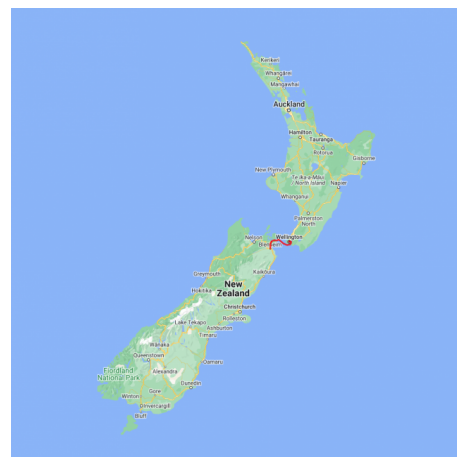


Explore Wellington and Marlborough Tour

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 Tour

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 exclusive access to the Premium Plus Lounge

Included activity: Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre

: 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.

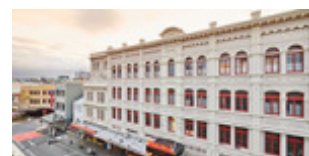
Zealandia By Night Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

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 tour begins with an interactive exhibition before you walk through the gates of Zealandia predator-exclusion fence into the sanctuary. Your guide will then lead you on a torch-light walk through the native New Zealand bush. Possible sights include Kiwi foraging on the forest floor, tuatara hunting for food, glowworms shining, tiny Maud Island frogs in their enclosure, pateke (brown teal) ducks feeding at night and kaka (parrots) coming in to roost. Zealandia is one of the best places to see kiwi in the wild. Over 100 of these nocturnal birds live freely in their natural environment inside the safety of the sanctuary valley, so your chances of seeing one are high!

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 Tour

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

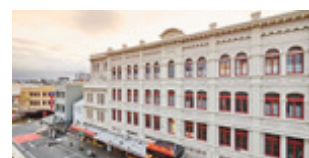
The Weta Cave mini-museum brings you face to face with some of the characters, props and displays from your favourite movies, including The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings movies. Visit Weta Cave Workshop and get up close to the props, weapons and costumes created for The Lord of the Rings, Power Rangers, 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 and discover Weta Workshop's latest jaw-dropping creations.

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Meals included: Breakfast



Day 3



Interislander Ferry Wellington to Picton with exclusive access to the Premium Plus Lounge

The 92 km journey between Wellington and Picton takes around 3 hours and has been described as 'one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world'. Leaving Wellington Harbour you pass many interesting points such as Pencarrow Head on top of which is New Zealand's oldest lighthouse (1859). Red Rocks is home to a seal colony and Oterangi Bay is the site which recorded the country's highest ever wind speed of 268 kph (167 mph). From the Cook Strait, spectacular views of the Kaikoura Ranges on the South Island can be enjoyed and dolphins and many sea birds are often seen.

Around one hour of the cruise takes you through the Marlborough Sounds - and this region of bush covered mountains, small islands, crystal clear waters and secluded bays is a remarkable photographic opportunity. At the end of Queen Charlotte Sound the cruise comes to an end in the picturesque town of Picton.

When you're not out on the deck enjoying the amazing views, you can retreat to the exclusive Premium Plus lounge which is the most comfortable and relaxing way to travel across the Cook Strait. You'll enjoy complimentary beverages, light snacks, lunch or breakfast, internet access, magazines and newspapers and the most comfortable seating, so you can sit back and enjoy the journey.

Collect your rental car

This tour can be priced with any of the rental cars available in our fantastic range, from economy hatchbacks to prestige saloons and SUV's.

Picton to Blenheim

Only short 30 minute drive, 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. 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 totally 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' through to personal items belonging to the famous Red Baron himself.

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



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 your vehicle to Blenheim Airport

Explore more of Blenheim today before dropping your rental car at the airport depot and continuing your onward journey.

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
Accommodation:	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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