AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD AT THE WATER’S EDGE, IS A LITTLE CITY WITH A BIG HEART

Rated number one by Lonely Planet in their top 20 New Zealand attractions, Wellington is a compact city with a compelling mix of culture, history, nature and cuisine.

Fuel your days with strong coffee, wander through hidden laneways and discover New Zealand’s stories in interactive museums. Be inspired in theatres and galleries and fill your suitcase with local designs and tasty treats from the boutiques and markets.

Taste for yourself why Vogue dubbed Wellington ‘a locavore’s dream’ in the city’s restaurants, cocktail lounges and craft beer bars. Take a day trip to our neighbouring wine region and explore the city’s outdoor playground by bike, foot, kayak or ferry.
12 unmissable experiences

1 / MOUNT VICTORIA
Get your bearings and soak up the panoramic views over the city, harbour and hills from the top of Mount Victoria. You can drive or walk to the top of this Wellington landmark.

2 / TASTE SOME KAI
Eat your way around the culinary capital with food truck feasts on the waterfront, Malaysian eats on Cuba Street, stunning meals of local and seasonal produce, and unforgettable degustation menus.

3 / TE PAPA
See for yourself why New Zealand’s incredible national museum was named on Lonely Planet’s list of the top 500 places to visit on the planet. Entry is free.

4 / FRESH COFFEE
Wellington is a city fuelled by coffee – and we like it strong! With around 20 roasteries here in Wellington, there’s often the delicious scent of coffee roasting in the air.

5 / WATERFRONT
Wander along the waterfront to take in the views, see sculptures, enjoy a locally-made gelato on the golden sand at Oriental Bay and take a selfie at the colourful boatsheds.

6 / HANNAHS LANEWAY
This street art-lined laneway is heaven for foodies - sample award-winning Fix & Fogg peanut butter and taste Wellington Chocolate Factory’s artisan bean-to-bar chocolate.

7 / WETA STUDIO TOURS
Get behind-the-scenes to discover movie-making magic and the exceptional skill of Weta Workshop, who created the props used in The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings movie trilogies.

8 / WELLINGTON ZOO
Have an unforgettable once-in-a-lifetime Close Encounter with some of the endangered animals at Wellington Zoo, the world’s first carboNZero certified zoo.

9 / CABLE CAR
No visit to Wellington is complete without a ride on the bright red Wellington Cable Car; stop at the top to check out the stunning views over the city and visit the Cable Car Museum.

10 / ZEALANDIA
Set in an idyllic valley just 10-minutes' drive from the city, Zealandia is a world-first, predator-free eco-sanctuary full of New Zealand’s native birds and beautiful regenerating bush.

11 / CRAFT BEER
The capital of craft beer is home to an ever-growing number of breweries creating delicious and creative brews that will refresh and challenge you in equal parts.

12 / WEEKEND MARKETS
Wellington has a bustling weekend market scene with markets popping up around the city to sell fresh produce, locally-made arts and crafts and delicious kai from food trucks.
Wellington is a compact city that's incredibly walkable which makes it easy to explore - even if you only have one day here. No matter what you're interested in, you'll find a part of Wellington that's exactly your kind of place.

**ORIENTAL BAY**

There aren't many cities in the world where a picturesque golden sand swimming beach is just a 10-minute walk from the CBD. In warmer months, Oriental Bay is the place to be for swimmers, picnickers and sun-seekers and a scoop of gelato enjoyed by the water is popular all year-round.

**CUBA QUARTER**

Wellington's most colourful and creative street is home to vintage clothing and second-hand book stores, quirky cafés and the famous Bucket Fountain. Check out the Wellington Night Markets held here every Friday and Saturday and try one of the delicious Malaysian eateries that Cuba Street is known for.

**THORNDON**

New Zealand's oldest suburb and the site of some of Wellington's fascinating history, Thorndon is a beautiful area to explore. Take a tour of New Zealand Parliament; visit Katherine Mansfield House & Garden, the childhood home of New Zealand's most internationally famous author; and stroll around Wellington Botanic Garden.

**LAMBTON QUAY**

The home of Wellington's best high street shopping, Lambton Quay has all of your favourite brands and labels. Old Bank Arcade is a shopping experience not to be missed with some of New Zealand's top labels housed inside a beautiful converted historical bank.

**COURTENAY PLACE**

Where locals and visitors go to celebrate and have a good time, Courtenay Place is home to the many of the city's theatres and venues and where you'll find Wellington's best cocktail bars. At the top of Courtenay Place, you'll find Embassy Theatre which hosted the star-studded world premiere of Sir Peter Jackson's The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King.
HUTT VALLEY / Catch the East by West Ferry across Wellington Harbour to Matiu/Somes Island, a tranquil predator-free wildlife reserve, and onto Days Bay in Eastbourne, a popular swimming beach during the summer months. From here, hire bikes to cycle around to Pencarrow Coast to check out the historic lighthouses and incredible views across the harbour.

WAIRARAPA / Bike around the wine-making village of Martinborough, visit cellar doors, sample wine and lunch among the vines. Towns don’t get much prettier than Greytown – the main street is lined with cute colonial cottages and beautiful old trees, boutique stores and great cafés. Stop in Featherston for a visit to C’est Cheese, a specialty store that will delight cheese-lovers.

PORIRUA / Nestled between two beautiful harbours and a rugged coastline, Porirua is just 20 minutes from Wellington and offers an array of outdoor adventures. There’s a range of scenic walks and cycleways, or for the more adventurous there’s mountain biking tracks and Adrenalin Forest, an epic aerial obstacle course.

KĀPITI / Visit Kāpiti Island, an internationally renowned nature reserve and bird sanctuary. Hear stories from local Ngāti Toa guides, walk, swim and picnic surrounded by rare endangered birds, flora and fauna. Visit Māoriland Hub, a vibrant space where you can be inspired by Indigenous creativity and innovation through film, art, technology, korero (stories) and more.

CLASSIC WINE TRAIL / Three of New Zealand’s major wine producing regions, a capital city, rural towns and coastal waterways combine to create the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail. Taste your way through Hawke’s Bay, Wairarapa, Wellington and Marlborough – a journey that takes you through regions accounting for more than 80% of New Zealand’s wine production. For more information see ClassicWineTrail.co.nz.

AND EXPLORE WELLINGTON’S BIG BACKYARD

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What’s on in Wellington

A seasonal guide to the events happening in and around Wellington. For a comprehensive and searchable guide of upcoming events, concerts, sports games and festivals, check out WellingtonNZ.com/Events

SUMMER

SUMMER CITY
January – March 2020
Multiple locations
Celebrate summer in the city with the free Gardens Magic concerts, Pasifika Festival and Chinese New Year celebrations.

NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
21 February – 15 March 2020
Wellington wide
Wellington welcomes the world’s most outstanding artists, performers, musicians and writers for three incredible weeks of imagination and inspiration.

MĀORILAND FILM FESTIVAL
18 – 22 March 2020
Otaki
A festival celebrating indigenous creativity through screen storytelling.

AUTUMN/WINTER

HIGHBALL
8 – 9 May 2020
Dominion Museum Building
Celebrate and learn the art of the cocktail with Wellington's top bartenders and spirits producers.

WELLINGTON JAZZ FESTIVAL
3 – 7 June 2020
Multiple locations
International headliners and top-quality local acts fill the city’s venues with soul tunes, cool jazz, bebop and more.

SECOND WORLD
July 2020
Wellington city
Immerse yourself in another world and another time, based on a popular film.

AHI KĀ AND MATARIKI FIREWORKS
10 & 18 July
Wellington waterfront
Celebrate the Māori New Year with fire, food, friends and whānau (family).

VISA WELLINGTON ON A PLATE
1 – 31 August 2020
Multiple locations
Wellington's epic region-wide, month-long food festival features cutting-edge and always delicious food and beverages.

BEERVANA
7 – 8 August 2020
Sky Stadium
New Zealand's biggest beer festival with creative brewery displays, live music and hundreds of different beers to try.

SPRING

WORLD OF WEARABLEART® AWARDS SHOW (WOW®)
24 September - 11 October 2020
TSB Arena
An internationally acclaimed spectacular stage show blending art, fashion, theatre and design.

HIGHLIGHT: CARNIVAL OF LIGHTS
23 – 26 October 2020
Lower Hutt
A free all-ages event featuring immersive displays, live performance and interactive light features.

VERB FESTIVAL
4 – 8 November 2020
Multiple locations
Not your typical literary festival - it’s fast, it’s fun, it’s held around Wellington in bookshops, bars and record stores featuring writers from Wellington, Aotearoa and the world.

TOAST MARTINBOROUGH
15 November 2020
Martinborough
Savour fine wine, cuisine and music in the picturesque surroundings of this famous wine-growing village.
Wellington’s reputation as New Zealand’s culinary capital is well-deserved: we have more eateries and bars per capita than New York City. Get the full Wellington gastronomical experience with brunch and coffee at a local café, visit a market, sip local wine and craft beer, dine at an acclaimed eatery and end with a perfectly-made cocktail.

--- COFFEE
With around 20 local roasteries, you’re never far from a freshly roasted coffee bean in Wellington. We take coffee seriously and our cafés and restaurants pride themselves on serving expertly-made coffee, just the way you like it. Brace yourself for the best flat white of your life.

--- MARKETS
Enjoy street food at Cuba Street’s Wellington Night Markets every Friday and Saturday, pick up local crafts from the Underground Market on Saturdays and get breakfast at the Harbourside Market on Sunday mornings. Visit Moore Wilson’s Fresh – Wellington’s equivalent of an always-on farmers’ market – for a range of local artisan products.

--- CRAFT BEER
See for yourself why Wellington is the craft beer capital with a cold glass of fresh, locally brewed beer. Ghuznee Street has become a brewing hotspot and is home to some of the city’s popular brew bars. Wellington is home to over 20 breweries and Beervana, an annual two-day celebration of beer.

--- TOP RESTAURANTS
Wellington has some of New Zealand’s most acclaimed eateries, but no matter your appetite, budget or dietary requirements, you’ll eat well in Wellington. Our eateries range from upmarket restaurants serving the best local, seasonal and indigenous ingredients to create dishes that tell stories and taste sublime, to fun, smart-casual restaurants that serve up easy-to-love food, perfect for sharing with friends and family.

Clockwise from top / Lamason Brew Bar; Moore Wilson’s Fresh; Ortega Fish Shack; Husk Eatery & Bar
Craft beer capital

Wellington is home to creative and boundary-pushing craft beer breweries who have given the city its reputation as the best place in New Zealand to try locally-brewed craft beer.

Craft Beer Capital is dedicated to showcasing the best breweries, beer bars, and off-premise beer stockists in Wellington. Visit their website to navigate a walkable beer bar trail, check out what’s pouring in town, and keep up with the latest local beer news and events.

W craftbeercapital.com

BLACK DOG BREWERY
Black Dog is a place where you can experience something special in a working brewery in the heart of Wellington. Their mission is to always be interesting and intrepid, always act independent and stay in tune with what the beer drinker wants.

A 216 Cuba Street, Te Aro
P +64 4 801 8491
W blackdogbrewery.co.nz

GARAGE PROJECT
Serving up a selection of creative beers that never disappoint, this converted service station is the site of Garage Project’s brewery and cellar door. Visit to discover and taste new beer and wine and take a bottle or rigger of your new favourites away with you.

A 68 Aro Street, Aro Valley
P +64 4 801 8076
W garageproject.co.nz

GARAGE PROJECT 91 ARO
Just up the road from the Garage Project brewery, the Taproom showcases 20 regularly-changing beers on tap plus a selection of bottles and cans and Garage Project Crushed wines. There’s a simple assortment of tasty food available to complement the beer and wine.

A 91 Aro Street, Aro Valley
P +64 4 802 5324
W garageproject.co.nz

GOLDING’S FREE DIVE
A quality and unpretentious city neighbourhood bar with a loyal following, drop into Golding’s to try some of the best fresh local beers on tap and order pizza from nearby Pizza Pomodoro and have it delivered to your table. As Golding’s like to say, ‘Beer is love!’

A 14 Leeds Street, Hannahs Laneway, Te Aro
P +64 4 381 3616
W goldingsfreedive.co.nz

PARROTDOG BAR
Parrotdog’s Nice. Takeaway is their cellar door, located in Lyall Bay alongside the brewery and flagship bar. Designed with comfort in mind, the retro space offers tastings from a refreshing ten tap line-up, as well as cold tinnies and bottled beer to go. Fill a flagon while you’re there, and talk good beer with the staff. Nice.

A 60-66 Kingsford Smith Street, Lyall Bay
W parrotdog.co.nz
SPRIG & FERN
Pop in for a visit and experience the warm and welcoming feel of a local craft beer tavern. There’s 19 taps of award-winning beers and ciders, all without the distraction of TV screens, pokies and pool tables.

A 342 Tinakori Road, Thorndon
W sprigandferntaverns.co.nz/taverns/
tinakori-road-wellington

TUATARA BREWING CO. THE THIRD EYE
A full-immersion experience for the craft beer fan, The Third Eye pours exclusive and experimental brews from Tuatara Brewing Co. There’s often live music and a tasty food truck pulled out in the garden outside.

A 30 Arthur Street, Te Aro
P +64 4 803 3948
W tuatarabrewing.co.nz/the-third-eye

EMPORIO COFFEE
Roasting coffee in the capital for twenty years, visit the Emporio HQ and espresso bar just off Cuba Street. Coffee, teas, simple fresh food and barista training.

A 90 Abel Smith Street, Te Aro
P +64 4 382 8116
W emporio.co.nz

L’AFFARE
For 30 years, L’affare has been bringing the best and freshest coffee to New Zealanders. An extensive café refurb in 2018 and a slick all-day menu clinches the café’s rep as a firm local favourite.

A 27 College Street, Te Aro
W laffare.co.nz

Coffee culture

Feast your senses at New Zealand’s premier food and drink festivals, right here in the Culinary Capital.
FISH N’ CHIPS ON TORY
Serving fresh and tasty New Zealand seafood, Fish n’ Chips on Tory, located in Wellington’s CBD specialises in the iconic Kiwi meal of fish and chips. Order some fish and chips to eat in, or take away to eat at the nearby waterfront. Open daily 11am - 9pm.
A Shop 5, 100 Tory Street, Te Aro
P +64 4 803 3816

HIGHWATER EATERY
Highwater is a warm and welcoming eatery from an award-winning hospo team recently returned home from Melbourne. A place to settle in with your coffee, park up at the bar or sample some quality, delicious, locally sourced food. A gem in the Wellington culinary scene.
A 54 Cuba St, Te Aro
P +64 4 210 4420
E info@highwatereatery.co.nz
W highwatereatery.co.nz

HIPPOPOTAMUS RESTAURANT & COCKTAIL BAR
Hippopotamus, QT Wellington's flagship French-inspired restaurant, is a delicious dining experience in a stunning setting. The broad menu is peppered with a delicious mix of comfort food and fine-dining dishes that are designed to satisfy your hunger.
A 90 Cable Street, Te Aro
P +64 4 802 8935
E hippopotamus_qtwellington@evt.com
W www.qthotels.com/wellington/eat-drink/hippopotamus

HOT SAUCE
QT Wellington cranks up the cool with Asian-inspired dishes and banging cocktails; an ideal spot for lazy afternoon grazing, vibrant evening dining or a cheeky nightcap... or three. Hot Sauce offers traditional Asian flavours with a contemporary twist.
A 90 Cable Street, Te Aro
P +64 4 802 8939
E hot sauce_qtwellington@evt.com
W www.qthotels.com/wellington/eat-drink/hot-sauce

KAFFEE EIS
Locally-owned and operated, Kaffee Eis (pronounced - café ice), are known for their modern fusion of New Zealand and European gelato flavours. They’re also known for their excellent Mojo espresso coffee. With five locations around central Wellington, you’re never far from a Kaffee Eis in the capital!
A 146 Cuba Street, 29 Courtenay Place, 236 Oriental Parade, The Boatshed Frank Kitts Park, The Kiosk TSB Arena
W kaffeelis.co.nz

ORTEGA FISH SHACK & BAR
A casual restaurant and bar serving a simple, fresh menu with an emphasis on seafood. The nautical décor is quirky and playful, while the service is slick and professional. A firm favourite with locals and visitors alike. Open seven days a week from 5.30pm, reservations welcome.
A 16 Majoribanks Street, Mount Victoria
P +64 4 382 9559
W ortega.co.nz

PORTLANDER BAR & GRILL
Nestled in a spot where land meets sea, the award-winning Portlander is a unique take on the grill house concept – one which is local, seasonal and just a little bit wild. Portlander offers delicious dishes to both meat and veggie eaters.
A Cnr Featherston & Whitmore Streets, Pipitea
P +64 4 498 3762
E info@portlander.co.nz
W portlander.co.nz

RED SAUCE
QT Wellington cranks up the cool with Asian-inspired dishes and banging cocktails; an ideal spot for lazy afternoon grazing, vibrant evening dining or a cheeky nightcap... or three. Hot Sauce offers traditional Asian flavours with a contemporary twist.
A 90 Cable Street, Te Aro
P +64 4 802 8939
E hot sauce_qtwellington@evt.com
W www.qthotels.com/wellington/eat-drink/hot-sauce

TE PAPA CAFÉ
Te Papa’s ground-floor cafe offers great breakfasts, brunches, lunches, and fresh snacks, with gluten-free and vegetarian options available. Drinks include espresso coffee, herbal teas, wine, and beer. The café has a kids' play area and a parents' room is also available. Open 9am - 5pm, every day (except Christmas Day).
A Groundfloor, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, 55 Cable Street, Te Aro
W tepapa.nz

THE PUFFIN
Tucked away on the ground floor of a heritage building, The Puffin is a minimalist wine bar with a focus on natural wines that oozes class. Settle into a velvet booth or grab a bottle to takeaway.
A 60 Ghuznee Street, Te Aro
W puffinwinebar.com
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--- VISUAL ARTS
Check out cutting-edge art at City Gallery Wellington in Te Ngākau Civic Square; see the national art collection at Te Papa's Toi Art; experience contemporary Māori, Pacific and New Zealand art at Pataka Art + Museum; and design, ceramics and art at The Dowse Art Museum.

--- LIVE EVENTS
There’s always a live performance on offer in Wellington. Some of the country’s leading arts companies call Wellington home including the Royal New Zealand Ballet and New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, as well as much-loved theatres BATS, Circa and The Opera House. See pages 8 - 9 for Wellington’s calendar of unmissable annual events and festivals.

--- TELLING OUR STORIES
Discover the stories of Aotearoa New Zealand told in interactive, ground-breaking ways at Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and learn about Wellington’s own fascinating history at Wellington Museum and Petone Settlers Museum. Visit Space Place and hear the stories of New Zealanders who have been a part of space discovery.

--- MOVIE MAGIC
Get a behind-the-scenes look at Weta Workshop’s movie-making magic on a Weta Studio Tour and see Lord of the Rings film locations on a Rover Rings Tour. Go see a movie at Embassy Theatre, which has hosted its share of star-studded red carpet premieres or Roxy Cinema in the heart of Wellywood.

--- MĀORI CULTURE
Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington has many unique Māori experiences on offer. Visit Te Wharewaka o Poneke to learn how to paddle a waka (Māori canoe) and taste some food cooked in a hāngi (earth oven). See the original Treaty of Waitangi, the agreement that Aotearoa New Zealand is built on, at He Tohu at the National Library of New Zealand.

Clockwise from top / Te Wharewaka o Poneke; Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa; The Opera House; Weta Cave
HUTT VALLEY

Where Wellington began

--- HERITAGE
Discover the origins of the Wellington region and other New Zealand firsts at the Petone Settlers Museum. Walk up Buick Street to Te Puna Wai Ora (the spring of life) and fill up your water bottle with pure artesian water. Learn about New Zealand’s first bank, first horse race meeting and first newspaper on the free, 30-stop, self-guided Discover Historic Petone trail.

--- PETONE
Petone is home to coffee roasters, food producers, fashion labels, craft beer, and more artisan products keeping the innovative early settler spirit alive. With more than 60 eateries in 800 metres, Petone’s Jackson Street offers a smorgasbord of diverse cuisines. Specialist stores from around the globe offer you everything you need for an incredible picnic, the tools to create it and the tableware to serve it.

--- SHOPPING IN THE HUTT
From unique textiles and homewares to hand-crafted furniture and beauty products, you’ll find it all in the Hutt Valley. Wander down Upper Hutt’s Main Street to discover unique boutique stores including Created, Avison’s Home & Giftware, and Botanical Beauty Co. For well-known New Zealand and international brands head into Queensgate Shopping Centre in Lower Hutt.

HuttValleyNZ.com/Makers

Clockwise from top: The Dowse Art Museum; Main Street, Upper Hutt; Petone Settlers Museum; Jackson Street specialty stores
**AVID GALLERY**
Exquisite handcrafted jewellery, glass and ceramics from New Zealand’s leading contemporary artists. AVID Gallery has been an institution for Wellington art lovers and a must-see for local and overseas visitors for more than 25 years. Open Tuesday to Friday 10am – 6pm, Saturdays 10am – 4pm and Mondays by appointment.

A 48 Victoria Street, Te Aro  P +64 4 472 7703  
E info@avidgallery.co.nz  W avidgallery.co.nz

**BOLTON STREET CEMETERY**
Many early pioneers and important historical figures have been laid to rest in Bolton Street Cemetery – New Zealand’s oldest cemetery. Take a walk back in time, explore the history and enjoy the splendid displays of heritage roses, many dating back to the colonial era. Open daily from dawn to dusk. Free entry.

A Bolton Street, Thorndon  P +64 4 499 1400  
E treehouse@wcc.govt.nz  W wellingtongardens.nz/bolton-street-cemetery

**CABLE CAR MUSEUM**
Wellington Cable Car is one of the city’s iconic attractions and a must-do for visitors. When you reach the top, visit the Museum that is located in the original winding house with mechanisms used between 1902 – 1978 and one of the original carriages.

A 1A Upland Road, Kelburn  P +64 4 475 3578  
E cablecar@experiencewellington.org.nz

**EXPRESSIONS/WHIRINAKI ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE**
A vibrant arts centre presenting award-winning exhibitions and performing arts. Experience live theatre, comedy, dance, music and the best New Zealand art. Limelight Café and Upper Hutt i-SITE on-site. Free entry and open daily 9am - 4pm.

A 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt  P +64 4 527 2168  
E info@expressions.org.nz  W expressions.org.nz

**FEAR FACTORY WELLINGTON**
Enter Wellington’s newest haunted attraction! This interactive dark maze will amaze and terrify you. If you’re after a dose of adrenalin - this is it! Real actors means real frights and real fun. Suitable for teenagers and families.

A 2/120 Cuba Street, Te Aro  P +64 4 213 4666  
E wellington@fearfactory.co.nz  W fearfactory.co.nz

**EMBASSY THEATRE**
Host of the world premieres of *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* and *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, Wellington’s iconic cinema has been fully refurbished and offers a state-of-the-art movie-going experience. Experience fine food and drink at the beautiful Black Sparrow bar in the lobby.

A 10 Kent Terrace, Mount Victoria  P +64 4 384 7657  
E wellington@fearfactory.co.nz

**HOLOCAUST CENTRE**
The nation’s leading organisation in Holocaust education and remembrance, with activities spanning teaching, publishing, archiving, events, and recording survivor testimonies. The Holocaust Centre offers a vital overview of survivors’ journeys to a safe haven in Aotearoa.

A 80 Webb Street, Te Aro  P +64 4 801 9480  
E officeadmin@holocaustcentre.org.nz  W holocaustcentre.org.nz

**KATHERINE MANSFIELD HOUSE & GARDEN**
Enter the 1888 home of a fashionable colonial family and discover the world and writing of internationally acclaimed New Zealand writer Katherine Mansfield at her birthplace. Enjoy a heritage garden and changing exhibitions. Open Tuesday to Sunday. Entry fees apply.

A 25 Tinakori Road, Thorndon  P +64 4 473 7268  
E info@katherinemansfield.com  W katherinemansfield.com

**NAIRN STREET COTTAGE**
One of the oldest cottages in Wellington, home to the Wallis Family, who lived there for three generations. Take a look through the house and find out more about this early settler family or take a stroll through the heritage gardens. Adults $8, children $4. For opening hours visit museumswellington.org.nz

A 68 Nairn Street, Mount Cook  P +64 4 384 9122  
E cottage@experiencewellington.org.nz

**NEW ZEALAND PORTRAIT GALLERY**
The New Zealand Portrait Gallery Te Pūkenga Whakaata tells the stories of New Zealanders through the art of portraiture. Open daily from 10.30am – 4.30pm. Free entry.

A Shed 11, Lady Elizabeth Lane, Wellington waterfront  P +64 4 472 2298  
E office@nzportraitgallery.org.nz  W nzportraitgallery.org.nz
SOUTHWARD CAR MUSEUM
Take a short drive out to Southward Car Museum and enjoy a couple of hours strolling around a truly world-class car museum. There's over 450 cars and motorbikes, as well as exhibits covering the history of transport. Enjoy refreshments at the on-site coffee shop.
A 250 Otaihanga Road, Paraparaumu
P +64 4 297 1221
W southwardcarmuseum.co.nz

SPACE PLACE
Journey into space with Space Place's stunning full-dome planetarium shows and exhibitions telling the stories of New Zealanders who have been a part of space discovery and lived by the stars. Open three late nights each week.
A 40 Salamanca Road, Kelburn
P +64 4 910 3140
E spaceplace@experiencewellington.org.nz
W spaceplace.nz

STANSBOROUGH MILL
Hear the unique Stansborough story, 100% NZ, farm to silver screen. See the historical 1890s looms and artisans creating, ethical and sustainable textiles from the rarest NZ fibres. Shop at the gallery and view the ‘Window to the Past’ or take a pre-booked tour.
A 68 Fitzherbert Street, Petone
P +64 4 566 5591
E info@stansborough.co.nz
W stansborough.co.nz

WELLINGTON MUSEUM
Named as one of the top 50 museums in the world by The Times, London, Wellington Museum shares stories from across the Wellington region. Located on Wellington's waterfront, entry is free to discover the rich social and cultural history of Wellington. Open 10am - 5pm daily.
A 3 Jervois Quay, Queens Wharf
P +64 4 472 8904
E museumtours@experiencewellington.org.nz
W museumswellington.org.nz

WELLINGTON UNDERGROUND MARKET
Take home a unique piece of the creative capital while supporting local artists, designers and small businesses. Discover homewares, fashion, jewellery, art, delicious food and live music, every Saturday 10am-4pm, in an undercover space on Wellington's waterfront. Open Sundays in Dec and Sept/Oct school holidays. Closed over the Christmas and New Year period.
A Under Frank Kitts Park, Jervois Quay
W undergroundmarket.nz

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Clockwise from top / Precinct 35; No16; Caughley; twenty-seven names; Old Bank Arcade
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Park Hotel | parkhotel.nz
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QT Museum Hotel | qtwellington.com
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**BEACHES AND BAYS**
Set on a sparkling harbour, Wellington has many stunning beaches and bays. Hire an e-bike from Switched On Bikes to pedal from Oriental Bay around the Miramar Peninsula to Scorching Bay. Learn to surf at Lyall Bay or go snorkelling in the South Coast’s Taputeranga Marine Reserve.

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**WILDLIFE**
Look for rare kiwi and tuatara at Zealandia and see New Zealand fur seals sunbathing at Red Rocks/Pariwhero on a Seal Coast Safari. Have a Close Encounter with endangered animals at Wellington Zoo, meet some of Aotearoa’s endangered birds at Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre and feed farm animals at Staglands Wildlife Reserve.

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**WALK**
See breath-taking views and hear native birds on a walk, run or ride along one of Wellington’s incredible trails. Whether you’ve got an hour, a half or a full day, you’ll find plenty of trails to choose from that suit a range of fitness levels. For more information, head to WellingtonRegionalTrails.com.

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**ZEALANDIA**
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Just 15 minutes from Wellington city, the beautiful Hutt Valley is filled with incredible nature and wildlife experiences and some of the region’s best walking and mountain biking trails.

--- ORONGORONGO VALLEY
Immerse yourself in bird calls in the Orongorongo Valley where over 100 native kiwi roam the untouched native bush, see waterfalls deep in the forest and soak up the hilltop views across Wellington Harbour. The Orongorongo Track makes a great day walk or overnight stay – you’ll feel a world away, yet it’s only minutes from the Hutt Valley.

--- WAINUIOMATA
Pack a picnic and your bikes for a family day out in Wainuiomata. Explore 16km of sheltered native bush trails at the Wainuiomata Mountain Bike Park, stop in for a coffee at Kotuku Café and chill out at the Wainuiomata Summer Pool which has heated pools, an outdoor spa and an open-air waterslide through native bush. Try out the mini-golf course and make use of the pool side barbecues for a picnic dinner.

--- TUNNEL GULLY
Tunnel Gully Recreation Area is a favourite locals’ spot for picnics, cycling, walking, and horse riding. The Tunnel Loop Track shows off the 253m-long Mangaroa Tunnel which was built between 1875-1877. Seek out waterfalls and streams along the gentle Tane’s Track or take on Mt Climie for panoramic views of the Hutt Valley – it’s a 6km climb, but it’s worth it!

HuttValleyNZ.com/Nature

Clockwise from top / Percy Scenic Reserve; Wainuiomata Summer Pool; Mt Climie; Orongorongo Valley
Hike, bike & beer

— REMUTAKA CYCLE TRAIL

Named in Lonely Planet’s guide to the best new travel experiences (2015), the Remutaka Cycle Trail is a unique way to experience the Wellington region’s diverse landscapes and heritage. One of New Zealand’s Great Rides, it traverses mountains, bush-clad valleys and wild coastlines. The 115km trail begins in historic Petone, travels through Upper Hutt along the Hutt River Trail, over the Remutaka Rail Trail to Wairarapa, and along the wild coast to Wainuiomata.

You can ride the trail over one day, spread it out over three days or choose to ride just a particular part of the Remutaka Cycle Trail. The best way to do the latter is to catch the Hutt Valley Line train to Upper Hutt – you can take your bike free of charge during non-peak times. Before you set off on the trail, fuel up at Cake & Kitchen opposite the station. Ride up to the top of Remutaka Hill and back down, or carry on over the hill to Featherston, where you can catch a train back to the Hutt Valley.

— KAITOKE REGIONAL PARK

Relive the magic of Middle-earth in Kaitoke Regional Park. The film set location of Rivendell from Sir Peter Jackson’s blockbuster The Lord of the Rings trilogy was set in some of the region’s most pristine lowland rainforests. Pitch a tent and camp along the Akatarawa River, to enjoy bushwalks and swimming holes nestled amongst ancient rimu and rātā trees.

BREWTOWN Craft beer hub Brewtown has five great breweries, plus a distillery, within walking distance of the Upper Hutt train station. Try some award-winning local craft beer such as The Unit at Boneface or the Supercharger at Panhead. There’s great food on offer to match the beer and an on-site merchandise store so you can wear your favourite beer.
ENJOY THE BEACH

Have a mini beach getaway with a day trip to Days Bay and Eastbourne. Discover colourful cafés, boutiques and art galleries as you stroll along the waterfront, ice cream in hand, taking in stunning coastal views. Spend some time at the beach, swimming and sandcastle building, or hire a kayak or SUP and paddle along the bays. Settle in with a picnic to watch the long sunsets from Williams Park – a hidden gem that’s a favourite with locals.

CYCLE THE SHORELINE

Cycle the flat rocky shore to Pencarrow Head and the 1906 lighthouse on the shoreline. You can also venture up to New Zealand’s first lighthouse, once home to the country’s only female lighthouse keeper. You’ll be rewarded with vast views over Wellington harbour and across to the South Island. (16km return; 3–4 hour walk; 1–2 hour bike ride; e-bike hire available from Everyone’s Adventure at Days Bay.)

GO FOR A WALK

Take a walk through lush native forest in East Harbour Regional Park, where bushwalks for all levels of fitness are on offer. Enjoy epic views from the Main Ridge Track or walk the Pencarrow Coastal Track to discover the stunning Pencarrow Lakes, Kohangapiripiri and Kohangatera and wetlands. After a day of adventure there’s nothing better than a refreshing local craft beer at one of Petone’s great bars and eateries.

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Clockwise from top / Days Bay; East Harbour Regional Park; Pencarrow Lighthouse; Days Bay

Across the harbour from Wellington city and just minutes from Petone and Lower Hutt, the Eastern Bays are where Wellington goes to play on the beach, on the water, in the bush or on a bike.
KĀPITI

On the coast

Spending time on the Kāpiti Coast is all about spectacular vistas, stunning beaches, abundant sunshine, good food and locally-made craft beer.

PAEKĀKĀRIKI
Work up an appetite on the Te Araroa Escarpment Trail, a 10km stretch running between Pukerua Bay and Paekākāriki with breath-taking views of Kāpiti Island. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at Beach Road Deli or Perching Parrot and check out the Paekākāriki Station Museum for a dose of nostalgia.

WAIKANAE
Start your day with stroll on the beach to Waikanae's Long Beach Tavern or Front Room Eatery for a hearty breakfast. After breakfast, head to Southward Car Museum, a fascinating collection of 500 covetable vehicles, including Marlene Dietrich's Cadillac. In the afternoon, visit Ngā Manu Nature Reserve, home to kiwi, tuatara and other native wild life; time your visit for 2pm when the endangered long-fin eels are fed. End your day with a visit to Mahara Gallery or Tutere Gallery for exhibitions of local and New Zealand art and dinner matched to local craft beer at Salt and Wood Collective.

RAUMATI
Spend a morning browsing your way through Raumati's boutique stores including Paperdoll and The Frock Shop, then go for a leisurely lunch at Waterfront Bar. After lunch, take a stroll through Marine Gardens and end your day with a night-cap at Raumati Social Club, where live bands entertain until late.

ŌTAKI
Spend a morning immersed in heritage at Ōtaki Museum and Māoriland Hub – don't miss the Māori and Indigenous art gallery. After a relaxed lunch at Garden Café, check out some of Ōtaki's great outlet stores or if you have kids to entertain, head to Haruatai Park which has a pool, splash pad and playground.

PARAPARAUMU + PARAPARAUMU BEACH
• Catch the ferry from Paraparaumu Beach to Kāpiti Island, one of New Zealand's most valuable nature reserves.
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• Don't miss your chance to eat at 50-50, whose acclaimed chef and owner Helen Turnbull honed her craft working for Gordon Ramsay.
• Browse locally-made artisan products, fresh product and crafts at the weekly Saturday Paraparaumu Beach Market, while an array of over 80 stores and cafés await you at Coastlands Shopping Centre.
• Go for a swim at Paraparaumu Beach – a safe swimming and sandy beach – perfect for the whole family. Or take an indoor dip at Coastland Aquatic Centre, the first in Australasia to have a translucent roof.

Clockwise from top / Te Araroa Escarpment Trail; Ngā Manu Nature Reserve; Kāpiti Coast dining

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E admin@ngamanu.co.nz
W ngamanu.co.nz

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This 1.9 ha heritage-listed estate was once home to Sir Truby and Lady Isabella King, founders of The Plunket Society. The garden of pines, roses, rhododendrons and azaleas was planted in the 1920s by Sir Truby himself and is flourishing to this day. Open daily from dawn to dusk. Free entry.
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Explore Otari-Wilton's Bush

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Enjoy the colourful floral display at the Botanic Garden

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Get around in Wellington

Wellington’s compact city centre means that it’s incredibly easy to explore the city on foot and the bonus of walking is that you often discover hidden gems that you might not have otherwise – from street art to cafés, to sculptures and stores. Another great option is to hire a bike and it’s also easy to get around using public transport, taxis and ride share apps.

Clockwise from top / Wellington Airport; Switched On Bikes and Oriental Bay boatsheds; East by West Ferry

--- FROM THE AIRPORT ---
Wellington Airport is just 15-minutes’ drive from the CBD which means that getting to and from the airport is a breeze. Taxis to the city cost around NZ$35-40 or for a few dollars more, ask the driver to drive you the more scenic route into the city around the bays. The Airport Flyer Bus is an express bus service that travels between Lower Hutt and through Wellington City to the Wellington Airport and back and costs NZ$12 to Wellington CBD or NZ$18 to Lower Hutt. Ride share apps including Ola, Uber and Zoomy can be used for airport pick-ups and drop-offs.

--- GETTING AROUND TOWN ---
If you plan to travel by bus while you’re in Wellington, pick up a Snapper card ($10) from the Wellington i-SITE Visitor Centre on Wakefield Street – the cards can be used on all Metlink buses (excluding the Airport Flyer Bus). Head to Metlink.org.nz to plan your journey, find timetables and fare information or download the Metlink app.

--- BIKE HIRE ---
For a fun way to explore the city without breaking much of a sweat, hire an e-bike from Switched On Bikes on Queens Wharf – they also offer guided tours of Wellington’s waterfront and bays. Push bikes can be hired from Fergs Kayaks on Queens Wharf and My Ride Wellington on Vivian Street. Green Jersey offer a range of bikes for hire in Martinborough and Everyone’s Adventure offers bike hire in the Hutt Valley from a number of sites.

--- FERRIES ---
The East by West Ferry operates regular services across Wellington Harbour to Matiu/Somes Island and Days Bay, Eastbourne. Purchase a Queens Wharf - Days Bay return ticket (NZ$37/$19) which includes a stopover at Matiu/Somes Island.

--- TRAINS ---
Catch the train from Wellington Station to explore Kāpiti, Porirua, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa. Check out Metlink.org.nz to find timetables to help you plan your daytrip.
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BANKS AND ATMS
Banking hours in Wellington are generally weekdays 9am – 4.30pm, with some open Saturdays. Foreign exchange bureaux can be found at most banks and 24-hour ATMs are located around the city, including Courtenay Place, Lambton Quay, Willis Street and Cuba Street.

POSTAL SERVICES
Check out nzpost.co.nz/tools/postshop-kiwibank-locator for information on where to buy postage.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
For a full list of New Zealand public holidays see govt.nz/public-holidays-and-anniversary-dates. Please note that many restaurants and retail stores are closed on Christmas Day, Good Friday and ANZAC Day morning.

WI-FI
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How to get here

**BY AIR:** Five airlines fly direct to Wellington Airport from Australia - Air New Zealand, Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin Australia and Singapore Airlines - and domestic services are plentiful. You can also fly direct from Auckland to Kāpiti Coast Airport.

**BY ROAD:** Wellington is located on two of New Zealand’s major highways - State Highway 1 and 2. InterCity operates daily bus services to Wellington from all over the North Island.

**BY SEA:** Wellington is a coastal gateway between the North and South Islands, with regular ferry services for passengers and vehicles across the Cook Strait operated by Interislander and Bluebridge.

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