



## Welcome to Wellington



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### Activity suggestions for Festa d'Oro attendees

- **Visit Te Papa** – it's free and it's not an old-style museum! Make sure you take the opportunity to visit Te Papa whilst you are in Wellington! [www.tepapa.govt.nz/](http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/)
  - Gallipoli exhibition
  - Britton racer



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- The **Wellington Museum** – on the waterfront, free and a lot more interesting than you probably think! [www.wellingtonnz.com/visit/see-and-do/wellington-museum](http://www.wellingtonnz.com/visit/see-and-do/wellington-museum)



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- Ride the **cable car**. Take in the view of the city and the harbour, Have a walk around the **Botanic Gardens** at the top. The Picnic Café is a good spot for a coffee or lunch.



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- Visit **Zealandia** – a fully fenced, predator-free urban sanctuary just a 10-minute drive from the CBD or book for the Zealandia shuttle from your hotel. [www.visitzealandia.com/](http://www.visitzealandia.com/)
- Visit the **Weta workshop** in Miramar – drive or book the Weta shuttle <https://www.wetaworkshop.com/>
- For **Lord of the Rings fans** there are various sites in the city and further afield <https://www.myguidewellington.com/travel-articles/exploring-lord-of-the-rings-locations-in-wellington>
- Take the **harbour ferry to Day's Bay** <https://eastbywest.co.nz/queens-wharf-days-bay-service>



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- Walk the Wellington **waterfront** take in the –murals, sculptures, poetry, etc  
<https://www.newzealand.com/nz/feature/wellington-central-waterfront/>



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- **Cuba Street** – eclectic Wellington, the famous bucket fountain, cafes, brew bars  
<https://neatplaces.co.nz/search/wellington/?q=cuba+street>



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- **Hannah's Laneway** – add this to your Cuba Street walk  
<https://neatplaces.co.nz/stories/hannahs-laneway>



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### Eat out at cafes near Te Papa:

- Circa
- Shed 22 / Mac's Brewery
- Karaka Café – part of the Wharewaka Function Centre on the waterfront
- Takina – the new Wellington convention centre across from Te Papa
- Te Papa itself has a family type café on the ground level and Espresso café on level 4

### Shop at gourmet foodie places:

- Moore Wilson, Tory Street – walkable from the waterfront
- Meditterian Warehouse, Newtown – drive or take a bus
- La Bella Italia, Petone – drive or take a train

### Points of interest near Rydges Hotel – do a walking circuit of those you would like to visit:

- **Parliament** – a 60-minute tour, several times a day, 7 days a week  
<https://www.parliament.nz/en/visit-and-learn/visit/guided-tours/>
- **The Backbencher Gastro Pub** <https://www.backbencher.co.nz/>
- **The Thistle Inn** from 1840 <https://www.thistleinn.co.nz/>
- **Old St Paul's** - a gem in timber <https://visitheritage.co.nz/visit/wellington/old-st-pauls/>
- **The Old Government Buildings** – one of the largest wooden buildings in the world  
<https://visitheritage.co.nz/visit/wellington/old-government-buildings/>
- **Katherine Mansfield House** - a little further away on Tinakori Road. Walk up Hobson Street passed embassy compounds and return via Fitzherbert Terrace and give the friendly American Marines a wave <https://www.katherinemansfield.com/>

### Take your Alfa for a drive:

- **Wellington city tour** of lookouts, and the coast road. A map will be provided in your registration pack to do the drive when you have a gap in your weekend schedule.
- Via roads you haven't driven before, join the fun run on Saturday afternoon to **the Kapiti Coast** ending up at Southwards Museum - further details on this Festa site. Directions will be provided in your registration pack.
- **Historical Wellington hill climbs** – join the post Festa tour on Monday morning or take the tour in your own time when you have a gap in your weekend schedule - further details on this Festa site. Directions will be provided in your registration pack.
- The **Wellington Zoo** – drive or take a bus <https://wellingtonzoo.com/>
- **Massey Memorial** – on the harbour coast road. Involves an easy walk up to the memorial and provides a great view of the harbour and city.
- **Atatürk Memorial** (an ANZAC memorial – very moving and well worth a visit). On the harbour coast road and is in the hill climb tour. Involves a steady climb by foot on a pathway and up some steps to the memorial. Great views of the harbour entrance, south coast, and the South Island on a good day <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/photo/ataturk-memorial-wellington>



### Take a Wellington walk further afield!

- **Ōtari-Wilton's Bush.** The Ōtari-Wilton's Bush plant collections contain about 1,200 species, hybrids, and cultivars. The collections include plants from New Zealand's mainland and off-shore islands. [Wellington Gardens | Ōtari-Wilton's Bush](#)
- **Mt Kaukau Walk** –provides fantastic views of the city by foot. It is a 4 kilometre walk which takes about 3 hours for anyone wanting a workout! Recover with a coffee at Café du Parc in Khandallah Park. [Mount Kaukau summit - Khandallah Park loop - Outdoors - Wellington City Council](#)



**Sunrise view from Mt Kau Kau**  
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