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Fidel's

A bastion at the top of Cuba Street, laidback Fidel's is a popular hang-out where Havana coffee comes fresh from the roastery just around the corner. A summer suntrap, the front courtyard is an ideal spot to lose time.

234 Cuba Street
+64 4 801 6868
www.fidelscafe.com

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"CUP PERFECT"





Ernesto

A quirky and chic café and restaurant from the owners of Wellington institutions Fidel's and Havana. Smack in the middle of Cuba Street, Ernesto has great coffee and counter food, and a mouth-watering menu that is sure to please. Sit back, relax, and gaze at the people rushing past outside.

Cnr Cuba and Ghuznee streets

+64 4 801 6878

www.ernesto.co.nz



Beach Babylon

Head to Beach Babylon and enjoy a tasty snack, meal or great coffee. Decked out with a retro vibe, with big 50s-style lampshades and cool art, this place has an eternal summer vibe. Head there in the evening for a yummy bistro menu as well.

232 Oriental Parade
+64 4 801 7717

Olive Café

Pacific Rim cuisine and great coffee. Light, airy with a cute little courtyard, Olive is perfect for a Sunday brunch. Check out the regular art exhibitions too.

170-172 Cuba Street
+64 4 802 5266



Mojo

Want expertly made espresso from a Wellington-based coffee roaster? Look no further. Mojo has 12 coffee spots (and counting...) dotted throughout the city. If you love what you taste, coffee beans are available for purchase. Enjoy brunch at the Mojo Factory on Kent Terrace or Bond Street.

23 Kent Terrace & 12 Bond Street

+64 4 385 3001

www.mojocoffee.co.nz

Maranui ★ Cafe



Maranui Café

A super cool, quirky 1940s-style cafe situated right on the beach in the clubrooms of the old Maranui Surf Club. Here you get good food, great service and a fine view of the ocean. And the salads are super. Grab an outside table and you can pretty much ride the waves.

7 Lyall Parade
+64 4 387 2829
www.maranui.co.nz



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Luke Buda

After immigrating to New Zealand from Poland as an eight-year-old, Luke made Wellington his home. His band *The Phoenix Foundation* was formed in 1997 and three albums later they are still going strong.

❓ *When you have friends in town, where's the first place you head?*

🗨️ I'd take them for a drive around the South Coast, the lookouts are awesome. And there's a cool rock garden on Owhiro Bay Road that lights up at night. The four hour walk to the gun emplacements in Makara is beautiful, it's a mission but it's so nice.

❓ *Where do you go for Sunday brunch, and why is it your favourite?*

🗨️ I like **Olive Café** on Cuba Street, their lunches are great too - light and delicious. **Deluxe** has good vegetarian food and strong coffee. Everything's so organic and wholesome. Healthy without being healthy!

❓ *How does living in Wellington inspire what you do?*

🗨️ It's a really easygoing place - it's a relatively small community and has lots of artists. You end up knowing everyone and that's great for collaboration. Wellington is big enough that interesting things happen, but not so big it feels like a grind.

❓ *Where's your top place for a cocktail?*

🗨️ I choose the **Matterhorn** because it has an absolutely fabulous selection of drinks and exceptional food. Their deep-fried balls of feta in honey sauce are amazing. And the **Mighty Mighty** because you can start the night out with a quiet chat and end it with a raucous dance when things heat up later.

❓ *Where do you like to shop?*

🗨️ I shop at Slow Boat Records, seeing as I'm a musician. It's the coolest record store in town. It has a great selection of new and used vinyl and the staff are knowledgeable and opinionated, which is the way it should be. Also because it's a fully independently owned and run store and you gotta support that. And it's conveniently located across the road from **Olive Café**.

❓ *What is it about Wellington that makes it a great place live?*

🗨️ It's a compact city, very walkable, and has a good variety of stuff for such a small city. There are heaps of cool galleries, my favourite is Enjoy.

The culture here feeds itself. Creative communities breed creative people!

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LONG BLACKS

RATHER THAN ITS ALL BLACKS.





Superfino

Tucked into a boutique 1950s shop with vintage chandeliers, dark wood tables, hand-printed wallpaper and four metre stud, Superfino is a comfortable mix between a classic European coffee house and late night cocktail haunt.

76 Ghuznee Street
+64 4 382 8606

Want more?



Deluxe is the hang out for local boys Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement from Grammy Award-winning *Flight of the Conchords* when they're in town. Lots of vegetarian options, the sushi rolls are tops. 10 Kent Terrace
+64 4 801 5455

Want a coffee where the beans are roasted on site? Try

Caffé L'affare, where you can enjoy coffee made with love and yummy fresh food. 27 College Street, +64 4 385 9748

The sweetest place for tea and cake in town, **Martha's Pantry** is run by sisters Ondine and Anita. Up the very top of Cuba Street, they offer dainty clubs, treats, country vegetable soups and tea served in fine china. 276 Cuba Street
+64 4 385 7228

Shaping the Wellington coffee scene since 1996,

Fuel Espresso has nine locations over the city. See firsthand where it all comes from at their roastery at 10 Holland Street
+64 4 499 7733
www.fuelespresso.com

Cafe by day and bistro restaurant by night, **Finc** is perfectly located for a brunch stop during your Cuba shopping trip, or a pre-show dinner. 122 Wakefield Street
+64 4 499 2999

Pravda is located in the heart of the CBD in one of Wellington's elegant heritage buildings. What is a bustling corporate lunch venue becomes an intimate and discreet restaurant in the evenings. 107 Customhouse Quay
+64 4 801 8858
www.pravdacafe.co.nz