



**Wed 05 Oct**                      **WAIKATO - WELLINGTON**

Depart Hamilton/Cambridge early this morning (pick up from your home may be available) and drive south, stopping in Acacia Bay for morning tea at **L'Arte Café**. You will have time for a look around the gallery and through the garden filled with mosaic art. We continue our journey around picturesque **Lake Taupo** and across the remote **Rangipo Desert** past iconic mountains to **Waiouru**. Lunch stop at The Mess Tent located within the National Army Museum.

This afternoon, we'll make a comfort stop in Bulls and have time to visit the **Scully's** shop full of nourishing lavender products. Sit back and relax for the last stretch of road, arriving into Wellington late afternoon.

Check in to the **Naumi Studio** Hotel located right on eclectic Cuba St and an easy flat walk to the main sights. Guests are transported to whimsical spaces inspired by the enduring love story of Lady Naumi – the original custodian of the hotel. Naumi proudly showcases the brilliance of New Zealand artists and designers within the hotel. This is the hottest new spot in the coolest little capital!

Tonight, we dine in the colourful **Lola Rouge Restaurant** located within the hotel. Enjoy a menu combining a fabulous range of local ingredients, colour, flavour and texture to reflect the Oriental influences of Lola Rouge.

***Accommodation: Naumi Studio, Wellington (2 nights)***

## Thu 06 Oct WELLINGTON

Day at your leisure. Some ideas:

- Weta Workshops Combo Tour - \$49
- Cable Car Ride - \$9 return
- Te Papa Museum – Free entry although charges apply to some short-term exhibitions

We'll meet in the hotel bar around 5pm this evening and walk or taxi to the Waterfront where we will dine at **Dockside Restaurant** located in a handsome historic wooden building dating back to 1887. Enjoy a delicious 3-course set menu and soak up the atmosphere around the waterfront which is always an electric vibe especially when WOW is on.

**World of Wearable Art** (WOW) is NZ's largest theatrical production not to be missed! It is a unique combination of the world's leading wearable art competition and a spectacular stage show which kicks off at 7.30pm. Our Platinum Seats are the best tiered seats in the house and allow great views of the bespoke 'WOW' stage, which includes five 'pods' each facing around the Arena. Cutting-edge talent from across the world enter this prestigious show and their garments come to life on stage through the show's models, dancers, aerialists, musicians, and performers. This will be a night to remember!

## Fri 07 Oct WELLINGTON - WHANGANUI

After breakfast, we depart Wellington and drive back along the **Kapiti Coast** to **Otaki**. This little town has made a name for itself as the Outlet Shopping Town of NZ and we'll have time to explore and find some bargains. In Sanson we will stop at **Viv's Kitchen** for lunch. This quirky café has made a name for itself with good old fashion food, made with real ingredients, most notably their famous creamed horns which come in several delicious flavours.

This afternoon is a real treat as we enjoy a visit to **Paloma - a Garden of National Significance**. Ramble through exotic gardens with Clive, the visionary owner/designer/hard grafter of Paloma. Then at your own pace you can gaze at the sculptures and plants from all over the world and even come face-to-face with GOD (the Garden of Death!).

Later check in to our accommodation and have a little relax before dinner.

**Accommodation: Kings Court Motel, Whanganui (2 nights)**

## Sat 08 Oct WHANGANUI

Ride on New Zealand's only **underground elevator** and then an **orientation walk** of the city. Later in the morning we take a cruise on the stately **Paddle Steamer Waimarie** - a unique way to view the Whanganui at a sedate pace. You can dream of the hustle and bustle of the trading settlers and iwi back in the day as you cruise along the river on New Zealand's only authentic coal-fired paddle steamer.

Afternoon is free to explore on your own. There is plenty of art galleries, museums, and shops, or you might like to sit in the viewing area at NZ Glassworks and watch glass blowers at work.

Later in the afternoon, we'll take a drive out to the rugged beach of **Castlecliff** and a look at some unusual buildings and striking street art.

**Sun 09 Oct**

**WHANGANUI - WAIKATO**

After breakfast, we set off for our journey home making comfort and scenic stops along the way. Arrive home early afternoon.

**Price**

NZ\$1990 per person twin share\*

NZ\$450 single supplement \*\*

\*if you would like to twin share, let us know and we'll endeavour to find you a room-mate

\*\* Naumi Hotel in Wellington has very small rooms – it will be cramped as a twin share and only recommended if you are sharing with a friend you know. For additional \$190 you can have a room to yourself in Wellington.

**Tour Inclusions**

- 4 nights accommodation
- 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Tour Navigator
- Transportation in modern air-conditioned mini-coach
- WOW Platinum Ticket and program
- Guided tour of Palermo Garden
- Cruise on Waimarie paddle steamer

**Excludes**

- Lunches
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional tours
- Transportation to/from start and end of tour - home pick ups may be available depending on your location

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