



24th - 27th June 2021

Hawkes Bay Escape

All year round the Hawkes Bay is a wonderful destination to explore

Now we all know about the warm, temperate climate, the wine, and the stunning farmland but that only scratches the surface of this gorgeous region.

Hawke's Bay is New Zealand's Art Deco capital, rebuilt in the architectural styles of the time following the devastating 1931 earthquake. We will uncover all the history of the region on a locally guided tour, view and dine at the exquisite Duart House, explore chocolate and honey delights and of course sample some fine wine.

Other highlights include a fabulous 3 course meal at Mission Estate, a meet and greet with two local go-getters doing some amazing things using the 'kiwi can do' attitude, visit Oruawharo Homestead, climb Te mata Peak and enjoy all the fabulous food and wine this region has on offer.

Read on to find out more.

DAY 1

Thur 24th June

Home - Napier

Depart the Whanganui Racecourse at 10am and travel over the saddle road making our way to Waipawa for a delightful lunch.

Waipawa is one of the oldest inland towns in NZ so we'll make our way to the fascinating **Settlers Museum** for an informative guided tour before hitting the road and weaving our way into Hawkes Bay and stopping into **Birdwoods Gallery and Sweet Shop**. Admire the gorgeous gardens and sculptures and grab some sweet treats. We'll enjoy a light afternoon tea here before heading to our accommodation where you will have time to unpack your bag and relax a little before heading out for our first group dinner at one of the highly rated local restaurants.

Departing from another destination

All details will be provided in your personal information pack, sent prior to travel.



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DAY 2

Fri 25th June

Napier



A relaxed start to the day before heading into the Napier CBD and picking up a local guide who will inform us of all things Art Deco, Wine and the interesting history of Hawkes Bay. We travel around the area on our bus so just sit back, relax and enjoy the informative talk where many points of interest will be explained to us during the **guided tour** before we stop for a great lunch.

This afternoon sees us visit the **Silky Oak Chocolate Factory** where we sample some of the scrumptious chocolate offerings and wander through the only comprehensive chocolate museum in the Southern Hemisphere.

Following this the treats just keep on coming as we make our way to **Church Road Winery** for a tasting and insight into the process of producing wine which is famous throughout the world.

Another fabulous group dinner is lined up this evening before resting our heads for the night.

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DAY 3

Sat 26th June

Napier - Havelock North



A real treat for us today as we visit **Duart House** after another relaxing start to the day. Duart House was built in 1882 and boasts 3 acres of picturesque garden. We have a guided tour lined up and will also dine for lunch at this stunning location.

We then head out to Havelock North and visit **Arataki Honey Centre** where we are shown around this magnificent complex and are lucky enough to receive some honey that we can take home with us.

Following this we climb in the bus up to **Te Mata Peak** to soak in the fabulous views before heading over to meet one of 'the boys' close friends Mike Pickering. After buying 8 acres of Hawkes Bay land with nothing but a run down shed on the property, Mike and his lovely wife Loz have rejuvenated the land, upgraded their shed, built a tiny house to initially live in with their young daughter, and now Mike is self-building a high performance sustainable home for his family that will also operate completely off the grid. A truly inspiring couple that are happy to welcome us into their busy lives and show what can be achieved when you roll up your sleeves and get stuck in. Afternoon tea will be provided also.

After getting refreshed back at our accommodation we head out for our final group dinner at the magnificent **Mission Estate**, where we will enjoy a delicious evening meal in this elegantly restored historic building.



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DAY 4

Sun 27th June

Napier - Home



We won't be in a rush to leave the bay this morning and once packed up we'll have a leisurely drive around to see any final bits and pieces of the area we may have missed before starting our journey home.

We break for a **high tea** lunch at the majestic **Oruawharo Homestead**. This grand building has been around since 1879 and the owners Dianne and Peter Harris will be on hand to explain its history and show us around this idyllic location.

Then it's homeward bound as we look to arrive home in the late afternoon.

Total cost

Departing from Whanganui:
\$1,395

Payment due by May 30th 2021.

Payment methods

- ✓ Credit Card
- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Eftpos
- ✓ Online

Send online bank deposits to:
BNZ 02-0792-0090015-00

Please use your name and trip name
as code and reference.



What's included?



Transport

- All coach travel as stated in the itinerary.



Accommodation

- Great twin share accommodation
(single supplement available)



Food and drink

- All meals stated in the itinerary.
- Breakfast, lunch and 2-3 course dinners each night.



Activities

- All activities as stated in **bold** in the itinerary.

How to book

Be in quick to secure your seats!



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- For cancellations within 14 days prior to travel – 100% of total fare will apply.

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