















# 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: Unlimited kms

Includes: Airport & ferry terminal rental car fees Includes: Comprehensive tour pack (detailed itinerary, driving instructions, map/guidebooks,

brochures)

Included activity: Private transfer Wellington airport to your accommodation (IST) Included activity: Taste of Wellington Foodie Delights Private Tour with Kaewa Tours

Included activity: Marlborough Icons Tour with Marlborough Tour Company - Lunch Included Included activity: Deluxe Private Biking Wine Tour Full Day with Explore Marlborough

Includes: Fully inclusive rental car insurance

(excess may apply) Includes: GPS navigation Includes: Additional drivers

Includes: 24/7 support while touring New Zealand

Included activity: Zealandia by Night Wildlife

Sanctuary Tour

Included activity: Interislander Ferry Wellington to

Picton with Premium Plus Lounge

Included activity: Omaka Aviation Heritage

Centre Combo Entry

: 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

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

The Weta Cave mini-museum brings you face-to-face with some of the characters, props, and displays from your favorite movies, including The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings movies. Visit Weta Cave Workshop and get up close to the props, weapons, and costumes created for The Lord of the Rings, Power Rangers, The Great Wall, Avatar, District 9, and more. See artists at work on the tour stage and peek through windows that look directly into the Workshop. Hear stories from the Weta Workshop crew. Many have worked on the films themselves!

Weta Workshop is also known for its extraordinary miniatures and bigatures created for films like The Lord of the Rings, Furious 7, The Legend of Zorro, and Master and Commander. On the Miniatures Stage Tour, you'll visit the authentic Thunderbirds Are Go shooting stage and discover Weta Workshop's latest jaw-dropping creations.

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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'Il 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

Choose a car to best suit your needs from our fantastic rental car range. From compact economy, hatchbacks to prestige SUVs.

#### Picton to Blenheim

It is a short 30 minute drive, as you'Il 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. This tour starts in the heart of the Marlborough wine region with two fine wine experiences including Cloudy Bay winery, then in the afternoon enjoy a unique Seafood Cruise in the Marlborough Sounds. Learn about seafood farming, take in the stunning scenery and enjoy fresh local seafood with a glass of award-winning Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc.

#### 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

Departures: Daily

Tour type: Nationwide Self Drive

Starts: Wellington Finishes: Wellington

Tour length: 6

Accomodation: Hotel 4 star

Car/transport type:

#### Included activities

Includes Private airport transfers

Includes An Evening with Weta and Coco
Includes Wellington half day city tour

Includes Entry to Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary, Wellington

Includes Seafood Odyssey Cruise

Includes Return water taxi transfers between Picton and your Marlborough Sounds accommodation

Includes Half day Marlborough wine tour

# Accommodation summary

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