



WHAREKAUHAU

PALLISER BAY EST. 1844

Sample Itinerary – “Special Interest Group - Wine”

We were asked to create a bespoke trip for a special interest group out of Australia who travel to different wine regions around the world each year, and after some back and forth we agreed that Martinborough is the optimum place to launch a two-region stay from that also covered the famed Marlborough vineyards. This group took all 16 of the Cottage Suites, and the three-bedroom Foley Villa. The scale of this trip meant we had a dedicated lodge host with them for every activity to help in shipping wines home, and ensuring the smooth operation

Day 1 <i>“The arrival”</i>	<p>Welcome to Wellington! As you land at the airport you will be greeted by a lodge host who will escort you and your luggage to your drivers before getting you on the 90 minute road transfer to Wharekauhau.</p> <p>A warm welcome to the lodge! Enjoy a relaxed, and informative check in, and tour of the main lodge before checking into your Cottage Suites. A light snack is available to keep that travel appetite at bay.</p> <p>Return to the lodge for a traditional Maori welcome and aperitifs before dinner in the Dining Room</p>
Day 2 <i>‘Estate Day’</i>	<p>A full farmhouse breakfast in the Country Kitchen</p> <p>Head out on one of the famous Wharekauhau farm tours. A three hour guided experience that sets the lay of the land, and gives you a deeper understanding of our operation.</p> <p>Return to wash up and enjoy a relaxed farmhouse lunch over the main table in Country Kitchen</p> <p>The afternoon is at leisure</p> <p>For those wishing to enjoy a little competition after such a relaxing day we will head down to the sporting clay target range at 3pm for a group clay shoot.</p> <p>Return to the lodge for an aperitif and dinner in the Dining Room. Tonight’s dinner will focus on large format (<i>magnums ++</i>) library wines.</p>
Day 3 <i>‘Wairarapa Vineyards Day’</i>	<p>A full farmhouse breakfast in the Country Kitchen</p> <p>Head out on our signature ‘<i>Soil+Barrel+Cellar+Passion</i>’ tour. A guided session that brings in some of Martinborough’s most well known personalities. We start the day with Don from Devoutus looking at his 40-year-old Pinot vines and the soil in which they grow, and have made Martinborough the Pinot Noir lovers destination of choice. We head over to see Larry McKenna at Escarpment and do a full barrel tasting in his barre; ‘bunker’. A spot of lunch is arranged at Poppies vineyard, before a cellar/library tasting with the Te Kairanga/Martinborough Vineyards wine makers. We will close out the day with a private tasting at Ata Rangi vineyard.</p> <p>After a big day out, we have planned a relaxed family-style dinner in the open kitchen. Think slow cooked lamb shoulder, smoked beef, and lots of different Pinot Noirs</p>
Day 4 <i>‘Spa/Relaxation Day’</i>	<p>Sunrise yoga. An optional session for those wishing to start the day with a little sunrise stretching.</p> <p>A full farmhouse breakfast in the Country Kitchen</p> <p>Morning spa slots booked for facials and massages</p> <p>A chef-led cliff-top picnic set at the Lookout</p> <p>Afternoon spa slots booked for further treatments</p> <p>A classic kiwi seafood inspired dinner, high level of interaction with chefs in the kitchen. Think crayfish, pan seared local fish’n chips, paua (<i>abalone</i>), partnered with Sauvignon Blanc’s, Chardonnay’s and dry Riesling’s!</p>
Day 5 <i>‘Marlborough Day’</i>	<p>A full farmhouse breakfast in the Country Kitchen</p> <p>‘Board your helicopters and lift off to cross the Cooks Strait and explore the two valleys of the Marlborough wine region. After a short 25 minute flight we will land at the pride of the Awatere Valley ‘Vavasour’. A private tasting and tour awaits you, before we lift back off and head to Grove Mill in the Wairau Valley to learn about their industry leading sustainable practices, and of course sample their wonderful wines. A short hop gets us to Cloudy Bay where we will stop for a late lunch and then track back North over the Strait, landing on the Wharekauhau front lawn</p> <p>Dinner tonight will be a little longer and a degustation tasting menu hosted by a New Zealand Master of Wine. The wines for the evening will be at his personal selection.</p>
Day 6 <i>‘The Departure’</i>	<p>A final full farmhouse breakfast in the Country Kitchen,</p> <p>Your luggage will be collected and transferred to the helipad, where after breakfast your helicopters will take you back to central Wellington.</p>