

# Classic New Zealand Wine Trail

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## The Classic New Zealand Wine Trail

The Classic New Zealand Wine Trail is a sign-posted 380km (240 mile) self-drive touring route that leads visitors off the beaten track. Travel through five of New Zealand's most interesting and scenic regions, including three major wine growing regions that account for more than 70% of the country's wine production. Go slow and savour the **regions of Hawke's Bay, Tararua, Wairarapa, Wellington and Marlborough.**

### Suggested itinerary inclusions:

#### - Wine and food experiences

Follow the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail to explore three remarkable wine regions. Each region unfolds to reveal unique scenic features and wine types chosen carefully for their compatibility with local soil and climatic conditions. From the cabernets of Hawke's Bay to the sauvignons of Marlborough, it's a journey spiced by pleasant surprises.

### HAWKE'S BAY

Discover the smells and flavours of the Silky Oak Chocolate Company, with the only chocolate museum in the Southern hemisphere. [www.silkyoakchocs.co.nz](http://www.silkyoakchocs.co.nz)

Sample some of Hawke's Bay Wine Country's award-winning red wines by taking a half, full day or evening tour with a local guide by van, bicycle or helicopter. See adjacent list for suggested tour operators.

Or, self-drive the wineries in the region. A detailed wine map can be picked up from any cellar door or local i-SITE on arrival into the region.

For those that want to stay close to town, or are limited for time, visit the New Zealand Wine Centre, Hawke's Bay for a simulated wine experience throughout Hawke's Bay. [www.newzealandwinecentre.co.nz](http://www.newzealandwinecentre.co.nz)

#### Accommodation suggestions for a night in the vines in Hawke's Bay...

Breckenridge Lodge, Taradale [www.breckenridgelodge.co.nz](http://www.breckenridgelodge.co.nz)  
Cardoness Lodge, Hastings [www.cardoness.co.nz](http://www.cardoness.co.nz)  
The County Hotel, Napier [www.countyhotel.co.nz](http://www.countyhotel.co.nz)  
Craggy Range Retreats, Havelock North [www.craggyrange.com](http://www.craggyrange.com)

### HAWKE'S BAY – WAIRARAPA, via the TARARUA DISTRICT

Experience how fruit is grown first hand and sample some of the delicious flavours that the Hawke's Bay region has to offer at Pernel Fruitworld. [www.pernel.nzliving.co.nz](http://www.pernel.nzliving.co.nz)

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### Building a Classic New Zealand Wine Trail itinerary:

1. Start with the "Must Do" experiences that your clients simply don't want to miss.
2. Use the special interest itinerary suggestions to create a tailor-made itinerary, Wine and food, Art Culture and Heritage, Adventure and Outdoors, Luxury indulgence and romance

### Hawke's Bay wine and food tours:

Bay Tours and Charters – daily, relaxed guided wine tours [www.baytours.co.nz](http://www.baytours.co.nz)

Grape Escape - local Hawke's Bay wine tours through to one week Wine Trail tours [www.grapeescapenz.co.nz](http://www.grapeescapenz.co.nz)

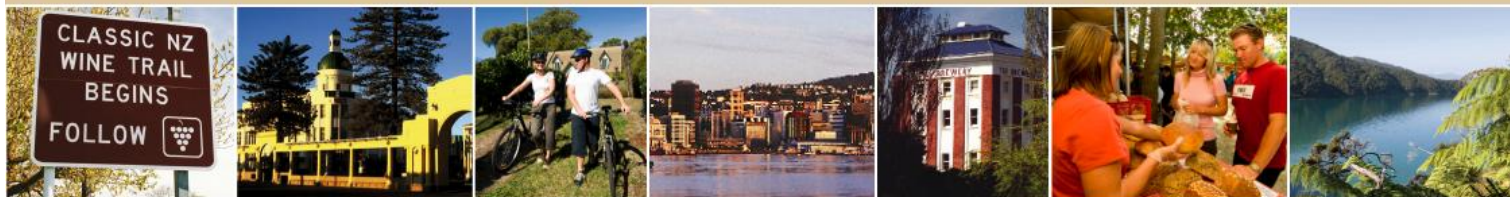
Odyssey New Zealand - interactive wine and food tours [www.odysseynz.com](http://www.odysseynz.com)

On Yer Bike Winery Tours - cycling experience through vineyards and olive groves. [www.onyerbikehb.co.nz](http://www.onyerbikehb.co.nz)

Prinsy's Experiences - informative winery tours with knowledgeable local guide. [www.prinsyexperience.co.nz](http://www.prinsyexperience.co.nz)

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Trace the history of winemaking at Church Road Winery, learning about the individuals who shaped and influenced the industry to what it is today. Sample specially selected wines, many of which are exclusive to the Cellar Door, before feasting on a fabulous five-course lunch perfectly matched with wines. [www.churchroad.co.nz](http://www.churchroad.co.nz)

If time permits:

- Spend a half or full day discovering the tastes of Hawke's Bay Wine Country by following a self guided Food Trail. Visit farm gates, artisan food producers and food-destination outlets for fruit, honey, cheese, olives, wine, chocolate and much more. All Food Trail stops prominently display a sign at the gate or entrance. Collect a copy of the Food Trail map from any Hawke's Bay i-SITE visitors centre [www.savourhawkesbay.co.nz](http://www.savourhawkesbay.co.nz)
- Get behind the scenes and take a tour of the Village Press Olivery at Sileni Estates Winery [www.sileni.co.nz](http://www.sileni.co.nz)
- Broaden your cooking skills and by taking a cooking class with an experienced local chef

Drive South along State Highway 2 through the Tararua District following the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail signs.

Visit Tararua's historic Tui Brewery in Mangatainoka. Tour the brewery, then taste your way through the selection of ales. The Tui HQ experience includes a brewery tour, museum, shop and café. [www.tui.co.nz](http://www.tui.co.nz)

Continue driving south toward the Wairarapa region. Drive an easy circuit through pastoral landscapes to outlying vineyard clusters and charming small villages.

## Accommodation suggestions for a night in the vines in Martinborough...

Parehua Country Estate [www.parehua.co.nz](http://www.parehua.co.nz)

The Old Manse [www.oldmanse.co.nz](http://www.oldmanse.co.nz)

Aylstone Boutique Retreat [www.aylstone.co.nz](http://www.aylstone.co.nz)

## WAIRARAPA

Tour and discover boutique family-owned vineyards and artisan food producers in Martinborough, Greytown, Gladstone and Masterton. See adjacent list of wine and food tour operators.

Or, self-drive the wineries in the region. A detailed wine map can be picked up from any cellar door or local i-SITE on arrival into the region.

If time permits:

- Explore the colonial village of Greytown, browse the antique, homeware and fashion shops and art galleries.
- Give in to your sweet tooth at Schoc, an artisan chocolate studio located on the main street of Greytown. ([www.chocolatetherapy.com](http://www.chocolatetherapy.com))
- Visit the Martinborough Wine Centre for an extensive range of local wines, a total wine tour of the region in one store. [www.martinboroughwinecentre.co.nz](http://www.martinboroughwinecentre.co.nz)

## Hawke's Bay suggested dining experiences

(see also *Luxury & Indulgence Itinerary* for suggestions)

- Deliciouso Tapas Bar, Havelock North
- Milk & Honey, Napier
- Opera Kitchen, Hastings
- Pacifica Restaurant, Napier
- Pipi Café, Havelock North
- Soda Café & Bar, Taradale

## Wairarapa suggested dining experiences:

- Salute, Greytown
- Peppers Martinborough Hotel
- Wendy Campbell's French Bistro, Martinborough

## Wairarapa and Wellington wine and food tours

Flat Earth  
Boutique range of guided tours to one or all of the wine regions along the Trail. [www.flatearth.co.nz](http://www.flatearth.co.nz)

Zest Food Tours  
Discover the tastes of Wellington, Greytown and Martinborough with a personally-guided tour. [www.zestfoodtours.co.nz](http://www.zestfoodtours.co.nz)

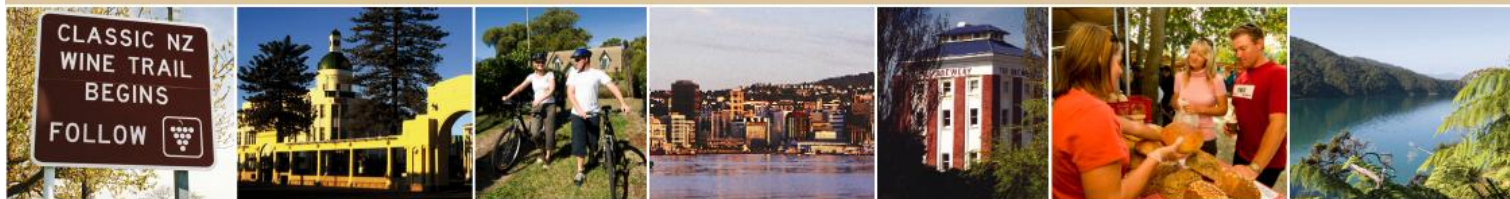
Martinborough Wine Tours  
Fully-hosted personalised one day tours. [www.martinboroughwinetours.co.nz](http://www.martinboroughwinetours.co.nz)

Wairarapa Gourmet Wine Escape  
Day trip from Wellington by train to Wairarapa for vineyard tour and lunch. [www.tranzit.co.nz](http://www.tranzit.co.nz)

Vintners Choice  
Martinborough Regional film and wine tasting experience. [www.vintnerschoice.co.nz](http://www.vintnerschoice.co.nz)

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## WELLINGTON

Allow 90 minutes for the drive to the handsome capital city of Wellington, known for its vibrant arts and cultural scene and rich heritage.

Walk around downtown and harbour-side, visit galleries and shopping in Lambton Quay and the national museum of Te Papa Tongarewa on the harbour waterfront. At Te Papa, the Kapu Ti tour showcases indigenous foods. [www.tepapa.govt.nz](http://www.tepapa.govt.nz)

Explore on foot with a Zest Walking Gourmet Tour introducing the lively food scene. [www.zest.co.nz](http://www.zest.co.nz)

Take a Wild About Wellington Boutique Beer Tasting Tour [www.wildaboutwellington.co.nz](http://www.wildaboutwellington.co.nz)

Home to some of New Zealand's finest chefs, Wellington offers a range of cuisine and a wide selection of restaurants in the central city. Check out the extensive wine lists at some of Wellington's bars and restaurants.

Courtenay Place is the nightlife capital of New Zealand, packed with restaurants, bars, cafes, cinemas and theatres. Choose from ethnic eats to some of the best fine dining restaurants in New Zealand and follow it up with a walk along Cuba Street for live music, a late night wine bar or cocktails at The Matterhorn, multiple winner of the Best Bar in New Zealand.

## WELLINGTON to MARLBOROUGH

Fly or cruise across the Cook Strait to Marlborough in the South Island.

Experience "Kaitaki Plus" on board the Interislander ferry between Wellington and Picton, an onboard private lounge with complimentary beverages, snacks and internet.

## MARLBOROUGH

Lunch at one of the many award winning winery restaurants or visit the green-lipped mussel town of Havelock for a splendid seafood lunch

Learn how to prepare and present a 3-course gourmet menu in a hands-on workshop at Herzog. Note, open mid October – May each year. [www.herzog.co.nz](http://www.herzog.co.nz)

Take a twilight cruise over the summer season in the Marlborough Sounds accompanied with local wines and seafood. In Queen Charlotte Sound the Salmon and Sav Cruise with Cougar Line [www.cougarline.co.nz](http://www.cougarline.co.nz) or from Havelock the Greenshell™ Mussel Cruise with Marlborough Travel [www.greenshellmusselcruise.co.nz](http://www.greenshellmusselcruise.co.nz)

### Wellington suggested bar and dining experiences:

- Logan Brown, Cuba St
- Pravda Café, Willis St
- Matterhorn, Cuba St
- Vivo Wine Bar, Edward St
- Arbitrageur, Featherston St
- The Ambeli, Majoribanks St
- Floriditas, Cuba St

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## Accommodation suggestions for a night in the vines in Marlborough...

Marlborough Vintners Hotel, Rapaura Road [www.mvh.co.nz](http://www.mvh.co.nz)

Vintners Retreat, Rapaura Road [www.vintnersretreat.co.nz](http://www.vintnersretreat.co.nz)

Old Saint Marys Convent, Rapaura Road [www.convent.co.nz](http://www.convent.co.nz)

St Leonards Vineyards Cottages, St Leonards Road [www.stleonards.co.nz](http://www.stleonards.co.nz)

Tour the wineries sampling New Zealand's internationally-acclaimed Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Catch a helicopter for a wine tour with a difference. Hire a bike and cycle around the wineries. See adjacent list for wine and food tour operators.

Or, self-drive the wineries in the region. A detailed wine map can be picked up from any cellar door or local i-SITE on arrival into the region.

Discover the magic of wine-making with an all inclusive Montana Legacy wine experience. Soak up the atmosphere of a working vineyard and winery, learn about the amazing combination of science and art behind creating world class wine and top it off with a sumptuous three-course luncheon. [www.montana.co.nz](http://www.montana.co.nz)

Take a tour of the Allan Scott winery accompanied by one of the winemakers trying unreleased wines straight from the barrel. Visit the Moa Brewery with the Brewmaster tasting the beers in their finished and unfinished state. Finish the visit with a leisurely degustation lunch at Twelve Trees Restaurant. Four delicious courses matched with specially selected wines. [www.allanscott.com](http://www.allanscott.com)

If time permits:

- Visit the Makana chocolate factory on Rapaura Road and watch the confectionery masters at work.
- Explore the Vines Village on Rapaura Road to sample locally produced olive oils and internationally award winning liquors and culinary fare at Prenzel.
- Visit Grove Mill Winery the world's first carboNZero winery, the only one in New Zealand
- Take a cheese making workshop at Sherrington Grange, a tiny farm dairy in the Marlborough Sounds [www.sherringtongrange.co.nz](http://www.sherringtongrange.co.nz)

## The Classic New Zealand Wine Trail Guide

This 50 page booklet includes a Wine Trail Map, along with pages of ideas of things to do and places to see along the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail.

Use as a planning tool with your clients to tailor-make their itinerary or include a copy in client documentation, it makes an ideal travel companion to help add value to any itinerary.

## Marlborough wine and food tours:

Marlborough Travel  
Daily wine and food tours.  
[www.marlboroughtravel.co.nz](http://www.marlboroughtravel.co.nz)

Sounds Connection  
Daily winery tour.  
[www.soundsconnection.co.nz](http://www.soundsconnection.co.nz)

Windhawk Helicopters  
Heli Wine tours.  
[www.windhawkhelicopters.com](http://www.windhawkhelicopters.com)

## Marlborough suggested dining experiences

- Highfield Estate Winery
- Herzog Winery and Luxury Restaurant
- Gibbs Vineyard Restaurant
- The Portage Resort Hotel – Te Weka Restaurant
- Twelve Trees Restaurant – Allan Scott Wines
- Marlborough Vintners Hotel
- Drylands Restaurant
- Hotel D'Urville
- The Vintners Room, Marlborough Vintners Hotel

