



Marlborough Sounds
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FOOD, WINE & LOCAL CULTURE

WELLINGTON, MARLBOROUGH
 SOUNDS, BLENHEIM, KAIKŌURA,
 WAIPARA, AKAROA, OAMARU,
 DUNEDIN, CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN

Taste your way through New Zealand’s South Island, getting to know local artisan food, wine and beer producers.



Local Food



Scenery



Iconic
 New Zealand
 Wines



Dolphin
 spotting

AT A GLANCE

- 10 days/9 nights
- Meet local artisan food producers
- Spot dusky dolphins and whales
- Taste iconic New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir wines



Wellington

DAY 1 | WELLINGTON

Arrive into Wellington International Airport or transfer from Auckland or Christchurch. Spend the day enjoying Wellington's craft beer and coffee culture at its numerous bars and cafés. Ensure you've pre-reserved your spot at one of Wellington's top restaurants. Hiakai is a six to ten course set menu inspired by traditional Māori cuisine, Logan Brown and Whitebait offer more traditional Pacific Rim Cuisine.

DAY 2 | WELLINGTON – MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

Wellington - Picton 🚢 3 hours

Picton - Marlborough sounds 🚢 30 mins

Have a light breakfast this morning before you meet your guide for a Capital Taste walking tour. Eat your way around the streets of Wellington, sampling coffee, gelato, chocolate, peanut butter and a selection of cheeses and chutneys from local artisan producers. After lunch, take the scenic ferry ride from Wellington to Picton, and then transfer to Bay of Many Coves Resort in the beautiful Marlborough Sounds.

Top Tip: Add an extra night at Bay of Many Coves Resort to truly indulge in some relaxation time away from the crowds.

DAY 3 | MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS - BLENHEIM

Marlborough Sounds - Picton 🚢 30 min

Picton to Blenheim 🚗 28km / 30 min

Return to Picton to join your tour showcasing some of Marlborough's icons. Visit wineries for an opportunity to taste the famous Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc before indulging in a delightful lunch overlooking the Marlborough Sounds. After lunch, board a luxury launch for a relaxing afternoon on the water exploring the natural beauty of the Queen Charlotte Sound. On board you will enjoy a tasting of fresh Marlborough seafood, including Regal salmon, Cloudy Bay clams and Greenshell mussels. Finish your day with the short drive to Blenheim.



Garage Project, Wellington



Whitebait, Wellington



Bay of Many Coves Resort



Marlborough



Waipara Valley

DAY 4 | BLENHEIM - KAIKŌURA - WAIPARA

Blenheim – Kaikōura 🚗 129km / 1 hour 50min

Kaikōura to Waipara 🚗 123km / 1 hour 45min

Follow the beautiful coastal highway to reach the seaside settlement of Kaikōura, known for its marine wildlife. Spend the morning on the water amongst the varied and vibrant sea life viewing the spectacular dusky dolphins or searching for giant sperm whales. Back on shore, stop at Nin's Bin to try local crayfish before travelling south to Waipara Valley for a vineyard dinner.



Nin's Bin



Classic Edwardian punt



Akaroa

DAY 5 | WAIPARA - AKAROA

Waipara to Christchurch 🚗 60km / 55 min

Christchurch to Akaroa 🚗 82km / 1 hour 30 min

Enjoy brunch in Christchurch, a refreshing urban centre with a booming café scene. Take time to explore the city by double-decker bus, vintage bicycle, gondola, tram or classic Edwardian punt. Then take the easy drive south-east of Christchurch to visit Akaroa, New Zealand's most French town. Akaroa will have you entranced with its historic buildings, magnificent harbour and passion for fine food.

DAY 6 | AKAROA - GERALDINE - OAMARU

Akaroa to Geraldine 🚗 192km / 2 hours 40 min

Geraldine to Oamaru 🚗 122km / 1 hour 40 min

A delicious day ahead starting with picking up breakfast from the local farmers' markets either in Akaroa, or Geraldine. Make a stop at Riverstone Kitchen, a casual café by day with a menu focussing on local ingredients largely sourced from the family's garden. Take time to explore the extensive gardens (complete with piwakawaka, New Zealand fantail). Save room to taste handcrafted artisan cheese in Oamaru, followed by a visit to nearby cellar door to taste specialty whiskies.



Local farmers' markets

DAY 7 | OAMARU – MOERAKI – DUNEDIN

Oamaru – Moeraki 🚗 40km / 40 min

Moeraki – Dunedin 🚗 77km / 1 hour 5 min

Explore the quirky Victorian Precinct in Oamaru, where you will find shops, galleries, and traditional crafts. Travel south along the North Otago coast and stop to stare at the Moeraki Boulders, the mysterious spherical stones scattered across a beach. For a simple seafood lunch, visit Fleur's Place on the Moeraki Wharf which has earned iconic status in New Zealand's cuisine heritage. By the time you reach Dunedin you will be ready to enjoy a local craft beer to finish the day. Opt for a brewery tour for a behind-the-scenes look at the brewing process.



Moeraki Boulders

DAY 8 | DUNEDIN - CROMWELL

Dunedin - Cromwell 🚗 222km / 2 hours 45 min

Time to head north to discover the vivid seasons and rocky, mountainous landscapes of Central Otago. You can set your own tempo of activity here. Hire a bike and cycle a section of the Otago Central Rail Trail or take your taste buds on an outing to one of many local wineries who make some of New Zealand's very best Pinot Noir wines.



DAY 9 | CROMWELL - QUEENSTOWN

Cromwell - Queenstown 🚗 60km / 55 min

Enjoy breakfast at a cosy café overlooking the Cromwell basin. Then make your way to Arrowtown, a charming quirky gold rush village nestled below the beautiful peaks that surround the sparkling Arrow River. Spend some time exploring the local shops and galleries or try your hand at gold panning. On your way to Queenstown, stop in at Canyon Food & Brew Co. for a quality craft beer overlooking views of the Shotover River and canyon. To end the day with a thrill, jump on a jet boat and accelerate into the Shotover towering canyons.



DAY 10 | QUEENSTOWN

Take a cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard an iconic century-old coal-fired steamship, to reach a private high-country station for a quintessential Kiwi experience. Enjoy a delicious gourmet BBQ buffet lunch and a farm demonstration in a stunning lakeside setting before returning to Queenstown. Spend your last night in Queenstown before flying out the next morning.

