

TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA WELLINGTON

TOP TEN THINGS TO DO



Surrounded by hills and a sparkling harbour, Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington is rich in culture, nature and cuisine. Sitting in the heart of Aotearoa New Zealand, the capital is a compact city and region brimming with exciting treasures to explore. Fuel your days with strong coffee, wander through hidden laneways, and hike along the nature trails right on your doorstep. Be inspired in museums and galleries, and indulge at award-winning restaurants, cocktail lounges, and craft beer bars.

MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND TE PAPA TONGAREWA

The most visited museum in Australasia, **Te Papa** is an innovative national museum and landmark on Wellington's waterfront. Take a guided tour or simply stroll the six floors containing taonga (treasures) and stories spanning 60 million years across pieces from the national art collection, Māori cultural artifacts, historical archives, and scientific specimens. Jump on the daily **Mana Māori** guided tour and gain a deeper understanding of Aotearoa New Zealand.

HIT THE STREETS ON A CITY WALKING TOUR

Explore Wellington's most colourful streets with your own private guide from **Fine Art Tours**. Stroll Cuba Street, home to heritage buildings, quality cafés, vintage clothing, record stores, galleries, and the famous Bucket Fountain. Discover even more in hidden lanes like Hannah's Laneway, packed with local artisan food and beverage producers and eclectic arts and crafts.

RIDE THE ICONIC WELLINGTON CABLE CAR

No visit to Wellington is complete without a ride on the historic, bright red **Cable Car**. Stop at the top and soak up the stunning panoramic views over the city and visit the Cable Car Museum, Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā, or Space Place. Or book your clients on a full or half-day tour with **Xplor Tours** that includes the Cable Car and some of the capital's best sights, including the Botanic Garden, Parliament, and Mount Victoria.

SEE NEW ZEALAND'S FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

View the constitutional documents that shape Aotearoa New Zealand at the **National Library Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa** which houses *He Tohu* — a permanent exhibition of the original Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) and the Declaration of Independence. Across the road you'll find the **New Zealand Parliament Buildings**, where you can join a free guided tour and walk the corridors of power and see where New Zealand laws and policies are made.





Hot Sauce, QT Wellington

EXPLORE WELLINGTON'S WATERFRONT MUSEUM

One of the many jewels of Wellington's waterfront, **Wellington Museum** resides in a beautifully restored former cargo warehouse. Experience the stories of Wellington and its people. From maritime history, early Māori settlement, and the city's evolution since becoming the capital in 1865.

EXPERIENCE MOVIE MAGIC

Visit the home of movie-making magic at the world famous **Wētā Workshop**. Join a guided tour to discover the props, costumes, and creatures created for blockbuster TV series and films like *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogies. A must-visit for film buffs, is Wētā Cave, where you can purchase props, merchandise, collectibles and more, all designed and made by the same artists who make the epic props you see in the films.

MEET WELLINGTON'S WILDLIFE

See native wildlife at **Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne**. This world-first, fully fenced, predator-free urban sanctuary is just ten minutes' drive from downtown Wellington. See native birds and wildlife thrive in a safe environment, on a **guided tour**. Also, worth a visit is **Wellington Zoo**. The first carboNZero-certified zoo in the world, putting conservation at the centre of everything it does and home to over 500 exotic and endangered animals.

CYCLE AROUND THE BAYS AND TRAILS

Wellington is set around a stunning waterfront which boasts public sculptures, boatsheds, markets, diving platforms, and even an inner-city beach. Explore Wellington's waterfront and hire an electric bike or join a guided tour with **Switched on Bikes**. Or head out a little further with **Green Jersey Tours** and onto the Remutaka Cycle Trail - one of New Zealand's Great Rides with urban river trails, a mountain pass, beautiful lakes and countryside, ending in the beautiful Wairarapa region, famed for its wineries.

SAVOUR CAPITAL FLAVOURS

Wellington is renowned for its **culinary scene** with excellent coffee, fresh local produce, seafood, award-winning wines, a booming craft beer industry, food trucks and **vibrant markets**. Stroll through the tastiest little laneway - Hannah's Laneway, a former shoe factory, now home to a range of food producers. But the best way for your clients to taste it all is to join a foodie tour with a local operator like **Kaewa Tours**, or **Fine Art Tours**, or sample the craft beer scene with **Capital Personalised Tours**.

ENJOY THE TRANQUILLITY OF KAPITI ISLAND

Kapiti Island is one of New Zealand's oldest and most important nature reserves, home to some of our most endangered birds and an abundance of marine life. Just 50 kilometres north of Wellington by car, the island can only be reached by ferry. The family-owned **Kapiti Island Nature Tours** have exclusive access to the island, offering guided tours and overnight accommodation in a glamping tent or cabin for some kiwi spotting.



He Tohu at National Library of New Zealand



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