

# 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: - Luxury indulgence and romance

If your holiday is all about time for two, you're going to love the romantic retreats, fresh air, fun and tempting gourmet experiences of the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail.

### HAWKE'S BAY

Arrive in the Art Deco City of Napier, the northern end of the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail.

Sit back, relax and start your day with tour of Art Deco Napier in a 1930's vintage Buick. [www.artdeconapier.com](http://www.artdeconapier.com)

Play a round of golf 140 metres above sea level on the dramatic cliff tops with stunning views out over the Pacific Ocean at Cape Kidnappers Golf Course. [www.capekidnappers.com](http://www.capekidnappers.com)

Travel by luxury range rover out to the tip of Cape Kidnappers to view up close, the world's largest mainland Gannet Colony. [www.gannetsafaris.co.nz](http://www.gannetsafaris.co.nz)

Be inspired as the Sileni Estates Head Chef presents a four course culinary class in Sileni Estates purpose built Culinary School, before enjoying a tour the winery and tutored tasting of wines followed by a four course degustation lunch or dinner matched with Sileni's Estate Selection wines. [www.sileni.co.nz](http://www.sileni.co.nz)

Or enjoy a scenic helicopter flight over the stunning Hawke's Bay coastline, and famous Gimblett Gravels wine growing area before landing at Sileni Estates to dine and sample wines. [www.grapeescapenz.co.nz](http://www.grapeescapenz.co.nz)

Finish your day with a relaxing soak in the hot pools overlooking the Pacific Ocean at the Ocean Spa complex.

### Trade support:

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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 accommodation suggestions for a romantic night:

The Farm at Cape Kidnappers  
[www.capekidnappers.com](http://www.capekidnappers.com)  
Mangapapa Petit Hotel, Hastings  
[www.mangapapa.co.nz](http://www.mangapapa.co.nz)  
McHardy Lodge, Napier  
[www.mchardylodge.com](http://www.mchardylodge.com)  
Ormlie Lodge, Taradale  
[www.ormlielodge.com](http://www.ormlielodge.com)  
Park Hill Estate, Te Awanga  
[www.parkhillestate.co.nz](http://www.parkhillestate.co.nz)

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Or take an evening progressive dinner tour with Odyssey New Zealand and visit a range of Hawke's Bay's top wineries, tasting their food and wine along the way [www.odysseynz.com](http://www.odysseynz.com)

If time permits:

- Tantalise the taste buds as you explore the farm gate and artisan food producers along the Hawke's Bay Food Trail. Try fruit, honey, cheese, olives, wine, chocolate and much more. Collect a copy of the Food Trail map from any Hawke's Bay i-SITE visitor centre or visit [www.savourhawkesbay.co.nz](http://www.savourhawkesbay.co.nz)
- Try one of the other 17 golf courses that the Hawke's Bay Region offers, enjoying the different levels of courses.

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

Drive south today along State Highway 2 through the Tararua District to the Wairarapa following the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail signs. Drive an easy circuit through pastoral landscapes to outlying vineyard clusters and charming small villages.

Take a scenic helicopter flight to Wharekauhau Country Estate for lunch, enjoying breathtaking views of magnificent Palliser Bay before being set down outside one of New Zealand's most exclusive lodges. Enjoy a gourmet dinner and some of the finest local wines. Better still, stay the night. [www.wharekauhau.co.nz](http://www.wharekauhau.co.nz)

## WAIRARAPA

Tour and discover boutique family-owned vineyards and artisan food producers in Martinborough, Greytown, Gladstone and Masterton. Experience the luxury and elegance of touring the vineyards in Martinborough in a traditional Horse and Carriage [www.thehorseandcarriage.co.nz](http://www.thehorseandcarriage.co.nz)

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 indulgent dining:

- The Chambers Restaurant
- Church Road Winery
- Craggy Range Winery
- Mangapapa Petit Hotel
- Mission Estate Winery
- The Old Church Restaurant
- Ormlie Lodge
- Sileni Estate's Winery

### Wairarapa suggested dining experiences:

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

### Wairarapa accommodation suggestions for a romantic night...

Wharekauhau Country Estate [www.wharekauhau.co.nz](http://www.wharekauhau.co.nz)

(see also Art Culture and Heritage itinerary for suggestions)

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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.

Follow the Writers Walk around the waterfront and do what the locals do – people watch in one of the many cafes.

Because the best way to discover a new place is through its food, join a Zest Walking Gourmet tour [www.zest.co.nz](http://www.zest.co.nz)

Meet designers and explore Wellington's best luxury products on a Wild About Wellington City of Style tour. [www.wildaboutwellington.co.nz](http://www.wildaboutwellington.co.nz)

Wellington is home to some of New Zealand's finest chefs, offering 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 and Restaurant in New Zealand, or Motel - cocktail bar of the year 2008.

## 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. [www.interislander.co.nz](http://www.interislander.co.nz)

## 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

### Wellington accommodation suggestions for a romantic night...

Ohtel [www.ohtel.co.nz](http://www.ohtel.co.nz)  
Villa Margarita  
[www.villamargarita.co.nz](http://www.villamargarita.co.nz)  
Museum Hotel  
[www.museumhotel.co.nz](http://www.museumhotel.co.nz)

### Wellington indulgent dining:

- Martin Bosley's Yacht Club Restaurant
- Logan Brown
- Citron Restaurant
- The Ambeli

### Marlborough accommodation suggestions for a romantic night...

BEC Spa and Resort  
[www.becspa.co.nz](http://www.becspa.co.nz)  
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,  
[www.stleonards.co.nz](http://www.stleonards.co.nz)  
Bay of Many Coves Resort  
[www.bayofmanycoves.co.nz](http://www.bayofmanycoves.co.nz)

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Learn how to prepare and present a 3-course gourmet menu in a hands-on workshop with a Michelin star experienced chef at Herzog. Followed by lunch with matching Herzog wines. 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.marlboroughtravel.co.nz](http://www.marlboroughtravel.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.

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 liquers 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)

## 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  
From Wineries to waterways  
luxury day 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

