



# WELLINGTON

New Zealand's political and cultural capital is a sophisticated and convenient destination to hold a memorable business event or conference. This cool little capital has been named the "World's Most Liveable City" for two consecutive years by Deutsche Bank; it combines big city style with small village charm. The city's picturesque harbour and vibrant dining scene have been seducing travellers for decades.

## ACCESS

Multi award-winning Wellington International Airport is well served by six international airlines with Air New Zealand, Qantas, Jetstar, Singapore Airlines and Virgin Australia providing over 70 flights each week to Australia, Fiji and Singapore. For those flying in from other major overseas destinations, Wellington is easily accessed through New Zealand's international gateway cities of Auckland and Christchurch. Located in the centre of New Zealand, Wellington International Airport is also the major domestic hub with around 250 flights per day. Air New Zealand and Jetstar flights travel to and from locations all over the country regularly. Wellington International Airport is just 10km from the city centre. The short and picturesque 10 minute drive into the city can be taken on the Airport Flyer bus or by taxi, coach or rental car.

## VENUES

Wellington has a multitude of flexible meeting and event venues, from elegant historic buildings to stylish restaurants and warehouses alongside its stunning harbour. Venues Wellington has the largest range of meeting and conference spaces in Wellington. This includes the elegant Michael Fowler Centre, with seating for more than 2,000 people and the stylish Shed 6 venue, located on Wellington's waterfront providing theatre seating for almost 1,000 people. Located right next door to Shed 6 on the waterfront, the capital's largest indoor space TSB Arena has seating for 4,000 people.

Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, is one of the world's top 25 museums and an iconic venue with conference rooms capable of accommodating up to 1,000 people. Te Papa means 'our place' in Māori and the museum is an amazing interactive showcase of New Zealand history.

The new Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre (WCEC) is set to start construction in 2019 with a 3-year build period. This 5-star rated green build boasts 10,000 sqm over its two-level purpose-built convention space and ground floor exhibition space. Located in Wellington's cultural precinct, it will connect the entertainment and nightlife hub to Wellington's picturesque harbour with the ability to host multi-day conferences of 1,500 people.

All these venues are within five minutes' walk of each other, allowing organisers to build a varied and easily managed programme.

### Facts:

- Population: 521,000 people
- 10 km Airport to City
- Accommodation: 3,679 hotel rooms
- Venue capacity: 5,000 theatre style

### Claim to fame:

- Culinary capital – cocktails, craft beer, coffees and cafes
- Thriving film industry
- Home to Te Papa Tongarewa, one of the top 25 museums in the world
- Knowledge capital - thriving tech sector and home of the New Zealand's Government



Te Papa

## ACCOMMODATION

Wellington offers a wide range of quality accommodation ideal for business events and conventions, with city and harbour views a common theme. Choose from unique boutique hotels, self-serviced apartments and fully serviced global hotel brands providing both accommodation and conference facilities on-site. There are more than 3,500 hotel rooms available every night within walking distance of the central city. Having your delegates so close at hand saves travel expenses and logistics, making the most of your time for your event in New Zealand's capital.

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## GETTING AROUND

The capital is renowned for its compact nature and is easy to explore on foot. It takes just 20 minutes to walk from one end of the business district to the other. Local bus services are a good alternative for travellers who want to get around quickly and taxis and Uber are easy to find for those who want door-to-door transport to their business event or conference venue.

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## MEMORABLE INCENTIVE OPTIONS

**EXPLORE** sites made famous by The Lord of the Rings trilogy on a tour with Wellington Rover Rings Tours, Wellington Movie Tours and Flat Earth New Zealand Experiences. The tours stop by the Weta Cave where you can explore Weta Workshop's award-winning creativity on films like The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, Avatar and Ghost in the Shell.

**SPOIL YOURSELF** at the luxurious and exclusive Boomrock Lodge, just 25 minutes' drive north of Wellington. Race hot-laps on the lodge's purpose-built car testing circuit or ride in a 4WD through the technical all-terrain park. Other activities include extreme golf, clay bird shooting, archery, knife throwing and helicopter flying.

**SAVOUR** fine wine in the famous wine regions surrounding Wellington. For a unique experience, arrange an exclusive 'Meet the Winemaker' event during a vineyard tour in the Wairarapa, home of New Zealand Pinot Noir, just over one hour north of Wellington city.

**SOAR** high above Wellington on a scenic helicopter flight tour for spectacular views over the city, Cook Strait and the rugged south coast.

**INDULGE** in a personalised cooking class with New Zealand celebrity chef Ruth Pretty at her stunning home in Springfield on the Kapiti Coast.

**EXPERIENCE** the capital's culinary and coffee culture first-hand at one of Wellington's many eateries. Zest Food Tours run personalised 'Walking Gourmet' tours of the central city and Wairarapa.

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## PRE AND POST TOURING OPTIONS

**RIDE** Wellington's iconic red Cable Car. Take in stunning views across the city and harbour at the lookout before seeing Māori mythology meet big bang science at Space Place housed at Carter Observatory. Return to the city through the picturesque Wellington Botanic Garden.

**EXPLORE** the beautiful Kāpiti Coast, one-hour north-west of Wellington, where you can spend time at the stunning Kāpiti Island eco-sanctuary. Or head north-east, where vineyards and world class wine await in Wairarapa. Both regions are only an hour drive or train journey from Wellington city.

**ENCOUNTER** New Zealand's unique bird, the flightless Kiwi, at Zealandia, the eco-sanctuary with a 500-year vision to restore the area, just 10-minutes from central Wellington. Alternatively, explore the rugged south coast by safari and see New Zealand fur seals.

**HOP ABOARD** the Interislander ferry across to Marlborough. Explore the Marlborough Sounds on a nature cruise, devour Greenshell Mussels, sample world-famous sauvignon blanc or walk or mountain bike along the Queen Charlotte Track.

**JOURNEY** along the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail. Wellington sits in the heart of the trail, a journey that takes you from Hawke's Bay to Wairarapa and across to Marlborough in the South Island - three regions that produce more than 80% of New Zealand's wine production.



Michael Fowler Centre



Wellington Cable Car



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Franks Kitts Lagoon



Weta Workshop