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WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

As ancient explorers and early settlers discovered, you're never far from something incredible in New Zealand. There's no better place for adventure, rejuvenation and inspiration. And because New Zealand is compact and easy to get around, you can experience a whole lot in one trip.

The country's towering mountains, dense forests and golden beaches make it a haven for outdoor activities, while its multicultural population has created the perfect melting pot for unique cultural and culinary experiences.

It's not unusual to find yourself jet boating through a sweeping river valley in the morning, taking in a traditional Māori cultural experience in the afternoon and savouring world class food and wine by night.

Wherever you go in New Zealand you will find friendly people and fascinating culture. New Zealanders have wholeheartedly embraced the Māori concept of manaakitanga, the act of giving and making people feel welcome.

Māori are the indigenous people of New Zealand and their customs and traditions can be seen in many facets of New Zealand life.

These same welcoming and friendly people are also among the world's most innovative. New Zealand's well regarded universities and enterprising businesses continue to produce some of the world's top thinkers in areas such as marine, aviation, agribusiness, health science, high value foods and earth science.

New Zealand is regularly rated as one of the world's preferred destinations. We'd love to show you around. So stay a while and experience something dramatic, serene, amazing, enticing or delicious. You won't have to go too far.

GETTING TO NEW ZEALAND

Auckland is a three hour flight from the eastern seaboard of Australia, a direct overnight flight from the west coast of North America and an approximate ten to twelve hour flight from most places on the Pacific Rim, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tokyo.



GETTING AROUND NEW ZEALAND

Travelling through New Zealand is easy and relatively inexpensive. An extensive network of air, train and road services means public transport can take you to most places. Rail and coaches link up with ferry operators to travel the length of the country and air travel is available to most destinations.

To take in some of New Zealand's scenery up close and at your own pace, consider taking a drive. In many countries you'll drive for many hours through nondescript landscapes. New Zealand is different. From snow-capped mountains and crystal clear glacial lakes, to golden beaches and lush rainforests, New Zealand offers one of the most visually diverse travelling experiences in the world.

Here the journey really is as enjoyable as the destination.



The Great Coast Road, West Coast

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NORTH ISLAND



1 AUCKLAND
Shop for designer clothes, scale New Zealand's tallest building, The Sky Tower, and savour fine food and wine in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. Situated alongside three sparkling harbours and flanked by black sand beaches and native forest to the west, this multicultural hub offers the perfect mix of urban chic and outdoor excitement.



2 HAMILTON
Meander through themed public gardens and along riverside trails in Hamilton. This heartland city offers an eclectic mix of metropolitan culture and rural charm and is famed for its proximity to must-do attractions like the Hobbiton Movie Set and Waitomo Caves.



3 ROTORUA
Immerse yourself in Māori culture and exhilarating outdoor adventure in Rotorua. Built amidst a geothermal landscape of steaming geysers and bubbling mudpools, this tourist hotspot is home to many quintessential Kiwi experiences – from white water rafting and offroad 4WD, to spine-tingling Māori cultural performances.



4 TAUPŌ
Delve into a lake so big that it's really more like an inland sea. Lake Taupō is surrounded by natural wonders like the stunning Huka Falls and the bubbling mud pools and geysers at the Orakei Korako thermal wonderland.



5 NAPIER
Enjoy a guided wine tour through the celebrated vineyards of Hawke's Bay. The city of Napier is New Zealand's Art Deco capital and has fantastic heritage, a picturesque shoreline and just the right climate for delicious orchard fruits.



6 WELLINGTON
Dine on fine food, craft beers and world class coffee in the harbour-side city of Wellington. Dubbed the "coolest little capital in the world" by Lonely Planet, Wellington also offers top opportunities for wildlife spotting and cultural discovery at the renowned national museum, Te Papa Tongarewa.

SOUTH ISLAND



7 NELSON
Explore the long golden beaches, alpine lakes, enchanting forests and stunning scenery of the Nelson region by kayak, car or bicycle. Home to three national parks, this region is a favourite holiday spot for New Zealanders and so beautiful you'll never want to leave.



8 MARLBOROUGH
Discover the many coves of the magnificent Marlborough Sounds on a cruise, or cycle through vineyards on a wine-tasting tour. With its glorious sunshine, delicious food and luxurious resorts, any visit to Marlborough is a pure joy.



9 CHRISTCHURCH
Relax in our picturesque 'Garden City'. Christchurch offers something for everyone – from golf and hot air ballooning, to punting on the Avon River, to relaxing in its stunning Botanic Gardens. Reconstruction following a major earthquake in 2011 has seen Christchurch emerge as an exciting reimagined new city.



10 QUEENSTOWN
Find inspiration amongst the unforgettable landscape of Queenstown. This four season resort town is known as the adventure capital of the world. It also offers plenty of opportunity for lakeside dining, boutique shopping and tours of the region's rich gold mining history.



11 DUNEDIN
Broaden your mind in Dunedin, home to grand heritage buildings and New Zealand's oldest university. See penguins, sea lions and albatross on the nearby Otago Peninsula and experience one of the great scenic train journeys on the Taieri Gorge Railway.



Millbrook Resort, Queenstown

ACCOMMODATION

There’s a wide range of accommodation options waiting for you in New Zealand – from affordable backpackers, to spacious apartments, to five star luxury hotels and lodges.

The main central business districts have internationally recognised hotel brands, all in walking distance to key conference and venue facilities. Around the country, accommodation is readily available, friendly and good value.



SKYCITY Grand Hotel, Auckland



Cavalli Beach House Retreat, Northland

NEW ZEALAND LUXURY LODGES

New Zealand has a rapidly growing reputation for its luxury lodges in some of our most spectacular locations. In a class of their own, our luxury lodges are extremely accommodating and cater to the most discerning visitor. Dine on fine gourmet cuisine and enjoy the highest standard of hosting as your every need is taken care of.

These exclusive properties offer a range of customised activities from spa treatments, to private golf, helicopter flights, wilderness adventures and more – whatever your heart desires. A New Zealand luxury lodge is utterly indulgent and offers an exclusive, sumptuous and unforgettable holiday experience.



Eagles Nest, Bay of Islands



Wharekauhau Lodge, Wairarapa



Matakauri Lodge, Queenstown



AUCKLAND

Home to 1.5 million people, the ‘City of Sails’ offers world class accommodation, outstanding food and wine, great shopping, sights and attractions.

DON'T LEAVE AUCKLAND BEFORE YOU:

GET OUT ON THE HARBOUR

Climb the bridge over the Waitemata Harbour, bungy jump into it, jet boat around it, or hire a kayak and join an evening paddle to Rangitoto Island. If you'd like to try your hand at sailing, participate as crew on an ex-America's Cup yacht.

EXPLORE THE WATERFRONT

With a superb selection of cafés, bars and restaurants, the waterfront areas of the Viaduct Basin and Wynyard Quarter provide the perfect place to dine, or simply relax and watch the world go by with a glass of wine.

VISIT WAIHEKE ISLAND

Take a half hour ferry ride across the beautiful harbour to discover the island's golden beaches, vineyards, olive groves and restaurants.

HIT THE SHOPS

Browse the outstanding shopping on offer in the downtown Britomart precinct – home to the fashion boutiques of New Zealand labels Karen Walker, Kate Sylvester, Zambesi and World. Make sure to add Newmarket, Ponsonby and Parnell to your shopping list too.

TAKE IN THE VIEW

Visit the summit of Mount Eden for breathtaking panoramic views of the city and harbour, or take a tour to the Waitakere Ranges and the stunning west coast beaches.

GO UP THE SKY TOWER

At 328 metres high, it's New Zealand's tallest man-made structure. Enjoy stunning views in all directions and a buzzing entertainment complex. Thrill-seeking visitors can ‘SkyWalk’ around the tower's 192 metre high pergola, or ‘SkyJump’ all the way down!

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

JOURNEY

Less than an hour north of Auckland, Matakana is a place where the good things in life are found in abundance. Home to a flourishing wine industry, pristine surf beaches, golf courses, kayaking, diving and local crafts. The Matakana region is a great place to relax and revitalise.

FOLLOW

A little further north, follow the Twin Coast Discovery Highway to experience Northland's golden beaches, ancient kauri forests and the spiritual Cape Reinga, where the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean meet at the northern tip of New Zealand.

DISCOVER

Take the Twin Coast Discovery Highway back down the east coast to discover some of New Zealand's most picturesque coastal towns and beaches in the Bay of Islands. Step onto the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, considered the birth place of New Zealand as a bicultural nation.



Wynyard Quarter, Auckland



Horse riding, Pakiri Beach



Cruising on Auckland's Waitemata Harbour



Black water rafting, Waitomo Caves



Hobbiton Movie Set, Matamata



Learn to surf, Raglan



HAMILTON & WAIKATO

Best known for nature-based tourism and off-the-beaten track experiences, the city and surrounding area offers something for everyone.

DON'T LEAVE HAMILTON BEFORE YOU:

GO TO THE GARDENS

Set aside some time for a gentle stroll through Hamilton Gardens. Named International Garden of the Year, here you can explore 58 hectares of beautiful themed gardens including Italian Renaissance, Chinese and Māori.

GET A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Experience the picture-postcard patchwork of green fields below as you gently float over the region by hot air balloon.

TAKE A TEA BREAK

Enjoy a traditional tea ceremony, or simply unwind over a cup of oolong tea with stunning views over New Zealand's only tea plantation, Zealong.

RELAX AND REVITALISE

When it's time to replenish your reserves, you'll find sustenance at the many vibrant cafés, bars and restaurants along the banks of Waikato River.

HIT THE TRAILS

Discover Waikato by bike. The region is home to some of New Zealand's most spectacular cycling trails, including the Waikato River Trails and the Hauraki Rail Trail.

TRY PADDLE POWER

Glide across the tranquil waters of scenic Lake Karapiro in a Māori waka ama outrigger canoe. Lake Karapiro is also the perfect place to enjoy watersports such as kayaking, wakeboarding, waterskiing and fishing.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

ACTION

Lights, camera, action. Experience some movie magic at the Shire village of Hobbiton. Created for *The Lord of the Rings* movie trilogy in the beautiful rural landscape of Matamata, New Zealand director Peter Jackson has used the sets again for *The Hobbit* films.

UNCOVER

Travel south to Waitomo and discover a subterranean labyrinth of glowworm caves on a guided walk or boat tour. For the adventurous, give black water rafting a go – abseil into the depths of Waitomo's lost world and explore the underground rivers that flow through the cave system on an inflatable rubber inner tube.

TAKE A BREAK

Head west to the small coastal town of Raglan. Take lessons at the famous Raglan Surfing School then test yourself at Manu Bay – the longest left hand point break in the world.



ROTORUA

The city of Rotorua is steeped in Māori history and surrounded by a fascinating landscape of geothermal activity, freshwater lakes and majestic forests.

DON'T LEAVE ROTORUA BEFORE YOU:

EXPERIENCE MĀORI CULTURE

Enjoy a traditional Māori haka and cultural performance, try an authentic hāngi feast cooked in a geothermal steam vent, or take a tour of a pre-European Māori village.

FEEL THE RUSH

Get an adrenalin rush with white water rafting, sky diving, 4WD touring, jet boating, downhill luging, or try zorbing – rolling down a steep slope inside a large transparent plastic ball.

ENCOUNTER NATURE'S WILD SIDE

Visit the Pohutu geyser, or check out one of several geothermal parks to see natural hot springs, boiling mud pools, steam vents and nature at its most volatile.

REJUVENATE IN THE MINERAL WATERS

Relax at the Polynesian Spa, voted one of the top ten day spas in the world, or visit a natural hot pool on the shores of Lake Rotoiti.

TAKE A SCENIC FLIGHT

Fly over Mount Tarawera and get the best vantage point to view the extraordinary geothermal landscape below.

GET ON YOUR BIKE

Head to Whakarewarewa Forest for some of the best mountain biking around. Follow the purpose-built tracks through lush native ferns beneath a soaring forest canopy of pines and redwood trees.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

DISCOVER

Travel an hour north to Mount Maunganui. The town's spectacular beaches are a magnet for surfers and sunbathers. You can take a flight or boat ride from nearby Whakatane to White Island and explore the inner crater of New Zealand's only active marine volcano as it hisses and rumbles.

RELAX

Head three hours north to the Coromandel – one of New Zealand's most loved holiday spots. Cloaked in native rainforest and blessed with dazzling white sand beaches, this special place is rustic, unspoiled and relaxed. It's a walker's paradise, there are guided sea kayak tours around the coast, or you can simply soak in a natural thermal hot pool at Hot Water Beach.



White water rafting on the Kaituna River, Rotorua



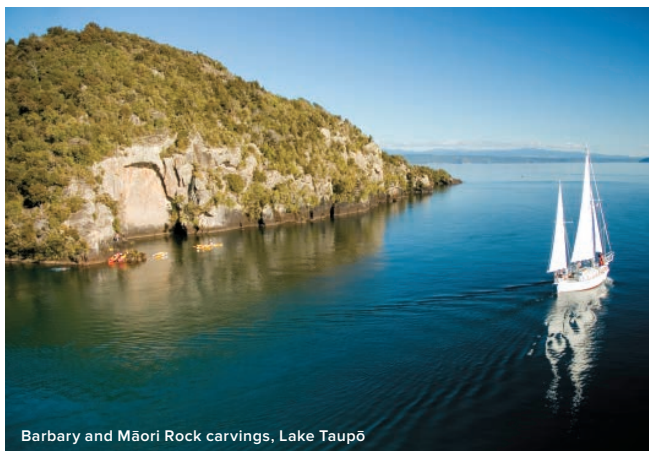
Te Puia, Rotorua



Lake Rotoiti, Rotorua



Crater Lakes, Tongariro Alpine Crossing



Barbary and Māori Rock carvings, Lake Taupō



Huka Falls Jet, Huka Falls



TAUPŌ

The town of Taupō sits at the edge of the southern hemisphere's largest lake, Lake Taupō. With its rivers, geothermal reserves and mountains, this beautiful region is a popular holiday and recreational destination offering trout fishing, skiing and watersports.

DON'T LEAVE TAUPŌ BEFORE YOU:

CRUISE THE LAKE

Whether by kayak, yacht or motorboat, the best way to discover the secluded coves and beaches of Lake Taupō is by water. It's also the only way you can access the intricate Māori rock carvings at Mine Bay.

VISIT HUKA FALLS

Experience one of New Zealand's most visited natural attractions. View the falls from the banks of the river, or take a thrilling jet boat up to its thundering base – but prepare to get wet.

TAKE THE PLUNGE

Bungee jump over the mighty Waikato River, or take a slightly higher leap of faith from 15,000 feet as you skydive above Lake Taupō.

SPIN YOUR WHEELS

Explore the Lake Taupō region by bike. The area is home to many custom-made mountain biking tracks, located in some of the country's most stunning native forest settings.

CAST A LINE

Catch a rainbow or brown trout on Lake Taupō – the largest natural trout fishery in the world, or go fly-fishing with a local guide on the Tongariro River.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

EXPERIENCE

Visit Orakei Korako, located between Rotorua and Taupō. Described as “one of the best thermal areas left in New Zealand” by Lonely Planet, it's renowned for its geysers, steaming vents, beautifully coloured volcanic rock and natural thermal pools. It is a must-see natural attraction.

PLAY

Tongariro National Park is New Zealand's oldest National Park and one of the few with dual world heritage status. It's a year-round natural adventure playground. In summer you can enjoy one of the best one day walks in the world on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. In winter you can ski on an active volcano, Mt Ruapehu, home to the Whakapapa and Turoa ski fields.



HAWKE'S BAY

Hawke's Bay's enviable climate, Art Deco buildings and indulgent selection of award-winning wineries make it one of the best places in New Zealand to unwind and relax.

DON'T LEAVE HAWKE'S BAY BEFORE YOU:

VISIT THE GANNET COLONY

Take a tractor or 4WD tour to see the 20,000 strong gannet colony at Cape Kidnappers and experience some of the region's best coastal scenery along the way.

GET A TASTE

Explore Hawke's Bay by bike. You can stop along the way to taste some of the region's finest wine at top local vineyards. The region grows more than 80 per cent of New Zealand's Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah grapes and is widely tipped as the producer of New Zealand's finest Chardonnay.

EMBRACE THE CULTURE

Join an experienced local guide as they bring to life the traditions, history and mythology of the local Māori through words, people and places.

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Experience Napier in style in a 1930's vintage car – it's the perfect way to see the city's exquisite Art Deco buildings. Tour drivers dressed in stylish Art Deco attire will pick you up from your accommodation for a fascinating journey into the region's colourful past.

TEE OFF

Test yourself on the acclaimed Cape Kidnapper's championship golf course situated atop dramatic cliffs with breathtaking views overlooking the Pacific Ocean. No wonder it's ranked among the world's top 50 courses by Golf Magazine.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

VENTURE

Drive along the Pacific Coast Highway around East Cape and Māori culture is evident in every settlement you come across. There are carved meeting houses, beautifully painted Māori churches and conversations in Te Reo. Venture up Mount Hikurangi, the sacred mountain of the Ngati Porou people, where you'll see giant carvings of figures from Māori legend.

IMMERSE

Visit Gisborne's popular beaches, where local guides can show you the best surf breaks or take you on a reef tour at low tide to feed the stingrays. Head inland to Te Urewera National Park, the North Island's largest national park to explore the forests, mountains and stunning lakes including the beautiful and serene Lake Waikaremoana.



Mount Hikurangi carvings, Pacific Coast Highway



Art Deco Weekend, Napier



Cape Kidnapper's Golf Course, Hawke's Bay



Wellington Harbour



Wellington Cable Car



Te Marae at Te Papa, Wellington



WELLINGTON

“The coolest little capital in the world” according to Lonely Planet, Wellington lies nestled between a sparkling harbour and forest-clad hills. New Zealand’s capital city is renowned for its arts, heritage, culture and natural beauty.

DON'T LEAVE WELLINGTON BEFORE YOU:

SAMPLE THE THREE Cs

Coffee, cocktails and cuisine – it's all about culinary tourism in this town, so bring a healthy appetite.

CATCH THE CABLE CAR

Enjoy stunning views of the harbour and city below when you take Wellington's iconic Cable Car from Lambton Quay down in the city to Kelburn perched high above.

VISIT TE PAPA TONGAREWA

See all of the country under one roof at The Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa. Interactive exhibits and technology tell New Zealand's colourful stories and history in captivating ways.

GO WILD

Take a drive ten minutes from downtown Wellington to Zealandia: The Karori Sanctuary Experience, the place for close encounters with endangered native birds and wildlife including the iconic Kiwi and Tuatara. Alternatively, explore Wellington's South Coast to see endangered fur seals, or stroll through the Wellington Botanic Garden.

MAKE MOVIES

Roll your cameras as you visit some of the sites made famous by *The Lord of the Rings* movies on a tour with Wellington Rover Tours, Wellington Movie Tours and Flat Earth New Zealand Experiences. Tours also visit Weta Cave where you'll hear about the amazing array of films produced in Wellington by local legend Sir Peter Jackson, including *Avatar*, *Tintin* and *The Hobbit*.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

INDULGE

Travel an hour north over the Rimutaka Range to the Wairarapa. The region is one of the country's top food and wine destinations and it's the perfect place to feast your senses. The wine village of Martinborough is at the heart of the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail and blends country charm with luxury retreats, boutique vineyards, award-winning restaurants and great shopping.

ESCAPE

Head north east to the Kāpiti Coast for its unspoilt beaches and warm coastal climate. Swim, sail and surf, or just take in the view with some of the excellent local fish and chips. Take a trip to the protected nature reserve on Kāpiti Island for its unique birdlife and native bush.



NELSON

Situated in the north west of the South Island, Nelson is a seaside city that is home to a thriving artistic community. You're also on the doorstep of three national parks, each with its own distinct character.

DON'T LEAVE NELSON BEFORE YOU:

HAVE A BREW OR TWO

Take a tour to some of the region's many thriving breweries and wineries and meet the passionate people who have made them such a success.

EXPLORE THREE NATIONAL PARKS

Discover the incredibly beautiful Abel Tasman National Park – a coastal paradise you can walk through, or explore by cruise boat or sea kayak. Follow an alpine trail to Lake Angelus, or walk beside Lake Rotoiti in the pristine Nelson Lakes National Park. Step into the heart of Middle-earth in Kahurangi National Park – the backdrop for many scenes in *The Lord of the Rings* movie trilogy.

ENTER ANOTHER WORLD

Visit the World of WearableArt™ and Classic Cars Museum where a world class collection of classic cars is showcased alongside incredible wearable works of art from around the globe.

GET CREATIVE

Get in touch with your creative side and meet the local artists in their studios. Take a private painting lesson, try your hand at ceramics, or give glass blowing a go.

REACH FOR THE SKY

Enjoy the stunning views as you climb to 16,500 feet, then feel the rush as you launch yourself over paradise with Skydive Abel Tasman.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

CONNECT

Embark on a day trip to stunning Golden Bay. Take a guided safari to Farewell Spit– a bird sanctuary and wetland of international importance. You can walk on the base of the spit or take a 4WD safari along to the lighthouse.

RIDE

Go horse riding on Wharariki Beach – an untamed, beautiful place where the wind and waves have created massive rock and sand dune formations.

INVIGORATE

Head to the rugged West Coast – a wild frontier of rivers, mountains, glaciers, rainforests and invigorating wind-swept beaches. The region boasts five national parks and some of the world's most accessible glaciers.



Abel Tasman National Park, Nelson



Franz Josef Glacier, West Coast



Paparoa National Park, West Coast



Queen Charlotte Track, Marlborough Sounds



Marlborough vineyards



Whale watching, Kaikoura



MARLBOROUGH

Situated at the top of the South Island, the tranquil Marlborough region is renowned for the stunning coves of the Marlborough Sounds and the delicious bounty of local wine and seafood.

DON'T LEAVE MARLBOROUGH BEFORE YOU:

TAKE FLIGHT

Check out the WW1 biplanes at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre in Blenheim. The museum showcases an impressive array of flying mechanical marvels from days gone by.

SEE THE SOUNDS

Explore the stunning Marlborough Sounds by sea kayak, or walk or cycle the 70 kilometre Queen Charlotte Track. You can rest each night in comfortable lodges overlooking the spectacular Sounds. Guided tours and pack transfer services are available.

TEMPT YOUR TASTEBUDS

Spend a day sampling the local delicacies around the region's boutique food producers, embark on a food and wine-matching challenge, or visit a salmon or greenshell mussel farm in the Marlborough Sounds.

MEET THE WILDLIFE

Capture the best of the Marlborough Sounds at the Motuara Island Bird Sanctuary. Explore the island on your own or take a guided tour to see the resident blue penguins, rare saddleback, melodic bellbirds, cheeky robins, native pigeons and yellow-crowned parakeets. During the warmer months, you can swim with the local dolphins.

SAVOUR SOME SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sample the famous Sauvignon Blanc as well as the region's other varieties on a tour of Marlborough's top wineries and cellar doors. Relax in the sun at a vineyard restaurant, or meet the winemakers to discover the secret to their award-winning creations.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

EXPERIENCE

Molesworth Station is New Zealand's largest backcountry station. Experience the awesome scenery on a 4WD tour, enjoy a picnic amongst the rolling farmland and hear about the station's fascinating pioneering past.

ALL ABOARD

Get on board the Coastal Pacific Train for a breathtaking rail journey departing from Picton to the city of Christchurch. Operating from October to April, this 350 kilometre journey follows the ruggedly beautiful coastline and offers magnificent views of the ocean and steeply rising Kaikoura Ranges.

ENCOUNTER

Visit Kaikoura and experience some of this colourful township's world-famous eco-tourism activities like whale watching and swimming with the dolphins. Make sure you don't leave town before sampling the local crayfish.



CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch is known as ‘The Garden City’ for its beautiful parks, open spaces and tree-lined avenues. The city features eye-catching street art alongside innovative designs like the Transitional Cathedral and Re:START mall.

DON'T LEAVE CHRISTCHURCH BEFORE YOU:

VISIT THE ICE

See penguins, learn about the icy continent, experience the 4D theatre and ride on an all-terrain Hagglund Antarctic vehicle at the International Antarctic Centre.

PUNT ON THE AVON

Relax on a small wooden punting boat as an Edwardian punter glides you down the Avon River, past Christchurch's Botanic Gardens.

GET WET AND WILD

Fly up the Waimakariri River on a thrill-a-minute jet boat ride, or take a white water rafting trip down the Rangitata River.

PRACTISE YOUR SWING

Get into the swing of things at championship courses like the Pegasus Golf Club, Clearwater Golf Resort and Terrace Downs High Country Resort. There are no less than 60 golf courses around the Christchurch and Canterbury region.

FLY OVER CANTERBURY

Enjoy a magnificent scenic flight over Christchurch and the nearby beaches, harbours and hills of Banks Peninsula. Or helicopter into a pristine alpine or forest wilderness environment for fishing, hunting or hiking.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

DETOUR

Head to Akaroa, a town that mixes its charming French colonial heritage with art galleries, cafés, restaurants and a delightful seaside ambience. Here you can swim with the smallest dolphin in the world, the Hector's dolphin.

TRAVERSE

Travel on one of the world's most iconic train journeys, the TranzAlpine. You'll traverse through Arthur's Pass in the stunning Southern Alps and then on to Greymouth on the wild West Coast. Simply spectacular.

CLIMB

Visit Aoraki Mount Cook National Park, home to New Zealand's highest mountain – Aoraki Mount Cook. Enjoy one of the many walks through the National Park, or explore the treasures of New Zealand's mountaineering history at the Sir Edmund Hillary Centre.



Hassle Free Tours, Canterbury



Punting on the Avon River, Christchurch



Glacier Explorers, Tasman Glacier



Kawarau Bridge Bungy, Queenstown



French Ridge, Mt Aspiring National Park



Dart River Jet Safaris, Glenorchy



QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown is famous around the world for its iconic scenery, friendly people, golf courses, wineries and diverse range of outdoor activities. You'll never be short of things to do.

DON'T LEAVE QUEENSTOWN BEFORE YOU:

LET OFF SOME STEAM

Enjoy Queenstown's scenic beauty on board The TSS Earnslaw. This Edwardian vintage steamship makes several daily trips across the stunning Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak High Country Farm.

GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

Play a round at one of Queenstown's immaculate resorts or backcountry fairways. Queenstown offers world class golfing amongst breathtaking scenery.

TOUR THROUGH GIBBSTON VALLEY

Sample award-winning wines or enjoy an alfresco lunch next to the vines in the Gibbston Valley. This stunning wine region is surrounded by mountains interlaced with lakes and deep river gorges.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Get your adrenalin pumping in the adventure capital of the world. Enjoy skydiving, bungee jumping, river rafting, great hiking, skiing and mountain biking. Queenstown has all the action-packed adventures you'll ever need in one place.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Take some time to visit the picturesque gold mining village of Arrowtown, just twenty minutes drive from Queenstown. This historic village is home to boutique designer stores, galleries, fine dining restaurants and cafes. Take a 4WD safari through rugged back country to Skippers Canyon, try gold panning, or just drink in the scenery.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

VOYAGE

Just a short flight or coach journey from Queenstown, you can experience Fiordland's uninhabited inlets, or take a day trip to Milford Sound – one of New Zealand's great natural wonders. Enjoy a cruise or kayak tour against a backdrop of majestic mountains and awe-inspiring waterfalls.

ACTIVATE

Set on the southern shore of Lake Wanaka, Wanaka is one of the jewels of the South Island. Being close to four ski fields, it's a snow-lover's paradise in winter. Year-round activities include fishing, hiking, canyoning, climbing and skydiving.

CHILL

Get up close to the majestic and beautiful Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers – two awesome rivers of ice on the West Coast. There are a range of activities around the glaciers including guided walks, heli-hikes onto the ice and scenic flights.



DUNEDIN

The southern city of Dunedin is known for its unspoiled heritage architecture and proximity to some of the world's rarest wildlife on the nearby Otago Peninsula.

DON'T LEAVE DUNEDIN BEFORE YOU:

MEET THE LOCALS

Encounter some of the rarest wildlife in the world along the Otago Peninsula including Royal Albatross, Yellow-eyed Penguins and Hooker's Sea Lions.

TOUR THE CASTLE

Take a tour of Larnach Castle, New Zealand's only castle. Explore its immaculate gardens and learn about its tragic, scandalous history.

FOLLOW THE HERITAGE TRAIL

Take a stroll along the city's heritage trail and discover beautiful examples of Gothic, Italianate, Palladian and Georgian architecture. Dunedin is often referred to as the Edinburgh of the South.

GET ON BOARD

Take a trip on the Taieri Gorge Railway from the historic Dunedin Railway Station to the rugged mountain interior of Central Otago and back.

HIT THE BEACH

Surf at St Clair Beach, or take a dip at the St Clair Hot Salt Water Pool – an open-air public swimming pool nestled amongst the rocks just metres from the ocean.

GOT TIME TO EXPLORE?

PEDDLE

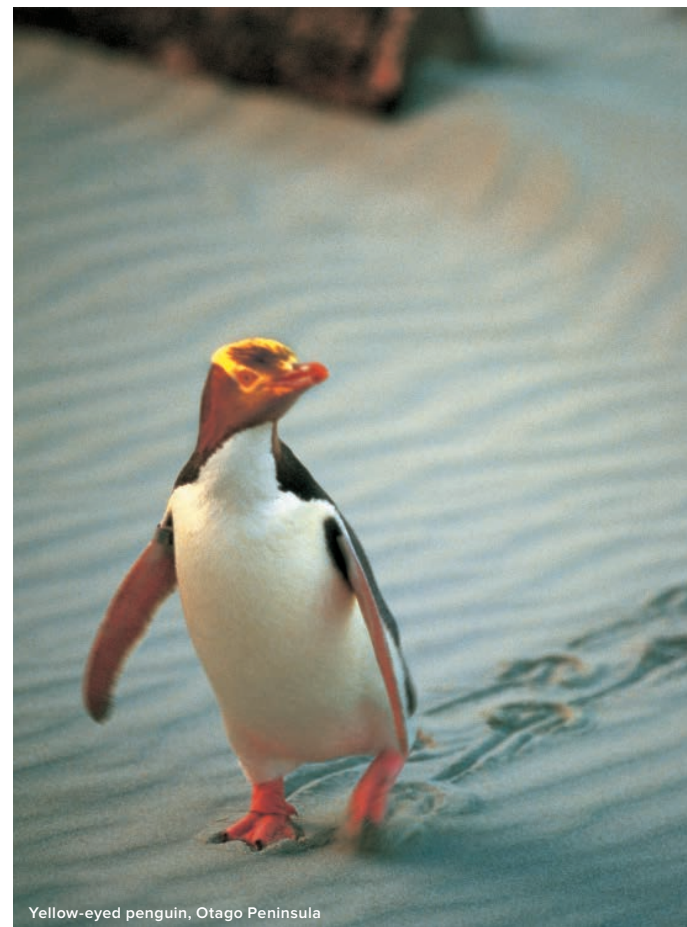
Enjoy the scenery, engineering and history on a wonderful biking adventure over the Otago Central Rail Trail. It's a 150 kilometre scenic and historic journey into the Central Otago heartland.

DEPART

Experience the abundant wildlife on the Southern Scenic Route. Follow the road along the east coast to the Catlins region where you'll find beautiful beaches, seals, dolphins, penguins and an ancient, petrified forest.

HIKE

Stewart Island is New Zealand's third largest island. It's 85% national park and attracts many hikers and nature lovers to its pristine wilderness. Walk the Rakiura Track – one of New Zealand's nine Great Walks.



Yellow-eyed penguin, Otago Peninsula



Taieri Gorge Railway, Otago

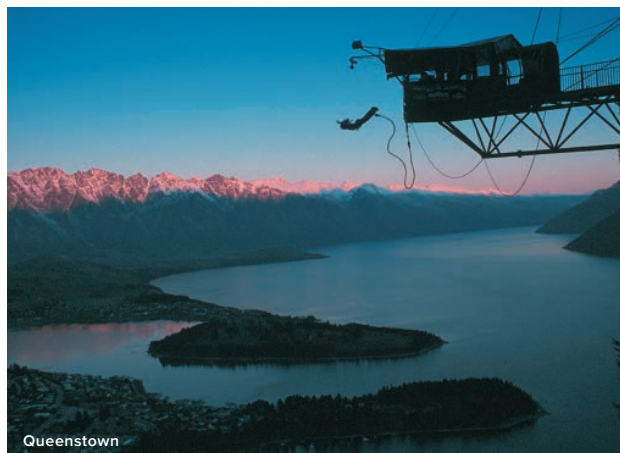


Larnach Castle, Otago Peninsula



DON'T LEAVE NEW ZEALAND BEFORE YOU...

- Embrace New Zealand's unique Māori culture, an integral part of Kiwi life.
- Sip award-winning wine while dining on New Zealand's Pacific Rim cuisine.
- Get out on the water on a cruise or kayak to see dolphins, seals and whales up close.
- Experience bungy jumping, white water rafting, sky diving, caving, canyoning and so much more.
- Witness nature's power through the steaming geysers, bubbling mud pools and relaxing thermal springs of New Zealand's geothermal hot spots.
- Hike one of New Zealand's nine Great Walks to see some of our most iconic scenery.





NEW ZEALAND – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

CLIMATE

The far north of New Zealand is subtropical whilst the south is more temperate. The warmest months are traditionally December, January and February. The coolest months are June, July and August. In summer, the average maximum daytime temperatures range between 20–30°C and in winter between 10–15°C. You can check weather conditions in New Zealand on the New Zealand MetService website: www.metservice.com

HEALTHCARE

New Zealand’s public and private medical and hospital facilities provide a high standard of treatment and care. Medical services are not free to visitors.

It’s recommended you purchase travel and health insurance before you visit.

No vaccination certificates are required. There are no snakes or dangerous wild animals in New Zealand.

MONEY

New Zealand’s currency is the dollar (NZ\$). You can use all major credit cards in New Zealand, with Visa and MasterCard accepted most widely.

ELECTRICITY

New Zealand’s electricity supply runs at 230/240 volts and we use angled two or three pin plugs (the same as Australia).

INTERNET AND WIFI ACCESS

If you’re looking to stay connected to the internet everywhere you go, it’s recommended that you purchase a plan from one of New Zealand’s main networks. Free WiFi hotspots are generally found in the main cities only and can be sporadic throughout the rest of the country. Purchasing a plan from a network will allow you to access a mix of data, calling and texting throughout your trip to suit your communication and connection needs.

MOBILE PHONES

Check with your phone company before leaving home about international mobile roaming facilities for New Zealand. Alternatively, you can hire or buy mobile phones or SIM cards in New Zealand. Note that signal may not be available in some rural areas.

VISAS

Visitors from more than 50 countries do not require a visa for stays of less than three months. If you would like more information about visas, please visit: www.immigration.govt.nz



Kayaking, Milford Sound

Timber Trails, Taupo



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