

Whilst in New Zealand why not visit **Wellington!**

Voted as 'The Coolest Little Capital in the World' by the Lonely Planet, and the number one city in the world to live in according to a quality of life survey conducted by Deutsche Bank., Wellington hosts a great range of activities including arts and history, sports and recreation, cafes and restaurants, theatre, film and nightlife. All within a compact vibrant city.

Where do we love?

Well, Wellington has a saying 'you can't beat it on a good day' and that's absolutely right! On a sunny day head up the Cable Car with your picnic lunch and enjoy panoramic views across the harbour. Wander around the botanical gardens or visit the Carter Observatory before descending back into the city center.



Weather a bit less inviting?

Visit Te Papa. Situated on the waterfront of Wellington, Te Papa is New Zealand's national museum, renowned for being bicultural, scholarly, innovative, and fun. You could easily spend a day here looking at New Zealand's formation, animals, plants, cultural development, artwork and specialist exhibitions.

Personally, I confess to being a 'Lord of the Rings' fan. If you are too...head out to Weta Cave in Miramar (9km out of the city) and check out the mini-museum of the special-effects company for the Lord of the Rings, King Kong, The Adventures of Tintin and The Hobbit. There are also organised tours to some of the film locations by local tour operators.

Of course there's shopping! All of the major chains and many designers are along Lambton quay and Willis street. If you want something a bit different head up Cuba Mall where there are several boutique and alternative clothing stores and some really nice jewelry shops. Watch out for the bucket fountain though, its designed to splash unsuspecting passers by!



A day trip to Martinborough for a tour of the vineyards is a must! About 1 hours drive from Wellington and there are several vineyards....hire a bike, or walk around. Stay the night! Personal favourite is Poppies, delicious lunch platter and great wine!