

Welly Rings Tours - Full day - Short Descriptions

Wellington Rings Tours is the original Lord of the Rings tour company in Wellington. Owned by fans, we have half and full day tours available in modern vehicles, which visit the best film locations in the region and the famous Weta Workshop. Full Day tours also include a delicious lunch fit for a Hobbit.

Expert guides, many with film experience, will share behind-the-scenes stories and knowledge that will entertain major fans and casual viewers alike. Join us for a memorable experience and see why Wellington really is the middle of Middle-earth.

Welly Rings Tours - Full day - Medium Descriptions

Enjoy an all-inclusive full day adventure in Wellington, the middle of Middle-earth. Visit some amazing locations from the Lord of the Rings movies, enjoy a delicious lunch, and visit the famous Weta Workshop - where the films were created. Our experienced and highly knowledgeable guides with decades of experience between them will ensure you have a day to remember.

You will start your journey by seeing the Embassy Cinema and learning about the extraordinary World Premieres of The Return of the King and An Unexpected Journey on the way to the Mt Victoria lookout, where you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the city and the harbour. Then descend into the forested slopes of the nearby Outer Shire, where you will follow in the footsteps of Frodo and the Hobbits as they find a shortcut to mushrooms and "get off the road" as they hide from the Black Riders before escaping to the Buckleberry Ferry.

Next, you head to the Miramar Peninsula and the film-making Mecca of Wellywood. This is the home of the famous Weta Workshop where you will enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour in a specially designed, top secret tour space. A Weta artist will share the secrets behind movie-making and explain how the props, costumes, weapons and creatures were brought to life. You will have the chance to take some cool photos and pick up a souvenir or two, if desired. Following this, you will venture out of the main City towards the Great River Anduin before enjoying a delicious lunch fit for a Hobbit at a nearby café.

Fully energised after lunch, you will drive to a stunning 1000-year-old temperate rain forest that was the location of Rivendell. Here you will immerse yourself in the magical setting and learn how the area was transformed into the last homely house east of the sea. You can release your inner Elf and snap a photo reenacting a famous Legolas image and then

recreate the scene where Frodo leads the newly formed Fellowship towards Mordor by posing in front of the Rivendell gate tower which is the only Lord of the Rings replica structure in the whole of New Zealand outside of Hobbiton.

Starting the journey back to the city, you will visit the Gardens of Isengard where Gandalf rode to meet Saruman and where the wizards walked through the beautiful gardens before they were destroyed. You also pass by the quarry used to build the sets of Helm's Deep and Minas Tirith. You will return full of information and stories that will make your friends and family jealous. This tour is a must-do for any fan of fantasy and adventure and even those not so familiar with the story, but want to enjoy some of the most beautiful places in the Wellington region.

Welly Rings Tours - Full day - Detailed Descriptions

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After picking you up from the Cruise Terminal or one of our several convenient Wellington City locations, you will start your journey by seeing the Embassy Cinema and learning about the extraordinary World Premieres of The Return of the King and An Unexpected Journey. Then, ascend to the Mt Victoria lookout, where you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the city and the harbour.

You will then descend into the forested slopes of the nearby Outer Shire, where our expert guides will explain the wonders of film making and entertain you with stories of how the Lord of the Rings movies were brought to life. You will follow in the footsteps of Frodo and the Hobbits as they began their quest to destroy the One Ring and see the places where they encountered mushrooms and Black Riders before they "get off the road" and flee to the Buckleberry Ferry. You will have the chance to recreate some of the most famous scenes from The Fellowship of the Ring and make your social media streams go crazy!

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Following this, you will venture out of the main City towards the shores of the Great River Anduin where the Fellowship travelled towards the Falls of Rauros after leaving Lothlorien. Then, you will enjoy a delicious lunch fit for a Hobbit at a nearby cafe, where you can feast

on some traditional hobbit fare and drink some ale to refresh your stamina for the journey ahead. All dietary requirements can be catered for, but please let us know at the time of booking.

After lunch, you will drive to Kaitoke Regional Park, a stunning, thousand year old, temperate rain forest. This was used as the location for the beautiful Rivendell, the last homely house east of the sea. Here you will immerse yourself in the magical setting and learn how the area was transformed into Elrond's house, Frodo's bedroom and the bridge where Arwen and Aragorn share a kiss. You can release your inner Elf and snap a photo reenacting a famous Legolas image and then recreate the scene where Frodo leads the newly formed Fellowship towards Mordor by posing in front of the Rivendell gate tower which is the only Lord of the Rings replica structure in the whole of New Zealand outside of Hobbiton.

You will also see a scene from the Fords of Isen, where Eomund was found by Eomer at the start of The Two Towers, and have a chance to cross a swing bridge and visit a giant 800-year-old native Rimu tree and learn something of New Zealand's flora and fauna.

Finally, you will visit Harcourt Park, where you can explore the Gardens of Isengard. You will see where Gandalf rode to meet Saruman and ask for his advice after discovering Frodo was in possession of the One Ring and where the wizards walked through the beautiful gardens before they were destroyed. This is also the location where the Orcs began felling Fangorn Forest.

We now start the journey back to Wellington City, passing by Dry Creek Quarry, that was used for the settings of Helm's Deep and Minas Tirith, on the way. This is now a working quarry so we are not allowed access, but your guide will share stories and photos as you see it from the road. You will then be returned to your pick up location at the end of the day, full of information and stories that will make your friends and family jealous. This tour is a must-do for any fan of fantasy and adventure and those who may not be so familiar with the story, but just want to enjoy some of the most beautiful places in the Wellington region. Book your spot today and join us on this unforgettable journey!

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You will then enjoy a scenic coastal drive back to the City before being dropped off back at your pick-up location. This tour is a must-do for any middle-Earth fan short on time and anyone who wants a glimpse into how films are made or wants to make family and friends with an iconic photo.

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