



## 5 Day Self Guided Wine Tour Marlborough

Route: Blenheim– The Bell Tower – Old St Mary’s Convent – The Peppertree – Blenheim

### Day 1 Blenheim

Blenheim, in the heart of New Zealand’s Marlborough district, is a busy country town full of interesting shops and cafes. An hour’s stroll will take you from historic buildings to modern architecture. Nearby Pollard Park is a substantial park with wonderful gardens, a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts and fitness trail. The Hotel d`Urville, is a fine and elegant boutique hotel situated within the historic Public Trust Building in the centre of Blenheim. Your bike will be waiting for you at Spokesman Cycles, just opposite your hotel. The d`Urville Wine Bar and Brasserie is a perfect place for an excellent evening meal in a delightful setting. Just a helpful note for your wine tour. Vineyards are happy to deliver wine purchases back to The Peppertree.

#### Hotel d`Urville

52 Queen St, Blenheim  
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Web [www.durville.co.nz](http://www.durville.co.nz)

### Day 2 Blenheim to The Bell Tower

We suggest you start your first cycling day in a leisurely fashion. Your destination today is a boutique lodge, situated amid stunning scenery overlooking Marlborough’s vineyards. En route, why not cycle to the Wither Hills Walkway and enjoy a brisk walk to the Lookout? From here you have an excellent view over Blenheim and the Wairau Plains. Then cycle half way back, turn left into New Renwick Road and after a couple of kms, turn left again into Ben Morven Road, which starts off very flat but gradually takes you to the elevated situation of Fran MacGuire`s pottery studio. Fran is an artist with a passion for clay and food, which is reflected in her brightly coloured, unique tableware. Visit Villa Maria, A State-Of-The-Art Winery located on the corner of Paynters and New Renwick Road. Your next stop is Matua Marlborough, where you can browse in the cellar shop or enjoy a walk through the olive grove. Virtually next door is Fromm Winery, which is one of the few producing Redmagic in Marlborough. Take a late lunch at the Tuscan style Highfield Estate Winery and arrive at the Bell Tower early afternoon ready to relax in this beautiful setting.

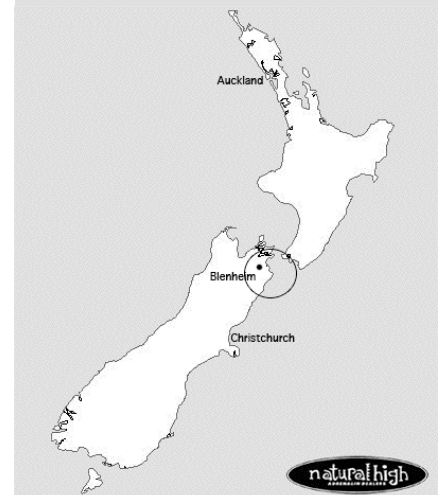
**Cycling Distance:** approx 25km

#### Tour includes:

- 4 nights in excellent accommodation (4 – 5 Star NZ Standard)
- All breakfasts - (B)
- Luggage transfers between accommodation
- Bicycle hire including helmet and panniers
- Suggested route notes, map and regional information.

#### Grade:

- 1 Easy



## **The Bell Tower on Dogpoint**

71 Brookby Rd, RD2 Blenheim

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## **Day 3 The Bell Tower to Old St Mary's Convent**

Enjoy a delicious breakfast and prepare yourself for a day of quality wine tasting. Cycling from The Bell Tower, turn left into Dog Point, right into Hawkesbury and left onto Middle Renwick Road. Explore Grove Mill Winery with its award winning wines, extensive wine library & gallery, as well as their wetland sanctuary. Seresin Estate in Bedford Road is another exciting and stylish winery. Only the grapes grown on the estate are used in the production of the wine. Framingham Wine Company on Conders Bend Road is a must to see, with Rex Brooke Taylor being a terrific host. Turn right onto Highway 6, where Cellier le Brun with its unique underground cellars is situated. Treat yourself to a nice lunch and then head to Forrest Estate, a winery not to be missed. It is run by John and Brigid Forrest, who make and market their own diverse range of wines. Perhaps then calling in at Mud House & Hunters Winery on Rapaura Road, before you head for the Convent. With just five guest rooms your accommodation is the charming and character-full Old Saint Mary's Convent built in 1901.

**Cycling Distance:** approx 20km

## **Old Saint Mary's Convent**

776 Rapaura Rd, RD3 Blenheim

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## **Day 4 Old St Mary's Convent to The Peppertree**

Your return journey to Blenheim will offer at least four other vineyards of note. At the family owned Allan Scott Winery in Jackson Road, taste premium award-winning wines in a unique setting. Just opposite is Cairnbrae and next door the winery that took New Zealand's Sauvignon Blanc, "Cloudy Bay" from curiosity to respectability. Turn left into Old Renwick and left again into Hammerichs Road to visit Drylands Winery, which offers a State-of-the-Art wine production. Saint Clair Estate on the corner of Rapaura & Selmes Road is your final stop and also a good place for a late lunch. Find your way back to Blenheim and leave your bikes at the cycle shop. You will be picked up by Werner and taken to his gracious Edwardian Villa, "The Peppertree". There are many many good restaurants to choose locally or let your hosts Heidi and Werner know that you would like to have dinner at their place.

**Cycling Distance:** approx 25km

## **The Pepper Tree**

State Highway One, Riverlands, Blenheim

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## **Day 5 Departure from Blenheim**

Enjoy a country style breakfast in the rich ambience of the dining room and stroll around the lovely garden before your tour ends.