

NEWSLETTER UPDATE



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Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of the 2011 ITF World Championships newsletter. This newsletter will cover venue information, tour options, 10 great things to do in Wellington, and a spotlight on Te Papa, the National Museum of New Zealand. The tournament will be held in the capital city of New Zealand, Wellington from 9-13 March 2011 we hope you will continue your stay with us and experience our diverse landscapes, culture and attractions in our home of New Zealand (Aotearoa).

Attractions in Wellington

Wellington is New Zealand's capital city and offers everything from culture to coffee; music to movie-making, Wellington's sights and sounds will leave you wanting more. If you're into the outdoors we've got action-packed adventure activities to picturesque walks around the beautiful harbour and hills.

Here is a list of 10 great things to do in Wellington...

1. **Visit Te Papa, NZ's National Museum.** You can explore their interactive exhibitions of history, art, NZ culture, and natural history at your leisure, or join one of their fun and informative one-hour guided tours of the highlights of their collection.
2. **Visit the Mount Victoria Lookout.** The panoramic view over the city, the harbour and Cook Strait is one of Wellington's best. Drive to the lookout, or walk along the waterfront and then wend your way up winding hillside streets and paths through the Town Belt.
3. **Ride the historic Wellington Cable Car.** The Cable Car leaves from Lambton Quay and climbs up the steep slope to Kelburn. At the top you can visit the Cable Car Museum, enjoy a gentle stroll back to the CBD through the peaceful Botanic Gardens, the historic Bolton Street Cemetery and NZ's Parliament buildings.
4. **Go virtual star gazing at the Carter Observatory.** While you're exploring the Botanic Gardens, make sure you call into the Carter Observatory and check out their state of the art full-dome digital theatre and multi-media space experience
5. **Experience NZ's native bush and bird life, only minutes away from the CBD, at Zealandia.** The Karori Sanctuary Experience. Enjoy the native bird life while you explore the walking tracks running through this 225 hectare native forest reserve. You'll also get a chance to see tuatara (native lizards), and NZ's unique weta in its natural habitat.
6. **Get an introduction to Wellywood at the Weta Cave in Miramar.** See props, characters, and costumes made for films by Weta Workshops



TSB Bank Arena, the venue



The TSB Bank Arena will be the home to the 2011 ITF World Championships from the 9th - 13th March 2011. It is Wellington's premier indoor sporting venue and is capable of hosting a wide range of indoor events. The 5th Oceania Championships 2010 were held at the TSB Bank Arena and the facilities for the competitors and teams were world class and included elevated stadium seating for teams and visitors to get a great view of all the competitors on the floor.

TSB Bank Arena is located in the heart of Wellington City and is situated right on the stunning Wellington waterfront on Queens Wharf. The venue is easy walking distance from almost all accommodation in central Wellington. The TSB Bank Arena is right next to some fabulous shopping on Lambton Quay or a number of great cafes and restaurants located in this area. If you have a little bit of downtime there are also a number of Wellington attractions also able to be visited in this area.

Registration

Registration details are still to be confirmed while in consultation with the ITF. We will release these as soon as they are finalised.



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Attractions in Wellington (cont)

- 7. Get a feel for our city by taking a tour.** Visit the i-SITE Visitor Centre in Civic Square and find out the wide range of tours on offer by experienced and knowledgeable local guides. With options including city highlights, gourmet food tours, and 4WD trips around the rugged south coast, there's something for everyone!
- 8. Shop and people watch on Cuba Street.** Have a cup of coffee in one of the many cafes, watch the buskers, and take a look through the eclectic range of shops.
- 9. Enjoy some fresh local food.** Sample some of Wellington's restaurants, we've got everything from fine dining to cheap and cheerful, and can offer a wide range of cuisines from around the world. Make sure you get along to the City Market at Chaffers Dock on Sunday to enjoy good food from local artisan producers
- 10. Enjoy the nightlife!** Head to Cuba Street or Courtenay Place for bars, restaurants, and dancing



Spotlight on Te Papa

Te Papa is the National Museum of New Zealand located on Wellington's waterfront just a 5 minute walk from the TSB Bank Arena. The collections cover five areas including art, history, Pacific, Maori and the natural environment.

The collections are dynamic, innovative, educational, interactive and fun. A must see is The Treaty of Waitangi which is New Zealand's founding document. The Treaty is an agreement, in Maori and English that was made between the British Crown and about 540 Maori rangatira (chiefs). The two main exhibitions in March 2011 are Brian Brake, Lens on the World and Enriching Fashion, an eye for detail. The museum and exhibitions are all free to visitors of Te Papa.



The Maori Creation Story of New Zealand

The creation of New Zealand is told in the story of the demigod Maui, the son of Ranginui, the Sky Father, and Papatuanuku, the Earth Mother. Maui and his brothers were fishing in their mighty waka (canoe) in the vast ocean and caught a large fish. The fish struggled fiercely, so they beat and slashed it and the fish writhed in agony which created the hills and valleys. When the fish died it became the North Island, its head became Wellington. The translation for Wellington is Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui in Maori and means "the head of Maui's fish".



Travel and Tours in New Zealand

If you've travelling with a group of 20 or more and want to take some time out and see some more of our beautiful country before you head back home, contact our travel representative at:

Travel@ITFNewZealand2011.com

Our travel representative has plenty of great ideas for tours and places to visit, and is happy to work with your group to construct a tour that suits YOU. Over the next few months we will feature some of the popular tours that our travel representative can organise. This month we're starting with a sample itinerary that takes you to Rotorua, famed for its thermal activity, beautiful lake, and Maori culture.



3 day tour – Wellington-Rotorua-Auckland – hot pools, mud baths, geysers, a buried village and some Maori culture!

If you can't stay for long after World Champs is over, but want to have some fun and experience some of New Zealand's Maori culture and varied landscape before you head back home, this is the perfect option. This tour includes coach travel from Wellington to Rotorua, 2 nights' accommodation in Rotorua, coach travel to Auckland and 1 nights' accommodation in Auckland.

The trip to Rotorua takes you across the volcanic plateau where you get spectacular views on Mt Ruapehu, and through Taupo. If you have time to stop for an extra day, you can visit Huka Falls, explore some of the wonderful walks, and soak in the hot pools.



There's certainly no shortage of things to do in Rotorua. You can get your adrenaline fix by going bungee jumping or riding the luge, marvel at the geysers, brightly coloured sulphur lakes and mudpools at the geothermal parks, explore the village buried when Mount Tarawera erupted in 1886 and get an introduction to Maori culture and craft by taking a cultural tour at Whakarewarewa Village – make sure you stay for the hangi (meal cooked in a traditional earth oven) at lunchtime! On the road between Rotorua and Auckland you can stop off and explore the Waitomo Caves, you can either walk through the caves or go on a blackwater rafting tour.

Once in Auckland you can explore all that New Zealand's largest city has to offer before flying home to share your adventures with your friends and family.

Indicative price:
NZD \$800.00 per person
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