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VISITING WELLINGTON HARBOR

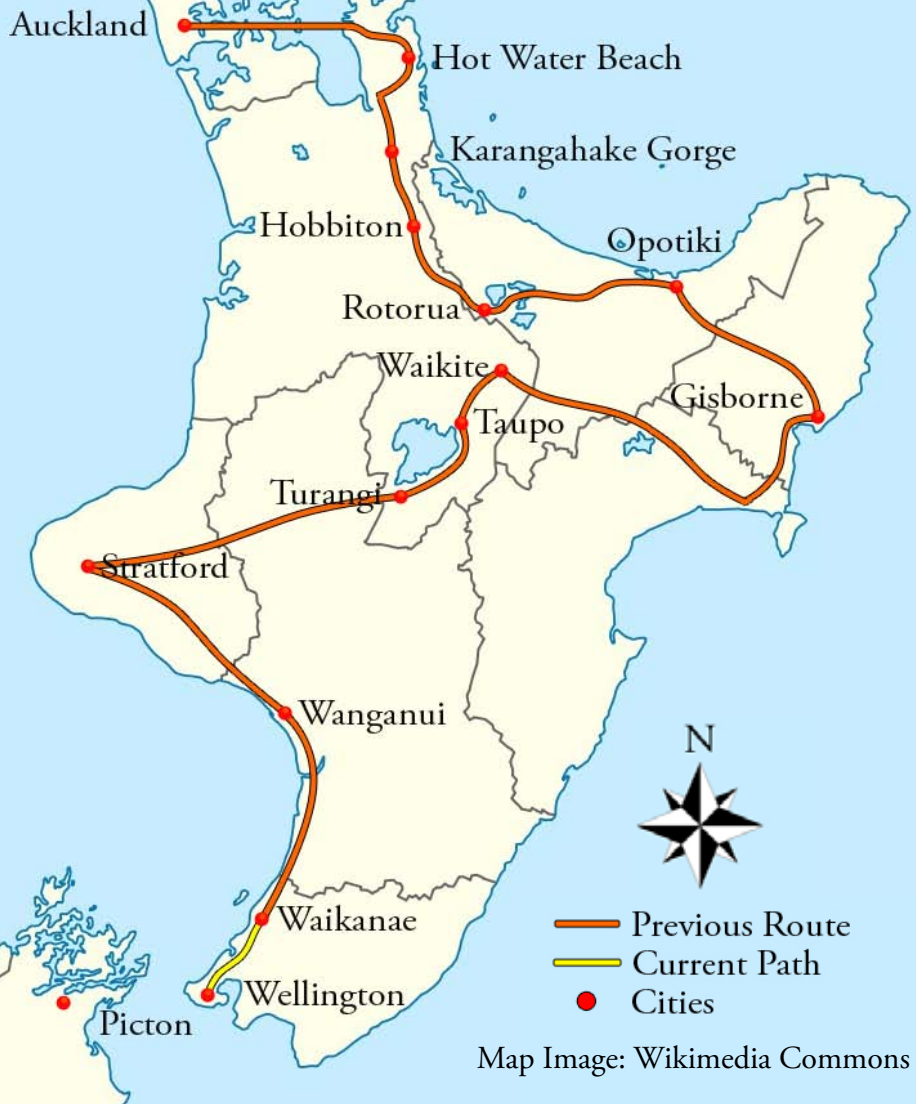
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After sailing from Auckland to the Coromandel Peninsula, I cycled down to the Hobbiton Shire and then did a four-day hike outside of Rotorua. Next, I biked past the Rere Waterfalls to Gisborne and then to see Lake Waikaremoana. Recently, I hiked the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and then traveled eastward to Stratford to hike the enchanted Mount Taranaki. This week, I cycled down the western coastline and today, I'm excited to be taking a train into the capitol city of Wellington. Wow, so much to see - let's go!





January 16th: Up at 8am, made coffee, and had some deep philosophical talks with Reinhold. We packed our gear, had a curry lunch in Waikanae, and took the 1pm train to Wellington.



Upon our arrival in Wellington, I was so happy to be greeted by a Mahatma Gandhi statue.

I got a dorm bed at a hostel, locked up my bike, and then went to have one last cup of coffee with my Swiss friend Reinhold as he waited for his friends to come pick him up.

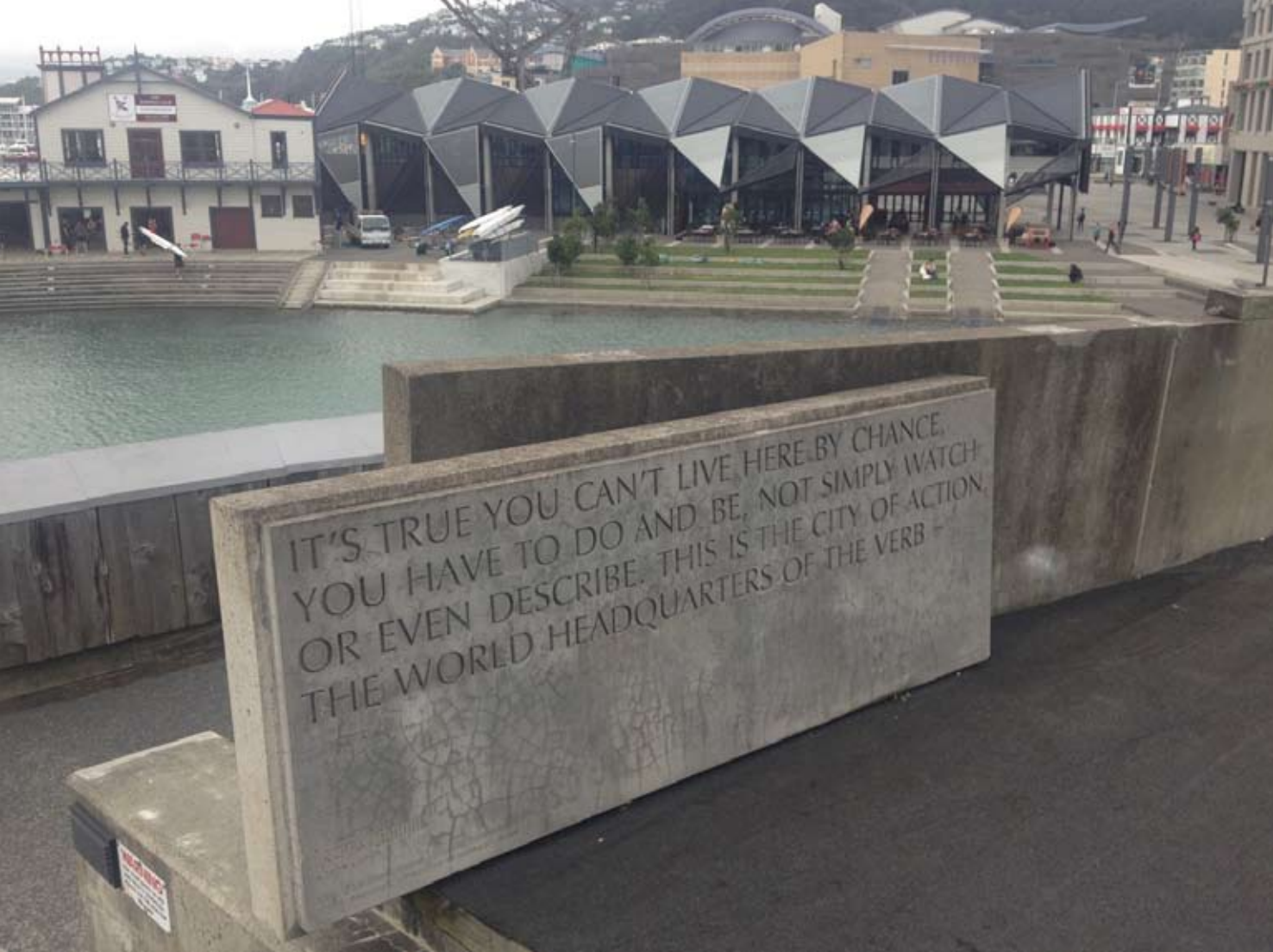
Although we only cycled together for a few days, it was nice to share the trials and tribulations of road life with such a beautiful soul.

It is quite nice to be back in civilization, as I had missed the convenience of city life. They say you never truly appreciate a glass of water until you have been thirsty.





Walking around the Wellington harbor was amazing with cool sculptures everywhere.



IT'S TRUE YOU CAN'T LIVE HERE BY CHANCE,
YOU HAVE TO DO AND BE, NOT SIMPLY WATCH
OR EVEN DESCRIBE. THIS IS THE CITY OF ACTION,
THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF THE VERB -








What a beautiful afternoon to wander around the harbor and soaking up the civilization. Back at the hostel, I took a long hot shower, cooked a pasta dinner, did laundry, posted on Facebook, and slept in the first bed in six weeks -- not since I stayed at a hostel in Auckland.



January 17th: Slept till 10am, free hostel breakfast, and then out to discover Wellington.



These crazy looking googly-eyed buildings are actually public bathrooms. How cool is that?



BLUE RAIN FROM A CLEAR SKY,
OUR WORLD A CUBE OF SUNLIGHT —
BUT TO THE SOUTH
THE VIOLET ADMONITION
OF THUNDER

From Blue Note

Alastair Te Ariki Campbell

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These concrete poems seemed to be stashed out of plain sight around the harbor -- love it!

Thank you for joining me on this 15-page preview to visit Wellington, to continue the adventure with me to the Herb Garden, purchase the full 50-page eBook at Amazon.com.

Won't you join me for my next adventure to hike the amazing Queen Charlotte Track?

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