



Easywalking Holidays North Island Tours

'Walk The Vines' Hawkes Bay 6 Days (5 Nights) Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Bay Views

Afternoon, join tour at Hawkes Bay accommodation. Transfers available from Napier/Hawkes Bay airport. Short meeting to introduce the tour. Late afternoon, orientation drive to view the beautiful Bay and its surroundings from three local peaks, with an opportunity to shop for fresh local produce for packed lunches. Evening meal provided.

Day 2: Esk Valley

A walk in the nearby Esk Valley. Beginning at the highest point we walk along the tops on an undulating track, gaining glimpses of the Pacific Ocean and Napier town between the hills. We make our way down into the valley, stopping for packed lunch on the way. In the afternoon we return to Napier for a tour of the Art Deco quarter of the town and a visit to the fascinating Wine Theatre, where we can taste samples of local wines with commentaries from the wine producers themselves. Free evening. Cafes and restaurants in Napier town.

Day 3: Pacific Coast

A free morning to relax and explore your surroundings, or take up an 'Extra Activity' (see right). Some activities are subject to numbers or the weather. Your guide will explain. After lunch we take a 4WD excursion to the stunning Cape Kidnappers to see NZ's largest accessible mainland gannet colony, or a kiwi release wildlife centre, depending upon time

of year. Local winery visit. Free evening in Napier.

Day 4: Kaweka Forest Park

Today we drive for an hour to the Kaweka Ranges, to walk the forest tracks and see the steep and rocky ranges up close. Packed lunch. On the way home we stop for wine tasting. Free evening.

Day 5: Ruahine Ranges

The Ruahine Ranges offer striking views over The Bay area and the ocean. We keep to good tracks on a reasonable climb to take in the views. Packed lunch. Local winery visit. Evening meal provided.

Day 6: Tour ends Napier.

Transfers to Napier/Hawkes Bay airport available.

Please Note:

The itinerary may be subject to change due to weather conditions or for organisational reasons.

Meals.

All breakfasts are provided.

You will need to provide for four lunches, including your own packed lunch whilst walking on days 2, 4 and 5.

Evening meals are provided on the first and last nights of the tour. On other evenings there are many quality restaurants and cafes in Napier, with different price ranges to suit your preferences.

Personal Expenses.

Apart from your meal expenses, you may wish to take advantage of the 'Extra Activities' offered. Souvenirs are widely available in Napier, and wine can be purchased at wineries. ATMs are easily available and most shops and cafes take EFTPOS or credit cards.

Extra Activities Available.

- *Half Day Cycle Hire \$60 per person
- *Independent Local Walks. No charge
- *Hot Air Ballooning and champagne breakfast (subject to weather) \$320 per person