



DRAMA NSW PROFESSIONAL LEARNING GROUP



Drama NSW's Aotearoa Odyssey

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

26 SEPTEMBER - 04 OCTOBER 2024



SPECIALISTS IN EDUCATIONAL TOURS



Experiential Learning Activities

Our dedicated research specialists uncover the world's leading experiential learning activities, relevant to your curriculum and desired learning outcomes. A dedicated research team is unique in our industry and the resulting quality of our itineraries speak for themselves.



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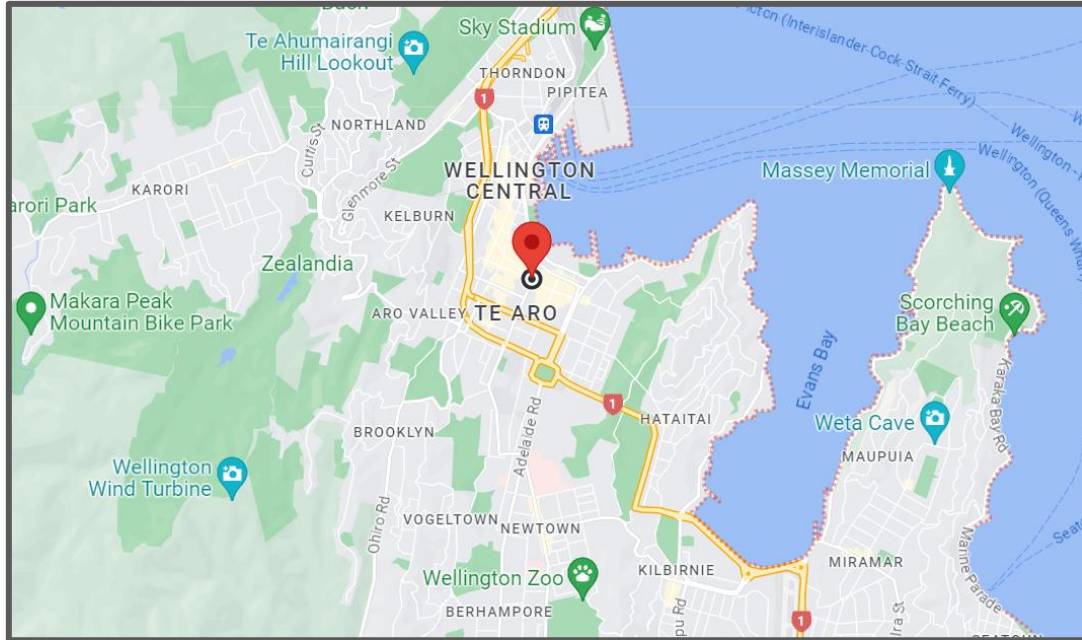


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TRAVEL MAP



YOUR ITINERARY

Designed for:	Drama NSW Professional Learning Group
Tour Name:	Drama NSW's Aotearoa Odyssey
Code:	PLGWLG0924
Tour Dates:	26 SEPTEMBER - 04 OCTOBER 2024
Tour Consultant:	Casey Schilling, Product Design and Development Specialist

TOUR INCLUSIONS

GUIDES/TOUR DIRECTOR

- Specialist guides as indicated in the itinerary

TRANSPORTATION

- International flights
- Coaches where required and indicated in the itinerary
- All airport transfers, excluding your home airport

MEALS

- 8 breakfasts
- 2 dinners

ACCOMMODATION

- 8 nights Wellington

TOUR LANYARDS

- 24/7 emergency contact information

TOUR PRESENTATIONS

- 1 information presentation
- 1 pre-departure presentation

DETAILED ITINERARY

- Initial itinerary for review and changes
- Comprehensive approved itinerary
- Detailed timed itinerary

DEDICATED LOGISTICS COORDINATOR

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Insurance
- Visa Applications
- Personal Spending Money

For more information, please refer to 'Tour Exclusions' at the end of this document.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Curriculum Linked Workshops and Activities

- Professional Development Workshop at Toi Whakaari
- Full Day Professional Development Writing for Film/TV workshop with Script to Screen NZ
- Professional Development Workshop with Opera New Zealand
- Haka and Performance in Māori Culture Workshop
- WETA Workshops Creative Workshop in either SFX, Sculpting or Leatherworking

Cultural Activities

- Guided Tour of Zealandia Urban Eco-Sanctuary
- Self-Guided exploration of Wellington's quirky and artistic laneways, including the famous Hannahs Laneway
- Māori Degustation Dinner including indigenous, foraged ingredients at Hiakai Restaurant
- Theatre Performance (subject to availability)

Curriculum Linked Guided Tours

- School Visit and Tour (to be arranged by Professional Learning Group NSW directly)
- Circa Theatre Guided Heritage Tour
- Kinaki Guided Tour of Te Papa Museum with Māori guide and indigenous food tasting
- Guided Tour of the WETA Workshop

TOUR OVERVIEW

DAY	MEALS	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING	
Day 1 Thursday 26 th September 2024	Dinner	Depart Sydney Fly to Wellington	School Visit To Be Arranged by Professional Learning Group NSW	Included Dinner	
Day 2 Friday 27 th September 2024	Breakfast	CONFERENCE			
Day 3 Saturday 28 th September 2024	Breakfast	CONFERENCE			
Day 4 Sunday 29 th September 2024	Breakfast	CONFERENCE			
Day 5 Monday 30 th September 2024	Breakfast	CONFERENCE			
Day 6 Tuesday 1 st October 2024	Breakfast	Zealandia Urban EcoSanctuary	Toi Whakaari Workshop	Circa Theatre Heritage Tour	Theatre Performance
Day 7 Wednesday 2 nd October 2024	Breakfast	Creating Series Drama Workshop for Educators (with Fiona Samuel) or similar		Hannah's Laneway – self- guided exploration & dinner (no inclusions/meals)	
Day 8 Thursday 3 rd October 2024	Breakfast Dinner	Opera NZ Workshop	Te Papa Museum - Kinaki Māori Experience	The Haka Experience Workshop	Included Dinner Hiakai Degustation Dinner
Day 9 Friday 4 th October 2024	Breakfast	WETA Workshop Experience		Depart Wellington Fly to Sydney	
		WETA Workshop Tour	WETA Creative Workshop		

*Please refer to the **Key Experiential Learning Activities** section of this proposal on the following page(s) for detailed information on these activities.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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Linked
Workshops
and Activities

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Curriculum
Linked
Guided Tours

MEALS

8

Breakfast

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Lunch

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Dinner

DAY 1 SYDNEY - WELLINGTONThursday 26th September**D****MORNING**

Meet at Sydney International Airport for your flight to Wellington. On arrival, pick up your bags and clear customs then exit the airport and meet your coach for your transfer to your hotel for check in.

Flight times to be advised.

AFTERNOON

**LOCAL SCHOOL VISIT
(TO BE ARRANGED BY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING GROUP NSW)**

This afternoon visit a local school with a Performing Arts program and gain insight into the ways in which they aim to foster creativity in their students and provide pathways via which their students can reach their full artistic potential.

**EVENING**

Dinner is included tonight.

Overnight in Wellington.

DAY 2 WELLINGTONFriday 27th September**B****MORNING**

After breakfast, participate in the joint Drama NZ and Australia National Conference

EVENING

Overnight in Wellington

DAY 3 WELLINGTONSaturday 28th September**B****MORNING**

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DAY 4 WELLINGTONSunday 29th September**B****MORNING**

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DAY 5 WELLINGTONMonday 30th September**B****MORNING**

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EVENING

Overnight in Wellington

DAY 6 WELLINGTONTuesday 1st October**B****MORNING**

This morning head to Zealandia Urban Eco-Sanctuary for a guided tour

ZEALANDIA URBAN ECO-SANCTUARY TOUR

Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne is the world's first fully fenced urban ecosanctuary, with an extraordinary 500-year vision to restore a Wellington valley's forest and freshwater ecosystems as closely as possible to their pre-human state. The 225-hectare (500+acre) ecosanctuary is a groundbreaking conservation project that has reintroduced 18 species of native wildlife back into the area, some of which were previously absent from mainland New Zealand for over 100 years. Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne has a vision to restore this valley to the way it was before the arrival of humans. With its 8.6km fence keeping out introduced mammalian predators, birds such as the tūī, kākā and kererū, once extremely rare in the region, are all now common sights around central Wellington. Other vulnerable native species such as tīeke, hihi, little spotted kiwi, and tuatara remain thriving safely in the sanctuary.



Your expert guide will lead you through the picturesque sanctuary of Zealandia to witness the native wildlife that is once again living on mainland New Zealand. Soak up the beautiful scenery while learning more about our unique ecological history.

AFTERNOON

In the afternoon, participate in a workshop at Toi Whakaari

TOI WHAKAARI WORKSHOP

Toi Whakaari, New Zealand's premier drama school has trained the best performers, designers and craftspeople from New Zealand and around the world for the past 50 years. You will have the opportunity to take part in a workshop at Toi Whakaari, with options including:

- **Costume Design and Construction**
- **Acting**
- **Arts Management (the business of Art)**
- **Design for Stage and Screen**
- **Set and Prop Construction**



Later in the afternoon, head to the Circa Theatre for a Heritage tour

CIRCA THEATRE HERITAGE TOUR

Circa Theatre is one of Wellington's premier community theatre organisations, starting life in 1976 after a breakaway group of actors and theatre practitioners decided a new way of producing theatre was required for New Zealand. Enlisting the assistance of others who worked outside of theatre, a new 'less is more' model was created and a pared-back theatre space was built. From its inception, Circa's goal was dazzle the audience with the sheer excellence of the performance – to present theatre of the highest possible standard – where economy and ingenuity took the place of money. From the start they aimed to keep costs for sets, costumes, lights and management to a minimum so that the rewards could be equally shared by artists and practitioners.



A Circa Councillor will take you on a unique guided tour of the ground level of this historic building, including rarely seen backstage areas. Learn about the fascinating building move from 7 Harris Street to 1 Taranaki Street – including how the facade of 120-year-old Westport Chambers was trucked across the road and the new theatre built in behind it.

EVENING

After dinner, enjoy a theatre performance

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Take in a performance at a local Wellington theatre or performance venue. We will advise you of the selection of available shows closer to your departure.

Overnight in Wellington

DAY 7 WELLINGTON

Wednesday 2nd October

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MORNING

This morning take part in a full day Script to Screen NZ workshop

SCRIPT TO SCREEN NZ - FULL DAY WORKSHOP

Today you will enjoy a full day workshop exploring scriptwriting, character creation and development and story crafting techniques under the tutelage of one of the New Zealand film and TV industry's most experienced writers. Options for your workshop include:

Story, Character & Execution: TV Series Writing

Spend a day with a TV writing expert who will guide you through the process of developing story ideas for TV series. Throughout the day you will look at character and character function, theme and story engine as well as constructing an outstanding pilot script and pitch document. This workshop will be craft-based and combines practical elements, presented content, group work, discussion, and case studies.

Creating Series Drama

How does an idea become a story, and a story become a series? This one-day workshop digs into those all-important first steps that take you from the very beginnings of an idea to having a developed project you can use to attract collaborators, platforms and funders. This journey takes longer than a day, but this one-day workshop will take you through those first steps and help you plan your next moves. Empowerment starts here! You



will create new projects from scratch developing original ideas in the room, interrogate successful shows and analyse why they work, and learn about the essential materials you need to sell a project.

EVENING

This evening, make your way to Wellington's downtown area and spent some time exploring the colourful laneways. Hannah's Laneway is not to be missed, with vibrant street art and some of the quirkiest and most innovative bars and restaurants to be found anywhere in the city.

Overnight in Wellington

DAY 8 WELLINGTON

Thursday 3rd October

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MORNING

This morning you will take part in a Professional Development workshop with Opera New Zealand.

OPERA NEW ZEALAND WORKSHOP

Discover opera in an inclusive and accessible way with a workshop with Opera New Zealand. Opera NZ aims to reimagine the art form of opera in a way that embraces the cultural and social identities of Aotearoa's diverse communities and to ensure a vibrant and sustainable presence of opera in New Zealand. You will be introduced to the many fascinating elements of opera and learn the skills necessary to interpret, adapt and perform opera in a modern and innovative way that is connected to the here and now.



AFTERNOON

After lunch, visit Te Papa Museum for a Kinaki tour followed by a Haka Experience workshop

TE PAPA MUSEUM - KINAKI TOUR

Visit Te Papa Tongarewa, the national Museum of New Zealand. Te Papa Tongarewa literally means 'container of treasures'. Here at Te Papa, you'll discover the treasures and stories of New Zealand's land and people, told with authority and passion. The Museum is built on a unique bicultural partnership, which recognises and celebrates Māori as tangata whenua – the original people of this land. The collections are spread over six floors of engaging, interactive displays. You'll encounter Māori and Pacific cultural treasures, New Zealand's extraordinary natural environment, its most important works of art and its unique history.

Take a 90-minute journey with a Māori guide through Te Papa Museum. Discover how *te iwi taketake* (first peoples of the land) have formed unique tools, foods, and medicines provided by the natural works of Aotearoa New Zealand. The tour will conclude with a shared *kai* (traditionally hosted food tasting) and conversations with your hosts. You'll depart with a deeper understanding of Māori cultural practices, materials, and hospitality.



THE HAKA EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP

Haka performances are one of the most internationally well-known parts of Māori culture, but also one of the least understood. Throughout this workshop you will gain an understanding of the power of Haka and performance in general within Māori culture. The workshop aims to help develop cultural awareness skills and showcase the skill and cultural meaning of performance that have been honed and developed over generations. You will be instructed by professional Haka instructors who have wowed audiences with traditional Māori performances across the world.



EVENING

This evening enjoy a truly unique dining experience at Hiakai Restaurant

HIAKAI RESTAURANT

Since 2016 Hiakai restaurant has established itself as one of Aotearoa New Zealand's finest dining experiences, with the team dedicated to challenging the status quo of what Māori food can truly be and playing a leading role in keeping Kai Māori and Polynesian food cultures and traditions alive. Hiakai places a special focus on researching and showcasing indigenous ingredients and cooking techniques in modern and innovative ways, with Māori and Pasifika concepts, legends and contemporary stories explored through each menu. You will enjoy a degustation menu paired with non-alcoholic beverages, all of which have been crafted using the seasonality and abundance of Aotearoa's *whenua* (land), *moana* (sea) and *tāngata* (people) of Aotearoa serving as inspiration.



Overnight in Wellington

DAY 9 WELLINGTON - SYDNEY

Friday 4th October

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MORNING

After breakfast, transfer to the WETA Workshop for an iconic Wellington experience

WĒTĀ WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

A multi-Academy Award® winning conceptual design and physical manufacturing facility, Wētā Workshop is best known for the company's design and effects works on award-winning film projects, *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy, *Avatar*, *King Kong*, and *The Hobbit*, amongst others. Located in Wellington, Wētā Workshop is part of the greater Wellington based creative community including Wētā Digital, Pukeko Pictures, Park Road Post and Stone Street Studios. This community works together to provide a comprehensive range of services. During your tour, Wētā crew members will show you the props and models they've created from films like *The Lord of the Rings*, *Avatar* and *District 9*. Learn how costumes, props and weapons are made. See artists and technicians at work on the tour stage, and you may even see them working through windows that look directly into the Workshop! You will also watch a special film featuring behind-the-scenes secrets and exclusive interviews.

Following your in-depth tour of the workshop, you will have the opportunity to get hands-on with a creative workshop - options include:

Into to SFX:



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to create a gruesome wound and use prosthetic effects to apply it to your arm? The Wētā crew have been slipping and sliding on faux blood and loose (false) limbs since the days of *Braindead* (1992), so they have the skills to have you looking like a film extra in no time! You'll learn the art of crafting convincing special effects by mixing fake blood and sculpting your own scars and scrapes out of silicone which you will then paint and apply to look just like the real thing.

Intro to Sculpting:

Sculpting is at the core of what Wētā do, having sculpted creatures, characters and environments for some of the industry's biggest productions over the past 30 years. Channel your Wellywood experiences by crafting your own unique creation from modelling clay at some surprising household materials such as tin foil. Your very own fantastical one-of-a-kind 3D character come to life, with the expert Wētā crew on hand to guide you through the process from start to finish, sharing their knowledge and expertise to help you craft the creature of your dreams (or nightmares!).

Intro to Leather Work:

For over two decades Wētā Workshop has crafted beautiful leatherwork for the big screen. Having kitted out countless armies with chainmail and leather-adorned costumes, the Workshop has brought to life many films, such as *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Hobbit*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and more. In this hands-on workshop you will have the chance to make a piece of movie magic. You will be learning techniques used by the Wētā costume department and refine, design and dye your very own leather keepsake, all the while guided through the creative process by the knowledgeable Wētā crew.

AFTERNOON

This afternoon transfer back to Wellington Airport for your flight back to Sydney.

Flight times to be advised.

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WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR TOUR!

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- If you incur medical expenses while overseas and you do not have travel insurance, you are personally liable for covering these costs. The Government cannot pay for medical expenses overseas, nor will your domestic private health insurance
- ***Travel insurance is as essential as your passport, regardless of your travel destination. If you can't afford travel insurance, you can't afford to travel!***

VISAS, PASSPORTS AND ALL TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

- You are responsible for understanding which visas are required for this tour. You are also responsible for ensuring that your passport has a minimum of six months validity from the date of your return from this tour, or you may not be allowed back into the country
- At this time, Australian citizens do not require a visa to enter Aotearoa New Zealand
- You must supply a photocopy of your passport photo page to Latitude Group Travel. If you are applying for a new passport, please ensure that you do so immediately and that you supply a copy of the photo page as soon as your new passport arrives. Please advise Latitude Group Travel that you are applying for a new passport
- We require a copy of the photo page of the passport merely to check that name in your passport matches the name on your airline ticket. All other passport related issues, including date of expiry, citizenship or residency are your responsibility
- If you are not an Australian citizen, we will endeavour to assist with visa advice, however since this information changes regularly and often rapidly, it is up to you to remain up to date on what visas are actually required for you to enter Aotearoa New Zealand, well in advance of leaving for the tour. Please call the Embassy of Aotearoa New Zealand, or check their website for this information
- If you are NOT an Australian citizen, or you are NOT travelling on an Australian passport, you will also need to ensure that you have the correct documentation to allow you to re-enter Australia. This is usually in your passport. Please check the dates on this documentation and ensure that it covers your return to Australia.
- If there is no information in your passport, or the dates are incorrect, you will need to contact Immigration.
- If you are not sure about this, please contact Latitude Group Travel and we will try to assist you
- If you are not travelling on an Australian passport and you need to renew your passport, you must ensure that you contact Australian Immigration after you have received your new passport from your country of citizenship, in order to have the correct re-entry to Australia documentation entered into this passport
- If you are not travelling on an Australian passport and Australian Immigration gives you documentation that is not in the passport you have from your country of citizenship, please make sure that you take the original documentation with you, but also leave a copy of this at home, in case it gets lost. This is important information and you must take excellent care of it
- We also advise you to take a full copy of your passport and leave it with someone you trust at home, in case your passport gets lost. Replacing your passport while away takes time, but it will take less time if you can produce a copy

PERSONAL SPENDING MONEY

- You are responsible for having enough money to cover meals that are not included in this tour (see 'Inclusions, Meals'). You are also responsible for having enough money to make phone calls home and for any sundry expenses such as drinks, snacks, laundry, shopping and souvenirs, gifts etc. If you are not sure what you may need extra money for, please ask
- We advise you to take a small amount of money in cash and some money in an overseas debit/ATM card from your bank or similar

MEALS EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFIED

- Your tour has been custom designed in conjunction with your school/organisation. While some meals are included, we advise students to have enough cash or money to cover those meals/snacks not included in your tour

MOBILE PHONE TRAVEL PLANS

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THANK YOU

We would like to thank Drama NSW Professional Learning Group for allowing us the opportunity to provide this itinerary to take your students on the journey of a lifetime.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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