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## Logan Brown

Experience everything you would expect from a leading fine dining restaurant, minus the pretension. Housed in a stunning 1920s banking chamber, Logan Brown is charming without the fuss. Staff pride themselves on knowing a thing or two about what they serve and the menu revolves around fresh local produce, innovation and an extensive list of local and imported wines. Check out the bar - it's also a saltwater fish tank!

192 Cuba Street  
+64 4 801 5114  
[www.loganbrown.co.nz](http://www.loganbrown.co.nz)



## Floriditas

Set in the midst of Wellington's iconic Cuba Street, Floriditas has the old world charm of a stylish and comfortable Parisian cafe/restaurant. Known for their seasonal dishes sourced from the finest local and regional supplies, this is the place to go when you want to feel the Wellington vibe over a sumptuous meal.

161 Cuba Street  
+64 4 381 2212  
[www.floriditas.co.nz](http://www.floriditas.co.nz)

## Arbitrageur

Experience a menu that is wholly European, with an emphasis on French and Italian. Located in the heart of downtown Wellington, Arbitrageur has a wine list that will satisfy the most knowledgeable of wine connoisseurs and leave a smile on the faces of people wanting a fine drop.

125 Featherston Street  
+64 4 499 5530  
[www.arbitrageur.co.nz](http://www.arbitrageur.co.nz)



## Matterhorn

Found down one of Wellington's more famous corridors, the Matterhorn prides itself on understated yet stylish surroundings, innovative menus and great service. Winner of numerous national awards (although they don't like to talk about them), Matterhorn prides itself on being a local joint for local people and visitors that can appreciate fantastic food, fine wine and cocktails.

106 Cuba Mall (Just up from the Bucket Fountain)

+64 4 384 3359

[www.matterhorn.co.nz](http://www.matterhorn.co.nz)

## The Ambeli

Want a dining experience that feels like a big hug? Be welcomed to the warmth and comfort of this exquisite converted Victorian villa. Enjoy the spirit of the Mediterranean's most beloved delicacies inspired by the Cypriot and Sicilian heritage of the restaurant's owners. The Ambeli lavishes its patrons with personal touches and considerate service – little reminders that you are a welcome guest.

18 Majoribanks Street

+64 4 385 7577

[www.theambeli.co.nz](http://www.theambeli.co.nz)





FINE WINE AND FINE DINING  
ARE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF  
WELLINGTON'S RESTORATIVE  
CHARM, ALONG WITH ... A

# VIBRANT local culture.

A LONG WEEKEND HERE CAN  
FEEL LIKE A VISIT TO SOME  
MEDITERRANEAN PORT.



## Martin Bosley's Yacht Club Restaurant

Martin Bosley has gained a serious food following courtesy of his recently launched cookbook, *Martin Bosley Cooks*. The exquisite menu has a strong focus on fresh produce and seafood. With the fantastic waterfront location on Oriental Parade and panoramic views of Wellington harbour, sit back and relish in the excellent service and divine cuisine.

103 Oriental Parade, +64 4 920 8302, [www.martin-bosley.com](http://www.martin-bosley.com)

# Want more?



In the mood for quesadilla? Try **Sweet Mothers Kitchen**, a funky wee joint specialising in friendly and relaxed home cooking, drawing on influences from New Orleans and Mexico.

5A Courtenay Place  
+64 4 385 4444  
[www.sweetmotherskitchen.co.nz](http://www.sweetmotherskitchen.co.nz)

Experience fine dining with a view at Oriental Bay's **The White House**. Specialising in seafood, fresh New Zealand meat and game and seasonal organic vegetables.

232 Oriental Parade  
+64 4 385 8555  
[www.whr.co.nz](http://www.whr.co.nz)

New on the block is **Osteria Del Toro**, a Mediterranean restaurant and bar with stunning decor, offering authentic tastes from Italy, Spain, Morocco, Turkey and Greece. Grab a drink at the bar - their bar stools are the best in town!

60 Tory Street  
+64 4 381 2299

**Chow** has two restaurants in downtown Wellington offering fresh Asian flavours in a cool urban setting. Be sure to grab a Fernet Branca cocktail – it's the local poison.

45 Tory Street, +64 4 382 8585  
or 11a Woodward Street  
+64 4 472 8585  
[www.chow.co.nz](http://www.chow.co.nz)

Experience a Wellington institution at **Boulcott Street Bistro**. The food is award-winning, the atmosphere is busy and the service is exceptional.

99 Boulcott Street, +64 4 499 4199  
[www.boulcottstreetbistro.co.nz](http://www.boulcottstreetbistro.co.nz)

**Scopa** is a family-owned and operated traditional Italian kitchen in the heart of Cuba Street, serving specialty wood-fired pizza.

141 Cuba Street, +64 4 384 6020  
[www.scopa.co.nz](http://www.scopa.co.nz)

What **Capitol** lacks in size it makes up for in flavour. It's fresh, pure and uncluttered.

Cnr Majoribanks Street and Kent Terrace, +64 4 384 2855  
[www.capitolrestaurant.co.nz](http://www.capitolrestaurant.co.nz)



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Al Brown

Al and his business partner Steve Logan own award-winning restaurant *Logan Brown* and film the popular *Hunger for the Wild* television show. In his 'spare time', Al likes nothing more than spending time with his family, hitting the beach and diving for paua.

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

**A** The South Coast - it always astounds me. In fact, everywhere you go in this city there is a wonderful outlook. I also adore Cuba Street, it's so important to the city. It represents what Wellington is; how we celebrate difference, colour, quirkiness and individuality.

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

**A** **Fidel's**, cause it's groovy and slightly bohemian. All the food there is great, I like its style. I also like Seaview Takeaways on the esplanade of Lyall Bay.

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

**A** It's the people. We are all proud to be part of Wellington, we all work together. There's a common spirit of getting on, everyone's down-to-earth. And the sea that surrounds the city drives me. I live in Lyall Bay and I look at the sea all the time. I love to fish and dive, and take the kids boogie boarding. I also love walking the coast and beaches.

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

**A** The **Matterhorn** - it's dripping in coolness and really well-run. The **Havana Bar** is a hidden gem, and **Motel** - they are both tucked away and worth the hunt. And **Logan Brown** of course! Try the VIP - it's fresh passionfruit, Gin, Pimms and a squeeze of lime.

**Q** Where do you like to shop?

**A** I buy myself Christmas and birthday presents at **Hunters and Collectors**, and get my kids to wrap them up for me. Area 51 is great for t-shirts. And AVID Gallery for jewellery for my wife. **Quoil** is great too. We have the best and most creative jewellers in the country. I love the "number 8 wire mentality," we're always punching above our weight.

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

**A** Wellington city has a grown-up cultural feel, and also wilderness right on its back doorstep that's so easy and accessible. You can be drinking a short black in the city and in five minutes feel like you are miles from anywhere. It has a lovely wild side.