

special interest groups with zest

Zest's strength is that personal touch, with knowledgeable and entertaining guides who help you discover the best of local, seasonal tastes, connecting you to interesting food experiences and ensuring everyone has the maximum level of enjoyment.

Your group may be small or large, with limited or lots of time. We'll create the atmosphere, food and wine for memorable experiences.

Examples of some of our experiences:

- Partners at corporate conferences discovering Wellington or Auckland's hidden culinary gems.
- A team building day, where teams battle it out over a range of fun food and wine tasting and cooking challenges.
- An international group having a real local's experience in Auckland on our Ponsonby Gourmet Walk tour.
- A class reunion of 75 doctors enjoying the Wairarapa countryside over a long wine-tasting lunch and fascinating food-tasting visits.
- A personal cooking demonstration with local, seasonal products and lunch with a top culinary personality.
- A fabulous 5 course "mystery progressive lunch" to celebrate Christmas with 20 top clients for a corporate organisation with Cadillac transport to add a powerful wow factor.



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Whatever option you choose, your Zest guide adds real value. Whether it's sharing food ideas, passing on local knowledge or just looking after everyone, our experienced and warm-hearted guides will help make your day. We are happy to work with your guidelines to tailor times, ideas and budgets to suit your needs. Zest takes care of every detail from transport to gifts.

Ask about our creative programmes from 2-120 people.

About Zest Food Tours

Zest is a small professional tour company, which has been operating since 2003 and offers food and wine experiences in Auckland, Wellington and Martinborough.

We organise everything for you

With an exemplary track record, we organise everything for you so your group has the time of their lives. They'll eat and drink well, have fun and feel they've learned some interesting food facts and stories.

Our prices

Our prices range from \$95 per person depending on the sorts of activities you are interested in and your budget.

To enquire about or book a Zest experience:

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Food & Wine Tours Group experiences



*'A real hit with foodies'
(2010 Frommer's Guide).*

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Conference Partner Programmes

Zest's partner programmes enable both visitors and locals to discover some of the hidden gems of new food places, products and people.

Put your taste buds to the test ... what's that flavour? Where did that product come from?

We'll whisk you around many food and beverage outlets to taste many different products and talk to their producers. Taste and learn in Auckland, Wellington and Martinborough.

On behalf of AMP we would like to thank you and your team for your exceptional effort for designing and managing the Capital Tastes & Art Meet Craft Beer, Capital Coffee and Restaurant Kitchen Tour, and the Chocolate Espresso tours which we incorporated into our activity programme at the 2012 AMP Annual conference. These tours provided a unique and memorable experience of Wellington and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are pleased to say you received a rating of '95% met or exceeded expectations' for the partner programme activities.

Adam Leslie, Events Manager, AMP Financial Services

Team Building

Management guru Tom Peters says a kitchen is the best place to learn strategy. Zest says team building is best with some help from great food and wine, and we'll help you find out how.

We'll create a programme to suit your team's needs – many like a competitive element while others prefer to develop collaborative approaches. Ask us about food and wine quizzes, culinary treasure hunts, team food shopping, hands-on cooking classes, team cooking challenges and shop-cook-and eat experiences.

International Groups

Zest specialises in taking international visitor groups "behind the scenes" and sharing unique New Zealand tastes and stories. We share new tastes, with relaxed and informative talk over a glass of wine or cup of artisan coffee and instill a sense of the real New Zealand.



Wellington

Suitable for: 8 to 40 guests per day, or up to 100 on request
Price range: from \$95 per person, based on a tailored quote

Walking Gourmet Tours

Our walking tours show city sights at street level, as your personal guide shares local stories while you enjoy different tastes and meet passionate food producers.

Food, Fashion and Shopping Tours

Our Zest guides are not only food lovers, but love fashion and shopping too.

Behind the Scenes Restaurant Kitchen Tours

Enjoy a rare behind the scenes tour of top Wellington restaurant kitchens as head chefs and owners, offer rare insights into the workings behind getting their incredible dishes to the table.

Coffee Connoisseur

Learn to identify coffee flavours in what the professionals call 'cupping'. Learn about the whole process from sourcing green beans, roasting, cupping and ultimately making your own favourite coffee style

Chocolate Espresso

Half of day of chocolate and coffee – what a hit!

Hands on Classes

Learn the art of pastry making; or how about mixing and making amazing cocktails; or how to be a coffee barista; or become your own masterchef for the day.

Capital Tastes meets Craft Beer

Explore some of our favourite Wellington food places with a personal guide, including regional cheeses, honey and chocolates and local craft beers.

The kitchen tour was a real 'hit' and a truly memorable experience. It was wonderful to be hosted so well, it is often our delegates who are doing the hosting of clients and they thought it was very special to be on the receiving end of such lovely hospitality. Thank you for delivering an extremely professional and fun experience for our delegates. The ladies who were your guides seemed as wonderfully warm, professional and welcoming as you are.

Jeanette Stanton, CINZ Conference Events Manager, November 2011

Auckland

Suitable for: 8 to 40 guests per day
Price range: from \$109 per person

Indulge your group in a culinary exploration of Auckland 's most vibrant foodie locations. We can tailor make our tours to suit your timing, budget and tastes. Have fun discovering our gourmet delights and wowing your taste buds with our exceptional coffee, cheeses, ice cream, seafood, baking treats, wine and beer. Ideas include:

- Our **Auckland Village Delights** half day tour explores the cafe culture and gourmet delights of the charming urban village of historic Ponsonby.
- How about **mild to wild theme to your day** – a tasting experience involving cheese, ice cream and chocolates.
- Our **Harbour Gourmet Tastes** three hour experience takes in the vibrant Britomart area, the Viaduct and the revitalized Wynyard Quarter, showing off some of the culinary treasures we'll reveal to you.

Martinborough

Suitable for: 8 to 120 guests per day
Price range: from \$145 per person, for Wairarapa based guests and from \$179 per person for Wellington based groups

Martinborough food and wine producer tours are perfect for small to large groups, where we discover local specialties and visit vineyards. Just 1.25 hours from Wellington, it's the perfect day experience as we meet people and see behind the scenes of premium wine brands and boutique food producers.