

Wellington

Famous for a vibrant creative culture fuelled by great food, wine, craft beer, coffee and events, Wellington is a city with an energetic personality. As the foodie capital of New Zealand, Wellington is full of hidden gems you'll want to sink your teeth into.











Morning – Arrival At Wellington International Airport and Check into Hotel

After arriving at Wellington International Airport, guests will be met by the Ovation team and escorted to their luxury vehicles, transferred to the hotel, where you will be greeted by a traditional Māori pōwhiri welcome in your bespoke hospitality lounge created for an exclusive and private check-in.



Afternoon – Cable Car and Lane ways

Wellington the capital city of New Zealand is sandwiched between the edge of the water and surrounding hills. This afternoon explore the city and pass sandy beaches, colourful timber houses, before jumping onto the iconic red cable car that passes the hillside to the look out above the city providing a stunning backdrop for that perfect photo. Continue exploring the city and stroll through the hidden laneways in the middle of city, Wellington's little artisan food haven, tempt your taste buds and learn more about what makes Wellington the culinary capital of New Zealand.



Evening – Clifftop Dining

Take a short scenic helicopter flight to this evenings dinner, the luxury Boomrock Lodge, a stunning venue perched on top of a cliff edge above the Tasman Sea. Beside an open fire, dinner will be served, prepared by renowned local chef, while looking out onto spectacular coastline views of the South Islands, perhaps some of the best views in Wellington.











Morning – Paddle A Waka

Take a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to paddle a waka (a traditional Māori canoe) on Wellington harbour. Learn the mihi whakatau (welcome ceremony), some basic te reo (Māori language) and the simple hīrau (paddle) movements required to paddle a waka. Then take the water as a team, for an unforgettable cultural experience on the water.



Afternoon – Harbourside Strolling

Wellington's waterfront is like the city's backyard, where all the locals like to stroll ad hang out. Walk along the wide footpath that stretches to the beautiful Oriental Bay, often referred to as Wellington's very own mini Riviera. Lunch will be served along this dazzling promenade with a beautiful beachfront view.



Evening – City Dinner

Keeping with the city vibe, a cocktail evening has been arranged in one of Wellington's long standing fine dining restaurants, a high-ceilinged former bank will serve up contemporary NZ food and drinks.











Morning – Optional Activities

There is still more to get to know in this vibrant city so select from a number of options

Cuba Street Shopping

The best known and best loved streets in Wellington is Cuba Street which brings a slice of bohemian to the capital. Its colourful and risqué, quirky and arty. Everyone is welcome.

Picnic on Matiu-Sommes Island

Take a short ferry ride over to the island full of history and heritage, stunning nature with wildlife that are living predator free, walking trails or simply enjoy a beach day out.

Martinborough Wine Region

Enjoy the scenic train ride from Wellington to the Wairarapa, stop in at boutique cheese store Cést Cheese for a taste before exploring the village of Martinborough. Cycle the vines with a wine and vine experience before enjoying lunch at one of Martinborough's top local vineyards with tastings from their cellar.



Evening – A Night At The Opera

Arrive in style to this magnificent 100-year-old venue. The Wellington Opera House is a stunning venue with Edwardian architecture and natural lighting located in the centre of the city. On arrival guests will ascend the Opera House's marble staircase to the stunning first floor space, with its hand-painted La Scala inspired ceilings and opening to an intimate balcony overlooking Te Aro Park for pre dinner cocktails. Guests will then be escorted to the main theatre room, the perfect setting for a prestigious farewell dinner as guests will be seated on the theatre's stage where a famous local Opera Singer begins the evenings entertainment.





Rotorua

Whether seeking to experience Maori culture, geothermal earth forces, spa rejuvenation, thrills and adventure, or any of the other natural assets such as 16 lakes, some of the world's best mountain biking trails, fantastic trout fishing and myriad forest walking tracks – Rotorua delivers it all.











Morning – Arrival in Rotarua

Depart Wellington and arrive in the Rotorua, renowned for its geothermal activity and Maori culture. After a private check in to the hotel and a freshen up, get ready to enjoy an afternoon of natural springs and mud baths.



Afternoon – Geothermal Pools

This afternoon you will be impressed and amazed by Rotorua's geothermal features including spouting geysers, bubbling mud pools and colourful sinter terraces. After marvelling at these wonders we head to a geothermal wonderland where you will experience and immerse yourself in one of the mud pools or hot pools, hailed for their healing properties enjoy an afternoon of pure relaxation and rejuvenation.



Evening – Local Dining

Dining on the edge of the picturesque Lake Rotorua, this evening you will delighted by Rotorua's local and award wining cuisine.











Morning – At Leisure

Time to get out and about this morning and enjoy some time at leisure. You may want to visit one of the many local artisan market stalls and pick up a little memento for home, or perhaps you want to get a little more active in which case this is the perfect region to enjoy one of the bike riding trails surrounding the city.



Afternoon – Journey through Forest Canopy

Magnificent trees, birdlife and forests can be found throughout this region, and one of the best ways to enjoy them is by taking part in a Rotorua Canopy Tour or Redwood Treewalk. A Canopy Tour offers a unique combination of thrilling ziplining, forest walks and conservation stories. If adrenalin isn't your thing stroll the suspension bridges of the Redwoods Treewalk and feel the spirit of the iconic Redwood Forest



Evening – Te Puia – A Traditional Farewell

Te Puia, an authentic Maori experience. Guests will partake in many traditional experiences. After an interactive weaving experience, and some powerful cultural performances, guests will make their food choices from a selection of local produce and place them in traditional Hangi baskets for cooking in the Ngā Whā Puapua, the traditional Maori way. Once cooked, guests will dine in front of the famous Pohutu Geyser, southern hemisphere's largest active geyser.











Transfer to airport after leisurely breakfast









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