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## Taste Temptations Wine and Food Odyssey



### Tour Summary

**Tour name:** Taste Temptations Wine and Food Odyssey

**Days:** 6

**Overview:**

Indulge your senses. Experience the best of New Zealand's premier wine regions with our food and wine guide. You'll taste fine wine, meet the winemakers of renowned vineyards and enjoy gourmet dining experiences at acclaimed restaurants.

- Try the winemaker's craft and blend your own vintage.
- You'll savour a food and wine matching dinner at Sileni Estates.
- At Te Awa Farm we lunch at their vineyard restaurant.
- Meet top winemakers and sample their award-winning wines.
- Cruise across Cook Strait by ferry into Queen Charlotte Sound.
- Relish Marlborough produce and seafood bounty
- All breakfasts, one lunch and four dinners are included.
- Your boutique accommodation has panache and charm - a gracious bed and breakfast in Hawkes Bay and unique hotels in Martinborough and Marlborough.

### Tour Itinerary

#### Day 1: Hawkes Bay (D)

Our guide meets you at Napier Airport in the centre of this major food and wine region. Heritage winery, Mission Estate awaits. Lunch among the vines and visit Te Awanga's coastal vineyards. Tonight we enter the food lovers' realm at Sileni Estates for a celebratory Food & Wine matching dinner.

#### Day 2: Hawkes Bay (B, L)

We try the winemakers' craft learning how wines are blended before lunching at Te Awa Farm's vineyard restaurant. Sample at other notable vineyards in the renowned Gimblett Gravels region this afternoon and walk Napier's famed Art Deco trail.

#### Day 3: Hawkes Bay - Martinborough (B, D)

We drive through Hawkes Bay's orchards and gardens to the Wairarapa. Savour the wines of outstanding estates, such as Palliser and Martinborough Vineyards, in this fine pinot noir region. This evening enjoy gourmet dining in Martinborough.

#### Day 4: Martinborough - Marlborough (B, D)

We travel on to Wellington, we visit Te Papa the national museum and later cruise the Cook Strait to Picton. Welcome to Blenheim, Marlborough, the world's premier sauvignon blanc estates. This evening enjoy a fine dining experience at Hotel d'Urville.

#### Day 5: Marlborough (B, D)

We breakfast with methode traditionnelle wines at Cellier Le Brun. Savour intense herbaceous flavours at Hunter's, Cloudy Bay and St Clair vineyards and visit other outstanding vineyards including Seresin Estate and Villa Maria. Tonight your special dinner showcases memorable local cuisine.

**Day 6: Blenheim (B)**

Your odyssey concludes this morning with final tastings at the vineyards before we transfer you to the airport. We can arrange additional touring by chauffeured sedan or self-drive to the wine regions of Nelson, Canterbury and Central Otago.

**Key (B: breakfast; L: Lunch; D: dinner)**