

NEW ZEALAND – ART DECO NAPIER AND HAWKES BAY WINE TRAILS

5-days / 4-nights QUALITY, **SELF-GUIDED** cycling with gourmet food & wine



Cycle and explore the picturesque coastal district of Hawkes Bay, a world class wine region located on the eastern side of New Zealand's North Island. With a Mediterranean climate of long summers and mild winters this ideal cycling destination offers scenic views, coastal landscapes and many excellent wineries, serviced by a network of over 200km of flat, easy, off-road bike trails.

This five-day, four-night self-guided tour starts and ends in the unique, Art Deco city of Napier, which was destroyed by an earthquake in 1931 and then rebuilt in the architectural style of the day. This results in a port-side city with Stripped Classical, Spanish Mission and the World's largest concentration of Art Deco buildings. These heritage buildings and streetscapes are best explored by bike or on foot.

Great local produce and gourmet food are a feature, but the Hawkes Bay region is best known for wines including Syrah, Cabernet Merlot and other grapes blended in the Bordeaux style. More delicate and spicy than their Australian cousins, these unique, full-bodied reds and Chardonnay and Pinot Gris varieties are world renowned. Interestingly it's the stony soil exposed by floods in 1867 that provides the unique environment for this grape growing region, especially the Gimblett Gravels Appellation.

This is a self-guided tour, but support is never far away. A vehicle is available on call in case you have mechanical issues, or even want to take a day off the bike. The bus can transfer you or assist with bike repairs or replacement. As a bonus, you will be picked up from the Gimblett Gravels Appellation at the end of the day so you can enjoy the many cellar doors without having to cycle home. Ride the river trails in the morning then enjoy the afternoon at the wineries. For those wanting them, E-bikes are available (at extra cost).

Cost from: **\$1800** per person, twin-share Single supplement from \$350
\$100 per person public holiday supplement applicable.

Departs: daily on demand, year-round, except over Christmas day.

Includes: 4 nights in comfortable quality accommodation with ensuite; 4 full breakfasts, 3 gourmet winery lunches, 3 restaurant dinners (2 x courses); all wine tastings; luggage transfers; hybrid touring bike hire with pannier, water bottle, lock and tool kit; detailed route notes and maps; emergency telephone support.

Not included: Meals not mentioned, other drinks, transfers to/from Napier, personal expenses. Bike helmets are available, but we recommend you bring your own for fit and hygiene purposes.

Grade: Easy to moderate, mainly off road on paved trails or quiet country roads.

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Suggested itinerary:

Day 1 – Arrive Napier

Make your own way by mid-afternoon to the Art Deco city of Napier. Take time to explore this unique city with its 1930's architecture and streetscape, including the much-photographed National Tobacco Company and the T&G Building. Napier is also home to the National Aquarium, the Hawkes Bay Museum Theatre Gallery, a scenic fishing port and the Pania of the Reef Māori mythological statue on Marine Parade. Stay tonight in a hotel overlooking Napier's waterfront, with dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Day 2 – Napier to Taradale

Cycling @ 50km

This morning ride out of Napier on the flat off road 'Water Trail' via the Ahuriri Estuary, taking in the water views and abundant birdlife. Stop at Church Road Wines for a platter style lunch of local gourmet produce. After lunch cycle to Taradale for your overnight stay. For those wanting extra distance there is an optional 20km cycle around the Puketapu Loop. Dinner tonight is included at the historic Mission Estate Winery.

Day 3 – Taradale to Havelock North, via Cape Coast

Cycling @ 45km

Start today's ride on the 'Water Trail', before joining the 'Wineries Ride', as your cycle from Taradale to the more open vineyard area known as 'Gimblett Gravels Appellation'. On the way visit a number of superb wineries including Ash Ridge, Ngatarawa Estate & Trinity Hill before a delicious platter style lunch at the picturesque Te Awa Winery. Enjoy the afternoon here as you will be picked up and transferred to your overnight Bed & Breakfast stay at Havelock North, a delightful small town with a choice of places to eat. Dinner is at your own arrangement.

Day 4 – Havelock North to Napier

Cycling @ 50km

Today's cycling is on mostly flat, off-road trails with lots of stops, finishing with delightful coastal scenery as you ride back into Napier. Lunch today is at the picturesque Clearview Estate Winery. Visits to the impressive Black Barn Vineyard, Te Mata Estate Winery and the unique Elephant Hill winery are all along the coast on the way back to Napier. Spend your last night back at your waterfront hotel with a casual, pub style dinner at the Shed 2 Bistro on West Quay.

Day 5 – Depart Napier

After a leisurely breakfast, depart at your own arrangements.



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