

ITINERARIES

These suggested daily itineraries can be easily adapted to suit different ages and interests by using the 'Other options' and the listings found in the main sections of the Wellington Education Guide. They mainly focus on the central city and promote walking between organisations. See 'Walks, Reserves & Parks' for information on guided walks in Wellington.

Some of these organisations are not open every day of the week and their opening hours may vary. We recommend contacting these organisations well in advance of your visit, as bookings are essential in most cases.

Tour 1: Wellington's Waterfront

The Wellington Waterfront Development Project allow 1 hour

Students can learn about the largest and most ambitious waterfront development of its kind in New Zealand.

New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts allow 30 mins

If you are interested in New Zealand visual arts and crafts, the galleries of the NZ Academy of Fine Arts are opposite the Museum of Wellington.

Museum of Wellington allow 2 hours

This stunning museum offers both interactive and traditional exhibition techniques and a fascinating insight into the city's social and maritime history.

Lunch in Frank Kitts Park allow 45 mins

Take a packed lunch. Spend time viewing Len Lye's Wind Whirler sculpture while you are there. Younger children can take time out in the playground.

Te Papa allow 2 – 3 hours

There's always something new at Te Papa! Book a programme with Te Papa Education.

Other options

Ferg's Kayaks

Hire kayaks or roller blades or enjoy the challenge of the indoor climbing wall.

Circa Theatre

Book a backstage tour at Circa Theatre, just next to Te Papa.

The Dominion Post Ferry

Catch the ferry to Matiu/Somes Island, Petone or Days Bay and enjoy a picnic lunch on Wellington harbour.

Helipro

A chance to see Wellington from 1500ft above.

Waitangi Park and Oriental Bay

Keep walking around from Te Papa to the fantastic, new Waitangi Park or on to Oriental Bay's Freyberg Beach and playground.

Tour 2: Civic Square

City Gallery Wellington allow 2 hours

The Education Co-ordinator will lead you on a tour of one of the Gallery's leading contemporary art exhibitions.

Wellington City Library allow 1 hour

Book a subject-specific tour of this fantastic public library.

Lunch in Civic Square or on the waterfront allow 45 mins

Take a packed lunch. Alternatively, Clark's café in the Wellington City Library has great food and lots of space.

Capital E allow 2 – 3 hours

Capital E SoundHouse™ is a world-class music and multi-media production suite in which young people can discover the exciting possibilities of combining music and technology.

Other options

Public Art

Explore some of the fantastic public art in the area; Cross the City to Sea Bridge by artists John Gray, Rewi Thompson, Para Matchett, Peter Kunddyck or visit Albatross by Tanya Ashken at Frank Kitts Lagoon.

Visit the Mayor

Book your class in to visit to the Mayoral Chambers and explore Wellington's Town Hall. You might even be able to meet the Mayor.

Tour 3: Writers, Politicians & Bankers

Katherine Mansfield Birthplace allow 1 hour

Childhood home of one of the world's best-known short story writers and New Zealand's most famous author. This beautifully restored house and garden provides the background for Mansfield's work and gives a fascinating insight into the lives of colonial New Zealanders.

Bank of New Zealand Museum allow 2 hours

Just off Lambton Quay, visit the unique BNZ museum. Explore 150 years of banking history from early gold rush days to decimal currency.

Old St Paul's allow 45 mins

A fine example of an 1866 Gothic style church adapted from traditional stone to timber.

Lunch on the lawn of Parliament Buildings allow 45 mins

Enjoy your packed lunch or grab a true kiwi treat from the Starfish Fish and Chips just up the road.

Parliament Buildings allow 1 hour 30 mins

Make sure you book in advance to get your behind-the-scenes tour.

Government Buildings Historic Reserve allow 30 mins

This beautiful 1876 building has been completely refurbished and is the world's second largest wooden building.

Other options

Archives New Zealand

Home to New Zealand's founding document, the original Treaty of Waitangi, and legislation giving New Zealand women the right to vote.

Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

To the right of the Parliament Library is the fully renovated Wellington Cathedral of St Paul.

The National Library

Walk across the road from Parliament to the National Library of New Zealand. Visit the Gallery and the world famous Alexander Turnbull Library.

Tour 4: Capital Art

Adam Art Gallery allow 1 – 2 hours

Victoria University's gallery promotes the study and understanding of New Zealand visual arts for students and the general public. Wander around the Victoria University campus then walk across the park to the Cable Car. Catch the Cable Car down to Lambton Quay and walk to Civic Square for lunch.

Lunch in Civic Square allow 45 mins

Take a packed lunch and sit in the square or on the City to Sea Bridge. Shelter is available in the Capital E foyer.

City Gallery Wellington allow 2 hours

Book a visit with the Education Officer and tour a contemporary art exhibition.

Circa Theatre allow 1 hour

Book a backstage tour and or contact them about performances for school groups.

Other options

Te Papa

Te Papa's collection of national treasures includes an extensive collection of New Zealand artworks. Pop in for 30 minutes or book a schools' programme with Te Papa Education.

Tour 5: Seals, Science & Stars

Wellington Zoo allow 2 hours

The Zoo School runs a series of comprehensive curriculum-linked educational programmes.

Lunch in the Botanic Garden allow 1 hour

If you have chartered a bus, get the driver to drop you at the Botanic Garden or take the Cable Car from Lambton Quay to the top. Eat outdoors at one of the many beautiful spots in the Botanic Garden. There's also a café in the Begonia House at the Lady Norwood Rose Garden.

The Cable Car & the Carter Observatory allow 2 hours

Visit the Cable Car Museum and then make your way along the path to the Carter Observatory.

Karori Sanctuary allow 2 hours

Book your charter bus from the Botanic Garden to this beautiful and unique sanctuary; home to over 30 species of native birds.

Other options

Otari-Wilton's Bush

A great way to learn about New Zealand's indigenous flora and fauna.

Tour 6: Early Settlers Wellington

Petone Settlers Museum allow 1 hour 30 mins

Charter a bus or take public transport to this fantastic museum just 10 minutes from the central city. Education programmes specialise in local social history, migration and settlement. You may like to combine the trip with a visit to TheNewDowse in Lower Hutt.

Museum of Wellington allow 2 hours

Wellington's social history museum is located in the heart of the waterfront.

Lunch on Queens Wharf allow 45 mins

Packed lunches can be enjoyed anywhere on the Wellington waterfront.

Bolton Street Memorial Park allow 45 mins

Cross the road near the Museum of Wellington and make your way to Lambton Quay and up to The Terrace and Bolton Street. Located on a hillside in the Botanic Garden, the park contains the graves of early Wellington settlers and pioneers. The Memorial Park Chapel contains information on burials and a display on the history of the park.

Capital E

Capital E SoundHouse™ is a world-class music and multi-media production suite in which young people can discover the exciting possibilities of combining music and technology. Capital E OnTV Studio offers young people a hands-on experience in television production. Remember to book well ahead for these sessions.

Dealer Galleries

For senior students interested in contemporary New Zealand and Pacific artworks. For details, pick up a copy of *The Arts Map* brochure from the Wellington i-SITE Visitor Centre in Civic Square.

The NZ Film Archive and Mediaplex

Visit the research library and view the exhibitions on New Zealand's moving image heritage.

TheNewDowse

Charter a bus or take public transport to the amazing TheNewDowse, located less than 30 minutes from the central city. Buses 83, 81 and 91 – the Stagecoach Flyer – which leave central Wellington every 20 – 35 minutes. You may like to combine your trip with a visit to the Petone Settlers Museum.

Theatres

Contact one of the other great Wellington theatres to give your students the experience of a live show or backstage tour. See 'Performing Arts' for more details.

Happy Valley School Sense Tip Tour

Here's something new and exciting! Book a tour to Wellington's last remaining landfill and give your students an appreciation of recycling and waste management issues. See 'Sciences & the Environment' or 'Site Tours' sections for more information.

Island Bay Marine Education Centre

An exciting place alive with over 40 different species of fish and marine life – a majority of these coming from the rocky shores of Wellington's unique South Coast. Bookings essential.

Red Rocks Scientific Reserve

If you're visiting between May and November, you'll be able to see New Zealand fur seals relaxing on the rocky outcrops.

Te Papa

Te Papa Education has a selection of fun and interactive education programmes on offer.

Colonial Cottage Museum

allow 1 hour

Book a bus to take you to the Cottage. Built in 1858, it is Wellington's oldest identified building. Its furnishings and the story of its occupants help to demonstrate the life of a colonial family.

Other options

Katherine Mansfield Birthplace

This beautifully restored house and garden provides the background for Mansfield's work.

An inner city Heritage Trail

Pick up a *Heritage Booklet* from the Wellington i-SITE Visitor Centre in Civic Square.