

The City



Wellington enjoys an excellent natural landscape formed by the hills and harbour.

The compact city centre includes a thriving business district, the Parliamentary Precinct, a number of educational and cultural institutions and a lively retail area - the Golden Mile and connecting streets. Heritage buildings form a strong building tradition from which a complementary design tradition has been formed.

Although prevailing winds are a challenge, the beaches, the town belt and the waterfront provide Wellington with wonderful outdoor opportunities to be explored.



The People



Wellingtonians are a mixed group of teenagers, students, families with children and the elderly. All age groups are well represented in a city much loved by its inhabitants.

25,000 students visit universities in Wellington bringing vitality and life to the streets by their extensive use of the outdoor spaces, while 9,000 people live in the city centre, quite remarkable numbers for a city the size of Wellington. (179,100 inhabitants in the city region). (Copenhagen has half as many students and 7,000 residents while Edinburgh is visited by the same number of students and inhabited by the same number of residents).

Colourful events, such as the Dragon Boat Races and the Rugby Sevens are much anticipated and provide Wellington with an extra flavour reflecting its geographical location.

