









Wellington, is the undisputed centre of arts and culture, cafes and restaurants, festivals, fashion and nightlife. A vibrant city surrounded by hills and a rugged coastline which boasts one of the most beautiful harbours in the world.

Wellington is set in a stunning natural environment and within 5 - 10 minutes from downtown you will find a variety of untouched nature spots. The Karori Sanctuary, 10 minutes drive from downtown Wellington, is a world first conservation attraction which protects endangered wildlife such as the little spotted kiwi and tuatara.

Widely regarded as New Zealand's arts and culture capital, Wellington has a wealth of museums, art galleries, theatres and a thriving music industry. It

is home to the innovative and interactive national museum, Te Papa Tongarewa, which tells the story of New Zealand and her people. It is also home to the New Zealand International Arts Festival and the unique Montana World of WearableArt Awards Show.



Visitors can take a step into the past by catching the historic Wellington

Cable Car. This iconic attraction offers city views, and takes visitors up to the beautiful Wellington Botanic Gardens.

Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* movie trilogy shot Wellington into the spotlight, and showed its strong creative industries to the world. They also coined a new term – 'Wellywood' as both the city and region embraced the films wholeheartedly.

The city is also the perfect base for exploring the Wellington region. Wairarapa's boutique wine village of Martinborough is just over an hour away, while the Kapiti Coast boasts stunning scenery and marine and nature reserves. Lower Hutt is the gateway to the great outdoors of the Wellington region and Upper Hutt promises natural attractions and outdoor pursuits nestled amongst lush green hills in the picturesque Hutt River valley.



History of Wellington

Maori Legend



According to Maori Legend, Maui fished up the North Island of New Zealand (Te Ika Maui) from his great canoe (the South Island). Maui and his brothers struggled with the large fish, beating and slashing it so it writhed in agony creating the hills and valleys. When the fish died it became a great land where previously there had been nothing but ocean. The south part of the North Island is said to be the head of the fish (Te Upoko a te Ika), Wellington harbour is the mouth of the fish (Te Waha o te Ika) and Lake Wairarapa the eye of the fish (Te Whatu o te Ika).



When the fish was hauled up, the mouth formed a lake separated from the sea by a barrier of land. This lake trapped two taniwha (sea monsters) named Ngake and Whaitaitai. Ngake didn't like being trapped so he broke his way through to the open sea, creating the entrance to the harbour. Whaitaitai tried to follow but he got stuck in shallow water as the tide went out. He remained there for centuries, only being revived by the tide washing in and out which prevented him from drying out.

In the great earthquake of 1460 Whaitaitai was uplifted, and subsequently died, becoming the present day Miramar Peninsular. His soul, or wairua, left him in the form of a bird called Te Keo and flew to a nearby hill and wept. The hill became known as 'Tangi Te Keo', also called Mount Victoria.

Early History



The Polynesian explorer Kupe is credited with first discovering Wellington Harbour. According to Maori tradition, he arrived with his followers around the 10th century. Several places around the Wellington peninsula were named by Kupe - for example Matiu/Somes Island and Makaro (Ward) Island. People have lived in Wellington since Kupe's discovery – evidence of early Maori settlement and cultivation can be found at sites all around the Wellington peninsula.



The earliest name for Wellington is Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui – "the head of Maui's fish". Another name for Wellington is Te Whanganui a Tara (the great harbour of Tara). Tara was the son of Whatonga, annother Polynesian migrant, who had settled in Hawke's Bay (four hours drive northeast of Wellington). Whatonga sent Tara on a tour of the lower North Island in the 12th century. After a year Tara returned and reported that the best place he had seen was "at the very nostrils of the island." As a result Whatonga and his followers shifted south – and so the first iwi (tribe) in Wellington was Ngai Tara.

What's in a name?



Wellington is named after Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington (1769-1852). After distinguishing himself in the Indian Army (1797-1805), he commanded the British Army against Napoleon in the Peninsular War (1808-14) and at Waterloo (1815). He was British Prime Minister from 1828 to 1830. The settlement was named Wellington in 1840 by the directors of the New Zealand Company in recognition of the Duke's influence on the company. The settlement was originally to be called Britannia.

Anniversary Day

Wellington's Anniversary Day is marked by a provincial holiday on the third Monday of January. The first observance of the day, in 1841, marked the anniversary of the arrival of the Aurora, with 150 New Zealand Company settlers, in Wellington on 22 January 1840 after a four-month voyage from Gravesend, England.

The first NZ Company vessel to arrive in Wellington was the Tory, on 20 September 1839. Among its six passengers were NZ Company representatives William Wakefield, his nephew Edward, and noted explorer and artist Charles Heaphy.

Apart from the Tory and Aurora, other early settler ships included the Cuba, Oriental, Roxburgh, Adelaide, Bolton and Coromandel - all remembered in Wellington street names. New Zealand Company directors and a host of notable early settlers are also remembered in other street and place names around the region.

Why is Wellington the Capital City?



A "one-off" sitting of Parliament occurred in Wellington on 7 July 1862 but it was not until some time later that the city became the official home of government. Until then, Auckland was the capital.

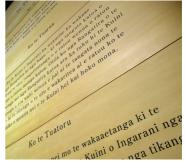
According to Philip Temple in his book *Wellington Yesterday*, in November 1863 Alfred Domett moved a resolution in the Parliament at Auckland that "it has become necessary that the seat of government...should be transferred to some suitable locality in Cook Strait." Temple writes that there was genuine concern that the gold-rich southern regions of the country would form a separate colony. A group of Australian commissioners gave the "objective" opinion that Wellington,

with its harbour and central location, would suit best and Parliament sat for the first time in the town (pop 4900) on 26 July 1865. Capital city status was conferred on Wellington in 1886.

Quirky Facts about Wellington

 Home to just 164,000 people in central Wellington, with 445,000 people making up the entire Wellington region, Wellington is a small city with a huge heart.

- Want the view but not the climb? Wellingtonians build their homes on steep hillsides and they have devised ingenious ways of reaching them. Look out for the private cable cars in the hilly residential areas.
- Wellingtonians are known as some of the fittest New Zealanders, with 11 percent of its residents walking to work. Maybe it's the beautiful views or just its compact nature.
- Wellington's population is the most well-educated and highly-skilled in the country 23 percent of its residents hold university qualifications (compared with a national average of 8 percent), and 38 percent have a skilled vocational qualification or higher (the national average is 25 percent).
- Te Papa, New Zealand's national museum, has five floors of interactive exhibitions and display spaces, making it equivalent in size to three rugby fields.
- Thorndon is New Zealand's oldest suburb and the birthplace of Katherine Mansfield – one of New Zealand's greatest authors. Thorndon is also home to New Zealand's oldest hotel, now named The Shepherd's Arms and the oldest public bar, The Thistle Inn.
- Legend has it that Wellington's well-known Parliament building, The Beehive, was actually designed on the back of a cigarette packet as a joke – the designer never dreamt it would be built.



- The Parliament Buildings are one of the largest existing building complexes in the world to be strengthened by base isolation a concept invented by a local Lower Hutt man to enable buildings to survive large earthquakes.
- The Old Government Buildings in downtown Wellington, is the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere.
- As the capital, Wellington holds the key to much of the country's history. The National Archives has The Treaty of Waitangi on display, along with the 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition which gave our women voting rights. New Zealand was the first country in the world to do so.
- Wellington is a city built mostly on reclaimed land. The original 1840 shoreline is now the main shopping street, Lambton Quay.
- The magnificent Embassy Theatre is well worth a visit. It
 was the venue for the world premiere of the final film in the
 Lord of the Rings trilogy.
- Wellington's trolley buses are a distinctive part of daily life.
 Like the trams of old, they run on electricity and the overhead cables are part of the fabric of downtown Wellington.

A Taste of Wellington Attractions

Blue Mountains Harley Motorcycle Tours: Licensed tour operators offering Harley Motorcycle Tours around the Greater Wellington region starting from 1/2 hour rides. *Tel:* +64 4 527 8851 or +64 274 422 186

Circa Theatre: Circa showcases international, national and local drama, comedy and music and has helped foster the careers of some of New Zealand's best known actors and directors.

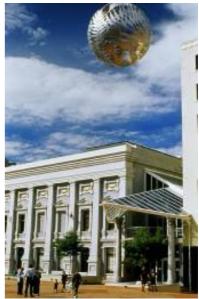
1 Taranaki St, Tel: +64 4 801 7992, www.circa.co.nz

City Gallery: The city's main art gallery presents innovative exhibitions of art, architecture and design from both New Zealand and around the world.

Civic Square, Tel: +64 4 801 3021, www.city-gallery.org.nz

Colonial Cottage Museum: The Cottage is central Wellington's oldest building. Displays show how the first settlers blended their lives from their Victorian homeland with the dictates of a new country. 68 Nairn St, Tel: +64 4 384 9122, www.colonialcottagemuseum.co.nz

Dominion Post Ferry: Ferry trips across Wellington harbour to/from Days Bay. Includes daily stops in at Matiu-Somes Island; a beautiful nature reserve offering panoramic views of the Wellington region. Departs Shed One, Queens Wharf, Tel: +64 4 499 1282, www.eastbywest.co.nz



Downstage Theatre: Located deep in the heart of Wellington's vibrant entertainment district, it is one of the country's leading professional theatres.

12 Cambridge St, Tel: +64 4 802 6395, www.downstage.co.nz

Dynamic Tours: A Wellington-based specialised tour company, operating primarily in the corporate and discerning traveller markets. *Tel:* +64 4 801 6900 www.dynamictours.co.nz

Flat Earth New Zealand Experiences: A Flat Earth tour will give you a unique, unforgettable day in one of the world's most beautiful cities. Choose from either custom-designed tours or tailor-made packages.

Tel: +64 4 977 5805 www.flatearth.co.nz

Hammonds Scenic Tours: Wellington's original private sightseeing company. *Tel:* +64 4 472 0869, www.WellingtonSightseeingTours.com

Helipro: Scenic helicopter rides offering spectacular views of Wellington. *Tel:* +64 4 472 1550, www.helipro.co.nz

Katherine Mansfield Birthplace: Find out about this fascinating woman and one of the world's best known short story writers. Visit her beautifully restored 1888 birthplace and enjoy the historic Victorian town garden.

25 Tinakori Road, Tel: +64 4 473 7268, www.katherinemansfield.com

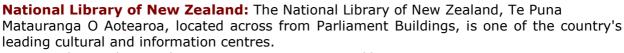
Kapiti Island Alive: Kapiti Island offers a unique opportunity in New Zealand to view a range of our most endangered and rare birds, in a completely natural situation. Tel: +64 6 362 6606, www.kapitiislandalive.co.nz **Karori Sanctuary:** The Sanctuary is a beautiful 252 hectare valley set around Karori Reservoir. An idyllic haven it is currently being restored back to the way it was 500 years ago. *End of Waiapu Road, Karori, Tel:* +64 4 920 2222, www.sanctuary.org.nz

Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa: Te Papa, New Zealand's national museum, provides a unique insight into New Zealand, with exhibitions that embrace both Maori and European perspectives on our land and people.

Cable St, Tel: +64 4 381 7000, www.tepapa.govt.nz

Museum of Wellington City and Sea: Housed in the restored 1892 Bond Store, as historic as the stories it holds, you'll find Wellington's heroes, rogues, ratbags and pillars of society all under one roof at this museum!

Queens Wharf, Tel: +64 4 496 1943, www.museumofwellington.co.nz



58-78 Molesworth St, Tel: +64 4 474 3000, www.natlib.govt.nz

New Zealand Cricket Museum: Have a look at the history of one of New Zealand's favourite pastimes. New Zealand and international cricketing memorabilia from 1743 to present day are displayed.

Basin Reserve, Tel: +64 4 385 6602, www.wellingtonmuseumstrust.org.nz

Old St Paul's: A fine example of an 1866 Gothic style church adapted from traditional stone to timber. Built entirely of native timber, it features superb stained glass windows and a beautiful interior.

34 Mulgrave St, Thorndon, Tel: +64 4 473 6722, www.historic.org.nz

Parliament Buildings: Take a guided tour of Parliament Buildings and gain a fascinating insight into New Zealand's nationhood and the weightier matters of state.

Tel: +64 4 471 9503, www.ps.parliament.govt.nz

PATAKA: PATAKA is a museum and art gallery that is dedicated to celebrating the region's heritage and showcasing the very best in contemporary Maori, Pacific Island and New Zealand art.

Corner of Norrie & Parumoana Streets, Porirua, Tel: +64 4 237 1511, www.pataka.org.nz

Seal Coast Safari: 4WD tour Seal Coast Safari winds its way through hilly farmland and even some former hobbit hang-outs, on its way to the South Coast - home to a New Zealand fur seal colony.

Tel: +64 4 939 7839, www.sealcoast.com

Staglands: Take time to touch and hand feed New Zealand's wildlife as you journey through this magnificent reserve and learn about New Zealand's unique flora and fauna. *Akatarawa Road, Upper Hutt, Tel: (04) 526 7529, www.staglands.co.nz*



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Walk Wellington: Walk Wellington's guided tours will reveal stories about Wellington's past, people, places and events – things that you don't always find in the guidebooks. *Tel:* (04) 384 9590, www.WellingtonNZ.com/walkwellington

Wellington Botanic Garden: The Wellington Botanic Garden, just minutes from downtown Wellington features 25 hectares of protected native forest, conifers, plant collections and seasonal displays.

101 Glenmore St, Thorndon, Tel: +64 4499 1400, www.wbg.co.nz

Wellington Cable Car: The Cable Car is one of Wellington's oldest and most popular attractions, taking visitors past Victoria University to a fantastic view of Wellington Harbour and surrounds.

Cable Car Lane, Lambton Quay, Tel: +64 4 472 2199, www.WellingtonNZ.com/cablecar

Wellington Cable Car Museum: Wellington's newest museum tells the story of one of the city's most visited attractions, the cable car system, which started service in 1902. Top of the Cable Car, Tel: +64 4 475 3578, www.cablecarmuseum.co.nz



Wellington Rover Tours: Wellington Rover Tours offer a range of sightseeing tour options exploring Wellington city, the coast, its parks and reserves – as well as the *Lord of the Rings* filming locations!

Tel: 021 426 211, www.wellingtonrover.co.nz

Wellington Zoo: Looking for a truly unique animal experience? Then roll up your sleeves and come meet some of Wellington Zoo's most vivacious, lovable and often quirky creatures.

200 Daniell Street, Tel: +64 4 389 3692, www.wellingtonzoo.com

Wild About Wellington: Wild About Wellington tours are designed for those who wish to capture the essence of our beautiful city, enjoy great local food and share it all with a local host, whether it be a boutique beer tasting tour, a shopping tour or a sights and bites tour. *Tel: 0274 419 010, www.wildaboutwellington.co.nz*

Writers Walk: The Wellington Writers Walk was opened during the NZ International Festival of the Arts in March 2002. It consists of a series of 15 text sculptures located along Wellington's beautiful harbour. Each one contains a quotation about the city from a poem or piece of prose by one of the many talented writers who have made Wellington their home at some point in their lives. Wellington Waterfront

Zest Food Tours: Zest is aimed at the discerning traveller, interested in seeing behind-the-scenes of Wellington's food, wine and coffee sectors, and the people whose passion and flair make it happen. *Tel:* +64 4 479 1778, www.zestfoodtours.co.nz

WellingtonNZ.com

Wellington Bars



Matterhorn: A local institution on Cuba Street, Matterhorn is a hip joint down a long corridor. The Matterhorn was crowned as the Best Bar of the Year and Best Drink Selection in New Zealand, 2007. The bar also prides itself on showcasing the best of New Zealand's vibrant music scene.

106 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 3843359, www.matterhorn.co.nz



St Johns Heineken Hotel: St. Johns has an outstanding history as the ambulance building in the 1920's, a great music venue in the 70's and 80's and now a modern, comfortable and stylish fit out makes this art deco architectural masterpiece the place to visit while in town.

5 Cable Street, Tel: +64 4 801 801, www.stjohnsbar.co.nz

Sandwiches: Awarded Best Music Selection of the year for 2007, Sandwiches is home to international club DJs, dance bands and top local talent.

Cnr Majoribanks St & Kent Tce, Tel: +64 4 385 7698 www.sandwiches.co.nz



Tasting Room: The Tasting Room is a modern interpretation of the traditional public house - a gastropub; offering the best in creative beer and food matching along with providing a premium drinking environment.

2 Courtenay Place, Tel: +64 4 384 1159, www.tasting-room.co.nz



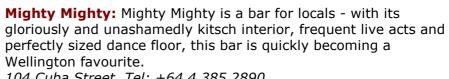
Motel: A stylish and thoroughly modern late night spot for cocktails and snacks from the bar, adjacent to Chow. Forresters Lane (Off Tory Street), Tel: +64 4 3849084 www.motelbar.co.nz

Havana: The spirit of Cuba is alive and kicking at Havana Bar - visible through their passion for live music, rum and coffee. 32a Wigan Street, Tel: +64 4 384 7039, www.havana.co.nz



Good Luck: The Chinese Opium den revisited! Dance the night away to house DJs or uplifting live acts. Basement, 126 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 801 9950

Hawthorn Lounge: A cosy relaxed bar with big leather couches in front of the open fire where you can also roast marshmallows. 82 Tory Steret, Tel: +64 4 890 3724, www.hawthornlounge.co.nz



104 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 385 2890

San Francisco Bath House: San Francisco Bath House is one of the top venues in New Zealand for international acts. With a European venue atmosphere for performers, it is possibly the best of its size in New Zealand.

171 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 801 6797, www.sfbh.co.nz

Wellington Shopping



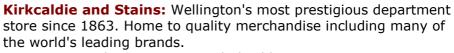
This boutique city is a shopaholic's dream. From trendy boutiques to second hand treasure-troves, Wellington has it covered.

Mandatory: 100% Menswear. The Mandatory label includes directional solutions for men's workwear and suiting. 108 Cuba Mall, www.mandatory.co.nz



Starfish: Starfish is a Wellington designed, New Zealand made clothing label offering innovative and quality clothing for both men and women.

128 Willis Street, www.starfish.co.nz



165 - 177 Lambton Quay, www.kirkcaldies.co.nz



Soup: Armani, Burberry, Comme des Garcons, Yohji Yamamoto, Alexander McQueen, Zambesi...just some of the recycled labels you can expect to find at Soup.

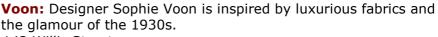
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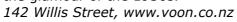




Pop Up: Popup Gallery is Wellington's first pop art gallery and boutique. Popup specializes in pop surrealism, subversive lowbrow art, street design, pop and counter culture.

57 Ghuznee Street, www.popup.co.nz



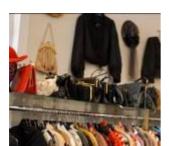




Wellington Hatters: Managed by well-known Wellington designer Hank Cubitt, whose tailored menswear is stocked alongside headwear for men and women.

9 Woodward Street, www.wellingtonhatters.co.nz





Old Bank Shopping Arcade: The Old Bank Shopping Arcade occupies a heritage site that used to house the Bank of New Zealand.

223 - 237 Lambton Quay, www.oldbank.co.nz

Wellington Cafes



Fuel Espresso: The first Fuel Espresso outlet was opened in 1996 by Sanjay Ponnapa on the Terrace in Wellington. It was Wellington's first street espresso cart, and over the years it has become a much-loved landmark for the thousands of people it has introduced to the Fuel Espresso experience

Ten locations in Wellington City, www.fuelespresso.co.nz



Olive Café: Pacific Rim cuisine in spacious courtyard and dining area. Olive use organic produce whenever possible. 170 – 172 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 802 5266

Nikau Gallery Café: Spacious airy café adjoining the City Gallery, Nikau offers fantastic food, wine and coffee served in a contemporary environment.

City Gallery Building, Civic Square, Tel: +64 4 801 4168



Chocolate Fish: With views over Scorching Bay and Wellington Harbour, Chocolate Fish boasts some of the best vistas in Wellington.

497A Karaka Bay Road, Scorching Bay, Tel: +64 4 388 2808

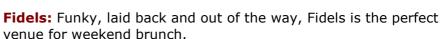
Ernesto: A quirky and chic cafe, from the owners of a Wellington institution, Fidel's.

132 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 801 6878



Pravda: Located in one of Wellington's elegant older buildings, Pravda serves modern yet classic bistro food (and great coffee). 107 Customhouse Quay, Tel: +64 4 801 8858

Floriditas: A stylish and comfortable cafe/restaurant in the heart of Cuba Street, Floriditas has a delicious menu, great coffee, and reasonable prices, and is casual relaxed place to visit any time. 161 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 381 2212, www.floriditas.co.nz



234 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 801 6868



Maranui Surf Life Saving Club: Maranui Cafe is a quirky, 1940s-style cafe situated in the clubrooms of the Maranui Surf Club. Delicious meals and counter food served, with great views out across Lyall Bay.

7 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay, Tel: +64 4 387 2829 www.maranui.co.nz/cafe



Pandoro: An artisan Italian bakery producing handcrafted bread and pastry products fresh 7 days. They use all traditional methods, with no artificial ingredients and no preservatives or improvers.

12-14 Woodward Street, Tel: +64 4 472 5223 & Crner Allen and Wakefield Streets, Tel: +64 4 472 5523

Wellington Restaurants



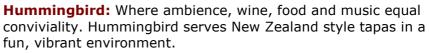
Matterhorn: Head chef is Nick Huffman (formally executive chef of Huka Lodge) who delivers an all-day and late night menu loaded with integrity. Matterhorn is internationally rated for original cocktails and an adventurous wine list that covers off both Old and New World.

106 Cuba Street, +64 4 3843359, www.matterhorn.co.nz



Chow: Chow combines the healthy fresh flavours of Southeast Asia in a casual modern setting.

45 Tory Street, Tel: +64 4 382 8585, www.chow.co.nz



22 Courtenay Place, Tel: +64 4 801 6336



Logan Brown: Multi-award winning restaurant, Logan Brown is fine dining New Zealand style.

192 Cuba Street, Tel: +64 4 801 5114, www.loganbrown.co.nz

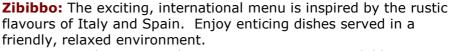
Shed 5: Situated right on Queens Wharf and only a few paces from the city centre, the historic wooden building has been painstakingly restored and now houses Wellington's finest seafood restaurant.

Queens Wharf, Tel: +64 4 916 4235, www.shed5.co.nz



Kai in the City: A whare kai (restaurant/café) that provides a real New Zealand dining experience based on traditional Maori food, flavours, and values.

21 Majoribanks Street, Tel: +64 4 801 5006

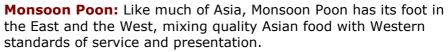


25-29 Taranaki Street, Tel: +64 4 385 6650, www.zibibbo.co.nz



The Ambeli: The Ambeli, meaning 'vineyard' in Greek. The interior is famous for its glow, with walls adorned with evocative black-and-white photographs of family members going back five generations.

18 Majoribanks Street, Tel: +64 4 385 7577



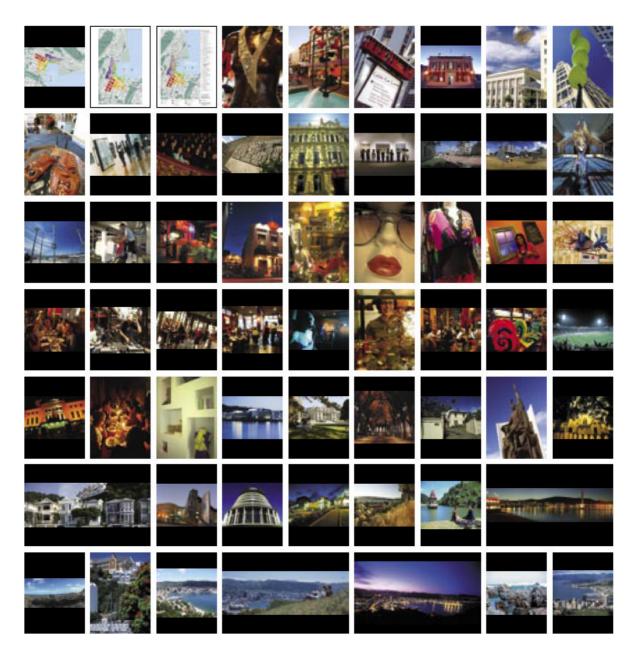
12 Blair Street, Tel: +64 4 803 3555, www.menus.co.nz/monsoonpoon



Citron: Experience award-winning cuisine from one of New Zealand's finest chefs, Rex Morgan.

270 Willis Street, Tel: +64 4 801 6263, www.menus.co.nz/citron

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