

Wellington, North Island, New Zealand

New Zealand's wind-swept capital punches well above its size — a harbour city of world-class museums, quirky neighbourhoods, and stunning hilltop lookouts, all within reach of a cruise day ashore.

Docked (Aotea Quay or Queens Wharf) Typical call: 8-10 hrs NZD (NZ Dollar) English & Māori

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: CentrePort Aotea Quay (larger ships) or Queens Wharf (smaller ships); shuttle to city centre

Walk to Centre: ~10 min shuttle or 20 min walk from Queens Wharf; walking from Aotea Quay not permitted

Best For: Museums, culture, wildlife, café-hopping, Lord of the Rings fans

Don't Miss: Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington Cable Car & Botanic Garden

Getting around: Taxi NZ\$15–25 · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Tranzit Coachlines

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Te Papa Tongarewa National Museum** — New Zealand's flagship national museum is a short shuttle ride from the port and free to enter.
- **Wellington Cable Car & Botanic Garden** — Ride the historic red cable car from Lambton Quay up to Kelburn for panoramic harbour views, then stroll downhill through the 25-hectare Botanic...
- **Zealandia Ecosanctuary** — A predator-fenced urban wildlife sanctuary just 2 km from the city centre, home to kiwi, tuatara, kākā parrots, and rare wētā.
- **Weta Workshop Unleashed** — Go behind the scenes at the world-famous special-effects studio responsible for Lord of the Rings, Avatar, and more.
- **Seal Coast Safari** — A 4WD safari along Wellington's rugged south coast to see New Zealand fur seals on the rocks at Red Rocks Reserve.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront to Cuba Street** 2-3 km · 45-60 min · Flat · Easy — Start at the Te Papa waterfront, stroll north past Frank Kitts Park and Civic Square, then cut west up Manners Street to Cuba Street — Wellington's bohemian heart of...
- **Mount Victoria Lookout** 3 km loop · 60-90 min · Moderate hills · Great views — From the city centre, follow the signs up to the summit of Mount Victoria (196 m) for 360° views of Wellington Harbour, the Remutaka Range, and Cook Strait.
- **Heritage Cable Car Walk** 3 km one-way · 90 min · Downhill · Easy — Take the cable car from Lambton Quay to Kelburn, explore the Botanic Garden, then walk downhill through Thorndon past Old St Paul's Cathedral and the historic Parliament...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:51AM–5:50PM · Jun 7:45AM–4:57PM · Aug 7:12AM–5:39PM · Sep 6:22AM–6:10PM · Oct 6:32AM–7:41PM	
Apr	62°	55°	11d		
Jun	55°	50°	11d		
Aug	54°	48°	14d		
Sep	55°	49°	12d		
Oct	58°	51°	11d		

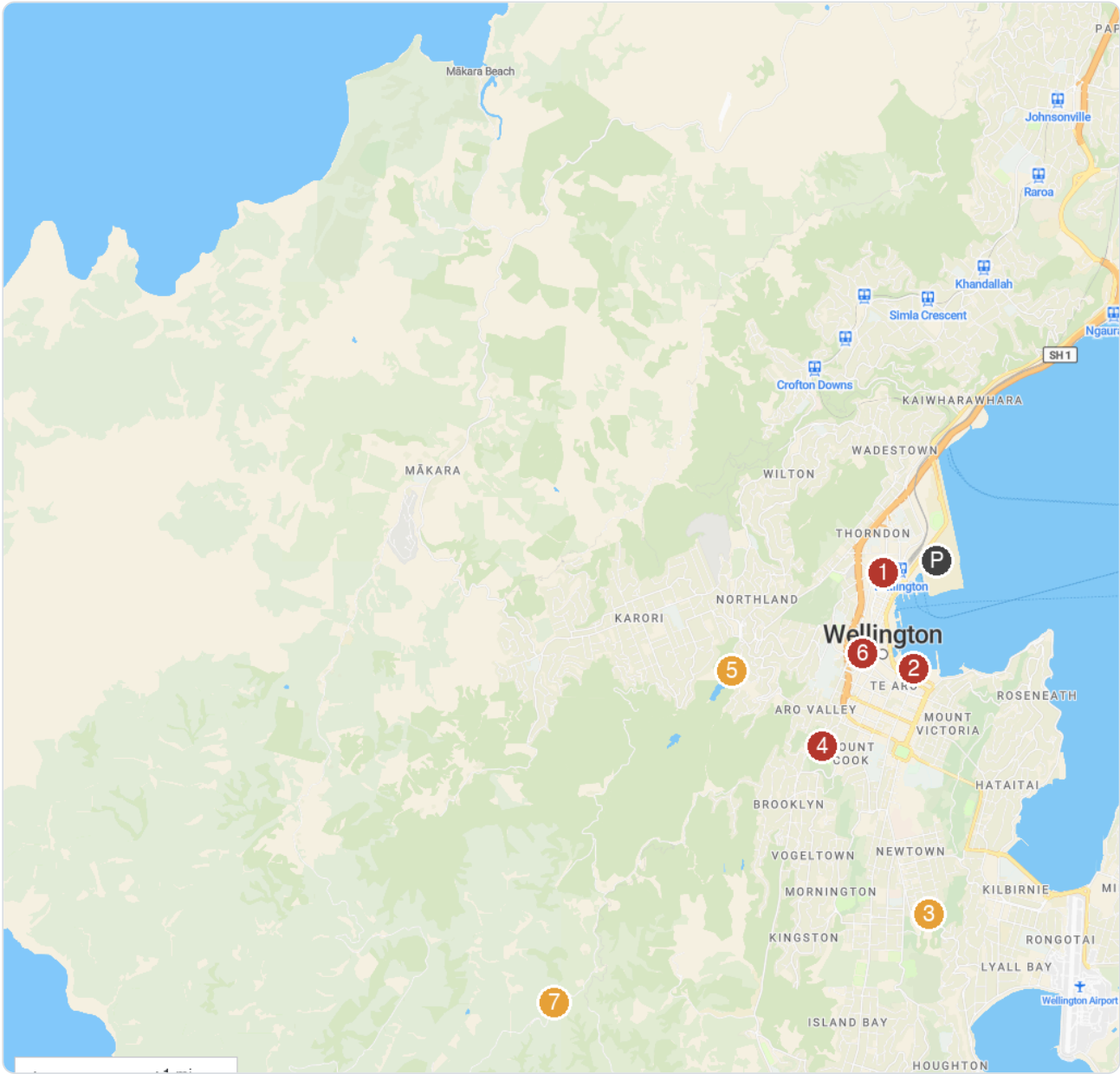
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack a windproof layer. Wellington earns its 'Windy Wellington' nickname — the harbour gap funnels strong southerlies year-round. Even on sunny days a jacket is essential.
- Don't miss the shuttle back. The last shuttle from Lambton Quay to Aotea Quay runs before all-aboard — confirm the schedule with your ship. Walking back through the working port is not allowed.
- Card is king. New Zealand is largely cashless — most cafés, shops, and attractions accept Visa/Mastercard contactless. A little NZD cash is handy for small markets.
- Te Papa is free. New Zealand's national museum on the waterfront charges no admission — an outstanding way to spend two or three hours without spending a cent.
- Wellington coffee is world-class. The city has a fiercely proud café culture. Skip the chain coffee and ask a local for their favourite flat white — you won't be disappointed.
- Book Weta Workshop early. The guided Weta Workshop Unleashed tour is popular and sells out during cruise season (October–April). Book online before your voyage.

Wellington, North Island, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1	Wellington Cenotaph	Wellington's national war memorial honours fallen soldiers.	2	Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa	New Zealand's national museum showcases history, art, and culture.
3	Wellington Zoo	Wellington's zoo is home to diverse native and exotic animals.	4	Central Park	A historic city park with walking trails and playgrounds.
5	Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne	A fenced urban wildlife sanctuary for native New Zealand species.	6	National Shrine of St Mary of the Angels	A beautiful historic Catholic church, a national shrine.
7	Hawkins Hill Radar Dome	A distinctive radar station offering panoramic city views.	P	Cruise port / terminal	