

14 Day New Zealand Wine, Food & Art

For the foodies, wino's & art lovers among us!

March 2026

Daily Summary

Day 1 - Monday, 23 March 2026

- Welcome to Blenheim ! On arrival you will be transferred to your accommodation
- Stay at French Fields Marlborough B&B - B&B - 2 nights

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- Marlborough Tour Company - Full Day Taste Marlborough Wine Tour - Includes Lunch

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- You will be transferred back to Blenheim Airport and fly to Wellington, on arrival collect your rental vehicle
- Stay at Bolton Hotel Wellington - 5 Star Hotel - 2 nights

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- Capital Personalised Tours - Taste Buds For Foodies Tour - Includes Lunch

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- Drive to Martinborough (approximately 82 km, 1 hour 30 mins)
- Today take the journey to Martinborough - Capital of the Wairarapa Wine Region
- Stay at The Martinborough Hotel - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights

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- Martinborough Wine Tours - Ultimate Wine and Food Tour - Includes Tastings and Shared Lunch

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- Stay at Art Deco Masonic Hotel - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights

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- Grape Escape - Half Day Wine Tour - Hawkes Bay

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- Make your way to Auckland - The City of Sails
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- Waiheke Island Return Ferry
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- Drive to Paihia - The Heart of the Bay of Islands
- Stay at Paihia Beach Resort & Spa - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights

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- Silver Wave Yacht Charters - 4 Hour Charter - Serenity

Day 14 - Sunday, 05 April 2026

- Return your rental vehicle at Paihia Airport and board your onward flight

Day 1 - Monday, 23 March 2026

Welcome to Blenheim ! On arrival you will be transferred to your accommodation

Blenheim - heart of the Marlborough wine region. Set in the picturesque Wairau Valley, Blenheim is surrounded by stunning vineyards and rolling hills of Marlborough. The changing colors of the vines through the seasons create a beautiful landscape. Known for its fertile soils and sunny climate, the region produces exceptional wines. Nearby, the Marlborough Sounds offer breathtaking views, while the town itself features a vibrant culinary scene and cultural attractions, making it a delightful destination.



Stay at French Fields Marlborough B&B - B&B - 2 nights

Located in the heart of Marlborough, French Fields offers a serene escape surrounded by the region's renowned vineyards and rolling hills. This delightful, family-run B&B combines rustic charm with modern comfort, creating a warm and inviting retreat. Start your day with a delicious, self-serve continental breakfast while taking in breathtaking views of the lush landscape. Whether you're discovering nearby wineries or unwinding in our tranquil garden, French Fields provides the perfect blend of relaxation and French-inspired hospitality. Immerse yourself in the stunning vistas of lavender fields, neighboring vineyards, and majestic mountains and enjoy a slice of France in the Sauvignon Blanc capital of New Zealand.



Day 2 - Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Marlborough Tour Company - Full Day Taste Marlborough Wine Tour - Includes Lunch

Indulge your senses with our very special Taste Marlborough Wine Tour, a full day exploring behind the scenes of the world-renowned Marlborough wine region. On this intimate wine tour, you'll visit a select number of iconic and boutique Marlborough wineries where you'll taste award-winning Marlborough wines, explore beautiful Marlborough vineyards and enjoy a winery lunch. Taste Marlborough has been created for visitors who love great wine and those who want to learn more about the region, the wineries, the wines and the people who create them.



Day 3 - Wednesday, 25 March 2026

You will be transferred back to Blenheim Airport and fly to Wellington, on arrival collect your rental vehicle

In between a stunning harbour and rolling hills, Wellington is surrounded by a dramatic landscape of steep ridges and rugged coastlines. This capital city is known for its beautiful scenery and lively atmosphere, serving as a key centre for culture and politics, home to national institutions. The striking topography features lush valleys and breathtaking viewpoints, creating a unique setting. Wellington's vibrant arts scene and growing food culture enhance its reputation as a dynamic urban hub, celebrated for creativity and innovation.



Stay at Bolton Hotel Wellington - 5 Star Hotel - 2 nights

Centrally located, the Bolton is walking distance to the city's many theatres, restaurants, cafés, bars, retail hub, waterfront and stadium. The Bolton Hotel provides the perfect base for our guests to explore the city and discover what's on in Wellington. All Rooms and Suites are stylishly decorated in calming neutral tones and feature artworks by local artists and historical photographs of early Wellington. Luxurious white cotton bedding and velvety soft bathrobes ensure that guests can repose in comfort.



Day 4 - Thursday, 26 March 2026

Capital Personalised Tours - Taste Buds For Foodies Tour - Includes Lunch

Embark on a scenic drive to the historic township of Petone, located at the northern end of Wellington Harbour. Your first stop is Ripe, a specialty coffee roastery nestled on the Petone foreshore. Delve into the fascinating history of coffee, from its journey as a shrub to the expertly crafted cup in your hand. Next, indulge in a leisurely lunch at one of two exceptional dining spots. On Wednesday to Saturday, savour fine dining at Logan Brown, or from Sunday to Tuesday, immerse yourself in the flavors of Italy at La Bella Italia. After lunch, continue your adventure with a drive east around the stunning coastline to ParrotDog Brewery in the picturesque seaside suburb of Lyall Bay. Conclude your day by sampling their award-winning craft beers, the perfect way to toast a memorable experience.



Day 5 - Friday, 27 March 2026

Drive to Martinborough (approximately 82 km, 1 hour 30 mins)

Today take the journey to Martinborough - Capital of the Wairarapa Wine Region

Martinborough is just over an hour drive north of Wellington is the heart of the Wairarapa wine region. The Wairarapa region is characterised by rolling hill country sandwiched between rugged coastlines and bush-clad mountains. The key attraction of Martinborough (apart from its high number of sunshine hours and low rainfall) is wine and all that goes with wine - tastings, buying, talking with winemakers, walking through vineyards and generally absorbing the atmosphere.



Stay at The Martinborough Hotel - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights

The Martinborough Hotel seamlessly blends historic charm with modern luxury, offering a boutique experience that captures the spirit of New Zealand's celebrated wine region. Guests are welcomed into a warm, inviting atmosphere with exceptional service and beautifully appointed rooms. Relax in the cozy lounge by a crackling fireplace and indulge in delectable cuisine made from local produce at the on-site restaurant. Stroll through the picturesque private garden, which features beautiful rose gardens and a grand oak tree or enjoy a game of pétanque in the courtyard. With its prime location just steps from boutique wineries, charming shops and lively eateries, The Martinborough Hotel is the perfect retreat for both a relaxing escape and an exciting wine-tasting adventure.



Day 6 - Saturday, 28 March 2026

Martinborough Wine Tours - Ultimate Wine and Food Tour - Includes Tastings and Shared Lunch

This is a private tour in a luxury vehicle for a food and wine filled day in the wine village. You'll hear a brief history of Martinborough township and its vineyards and of wine-making in the region. You'll visit vineyards and maybe an olive grove and you'll taste a selection of Martinborough's best wines along with other tasting options such as cheese, gin and beer. The lunch includes dessert, a wine tasting and a glass of wine.



Day 7 - Sunday, 29 March 2026

Drive to Napier - Art Deco Capital of New Zealand

Napier, nestled in the stunning Hawke's Bay, is framed by the Pacific Ocean to the east and the rolling hills of the hinterland. Known for its unique Art Deco architecture, the city was rebuilt after the 1931 earthquake, creating a remarkable display of early twentieth-century design. The region also offers celebrated vineyards, the famous Cape Kidnappers golf course, rich Māori heritage, and abundant birdlife, making it a blend of natural beauty and cultural significance.



Stay at Art Deco Masonic Hotel - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights

Napier's best located Hotel, on the waterfront with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean - Masonic Hotel is an Art Deco institution. Right in the heart of Art Deco Napier and opposite Napier's new museum MTG Hawke's Bay and The Art Deco Shop, Masonic Hotel's location is perfect for sightseeing and within walking distance of most of the cities attractions and businesses. There is a choice of accommodation types ranging from newly appointed Heritage Suites, Studios and 2 Bedroom Apartment, Classic Single and King Rooms, to affordable Original Single and Double Rooms.



Day 8 - Monday, 30 March 2026

Grape Escape - Half Day Wine Tour - Hawkes Bay

Enjoy a delightful afternoon of wine tasting designed for both casual enthusiasts and dedicated connoisseurs. Connect with fellow wine lovers as you explore Hawke's Bay's exceptional wines, crafted with passion. Discover the region's unique growing conditions and enjoy a scenic drive through breathtaking landscapes. You'll visit four to five wineries, savoring a variety of wines and a cheese platter at the picturesque Ngatarawa Vineyard, nestled by a charming lily pond. Take home not only outstanding wines but also unforgettable memories from this fun-filled experience.



Day 9 - Tuesday, 31 March 2026

Make your way to Auckland - The City of Sails

Known as the "City of Sails," Auckland is famous for its stunning waterfront, diverse culture, and vibrant urban life. Located between Waitemata and Manukau Harbours, it features numerous islands and scenic coastlines along the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean. The city's skyline showcases iconic structures amid lush green hills and volcanic cones. As New Zealand's economic and cultural hub, Auckland boasts a thriving arts scene, innovative cuisine, and a strong community spirit.



Stay at M Social - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights

M Social is a chic retreat at Auckland's vibrant waterfront, offering stylish rooms with stunning views of Princes Wharf. Located a short walk from the lively Viaduct Harbour, you'll find a variety of dining and entertainment options. Designed for the curious and adventurous, the hotel combines modern sophistication with an energetic urban spirit. Enjoy exceptional dining at Beast and Butterflies, the signature restaurant and bar, which offers harbor views and a diverse menu. With the New Zealand Maritime Museum, Downtown Ferry Terminal, and central Auckland nearby, M Social is the ideal base for exploring the city.



Day 10 - Wednesday, 01 April 2026

Waiheke Island Return Ferry

This stunning island just off the Auckland coast boasts 92 square kms of beautiful beaches, vineyards, olive groves, native bush and laid back seaside villages. It's a great day out from Auckland as well as a superb holiday destination or a weekend getaway. The ferries are stable fast jet propelled 'Quickcats' that are large enough to take 300 people. Seating is spread over 3 levels. The top deck being outside and the lower two decks have Air conditioning and licensed bar.



Take the ferry over to Waiheke Island for the day- Ultimate Island Escape

Just a 40-minute ferry ride from Auckland, Waiheke Island is nestled in the picturesque Hauraki Gulf. Surrounded by crystal-clear waters, the island is known for its rolling hills, lush vegetation, and rugged coastline. With its temperate climate and sheltered bays, Waiheke offers a tranquil retreat, where visitors can enjoy the serene beauty of its landscapes. Famous for its vineyards and breathtaking views, Waiheke is a peaceful escape that feels a world away from the bustling city.



Ananda Tours - Essence of Waiheke Wine Tour - Includes Lunch

On this tour, you will visit three of Waiheke's premier vineyards and sample a variety of their exquisite wines. As you travel between vineyards, enjoy a guided scenic drive with insightful commentary on the Island's history, geography, people, and culture from your knowledgeable local guide. After your wine tasting experience, unwind with a delicious lunch and a glass of Waiheke wine or beer at Three Seven Two, an acclaimed restaurant awarded one Hat in the latest Cuisine Good Food Awards, located on the picturesque Onetangi beachfront. Finally, you'll be taken back to the ferry, completing a memorable day of wine and exploration.



Day 11 - Thursday, 02 April 2026

Drive up to Matakana Village – Farmers Market, Vineyards and Art and Crafts

Just one hour north of Auckland lies an area of remarkable beauty and diversity. Today, Matakana is undergoing a renaissance. It has become the home of artists, writers, craftspeople and others seeking lifestyle changes. Recent development has given a new face to the locality. On Saturday the vibrant farmer's market is a focal point for locals and growers to meet. Matakana is surrounded by an area of diverse attractions - beautiful white beaches, Goat Island marine reserve, Tawharanui Park bird sanctuary, native forest with Kawau Island and the majestic Little Barrier directly offshore. Slow down and enjoy what Matakana has to offer...



Stay at Takatu Lodge & Vineyard Matakana - Boutique Lodge - 1 night

Takatu Lodge offers a unique experience and opportunity to stay on a working vineyard where guests may enjoy the highest standards of elegance and comfort. High vaulted macrocarpa ceilings, open log fires inside and out, a cosy library and outside landscaped rooms are a few of the many architectural features. Relax in one of the especially designed lodge suites, the areas are spacious and optimise the spectacular surrounding views and countryside. The meals served are a celebration of seasonal home-grown and local produce.



Day 12 - Friday, 03 April 2026

Drive to Paihia - The Heart of the Bay of Islands

Paihia, located in the Bay of Islands, is surrounded by lush hills and pristine beaches, offering a stunning coastal landscape. The emerald waters are dotted with islands featuring unique geological formations. Renowned for its historical significance, Paihia is home to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, a key site in New Zealand's history. The subtropical climate and vibrant ecosystems enhance its rich biodiversity, making Paihia a picturesque gateway to the natural wonders of the Bay of Islands.



Stay at Paihia Beach Resort & Spa - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights

Experience coastal luxury and serenity at Paihia Beach Resort and Spa, nestled in the heart of Paihia, Bay of Islands. This premium resort offers breathtaking ocean views, elegantly appointed suites, and an indulgent spa for ultimate relaxation. Enjoy direct access to the golden sands of Paihia Beach, where you can unwind or embark on exciting water adventures. The resort also features a heated outdoor pool as well as a restaurant serving gourmet options that highlight fresh, local ingredients. With its tranquil ambiance and prime location, Paihia Beach Resort and Spa is the perfect escape for those seeking both relaxation and adventure in one of New Zealand's most picturesque destinations.



Day 13 - Saturday, 04 April 2026

Silver Wave Yacht Charters - 4 Hour Charter - Serenity

Enjoy a 4 hour Private Charter and experience the Bay of Islands your way, with the freedom to choose your own adventure from the options below.

1. Sail to Motuarohia Island (also known as Roberton Island) and enjoy a one-hour stop where our range of activities at your disposal.
2. Sail to Moturoa Island and enjoy a one-hour stop where our range of activities at your disposal.
3. Scenic cruise sail throughout the length of your charter and explore the complete archipelago that makes up the Bay of Islands.



Day 14 - Sunday, 05 April 2026

Return your rental vehicle at Paihia Airport and board your onward flight

Today we say farewell. There may be time for some last minute excursions or shopping before you head home. We know you will enjoy your New Zealand holiday and our promise is to make your travels through New Zealand as hassle-free and hospitable as possible - ensuring that today you leave with a camera full of photos, and huge smiles on your faces when recalling your time in New Zealand! Have a great homeward journey, farewell and hope to see you again soon in Aotearoa, New Zealand.



Inclusions

Transport

Car Hire

- Compact SUV, Kia Stonic or similar

Includes:

- Premium Cover (reduces the Damage Liability Fee, offering a zero excess)
- Third Party Cover
- City Premium Location Surcharge
- Unlimited kilometers
- Local Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- Additional Driver Charges
- Wheels, Windscreen and Iridescences

Excludes:

- Snow Cover
- Young Driver Surcharge (under 25)
- Fuel used and other optional extras
- GPS Unit (Navigational System)
- One way fees (for 1-2 day rentals)

Driver's License: For the main driver and any additional driver, you must present a current Driver's License printed in English or an [International Driver's License](#).

Credit Card: A valid Credit Card and or Visa/Mastercard Debit Card in Driver's name who must be present, the card number must be embossed.

Security Deposit: When you arrive at the rental location, you will be asked to leave a deposit against your rental of NZ\$200. Deposit will be used for extra charges (e.g. fuel missing at return, extra-day, extra-mileage, toll roads etc.).

Terms and Conditions: All rentals are subject to the Europcar Terms and Conditions on the Rental Agreement. Please accept these terms and conditions before renting with Europcar www.europcar.co.nz/terms-and-conditions/new-zealand

Ferry

- Waiheke Island Return Ferry

Transfers

- Private Transfer from Blenheim Airport to Accommodation
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Accommodation

- Blenheim: French Fields Marlborough B&B, Lavender Suite - Includes Breakfast - B&B - 2 nights
- Wellington: Bolton Hotel Wellington, Premier Twin Suite - 5 Star Hotel - 2 nights
- Martinborough: The Martinborough Hotel, Garden Suite - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights
- Napier: Art Deco Masonic Hotel, Jean Batten Suite - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights
- Auckland: M Social, Social Room - Includes Breakfast - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights
- Matakana: Takatu Lodge & Vineyard Matakana, Mt Tamahunga Suite - Includes Breakfast - Boutique Lodge - 1 night
- Paihia: Paihia Beach Resort & Spa, Superior Studio - Includes Breakfast - 4 Star Hotel - 2 nights

Activities

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- Wellington: Taste Buds For Foodies Tour - Includes Lunch
- Martinborough: Ultimate Wine and Food Tour - Includes Tastings and Shared Lunch
- Napier: Half Day Wine Tour - Hawkes Bay
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Quote

US\$ 7290.00 per person at today's exchange rates- MARCH 2026

(Based on a touring party of 2 people)