

World of WearableArt (WoW) Wellington

Monday 21 September – Thursday 24 September, 2026 | 3 nights



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TOUR OVERVIEW

Visit the capital and experience the internationally renowned World of WearableArt Show. An unforgettable experience where the boundaries of arena spectacle, live music, dance, aerial choreography, and fantastical wearable art are pushed to the extreme.

While in Wellington you will explore the excellent Zealandia sanctuary and have some free time to explore the city. Discover one of New Zealand's most ambitious outdoor art experiences on Gareth Morgan's spectacular 200-hectare property north of Wellington. This evolving sculpture park features a 4 km trail (that you traverse by electric buggy) winding through native bush, rolling farmland and alongside a golf course, showcasing large-scale works by leading New Zealand and international sculptors.

Your hotel will be the Intercontinental, located in the heart of Wellington and close to everything. On the night of the show, you will attend a special pre-show dinner and celebration hosted by the World of WearableArts.

Come be entertained by a world-class show, explore some exciting new sculpture and have time to fully enjoy a city break in Wellington.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

- The services of an experienced Calder & Lawson tour manager
- 3 nights' accommodation (twin share) at the Intercontinental Hotel located in the heart of Wellington
- Platinum ticket to the World of WearableArt Show and show program
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- All group transfers
- Admissions as detailed in the itinerary
- Activities and sightseeing tours with local guides as detailed in the itinerary

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Travel to/from Wellington to your home. The Calder & Lawson Tours team can assist in any flights, trains, rental cars or buses
- A group airfare from Hamilton to Wellington is available to purchase
- Travel insurance
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Beverages during included meals, unless specified
- Surcharge if you wish to pay by credit card
- Personal expenses

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- World of WearableArt Show 2026 Platinum ticket
- Go on a guided tour of the lush forest of Zealandia, home to forty native species of wildlife
- Check out the spectacular sculptures of the new Gareth Morgan Art Park
- Explore the fantastic collection of vintage vehicles at Southward car museum
- A special dinner and celebration pre WoW show
- Free time to explore Wellington further

TOUR MANAGER: PENNY PICKETT

Penny has worked for many years in travel and for Calder & Lawson Tours. She is a fun and caring tour manager and is looking forward to sharing the excitement of the WoW show and exploring Wellington with you. She took our 2025 WoW tour and loved it so much she was keen to come back and do it all again!



IS THIS TOUR FOR ME?

This tour will not be physically challenging, however the ability to stand and walk for 2-3 hours will enable you to fully participate in all activities. The visit to Zealandia involves a walk on a gradual uphill, although there are options to rest or shorten the walk. Your hotel is a short walk to the TSB Arena where the World of WearableArt show is held. The tour of the new Gareth Morgan Art Park is by electric buggy.

TOUR PRICE

Twin share per person \$2,490

Single supplement \$590

Optional Air NZ: Hamilton to Wellington return 'seat and bag' airfare \$395

The above prices are in NZ dollars.

Please contact us if you are interested in a single occupancy place so we can ensure there are single rooms available before you book. If you are a single traveller looking to share a room, please let us know and we may be able to find a suitable person willing to share.

GROUP SIZE Minimum 10, maximum 18

VARIATIONS IN TRAVEL We can make arrangements for any travel you would like to do before or after this tour, or book your flights. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

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DAILY ITINERARY

Monday 21 September, 2026

Your home - Wellington

Meals: D

Overnight: Intercontinental
Hotel Wellington

Make your own way to Wellington and meet the group in the lobby of Intercontinental Wellington at 1:30 PM. A group flight will be available today from Hamilton. This afternoon you will embark on a guided walking tour of the lush forest of Zealandia, an ecosanctuary just minutes from downtown Wellington. Home to over 40 species of rare native wildlife, you can walk amongst birdlife such as hihi, kākāriki and takahe.

Return to your hotel which is a short walk from the TSB auditorium (home of WOW), museums, shopping and the Wellington cable car. A group welcome dinner will be held tonight

Tuesday 22 September

Gareth Morgan Art Park

Meals: B/L

Overnight: Intercontinental
Hotel Wellington

Come experience a special preview of Gareth Morgan's Art Park. This is an outdoor sculpture park that is similar to Gibbs Farm on the Kaipara Harbour. You will journey along a 4km trail through native bush, across farmland and around a golf park. You traverse the trail in electric buggies so there are no significant physical demands to be able to do this tour. Stops at each sculpture allow you to walk beside the piece, take photos, discover the origin of the work and the story behind its conception, design, manufacture and installation.

Works by international and New Zealand sculptors, specifically purpose-built for this location, of a size so they're not lost in the landscape and sufficiently resilient to meet the "often wild" weather, populate the trail.

You will have lunch on-site at the Art Park before a visit to one of New Zealand's finest automotive museums, showcasing over 450 classic cars, motorcycles, and vintage aircraft. Enjoy beautifully presented displays, rare vehicles, and a fascinating journey through motoring history.

Returning to Wellington, the rest of your afternoon and evening are at leisure.

Wednesday 23 September

Wellington and the WOW show

Meals: B/D

Overnight: Intercontinental
Hotel Wellington

Your day is free to explore Wellington. You may wish to visit Weta Workshop, and tickets can be arranged for you (additional cost applies). Te Papa is a short walk from the hotel, or you could also check out the shopping and cafes of downtown Wellington, jump on the iconic red cable car for views of the city or visit other galleries and museums. Your tour manager, Penny, will be available today and will have ideas and options you may wish to consider joining her for.

In the late afternoon, gather at the hotel for a special pre-show occasion. Enjoy a delicious grazing meal while walking among WOW garments, complete with live entertainment and photo opportunities.

The World of WearableArt Show is a world-class theatrical extravaganza. Each Spring, this not-to-be-missed event in Wellington draws an audience of over 60,000. Every night, the stage comes alive with incredible works of wearable art, dancers, aerialists, captivating music, and moments that will take your breath away. At the heart of the show is the world's leading wearable art competition for designers from across the world working in radical and innovative ways across fashion, art, design, and costume.

DAILY ITINERARY

Thursday 24 September Wellington – Your Home

Meals: B

Check out after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your homebound flights or you may choose to extend your stay in Wellington.

TRAVEL OPTIONS TO WELLINGTON

A group airfare return on Air New Zealand from Hamilton to Wellington is available for \$390.
Monday 21 September Hamilton to Wellington on NZ5527 departing 8:45 AM, arriving 10:00 AM
Thursday 24 September Wellington to Hamilton on NZ5818 departing 12:05 PM, arriving 1:20 PM

If you are interested in taking the Northern Explorer train from Auckland (or Hamilton), it runs southbound to Wellington on Monday, Thursday, Saturday and northbound on Friday, Sunday and Wednesday.

HOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR

A deposit of \$500 is required to secure your place on the tour. This deposit becomes non-refundable once the tour has reached minimum numbers and becomes a confirmed departure.

Click below to complete the online registration form, pay the \$500 deposit, and your place on this tour is secured. Or you can complete a paper registration form. You can download one from our website www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz/forms or give us a call and we will email or post one to you.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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