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Classic New Zealand Wine Trail

TRENZ 2024 Famil



Taste your way through Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, Wellington, and Marlborough – along the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail that accounts for more than 80% of New Zealand's wine production. Enjoy stunning scenery, beautiful forest parks, buzzing nightlife and indulgent food experiences.

While the main focus of the journey is wine and food, the route also serves up all kinds of adventure and cultural experiences. You'll get the opportunity to encounter unique wildlife, discover historic villages, check out artists' studios, meet specialist food producers, and much more.



Marlborough, Wellington, Wairarapa and Hawke's Bay RTOs invite you to take the opportunity to travel along the wine trail on this pre/post famil. There are limited spots, and each regional itinerary is subject to minimum and maximum numbers. [Express your interest here.](#)

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Marlborough



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Marlborough, NZ

Marlborough Pre TRENZ Famil Sunday 5th – Tuesday 7th May

Start your Marlborough CNZWT famil in Christchurch, where you will board the Coastal Pacific scenic train up to Picton. From there discover Picton and Marlborough's brilliant hidden gems and unique experiences, ranging from the treasure trove of history at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, to an exclusive afternoon Seafood Odyssey Cruise in the Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui. Your itinerary includes:

Day 1 Sunday 5th May

07:00 – 12:40 Coastal Pacific to Picton

This scenic train journey, Christchurch to Picton, takes you along rugged coastlines, across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, on a timeless journey of breath-taking beauty. The Scenic Class carriage experience combines comfort and panoramic views, making it the perfect way to explore New Zealand. Each of the three Scenic trains features an Open-air viewing carriage, a scenic café and fully licensed bar where you can savour local flavours.

Afternoon: Unique New Zealand Paua Tour with Beachcomber Cruises

Depart Picton and cruise through the Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui to Arapawa Island. Discover how the Blue Pearl came to be and see how they are produced – see paua from dust-specs to full size. View the exclusive jewellery, the only place in the world where you can buy these pearls.

Check in to your accommodation at Chateau Marlborough

Chateau Marlborough Hotel awaits you with a warm welcome to this privately owned and operated hotel that is widely recognized as the leading luxury hotel at the top of the South Island.

Dinner at your leisure. Visit one of the many restaurants in Blenheim.

Day 2 Monday 6th May

Breakfast at leisure – Chateau Marlborough



09:45 – 16:30 ICONS Tour with Marlborough Tour Company

Enjoy the very best of Marlborough – visit two wineries in the morning, followed by a BBQ lunch onboard their premium catamaran, prior to a Seafood cruise in the afternoon.

17:00 Drop off at your accommodation with your choice of restaurants for dinner.

Day 3 Tuesday 7th May

Breakfast at leisure – Chateau Marlborough

09.00am – 11.00am Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre

Sir Peter Jackson's Knights of the Sky comes to life (WW1) and WW2 Dangerous Skies exhibition. Hear the stories of the men and women behind the machines.

12:30 Interislander Ferry Picton to Wellington

Described as one of the most spectacular cruises in the world, travel from Picton to Wellington by ferry through the picturesque Marlborough Sounds with Interislander. Connecting Aotearoa New Zealand and New Zealanders across Cook Strait for over 60 years. Enjoy locally sourced food and beverages, cinemas, free kids activities and premium lounges. **(Check in closes 13:15).**

17:15 Arrive at the Wellington Ferry Terminal

Arrive in Wellington and make your way to your TRENZ 2024 accommodation. Enjoy your evening at leisure in preparation for a big week at TRENZ.



Wellington, NZ

Wellington TRENZ Famil Wednesday 8th May

Sitting at the heart of New Zealand, and surrounded by hills and a sparkling harbour, Wellington is a compact capital city with a powerful mix of culture, history, nature, and cuisine.

As the host city, buyers will be offered a range of famil options on Wednesday and Saturday as part of the TRENZ 2024 programme. View these options on the [TRENZ website](#) and select your preferred activity/s when selecting your appointments.

Day 4 Wednesday 8th May

Spend the morning exploring Wellington at leisure. Depending on your pre-selected TRENZ Activity grab some lunch in the city and then make your way to the allocated activity distribution point.

12:00 – 16:00 TRENZ Famil Activity Programme Day 1

Choose out 24 Wellington Famil Activities on Wednesday. Check out Wellington's highlights on a half-day tour or taste your way through the capital on a food tour. For a more active adventure, hop on a Switched on Bikes ebike and cycle the harbour or view it from the water by paddling a Waka with Te Wharewaka o Pōneke. No matter your clients' interests or demographic, there's an activity for them.

Thursday 9th May

TRENZ Appointment Day

Friday 10th May

TRENZ Appointment Day



Wairarapa, NZ

Wairarapa TRENZ Famil Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th May

In Wairarapa country warmth meets world-class food and wine. Have a hands-on Beekeeping Experience, do some retail therapy in Greytown and taste boutique wines in Martinborough. Select the Wairarapa Escape hosted by Destination Wairarapa when selecting your Saturday TRENZ Famil Activity. This itinerary includes:

Day 5 Saturday 11th May

08.00 Travel by coach from Wellington to Wairarapa

09:30 Hands-on Beekeeping Experience

A hands-on Beekeeping experience at Greytown Honey, with Karly (5th generation beekeeper). Explore the creation of New Zealand Mānuka Honey, from hive to jar. This sweet tour includes a special honey tasting.

11:00 Coffee at The White Swan Hotel

Coffee at iconic country hotel, The White Swan Country, in the heart of Greytown village, and try some retail therapy in the small, independent boutiques.

12:15 – 12.40 Short drive to Martinborough Wine Village

Packed with colonial charm, Martinborough features over 20 wineries, most within walking or cycling distance of the quaint village square which is laid out in a Union Jack pattern.

12:45 – 2:30 Tasting and lunch at The Runholder.

Home to Martinborough Vineyard and Te Kairanga wines and Lighthouse gin, this brand-new restaurant, tasting room, cellar door and gin distillery overlooks Martinborough's rolling hills and vineyards.

14:30 – 16:00 Cycle the vines with Green Jersey Explorer Tours

Cycle the vines on the quiet flat country roads during a mini experience with Green Jersey Explorer Tours. Some of New Zealand's best pinot noir comes from the town's friendly family-owned vineyards. With the small vineyards being so close to each other cycling-the-vines is a very distinct Martinborough thing to enjoy. Visit cellar doors and Parihua Resort and The Martinborough Hotel.

16:30 Check into accommodation: Parihua Resort and The Martinborough Hotel

(Day only TRENZ Famil Activity participants depart)

18:00 Dinner at Union Square Bistro



19:15 Travel to Star Safari

Wairarapa is a Dark Sky Reserve. This means our night sky is among the best places in the world to view the night sky. Wairarapa's proximity to Wellington City is an exceptional point of difference – the Reserve is not off the beaten track and arguably, the most accessible of the 21 protected Dark Sky Reserves in the world. Tonight, we take a short drive to Star Safari for a very special tour.

19:30 – 21:00 Star Safari Celestial Escapade Tour

A guided tour of the region's extraordinary dark skies on this Celestial Escapade tour. Hari (an astrobiologist) and Sam (an astrophysicist) will answer your questions during this personalised science communication experience.

Day 6 Sunday 12th May

08:00 – 09:45 Breakfast then depart Martinborough

09:45 – 10:30 Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre

Pūkaha is home to some of New Zealand's most endangered wildlife - take a quick guided snapshot tour.

10:30 - 11:15 Travel to Hawke's Bay

After visiting the beautiful Wairarapa, you will be dropped off in Central Hawke's Bay for a refreshment stop at the Tui Brewery Headquarters. A chance to grab a coffee and use the bathroom before transferring over to our Hawke's Bay Tourism transport.



Hawke's Bay Post TRENZ Famil Sunday 12th – Tuesday 14th May

Continue to your last stop on the CNZWT to New Zealand's premier food and wine growing region, Hawke's Bay which has recently joined the Great Wine Capitals global network. Here, you will be taken on a food and wine journey over two days, all capped off with unique accommodation offerings and activities that will be sure to delight, including an Art Deco experience that is unique to the region.

Your itinerary includes:

Day 6 Sunday 12th May (continued)

11:30 – 13:00 Transfer from Tui Brewery Headquarters to Wallingford Homestead, journey time 90 minutes.

13:00 – 15:00 Wallingford Homestead

Wallingford is a boutique luxe stay in Central Hawke's Bay. "To Wallingford" is to balm your soul. Engage in the tiny moments of happiness, insight and reflection that come with a perfect night's sleep, slowing down and delighting in being alive. Wallingford offers 5 spacious en-suites for couples (but can sleep up to 16 for family groups as it does have 8 rooms in total), pool & pavilion, dining room, grand sitting room, conference area, private verandahs, courtyards and intimate spaces where you can enjoy your stay.

Upon arrival you will be taken on a tour of the homestead followed by lunch.

15:00 Transfer from Wallingford Homestead to Porters Boutique Hotel, journey time 1 hour, 15 minutes

16:15 – 17:00 Porters Boutique Hotel

Step into a world of indulgence, comfort, and relaxation. Nestled in the heart of the charming Havelock North village and surrounded by the majestic hills of Hawke’s Bay. Relax in elegantly appointed guest rooms, complete with plush, classic furnishings and adorned with original local artwork.

Upon arrival you will be taken on a site visit of the hotel .

17:00 Transfer to Te Mania (Black Barn Retreats)



17:15 – 18:30 Te Mania, Black Barn Retreats

There is nowhere else like Te Mania! Not really a house. Not really a meeting room. And not really like anywhere you have ever spent time before. Te Mānia consists of one sleeping house made up of two luxurious bedrooms with their own generous en-suites with wide vistas up and down the Tuki Tuki Valley. Three sides are buried underground.

Massive glass sliding doors provide spectacular views from three sides. Its interiors are dramatically black, and every comfort is provided to make this a place to relax in front of the fire and do absolutely nothing, or amp it up a bit and make a memorable ‘celebration’ meal in the state-of-the-art kitchen and serve it at the dining table for 10 or outside on the generous terrace with its own fireplace.

After a tour of this spectacular property, your host, Averil will run a brief presentation of the other 16 x retreat properties that Black Barn operates, all of which are unique and special in their own way.

18:30 Transfer from Te Mania to Craggy Range for dinner



Hawke's Bay, NZ

18:45 – 20:45 Craggy Range

Craggy Range is a family owned winery established in 1998 and situated in the shadow of the spectacular Te Mata Peak in the premium wine growing area of Hawke's Bay New Zealand. Located at the foot of Te Mata Peak, the architecturally designed Giants winery complex, offers a second-to-none visitor experience. Here our Cellar Door offers relaxed and intimate seated tastings, while our restaurant serves the best local and seasonal produce prepared by Head Chef Casey McDonald. On-site boutique accommodation offers luxury in the vines – choose from the stylish four-bedroom Lodge, two-bedroom River Lodges or self-contained Vineyard and Garden Cottages.

Tonight, you will experience a dinner along with matched with wine in the restaurant along with a short talk from David Peapody Jnr.

20:45 Transfer from Craggy Range to Art Deco Masonic Hotel where you will check in for the next two nights.

21:15 Art Deco Masonic Hotel

Art Deco Masonic Hotel boasts 43 stylish hotel rooms, suites and 2 bedroom self-contained apartment, with all the conveniences you would expect of a modern hotel. The history, Art Deco architecture and individuality of the rooms add a unique ambiance and style to this Napier accommodation.

Day 7 Monday 13th May

08:15 Transfer from Art Deco Masonic Hotel to Gannet Safaris Overland



Hawke's Bay, NZ

08:45 – 12:00 Gannet Safaris Overland

Cape Kidnappers is the largest most accessible mainland gannet colony in the world. Gannet Safaris has been guiding visitors over Cape Kidnappers for in excess of 50 years. It is the only tour which drives you to within metres of the remarkable gannets – no walking is required. Ride in style and comfort over picturesque Cape Kidnappers Station in air-conditioned 4 x 4 vehicles – traversing riverbeds, broad rolling pastures, through stands of native bush, steep gullies - all with breath-taking views. The 36km, three-hour trip includes commentary by your tour guide on the farming operation of Cape Kidnappers Station and forest, the bird sanctuary, and an introduction to the gannets

12:00 Transfer to Church Road Vineyard for lunch and wine tasting

12:40 – 14:40 TOM Experience at Church Road Winery

Discover Church Road's iconic TOM range through an intimate wine flight experience within the atmospheric surroundings of an underground museum. Reflecting the exceptional Hawke's Bay terroir, considered viticulture and masterful winemaking, these wines are only produced during outstanding vintages. Be expertly guided through current and back vintage TOM wines
Discover Church Road's secrets in the ultimate personal tribute to their founder, Tom McDonald, a key innovator in the creation of the Hawke's Bay wine industry.

After tasting some of Church Road wines we will sit down for lunch.

14:40 Once lunch concludes you will begin your Art Deco vintage car tour

15:00 – 17:00 Art Deco Vintage Car Tour

Protecting, preserving and restoring Napier's heritage for over 30 years. Art Deco Trust is a guardian, a storyteller and an interpreter of a unique architectural heritage. Our tours are the perfect introduction to Napier, telling the story of the 1931 earthquake and the incredible rebuild in Art Deco style. This afternoon you will discover Napier's story with a local guided Vintage Car Tour.

17:00 Arrive back at Art Deco Masonic Hotel, an opportunity to refresh before dinner

18:15 Depart for Mission Estate Winery



18:30 – 20:30 Mission Estate Winery

Nestled against the picturesque foothills of Taradale, Mission Estate Winery is New Zealand's oldest winery. Over 160 years of passion and experience have culminated in the collection of award-winning wines.

Tonight, you will be dining in their renowned Mission restaurant which offers intimate indoor or stunning outdoor dining with exquisite local cuisine and fantastic wines to match.

20:30 Depart for your second night at Masonic Art Deco Hotel

Day 8 Tuesday 14th May

Check out of your hotel and travel to your next destination. Napier Airport 15min drive.

Thank you for spending your time along the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail!