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## WELLINGTON & MARTINBOROUGH EPICUREAN ESCAPE

Escape to cosmopolitan Wellington on this self-drive epicurean adventure.

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## Journey Overview

Escape to cosmopolitan Wellington on this self-drive epicurean adventure. Discover Wellington's thriving arts scene, romantic harbour setting and diverse culinary delights. Explore the historic Martinborough wine region, sampling some of the renowned local drops.

### Journey Highlights

- Indulge with luxury stays in artistic QT Wellington and historic Martinborough Hotel
- Taste your way through Wellington's gastronomic gems on a fascinating walking tour
- Enjoy a guided wine tour, led by passionate experts, sampling delicious Martinborough drops
- Explore charming Martinborough at leisure, cycling or walking around the quaint village square



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Wellington**

Welcome to Wellington, New Zealand's cosmopolitan capital home. Upon arrival, collect your rental vehicle and self-drive to QT Wellington, where you'll discover an eclectic collection of art and character. Settle in for an evening at leisure, or perhaps get outdoors and explore the city's iconic Victorian architecture, spectacular coastlines and thriving arts scene.

#### ***QT Wellington***

### **Day 2: Wellington**

Today, you'll discover Wellington's best culinary spots on the ultimate foodie's walking tour. You'll hop from spot to spot, discovering the gastronomic excellence that has made Wellington the trendiest little capital in the world. Enjoy an entertaining 3.5-hour odyssey exploring the hidden gems and best-kept-secrets of the town, while your expert guide regales you with fascinating stories.

Your afternoon will be spent in Wellington at your leisure.

#### ***QT Wellington | B***

### **Day 3: Wellington - Martinborough**

Today make your way to Martinborough via the beautiful Rimutaka summit road to your historic luxury haven for the next few days. Located right in the heart of Martinborough Wine Village, and surrounded by village boutiques, eateries and award-winning wineries, The Martinborough Hotel takes pride of place at the entrance to the square. This afternoon, relax in your own private oasis or explore the charming town centre.

#### ***Martinborough Hotel | B***

### **Day 4: Martinborough**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before joining a fascinating and delicious 5-hour Martinborough wine tour led by knowledgeable experts as you taste some of the finest local drops the region has to offer. Meet Martinborough's friendliest vintners, learn the stories behind each vineyard and deepen your appreciation of all things vino. Spend the afternoon exploring the town at your own pace, before returning to your accommodation for an evening at leisure.

***Martinborough Hotel / BL***

### **Day 5: Depart Martinborough - Wellington**

Enjoy your last morning in Martinborough, before returning your car to the airport and boarding your onward flight.

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## Map



## Accommodation

### QT Wellington



Checking-in at QT Wellington is a bit like venturing down the rabbit hole in Alice in Wonderland. Get ready for a dose of the absurd and the unexpected, the wonderful and the weird, along with everything the discerning modern traveller needs. QT Wellington is perfectly located for exploring the city with everything you need within walking distance.

Walk into the QT Wellington lobby and find yourself in awe of one of the largest collections of contemporary New Zealand art, extending beyond into corridors, elevators and even into the elegantly appointed rooms.

Gallery 4 rooms feature a unique artwork created by New Zealand artists and designers to complement the postcard-worthy view of Wellington Harbour from your hotel window.

Take some time out for yourself with the heated lap pool, sauna and fully-equipped fitness centre. The creativity continues at in-house restaurant Hippopotamus with exquisite French-influenced cuisine. By day, savour an opulent and delicious high tea service, by night, their beautifully presented dinner menu with a mix of comfort food and fine-dining dishes with wine or cocktails to match.

No stay at QT Wellington is complete without a visit to Hot Sauce, the eclectic bar and eatery known for Asian-inspired dishes and delectable

cocktails. Settle in for an evening drink or enjoy a laidback dinner.



## Martinborough Hotel



A beautiful old building full of charm and quirks, The Martinborough Hotel offers boutique accommodation located on the doorstep to everything Martinborough and the South Wairarapa has to offer. Located right in the heart of Martinborough Wine Village, and surrounded by village boutiques, eateries and award-winning wineries, The Martinborough Hotel takes pride of place at the entrance to the town square.

Boasting twenty beautiful rooms, every one is unique. Make yourself at home in the original 1882 building in one of the nine Heritage Suites or rooms, or at the Petit Hotel Suites located adjacent to the main hotel. Take a wander through the garden and courtyard just beyond the lobby and enjoy the tranquillity of seven spacious Garden Suites finished in a restful, simple country style. The singular Superior Garden Suite is spacious, up a private flight of stairs and overlooks our garden from a private verandah. On sunny days, revel in the gorgeous gardens, and on a wintry afternoon, relax and unwind in the cosy Kitchener Library, with its extensive collection of old and new books, large gas fireplace and comfortable seating.

Brought to you by Chef Adam Newell, the hotel's modern bistro Union Square touts a French influence. Union Square provides daily breakfast as well as lunch and dinner and weekend brunch. You can enjoy an extensive selection of local and international wines with your meal or perch up at the bar with the locals and watch the Martinborough village life pass by.



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