

WELLINGTON

Called the world's 'coolest little capital', Wellington is known for its vibrant arts scene, world-class café and restaurant culture, and active outdoor lifestyle.

It is nestled snugly between the sparkling waters of the harbour and the surrounding lush hillsides, and is the perfect size for exploring on foot. The attractive waterfront area is dominated by the world-class national museum; Te Papa but also features bustling food and crafts markets on weekends and there's usually a festival of sorts to get involved in.

For those that enjoy active pursuits, Wellington has action-packed adventure activities like mountain biking and sea-water kayaking, as well as beautiful walks around the harbour and surrounding hills.

You will find the soul of Wellington through your taste buds; from the burgeoning craft beer scene, to the handmade chocolate that melts in your mouth and the highly competitive independent coffee shops that entice passers-by with their sultry aromas. This is the place to eat and drink to your heart's content.

Slightly further afield from Wellington is the Wairarapa region, a wild and rugged area interspersed with charming, historic towns such as Martinborough and Greytown that are popular day trips from Wellington. Martinborough is the centre of the local wine industry and produces some of New Zealand's finest pinot noir. Most of the family-owned wineries here are within walking or cycling distance from the quaint village square; making it a perfect wine touring destination.