



Wellington

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The capital city of New Zealand rests between rolling hills and a rugged coastline on the southern tip of the North Island. As well as offering some of the best urban views in New Zealand, the city is popular for its arts and culture. Wellington is home to the National Museum (Te Papa), the national opera and ballet companies, and is the heart of the nation's film and fashion scenes. With more restaurants and cafés per head than New York, Wellington also offers an unequalled gastronomic experience.



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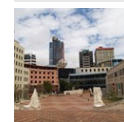
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THE CITY



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Wellington is a compact and walkable city. With a downtown area only 2 km across, most of the major attractions are within easy walking distance from the hotels, cafés, restaurants, bars and shops. The city, originally founded by English settlers in the 1840s, is split into four quarters - Lambton Quay, the best place for shopping; the business area Courtenay Place; the entertainment district Cuba Street, full of cafés and vintage clothing stores that give the neighbourhood a bohemian, alternative vibe; and Waterfront Quarter, which takes in Frank Kitts Park, Waitangi Park, Queens Wharf, and Te Papa.

As well as the historic and cultural attractions, Wellington also offers a little bit of Hollywood glamour - the majority of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy was filmed in and around the city, and visitors can now follow in the footsteps of Hollywood stars. Wellington is also the ideal launching pad for other great parts of New Zealand, including the wine region of Wairarapa, the coastal destination of Kapiti Coast and Kapiti Island - one of New Zealand's premier nature and marine reserves. Wellington is also the gateway to New Zealand's South Island, with two regular ferry services taking visitors across the Cook Strait to Picton.

DO & SEE



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Most of the major attractions are within easy walking distance from the hotels, restaurants and bars. There are plenty of historical and cultural sights to choose from, like the National Museum (Te Papa) and the City Gallery Wellington.

If you are a "Lord of the Rings" fan then you should definitely take the tour around the location where the movie was filmed.

There are also many great excursions to choose from such as a trip to the Somes-Maitu Island or exploring the wildlife at Karori.

Museum of New Zealand - Te Papa Tongarewa



The national museum of New Zealand features five floors of interactive exhibits and offers an insight into everything from natural history to Maori culture and European immigration. Don't miss 'bush city' - the museum's urban rain forest full of native plants and wildlife. The museum is recognized as a world leader of interactive and innovative museum experiences.

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Address: 55 Cable Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm (late night Thu 9pm)
 Phone: +64 4 381 7000
 Internet: www.tepapa.govt.nz

New Zealand Parliament Buildings



Take a one-hour guided tour of the Parliament Buildings to see New Zealand politics at work and to explore the Beehive - one of the most famous buildings in Wellington.

Photo: Robert CHG / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Molesworth Street, Wellington
 Phone: +64 4 817 9503
 Internet: www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn
 Email: tour.desk@parliament.govt.nz

City Gallery Wellington

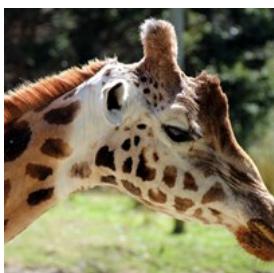


Wellington's main art gallery hosts an ever-changing collection of international touring art exhibitions and contemporary local

works. There is always something interesting to see, and it's a great place for a rainy day.

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 Address: 101 Wakefield Street, Civic Square, Wellington
 Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm. Closed on Christmas Day
 Phone: +64 4 913 9032
 Internet: www.citygallery.org.nz
 Email: citygallery@experiencewellington.org.nz

Wellington Zoo



The zoo, founded in 1906, is now home to over 500 animals in modern enclosures. Learn more about the animals from the daily zookeeper talks

and get up close to pandas and cheetahs with the

zoo's 'close encounters' experience.

Photo: Gabriel Pollard / Flickr.com (image cropped)
 Address: 200 Daniell Street, Wellington
 Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5pm. Closed on Christmas Day
 Phone: +64 4 381 6755
 Internet: www.wellingtonzoo.com
 Email: wellingtonzoo@wellingtonzoo.com

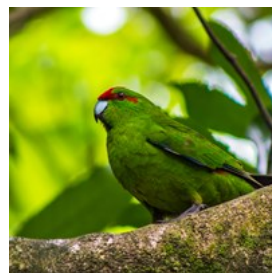
Wellington Cable Car



Head up in the cable car for some of the best views of Wellington and the Hutt Valley. The upper terminal is also home to the Botanic Gardens and a free museum detailing the 100 year history of the Wellington Cable Car.

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 Address: 1a Upland Road, Kelburn, Wellington
 Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5pm. Closed on Christmas Day
 Phone: +64 4 475 3578
 Internet: www.museumswellington.org.nz/cable-car-museum
 Email: cablecar@experiencewellington.org.nz

Zealandia - Karori Wildlife Sanctuary



Discover some of New Zealand's rarest native wildlife just ten minutes from downtown

Wellington, in a unique sanctuary where native bush is being restored and endangered species are breeding once again. Visitors can roam freely inside the sanctuary or take advantage of guided day or nighttime tours.

Photo: Viktor Hejna / Shutterstock.com
 Address: 53 Waiapu Road, Karori, Wellington
 Opening hours: Daily 9am - 5pm
 Phone: +64 4 920 9213
 Internet: www.visitzealandia.com
 Email: info@visitzealandia.com
 More Info: Calling before visiting is recommended, as the

park may close earlier due to maintenance

Dominion Post Ferry



Cruise Wellington Harbour and visit the nature reserve of Somes-Maitu island, or continue on to Days Bay, which boasts one of Wellington's best swimming beaches. These ferry trips, held by the East By West company, are a great way to explore the city and areas around.

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Address: 1 Queens Wharf, Wellington
Phone: +64 4 499 1282
Internet: www.eastbywest.co.nz
Email: info@eastbywest.co.nz

Ferg's Kayaks



Explore Wellington's waterfront in your own kayak, or hire a pair of inline skates. The hire centre also features a 13 metre high indoor

climbing wall, designed for beginners as well as more experienced climbers.

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Address: Shed 6, Queens Wharf, Wellington
Phone: +64 4 499 8898
Internet: www.fergskayaks.co.nz
Email: saleswn@fergskayaks.co.nz

Museum of Wellington City and Sea



Learn about Wellington's social and cultural history with interactive exhibitions, a collection of over 95,000 historical items, and films on the

giant cinema screen.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady / Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Jervois Quay, Queens Wharf
Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm
Phone: +64 4 472 8904
Internet:
www.museumswellington.org.nz/wellington-museum

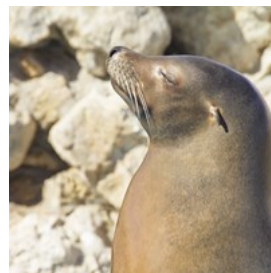
Lord of the Rings Tour



Join a full or half day tour by Flat Earth Tours and visit the locations used during filming of The Lord of the Rings trilogy. At this tour you get the chance to explore locations such as Rivendell, where Frodo recovers from his knife attack, the Anduin River, and the Gardens of Isengard, to name a few. This is a must for any "Lord of the Rings" fan.

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Address: Various pick up points (see website)
Phone: +64 4 472 9635
Internet: flatearth.co.nz/lord-of-the-rings-tours
Email: info@flatearth.co.nz

Seal Coast Safari



Enjoy a great tour where you get the chance to explore the wildlife and admire fabulous scenery. The tour includes breathtaking views of Wellington city, seal safari, coffee break, four wheel driving on the beach in Sealmobiles and much more.

Wellington i-SITE Visitor Centre is the pick-up point, where you will meet your guide.

Photo: Giancarlo Liguori/Shutterstock.com
Address: 145 Wakefield Street, Wellington
Phone: +64 4 801 6040
Internet: www.sealcoast.com

Email: safari@sealcoast.com

Old St Paul's Cathedral



Old St Paul's is an attractive old wooden church and is a fine example of 19th century Gothic Revival architecture. The interior

is enhanced by splendid stained glass windows and is one of New Zealand's most important historic places. You can also join a guided tour and listen to interesting stories of the church.

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Address: 34 Mulgrave Street, Thorndon, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and during short private functions

Phone: +64 4 473 6722

Internet: www.historicplaces.org.nz

Email: oldstpauls@heritage.org.nz

Wellington Botanic Garden



Stroll around and admire beautiful plants and flowers at Wellington Botanic Garden. It has a huge range of plant species from all around

the world and the Begonia House covers tropical and seasonal displays of orchids, tuberous begonias, cyclamen, ornamentals and others. If you are hungry or thirsty, head over to the Rose Garden Café where you can have lunch.

Photo: Victor Maschek/Shutterstock.com

Address: 101 Glenmore Street, Wellington

Opening hours: All year, dawn to dusk

Phone: +64 4 499 1400

Internet: wellington.govt.nz/recreation

Email: treehouse@wcc.govt.nz

Oriental Bay



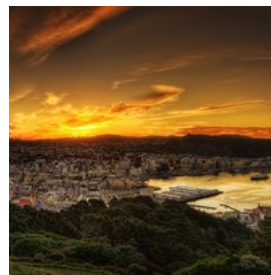
Whether you take a walk by the sea or go for a swim, either way this place offers beautiful views and is a lovely place to enjoy your

holiday. There are plenty of ice cream parlours nearby if you would like to eat something sweet. It is close to bars, restaurants and too.

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Address: Oriental Parade, Wellington

Mount Victoria



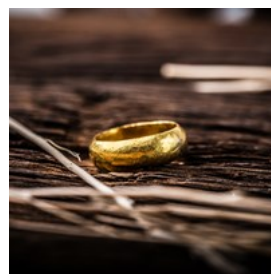
Mount Victoria is a beautiful place for a nature hike; so beautiful, in fact, that it has been used as filming ground for some scenes of the

Lord of the Rings movie. Expect stunning, birds-eye views over the city and bay. Come at night when the city lights glimmer in the distance and savour the moment.

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Address: Lookout Road, Wellington

Weta Cave



This mix of shop and museum is a mecca for Lord of the Rings fans, who flock to this venue to see behind-the-scenes insights and all sorts of

this legendary movie's memorabilia, as well as purchase various souvenirs and collectables.

Photo: PBO Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Weka Street, Miramar, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:30pm. Closed on Christmas day

Phone: +64 4 909 4100

Internet: www.wetaworkshop.com
Email: bookings@wetaworkshop.co.nz

DINING

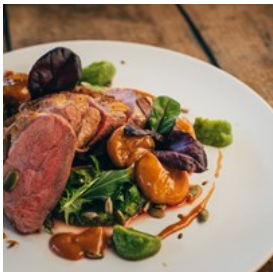


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With over 350 eateries, it's no wonder Wellington lays claim to being New Zealand's gastronomic capital. The city's coastal location means fresh seafood is a highlight on many menus, with local delicacies including crayfish, salmon and paua - a New Zealand shellfish. Sushi restaurants are also common.

Wellington restaurants source many of their ingredients from the nearby Wairarapa region - look out for the region's award winning Pinot Noir wines, gourmet ice cream and Aorangi and Gouda cheeses.

Logan Brown Restaurant



Multi-award winning restaurant, Logan Brown is fine dining New Zealand style. It is known locally for a signature dish of Paua Ravioli.

From the a la carte menu you can also choose dishes such as snapper with tuatua fritters, seven spiced duck or desserts like earl grey brulee.

Photo: *JLwarehouse / Shutterstock.com*
Address: 192 Cuba Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Lunch: Wed&Thu 12pm-1:30pm, Fri&Sat 12pm-2pm. High Tea: Sat 1:30-3pm. Dinner: Tue-Sat from 5:30pm

Phone: +64 4 801 5114

Internet: www.loganbrown.co.nz

Email: enquiries@loganbrown.co.nz

Monsoon Poon



Are you craving food from Asia? Monsoon Poon has its feet both in the East and the West, mixing quality Asian food with high standards of service

and presentation.

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Address: 12 Blair Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Mon-Fri from 11am, Sat-Sun from 5pm

Phone: +64 4 803 3555

Internet: www.monsoonpoon.co.nz

Email: Wellington@monsoonpoon.co.nz

Annam Restaurant



Annam's menu is mostly Vietnamese, but has an emphasis on French as well. Located in the heart of downtown Wellington, it is open for both lunch

and dinner. The vast drink list will satisfy the most picky diner, but will not intimidate those just wanting to browse.

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Address: 125 Featherston Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-10pm, Sat 5pm-10pm

Phone: +64 4 499 5530

Internet: www.annam.co.nz

Email: restaurant@annam.co.nz

The Flying Burrito Brothers



Provides genuine fresh Mexican food served in vibrant, colorful surroundings at cheap and cheerful prices. The menu offers dishes like enchiladas, quesadillas, fajitas and tacos.

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com

Address: Corner Cuba and Vivian Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily 5pm till late

Phone: +64 4 385 8811

Internet: www.flyingburritobrothers.co.nz

Email: officefbb@gmail.com

Whitebait



With its stunning views, Whitebait specializes in seafood, fresh New Zealand meat and game and seasonal organic vegetables.

Photo: Jannarong / Shutterstock.com

Address: G04/1 Clyde Quay Wharf, Te Aro, Wellington

Opening hours: Dinner: Tue-Fri 6pm till late, Sat 5:30pm till late. Lunch by appointment.

Phone: +64 4 385 8555

Internet: www.white-bait.nz

Email: info@white-bait.nz

Pravda



The restaurant is located in one of Wellington's elegant older buildings. Pravda serves modern yet classic bistro food (and great coffee). Here you can have breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner.

Photo: Artur Begel / Shutterstock.com

Address: 107 Customhouse Quay, Wellington

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am till late, Sat 9:30am till late

Phone: +64 4 801 8858

Internet: www.pravdacafe.co.nz

Email: info@pravdacafe.co.nz

Chow



Chow combines the fresh flavours of Southeast Asia in a casual modern setting. You will find the restaurant in the heart of the Courtenay Place entertainment district. The menu offer dishes such as red duck curry, rib of beef, crispy fried chicken and other mouth-watering dishes.

Photo: dolphfyn / Shutterstock.com

Address: 45 Tory Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am

Phone: +64 4 382 8585

Internet: www.chow.co.nz

Email: tory@chow.co.nz

More Info: Free WiFi

Tasting Room



The Tasting Room is a modern interpretation of the traditional public house - a gastropub, offering the best in creative beer and food matching along with providing a premium drinking environment.

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Courtenay Place, Wellington

Phone: +64 4 384 1159

Internet: www.thetastingroom.co.nz

Email: thetastingroom@xtra.co.nz

Sweet Mother's Kitchen



This sweet little café and restaurant serves great value home style Creole and Mexican food.

Famous for their breakfast quesadilla, they

also serve po' boys, tacos and great pies for dessert.

Photo: Brent Hofacker / Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Courtenay Place, Wellington

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 8am-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 8am till late

Phone: +64 4 385 4444

Internet: www.sweetmotherskitchen.co.nz

Email: mail@sweetmotherskitchen.co.nz

Pizzeria Napoli



This Italian pizzeria is situated in the heart of Wellington. The chefs prepare the food with fresh ingredients and use wood fired oven to get

that perfect taste. Also on the menu are traditional Italian homemade pastas.

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Address: 30 Courtney Place, Wellington

Opening hours: Lunch Tue-Sat 12pm-3pm. Dinner daily 5pm till late

Phone: +64 4 802 5908

Internet: www.pizzerianapoli.co.nz

Email: ciao@pizzerianapoli.co.nz

Great India



The restaurant opened its doors in 1983 and ever since then it has been a favorite Indian restaurant among locals and tourist alike. Mouth-watering

dishes are served such as rogan josh, lamb vindaloo and butter chicken. There is also a fine

selection of New Zealand and international wines to choose from.

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Address: 141 Manners Street, Wellington

Phone: +64 4 384 5755

Internet: www.greatindia.co.nz

Email: rakesh@greatindia.co.nz

Restaurant 88



At this sophisticated ambiance you can relish Vietnamese cuisine. The attentive staff serves well-presented food with many diverse flavours.

The menu offers tasty dishes such as Saigon lemongrass beef salad with crispy spring rolls and Saigon grilled fish wrapped in banana leaves.

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Address: 88 Tory Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Lunch: daily 11:30pm-2:30pm. Dinner:

Tue-Sun 5:30pm till late

Phone: +64 4 385 9088

Internet: www.restaurant88.co.nz

Portlander Bar & Grill



If you would like to eat a juicy steak, head over to restaurant Portlander Bar & Grill. At this relaxing and friendly environment you will experience a

gastronomic adventure - food that is prepared to perfection and finished in style.

Photo: nazarovsergey / Shutterstock.com

Address: Corner Whitmore Street and Featherston Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily: breakfast 6am-10:30am; lunch 12pm-2:30pm; dinner 5:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +64 4 498 3762

Internet: www.portlander.co.nz
Email: info_portlander@evt.com

Havana Bar



Havana Bar is a colourful and cosy restaurant where the staff serves Spanish inspired tapas and seasonal plates. This award winning cocktail

bar and restaurant provides local and international musicians four nights a week. The atmosphere can be described as friendly and warm.

Photo: Visionsi / Shutterstock.com
Address: 34 Wigan Street, Wellington
Opening hours: Daily 11:30am till late
Phone: +64 4 384 7039
Internet: www.havanabar.co.nz
Email: info@havanabar.co.nz

Ortega Fish Shack



Chef Mark Limacher has a genuine and life-long love for food, which shows on the menu with fresh New Zealand seafood. Every dish is prepared with a creative touch. Here you can indulge in specialities like char-grilled big eye tuna and smoked white warehou.

Photo: Visionsi / Shutterstock.com
Address: 18 Majorbanks Street, Wellington
Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm till late
Phone: +64 4 382 9559
Internet: www.ortega.co.nz
Email: fishshack@xtra.co.nz
More Info: Open for lunch by appointment

CAFES



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Coffee is serious business in Wellington. You can't leave the city until you've immersed yourself into the local café culture. The city offers a wide selection of lovely cafés around the city, all you need to do is pick a favorite.

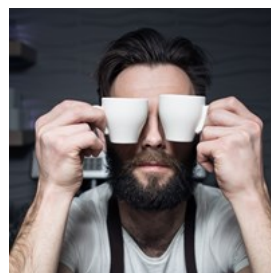
Nikau Gallery Café



Nikau is a spacious airy café adjacent to the City Gallery. Nikau offers fantastic food, wine and coffee served in a contemporary environment. It opened its doors in 1998.

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Address: Civic Square, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-4pm, Sat 8am-4pm
Phone: +64 4 801 4168
Internet: www.nikaucafe.co.nz
Email: nikaucafe@xtra.co.nz
More Info: Located inside the City Gallery Building

Midnight Espresso



A relaxed and friendly late night café, serving vegetarian and vegan food. It certainly lives up to its name and is one of the last places on Cuba Street where you can grab a coffee before

bedtime.

Photo: Goami/Shutterstock.com

Address: 178 Cuba Street, Wellington

Phone: +64 4 384 7014

Maranui Surf Life Saving Club



Maranui Café is a quirky, 1940s-style café situated in the clubrooms of the Maranui Surf Club.

Delicious meals and counter food served, with

great views out across Lyall Bay.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Lyall Parade, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Phone: +64 4 387 4539

Internet: www.maranui.co.nz

Email: cafe@maranui.co.nz

Fidel's



This is a funky, laid back and out of the way café.

Fidel's is the perfect venue for weekend brunch. There is also a nice outdoor area where you can enjoy a freshly brewed coffee.

Photo: Brent Hofacker / Shutterstock.com

Address: 234 Cuba Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-10pm, Sat-Sun 8am-10pm

Phone: +64 4 801 6868

Internet: www.fidelscafe.com

Email: mail@fidelscafe.com

Floriditas



Floriditas is a stylish and comfortable café/restaurant in the heart of Cuba Street. This café has a delicious menu, great coffee,

reasonable prices and is a casual and relaxing place.

Photo: jakkapan / Shutterstock.com

Address: 161 Cuba Street, Wellington

Phone: +64 4 381 2212

Internet: www.floriditas.co.nz

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Courtenay Place is known as Wellington's 24 hour zone, and is the main area to head to on a weekend. Alternatively, head down to the waterfront at Queens Wharf, where you'll find upmarket and boutique bars with an emphasis on food as well as drink. Alternatively, while away an evening in one of Cuba quarter's trendy bars and music venues.

Hummingbird Café Bar



Hummingbird Café Bar is where ambience, wine, food and music equal conviviality. The staff serves New Zealand style tapas in a fun, vibrant

environment.

Photo: Arina P Habich / Shutterstock.com
Address: 22 Courtenay Place, Wellington
Opening hours: Tue-Sat from 3pm
Phone: +64 4 801 6336
Internet: www.hummingbird.net.nz
Email: manager@hummingbird.net.nz

Tasting Room



The Tasting Room is a modern interpretation of the traditional public house - a gastropub, offering the best in creative beer and food

matching along with providing a premium drinking environment.

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Courtenay Place, Wellington
Phone: +64 4 384 1159
Internet: www.thetastingroom.co.nz
Email: thetastingroom@xtra.co.nz

San Francisco Bath House



San Francisco Bath House is one of the top venues in New Zealand for international acts. With a European atmosphere for

performers, it is possibly the best of its size in New Zealand.

Photo: UnderTheSea / Shutterstock.com
Address: 171 Cuba Street, Wellington
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 5pm till late
Phone: +64 4 801 6797
Internet: www.sfbh.co.nz
Email: ziggy@sanfran.co.nz

Hawthorn Lounge



Hawthorn Lounge is a cosy relaxed bar with big leather couches in front of the open fire where you can also roast marshmallows. It used to be a gentleman's club and lounge bar in the 1920s.

Photo: alex saberi / Shutterstock.com
Address: 2/82 Tory Street, Wellington
Opening hours: Daily 5pm-3am
Phone: +64 4 890 3724
Internet: www.hawthornlounge.co.nz
Email: hawthornlounge@gmail.com

Havana



The spirit of Cuba is alive and kicking at Havana Bar - visible through their passion for live music, rum and coffee.

This is a great place

where you can have fresh exotic drinks such as raspberry and cucumber Gin Fizz.

Photo: Ivan Mateev / Shutterstock.com
Address: 32a-34 Wigan Street, Wellington
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 3pm till late, Fri-Sun 11am till late
Phone: +64 4 384 7039
Internet: www.havanabar.co.nz
Email: info@havanabar.co.nz

The Library



One of Wellington's most stylish cocktail bars, this venue offers reading rooms along with lounge and bar areas. Pick one of the many books from the endless shelves lining the bar, and if you're lucky you might even find a cocktail voucher hidden

between the pages.

Photo: svry / Shutterstock.com

Address: 53 Courtenay Place, Wellington

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5pm till late, Fri-Sun 4pm till late

Phone: +64 4 382 8593

Internet: www.thelibrary.co.nz

Email: bookings@thelibrary.co.nz

Hashigo Zake



When visiting Hashigo Zake you will only find beer, wine, sake and whisky on the menu which the staff and regulars are passionate about. This basement bar has a welcoming and warm atmosphere and the knowledgeable staff is very helpful.

Photo: Arina P Habich / Shutterstock.com

Address: 25 Taranaki Street, Wellington

Phone: +64 4 390 7300

Internet: www.hashigozake.co.nz

Dakota Bar



When entering in Dakota you will be transported to a time when cowboys and Dakota natives wandered the grasslands. Hosting different activities on different nights of the week, including line dancing, poker and mechanical bull riding, you will never find this vibrant place boring.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 74 Courtney Place, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-4am

Phone: +64 4 381 3471

Internet: www.dakotabar.co.nz

SHOPPING



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Wellington's compact downtown area is only 20 minutes from one end to the other, making it ideal territory for shop-hoppers. As one of New Zealand's best dressed cities, fashion is at the core of the Wellington shopping experience.

The Lambton Quarter is the main shopping strip, and here you'll find international chain stores, brand names, and Wellington's most prestigious department store - Kirkcaldie & Stains, which dates back to 1863. Pay a visit to The Old Bank Shopping Arcade to explore contemporary fashion and beauty stores in a historic setting.

Wellington shows its creative side in the Willis quarter, which is home to a variety of exclusive fashion design stores such as Starfish, Voon and House of Hank - the stylish menswear retail store of owner/designer Hank Cubitt - the poster boy of Wellington fashion.

Contemporary art, funky fashion and eclectic stores make their home in The Cuba Quarter. Find yourself some kitsch gifts in Iko Iko, or colourful urban fashions in Frutti. Courtenay Quarter hosts some of Wellington's most popular art stores, such as Kura Contemporary Ethnic Art Gallery, which sells New Zealand, Pacific and Maori art.

Mandatory



The Mandatory specializes on unique, exquisite menswear and is a must-visit for those in search of the perfectly tailored suit. Founded in

1997, it is now very popular amongst independent manufacturers in Wellington.

Photo: Volodymyr Ivash / Shutterstock.com

Address: 21 Ghuznee Street, Wellington

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-4:30pm, Sun 11am-3pm

Phone: +64 4 384 6107

Internet: www.mandatory.co.nz

Email: info@mandatory.co.nz

Soup



Soup refers to itself as "fashion recovery", where Armani, Burberry, Comme des Garcons, Yohji Yamamoto, Alexander McQueen,

Zambesi are just some of the recycled labels you can expect to find.

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Address: 23 Holland Street, Wellington

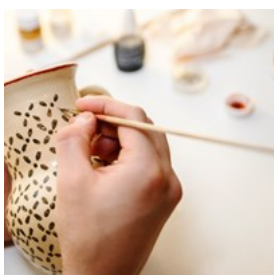
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-5pm

Phone: +64 4 385 4722

Internet: www.fashionrecovery.co.nz

Email: contact@soup.net.nz

Kura Contemporary Ethnic Art Galley



For a hand-picked collection of quality New Zealand fine art, crafts and memorable souvenirs, Kura is definitely the place to go.

The gallery specializes on exhibiting aboriginal

art.

Photo: Nadezhda Kulikova / Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Allen Street, Wellington

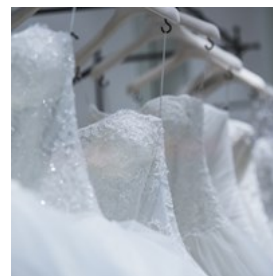
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat-Sun 11am-4pm

Phone: +64 4 802 4934

Internet: www.kuragallery.co.nz

Email: info@kuragallery.co.nz

Voon



Voon is an independent wedding dress store that lays special emphasis on ethical employment, and collaborates with a national charity

organization to improve access to education in developing countries.

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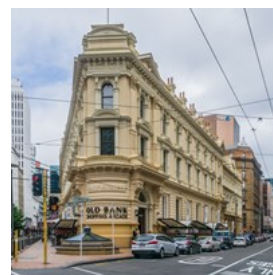
Address: 142 Willis Street, Wellington

Phone: +64 4 801 8292

Internet: www.voon.co.nz

Email: info@voon.co.nz

Old Bank Shopping Arcade



The Old Bank Shopping Arcade is located inside a historic building, and offers something to see apart from varied stores - do not miss the musical

Old Bank Clock and the remains of a sailing boat unearthed during building renovations.

Photo: Krzysztof Golik / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: 233-237 Lambton Quay, Wellington

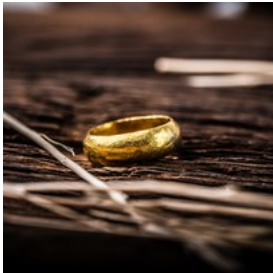
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-3pm

Phone: +64 4 922 0600

Internet: www.oldbank.co.nz

Email: info@oldbank.co.nz

Weta Cave



This mix of shop and museum is a mecca for Lord of the Rings fans, who flock to this venue to see behind-the-scenes insights and all sorts of this legendary movie's memorabilia, as well as purchase various souvenirs and collectibles.

Photo: PBO Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Weka St, Wellington

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5.30pm

Phone: +64 4-380 9361

Internet: www.wetaworkshop.com

Hunters & Collectors



Hunters & Collectors is the vintage boutique no retro-clothing lover should miss when in Wellington. Make an hour or two to browse through its endless treasures.

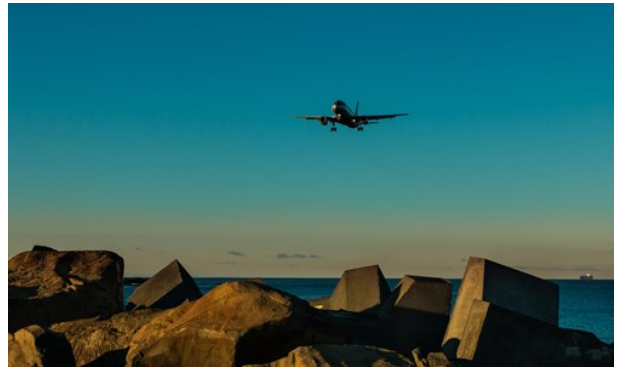
Photo: Grachikova Larisa / Shutterstock.com

Address: 134 Cuba Street, Wellington

Phone: +64 4 384 8948

Email: huntersandcollectors87@gmail.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport



Wellington International Airport is located 8 km or a 20 minutes drive from the city centre.

Wellington is less than one hour's flight from

anywhere in New Zealand, and Pacific Blue covers most major cities domestically with flights to Australia and the South Pacific.

A number of shuttle operators provide a regular half-hourly or hourly shuttle bus service between the airport and the Wellington Railway Station. They operate on demand, or you can book in advance to have them waiting for you at Wellington Airport. There are always a couple of shuttles waiting at the departure exits of the airport. They assist you with your luggage, and offer a friendly door-to-door service throughout Wellington city.

Wellington Combined Shuttles Ltd

www.co-opshuttles.co.nz

+64 4 387 8787

The Airport Flyer Bus is also available: it's an express bus service that runs from Wellington

International Airport to the centre of Wellington, on to Queensgate - Lower Hutt. It runs at least once every 20 minutes, every day between the Airport and Lower Hutt.

www.metlink.org.nz
+64 800 801 700

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Wellington International Airport - Wellington
Phone: +64 4 385 5100
Internet: www.wellingtonairport.co.nz

Passport / Visa



Citizens of Australia and the UK, as well as visa waiver countries, do not need to apply for a visa for short visitor stays, but may need to produce

documented proof of onward travel. Visa waiver countries include the USA and multiple countries across Europe and Asia, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, and Vatican City. Citizens of other countries will need to apply for a visa in advance, which can be done online for solo travellers and in paper format for those travelling with a partner or as a group. The applicant's passport validity in this case will need to last 3 months after the planned departure date.

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Best Time to Visit



According to many, the best time to visit Wellington is the end of the summer, around February and March, when the city becomes

less crowded and the weather more predictable. You will still be able to enjoy New Zealand's superb nature, but you'll also find more interesting events than in summer - and the clearer skies will probably offer you the best sunsets of the year.

Summer lasts from December to February, and is the most popular time to visit, attracting many families with children on school break. These are the hottest months (around 60 to 70°F), but the weather can be unpredictable, with sudden strong winds: dressing in layers is recommended.

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Public transport



One of the best features of Wellington is its compact size. In half an hour, you can walk from the Railway Station, past Parliament Buildings,

along Lambton Quay, past Cuba Street to Courtenay Place near Te Papa. Collect a map from the Wellington i-SITE Visitor Centre and explore downtown Wellington for fashion, food, arts and all the main attractions. Or take a guided tour with Walk Wellington. Discover the history, the people and the places of Wellington with knowledgeable guides who know the

capital's hidden secrets.

Go Wellington's Flyer is an express bus service that travels between the airport, Wellington city, Queensgate, Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt. The Flyer only stops at the main stops, which makes travel faster and easier. Service runs every 30 minutes between 6.25am and 8.20pm (Monday to Friday) and regularly at the weekend.

Go Wellington is the main public bus operator in Wellington city, running regular scheduled services between the city centre and suburbs. Buses operate every day from 7am-11pm on most routes. Individual tickets may be purchased from the bus driver, and discounted ten-trip tickets are also available.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Phone: +64 4 802 4100
Internet: www.gowellingtonbus.co.nz
Email: info@nzbus.co.nz

Taxi



Taxis can be hired from taxi ranks throughout the city, ordered over the telephone, or you can arrange collection at city hotels, the railway station

or Ferry Terminals. Wellington International Airport is only 20 minutes drive from downtown Wellington.

Wellington Combined Taxis:
+64 4 384 4444

Kiwi Cabs Ltd
+64 4 389 9999

Harbour City Taxis Ltd
+64 4 388 8111

Phone: +64 4 384 4444
Internet: www.taxis.co.nz
Email: admin@taxis.co.nz

Post Office



You can find one of Wellington's many post offices at:

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 49 Manners Street, Wellington
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5:30pm, Sat 10am-1:30pm
Phone: +64 4 472 7510
Internet: www.nzpost.co.nz

Pharmacy



Urgent Pharmacy
Wellington 17 Adelaide Rd, Mt Cook, Wellington
+64 4 385 8810 Unichem
Pharmacy 58 Willis St, Wellington +64 4 472

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Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: 17 Adelaide Road, Wellington
Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm
Phone: +64 4 385 8810

Telephone



Country code: +64 Area code: 04

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

220-240 volts, 50Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

412 500

Currency

New Zealand Dollar, \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Most shops are open from 9am to 5.30pm. All stores close on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and until 1pm on Anzac Day (25th April)

Newspapers

The Dominion Post (regional), New Zealand Herald (national)

Emergency numbers

111 (Ambulance, Fire and Police)

Tourist information

Wellington i-SITE Visitor Information Centre

111 Wakefield Street

+64 4 802 4860

Mon-Fri 8.30am - 5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm, public holidays

9am-4pm, closed Christmas Day



A
Town Belt

B

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Wellington Harbour

Lambton Harbour

Oriental Bay

Oriental Bay

ROSENEATH

Town Belt

MT VICTORIA

HATAITAI

Stellin Memorial Park

Botanic Garden

Kelburn Park

Charles Plimmer Park

Basin Reserve

Westpac Trust Stadium

THORNDON

LAMBTON

TEARO

Oriental Bay

MT COOK

0 250 m



		Ghuznee Street	A3	Ohiro Road	A4
Abel Smith Street	A4 B4	Glasgow Street	A3	Oriental Parade	C3 D3
Aitken Street	B1	Glenmore Street	A2	Palliser Road	D4
Alexandra Road	C4 D4	Goring Street	B1	Percival Street	A3
Allen Street	B3	Grafton Road	D3 D4	Pipitea Street	B1
Aotea Quay	C1	Grant Road	A1 B1	Pirie Street	B4 C4
Arawa Road	D4	Grey Street	B2	Porritt Avenue	C4
Ariki Road	D4	Haining Street	B4	Queen Street	C4
Aro Street	A4	Hania Street	B4	Rakau Road	D4
Arthur Street	A4	Hapua Street	C4	Rawhiti Terrace	A2 A3
Aurora Terrace	A2	Harriett Street	A1	Roseneath Terrace	D3 D4
Austin Street	C4	Harris Street	B3	Roxburgh Street	C3 C4
Blair Street	B3	Hataitai Road	D4	Rugby Street	B4
Bolton Street	A2	Hawker Street	C3 C4	Salamanca Road	A2 A3
Boulcott Street	A2 A3	Hawkestone Street	B1	Stout Street	B2
Bowen Street	A1 B1	Hay Street	D3	Sussex Street	B4
Brooklyn Road	A4	Herd Street	B3 C3	Sydney Street West	A1
Brougham Street	B4	Hill Street	A1 B1	Talavera Terrace	A2
Buckle Street	B4	Hobson Street	B1	Taranaki Street	A4 B3 B4
Cable Street	B3	Hohiria Road	D4	Tasman Street	B4
Cambridge Terrace	B4	Hopper Street	A4	Tennyson Street	B4
Chaffers Street	B3	Hunter Street	B2	Thane Road	D3
Civic Square	B3	Jervois Quay	B2 B3	The Crescent	D3
Clermont Terrace	A2	Jessie Street	B4	The Terrace	A3 B2
Clifton Terrace	A2	Kate Sheppard Place	B1	Thompson Street	A4
College Street	B4	Kelburn Parade	A3	Thorndon Quay	B1 B2
Courtenay Place	B3	Kent Terrace	B3 B4	Tinakori Road	A1
Cuba Mall	B3	Lambton Quay	B1 B2	Torrens Terrace	A4
Cuba Street	A4 B3	Levy Street	C4	Upoko Road	D4
Customhouse Quay	B2	Lorne Street	B4	Victoria Street	A4 B2 B3
Davis Street	B1	Maarama Crescent	A4	Vivian Street	A3 A4 B4
Devon Street	A3 A4	Majoribanks Street	B4 C4	Waipapa Road	D4
Dixon Street	A3 B3	Manners Street	B3	Wakefield Street	B3
Dufferin Street	B4	Marewa Road	D4	Waterloo Quay	B1 C1
Egmont Street	B3	Marion Street	B3 B4	Webb Street	A4
Elizabeth Street	B4 C4	McFarlane Street	C3	Wellington Urban Motorway	A1 A2 A3 B1
Ellice Street	B4	Moir Street	B4	Wesley Road	A2
Featherston Street	B2	Molesworth Street	B1	Whitmore Street	B2
Frederick Street	B4	Murphy Street	B1	Willis Street	A3 A4
Garrett Street	A3 B3				