Deco Weekend - Journey to Napier

You'll begin your tour by traveling through the lush Waikato countryside before arriving in Taupō for lunch (at your own cost). From there, you'll continue your journey to the stunning Hawkes Bay region and the coastal city of Napier. Known as the 'The Art Deco City,' this beautiful town was rebuilt with its striking architecture in the 1930s after a devastating earthquake. Upon arrival, you'll take an orientation tour of the city before checking in to your accommodation. Tonight, you'll enjoy dinner at the hotel, followed by the Festival's opening ceremony at the Soundshell, just across from Marine Parade.

Your accommodation: Scenic Hotel Te Pania

Scenic Hotel Te Pania is located in a waterfront location on Marine Parade; this convenient and central location means many of the area's best local attractions are within a few minutes' walk. Guests are invited to enjoy quality 4-star hotel accommodation of an international standard. With 109 guest rooms and suites all facing out to the bay with floor to ceiling windows that can slide open to fill the room with fresh ocean air.

Meals included: Dinner



Day 2



Napier

This morning is at your leisure to enjoy the Art Deco festivities. After finding some lunch (own cost) in the many cafes and eateries, take to the streets to enjoy the Classic Car Parade. The Royal New Zealand Navy band will lead the way for some of New Zealand's oldest cars from the mid-1890's through to the mid-1930's. After this fascinating display we journey out to Mission Estate Winery, the oldest winery in New Zealand, established in 1851 by the French Marist religious order, for a tour and wine tasting. The remainder of the evening is free to enjoy the range of Art Deco festivities around the town. Note: The full Art Deco Festival 2026 brochure will be available in late 2025 with a full schedule of events for the festival weekend. Any of these additional activities that you choose to participate in will be at your own expense/booking.

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Meals included: Breakfast



Day 3



Explore Napier

This morning we explore Hastings to view the Art Deco buildings around the city. We also include a stop to the popular Hawkes Bay Farmers Market, a place where the region's finest growers and artisan producers supply their wares so you can buy direct from the source. Time is available here to grab a bite to eat for lunch (own cost) before returning to Napier. This afternoon, we enjoy a guided tour on board magnificently restored Art Deco Vehicles. On this guided tour, we will be accompanied by an experienced chauffeur who will give us a light-hearted guided tour of Napier where we will learn about its intriguing history and fascinating highlights. The remainder of the day is for you to enjoy the Art Deco festivities.

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Day 4



Journey from Napier to Hamilton

We depart Napier and travel through the Esk Valley and over the Kaimanawa Ranges to Taupō, where there is time available to browse the local town centre and purchase lunch (own cost). We continue on our way to arrive in Hamilton full of memories, fun and laughter.

Tour details

Departures: Daily
Tour type: Small Group Escorted Tour
Starts: Hamilton
Finishes: Hamilton
Tour length: 4
Accommodation: Hotel 4 star
Car/transport type:

Accommodation summary

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