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DAY 1

TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES

Be greeted at Te Wharewaka o Pōneke by a traditional Māori pōwhiri welcome and hear local iwi Te Āti Awa tell the proverb of how Wellington Harbour was formed.

Learn how to make a poi (traditional Māori performance instrument), paddle a waka (traditional Māori canoe) or lay a hāngi (traditional Māori method of cooking food underground using hot stones) before enjoying hāngi for lunch at adjoining Karaka Café.

Take a cultural walking tour of Wellington where you'll hear the stories of the city's Māori past and how it has led to its contemporary culture. You'll visit Te Aro Pā (Māori village) where whareponga (sleeping huts) were unearthed and hear stories of the people who lived here, and visit an excavation site that's not open to the public.



DAY 2

CONNECT WITH NEW ZEALAND'S PAST

Explore the richness and beauty of New Zealand's flora and fauna at Zealandia ecosanctuary. Accompanied by an award-winning local chef, you'll go foraging for indigenous ingredients and then enjoy a classic Kiwi barbecue lunch on the Zealandia lawn surrounded by native bird calls.

Continue your cultural journey at New Zealand's national museum Te Papa with a behind-the-scenes Tāonga Māori tour where you'll discover Te Papa's tāonga (treasures) and hear their stories for insights into Māori culture.

After the tour, enjoy pre-dinner cocktails amongst the Treaty of Waitangi: Signs of a Nation exhibition and a guided tour through the Mana Whenua exhibition before enjoying dinner at Te Papa's contemporary marae followed by cultural performances.



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