



NEW ZEALAND TRAVEL GUIDE

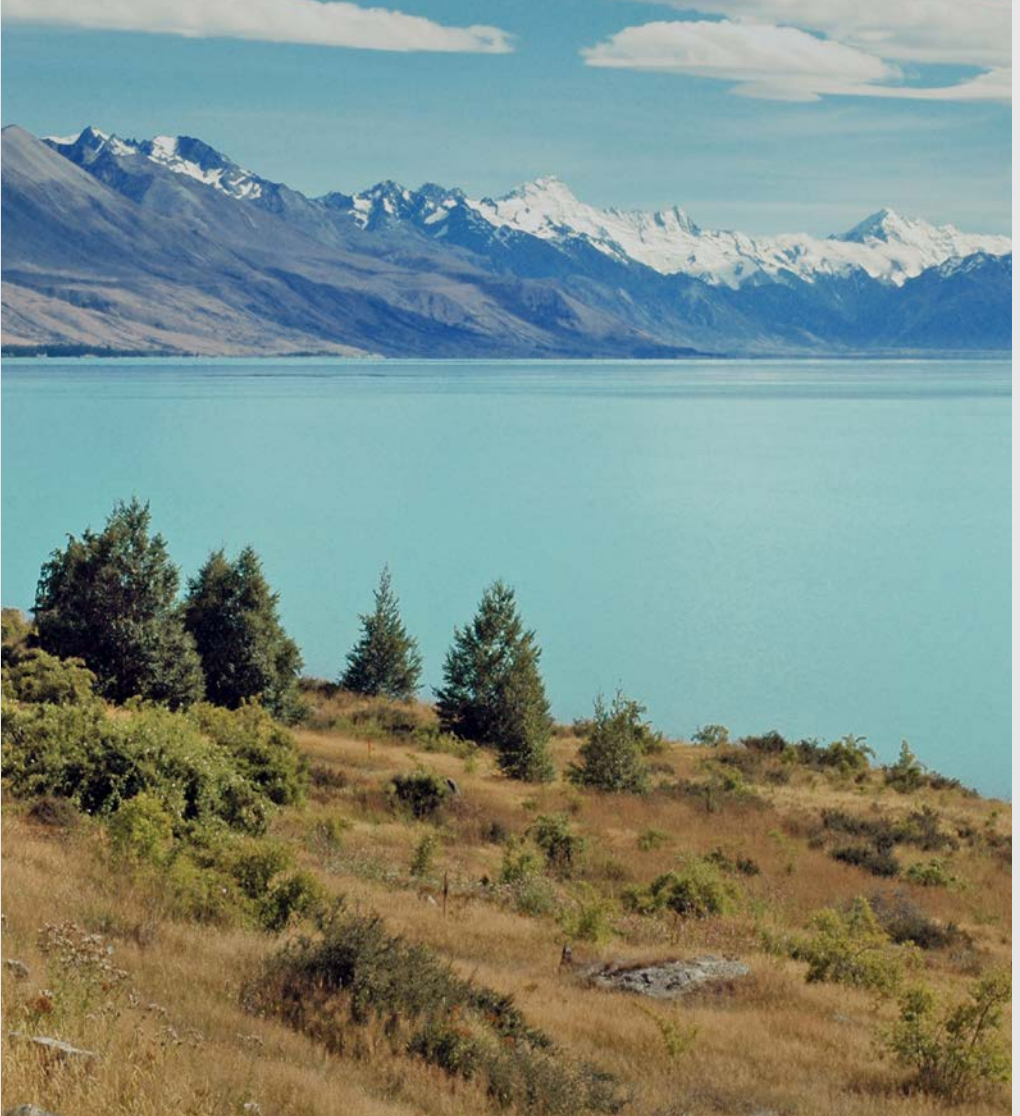
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NEW ZEALAND

OVERVIEW



Picturesque, remote, and gifted by nature's wonders, New Zealand's North and South islands provide breathtaking scenes and activities, at every corner. Only 3 hours by plane from Sydney Airport, New Zealand packs a lot of adventure and exploration opportunities into a country the size of Britain. Famously referred to as 'God's country' and 'The land of the long white cloud', New Zealand gives Australian visitors the perfect escape regardless of the cities visited or the type of traveller you are.

NEW ZEALAND

WHAT TO SEE



**Rubicon Valley
Horse Treks**
Explore
Rubicon Valley
by horse.

Springfield



Wanaka Helicopters
Helicopter tours
around
Lake Wanaka.

Wanaka



Cape Kidnappers
An important
bird area for the
Australasian
gannets.

Napier



Tongariro Crossing
Enjoy world
class hiking.

**Tongariro
National Park**



Deep Canyon
Rappel your
way down
Deep Canyon.

Wanaka



**Omaka Aviation
Heritage Center**
World-class
exhibition of
historic aircrafts.

Blenheim



**Whakarewarewa
Forest**
Famous for its
Californian coastal
redwoods.

Rotorua



**World of
Wearable Art**
New Zealand's
largest arts
event.

Nelson

NEW ZEALAND

SHOPPING



Olivo

The oldest commercial olive grove in the Wairarapa!

Martinborough



Tarot Zamm

A mystical adventure when you visit Middle Earth - Wellington!

Wellington



The Lost Gypsy Gallery

An unexpected wonderland!

Papatowai



Wilderness Gallery

A fresh, contemporary gallery located in the heart of Hokitika.

Hokitika



E Hayes and Sons

Hardware store with an extensive display of bikes.

Invercargill



Vesta Design Store

A premier gift and design store in Queenstown.

Queenstown



Wellington Underground Market

Offer hip antiques and pre-owned goods.

Wellington



Newport Chocolates Ltd.

Large-scale sculpture bringing art and nature together.

Russell



AUCKLAND

Located towards the top of the North Island, Auckland is the largest and most heavily populated city in New Zealand. Easily accessible by all modes of transport, Auckland offers many tourist attractions all close to the modern CBD area. The Auckland climate is quite moderate, and one of the sunniest cities in the country. A scenic and cosmopolitan destination, Auckland is perfect for exploring mountains, coastlines and cultural sites.

HIGHLIGHTS



Mount Eden Volcano

Remarkable views from this accessible volcano.



Queen Street Auckland's main tourist strip.



Parnell Colonial history and nightlife.



Waiheke Island Beautiful coastal escape just 35 minutes by ferry.

MOUNT EDEN VOLCANO

To give you a proper appreciation of the Auckland landscape and its various volcanic cones, take some time to explore one of the accessible volcanoes, such as Mount Eden. Mount Eden is the highest at 196 metres, providing remarkable Auckland views out into the Waitemata Harbour. Drive, walk, or take a guided tour and discover former Maori settlements.



QUEEN STREET

Auckland's main tourist strip is a bustling area full of attractions and eateries. Named after Queen Victoria, the 3km shopping strip embraces modern Auckland city culture through retail and dining establishments. Live music, nightlife, boutiques, casinos, department stores, and designer brands are all around this iconic strip. The 360-degree views from The Sky Tower are incredible (for those willing to brave New Zealand's tallest man-made tower). Or, simply indulge at the SKYCITY restaurants for your Queen Street views.



PARNELL

Auckland's oldest suburb is full of history, culture, tourist sights, and nightlife. Auckland Domain is the city's oldest park and at over 75 hectares, it's a perfect opportunity to actively explore or relax. Displays of colonial history are found everywhere you look, from the heritage buildings to the Auckland Museum. You'll soon see why the suburb is referred to as 'boutique' with beautiful, unique shops and eateries that line the pretty streets creating an exclusive vibe.



WAIHEKE ISLAND


Waiheke Island is the third-most populated island after the North and South islands, and is a beautiful coastal escape just 35 minutes by ferry from Auckland. Located in the Hauraki Gulf, the island is accessible by water and air, and is a must-see if you're keen to take part in any water-based activities. Also referred to as the Island of Wine, there are countless beaches to explore and lots of great food. The secluded beaches and serene national reserves are ideal for a romantic and memorable couples' adventure.



AUCKLAND

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 1053 reviews


HOTEL DEBRETT

2 High Street, CBD
Auckland, 1010
Tel: +6498878483

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Pv2017
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

This was a great city break boutique hotel. Rooms were great and spacious. Service very good. dinner at the restaurant was great and very gluten and dairy free friendly. Breakfast was very good as well with all kinds of allergy friendly options. Wine list at the bar excellent. I will be back



 *Based on 252 reviews

ABACO ON JERVOIS

59 Jervois Road, Ponsonby, Herne Bay
Auckland, 1011
Tel:

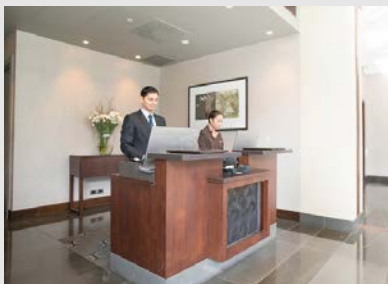
*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
San_Fior
Reviewed 6/01/2017*


Very clean and quiet. Great location - great area for cafes, restaurants and trendy shops. Well located for easy access to both city centre and main roads to the north and south. Great Wifi Internet.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

AUCKLAND

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 2566 reviews

SOFITEL AUCKLAND VIADUCT HARBOUR

21 Viaduct Harbour Avenue,
Auckland, 1010

Tel: +6498862470

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller

Reviewed 8/01/2017

In terms of location, the Sofitel was a quiet 10 minute walk to the wharf where there are some trendy restaurants and shops. Walking in the opposite direction, toward the Wynyard Quarter which seemed to be a new development, it is also 10 minute walk to a slew of casual and trendy restaurants by the water. I especially enjoyed these walks after our sumptuous dinners. Our room was nicely furnished, modern and fresh, the big windows making the roo...



 *Based on 2259 reviews

SKY CITY GRAND HOTEL

90 Federal St,
Auckland, 1010

Tel:

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller

MichaelTheWanderer

Reviewed 8/01/2017


Well located in the CBD. Short walk (5-10 minutes) to the waterfront, shopping, and restaurants. Large and modern rooms. Reasonable rates. Adjoining rooms worked well for our family of five -- one king for the parents and two doubles for the three teenagers. For the US crowd -- the "double" beds were indeed large enough for two people to share.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

AUCKLAND

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 216 reviews

KAZUYA


193 Symonds Street, Eden Terrace
Auckland, 1010
Tel: +64 9-377 8537

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Abe L
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

Not sure if there's a Michelin guide in New Zealand, but if there is, this place should definitely be in it. Amazing food and service! This was easily our highlight in Auckland. Delicious food and very unique presentation and preparation.

Although the restaurant seems a bit out of place within its surroundings; next to cheap ethnic Chinese and Indian restaurants, it was a truly awesome experience.



 *Based on 581 reviews

SIDART

Level 1 Three Lamps Plaza 283 Ponsonby
Road, ponsonby, Auckland, 1011
Tel: +64 9-360 2122

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Tamojacko
Reviewed 4/01/2017*


My husband and I were treated to an incredible degustation dinner here. It blew our minds. Everything was sensational, the taste, the presentation, the wine, the service. We'd be back every week if we could afford it!! A real treat for all the senses. Perfect for a special occasion.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

AUCKLAND

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 699 reviews


CLOONEY RESTAURANT

33 Sale Street, Freeman's Bay
Auckland,
Tel: +64 9-358 1702

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
MichaelTheWanderer
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Our family of five (two adults with three very lucky teenagers) thought that this was a really fantastic, memorable meal. It was a definite splurge, but one to consider for all serious foodies. The prix fixe tasting menu -- which is required on weekends -- marches through the best of New Zealand. The restaurant also recently started using local New Zealand wines for the pairing, which was spot on. (And I now plan to have import a few cases to...



 *Based on 1025 reviews

THE FRENCH CAFE

210 Symonds Street,
Auckland, 1010
Tel: +64 9-377 1911

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
75beenaround
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Took 2 overseas clients who have dined in some of the best restaurants all over the world to French Cafe. Intention is obviously to impress them and also, to obtain their reaction and feedback.

All the hype and anticipation after obtaining a booking a week ahead of dinner, they were not impressed. Food and atmosphere were just okay as far as they were concerned - nothing out of what would be expected as standard for the sort of prices charged.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



A South Island playground, Christchurch is a must-see city for wine lovers and adventure seekers. It's the gateway to the Canterbury region and the most common South Island port for travellers coming from Australia. You'll never be far from beautiful snow-capped mountains or spectacular coastal towns. The CBD is slowly re-opening after the devastating 2011 earthquake to provide many fresh and innovative experiences.

HIGHLIGHTS



Aoraki Mount Cook
An unforgettable sight to admire and explore.



Whale Watching
Get up close with the sperm whales, fur seals and dolphins.



Avon River
Explore Christchurch's beautiful Avon River.



Waipara Valley
A spectacular wine region just a 40 minute drive north.

AORAKI MOUNT COOK

New Zealand's highest peak is an unforgettable sight to admire and explore. Unleash your adventurous side with 4WD safaris, horse treks, scenic flights, snow landings, and walks through the national park. The alpine village in the Mackenzie region is renowned for its massive glaciers and incredible starry skies at night.



AVON RIVER

A journey on a punt boat is the best way to explore Christchurch's beautiful Avon River. Sit back and relax as a punter guides you through the waters and past some of Christchurch's cherished spots. The Avon River is the perfect setting for a romantic outing.



CHRISTCHURCH GONDOLA

Step aboard the Christchurch gondola to see amazing views of the city and its surrounds. The gondola is open all year round and gives all travellers a real appreciation of Christchurch's beauty and landscape. This is a memorable and eye-opening experience only 15 minutes from the city.



WHALE WATCHING

2.5 hours from Christchurch, the Kaikoura region is home to a beautiful mix of water, mountains and wildlife. Take a boat cruise, helicopter, or plane to get up close with the sperm whales, fur seals and dolphins. You can even choose to take a dip in the pristine waters and swim with the animals! An eco-tourism gem, Kaikoura is rich with natural and cultural heritage.



MOUNT HUTT

1.5 hours from Christchurch, Mount Hutt is one of the largest and highest ski areas in the South Island. It also boasts the longest ski season and has daily shuttles from Christchurch and Methven (35 minutes away). Mount Hutt boasts one of the largest drops in the South Island, but conveniently caters to all skier profiles, from beginner to professional. With skiing, snowboarding passes and day trips a-plenty, it's easy to discover 'true' New Zealand ski country!



WAIPARA VALLEY


Waipara Valley is a spectacular wine region just 40-minutes drive north of Christchurch airport. Take the Alpine Pacific Route from here to discover Hanmer Springs, a therapeutic mineral springs and adventure resort. Waipara Valley is highly regarded around the world, and the Waipara Valley wine and food festival in March is the perfect way to celebrate the region's 80 wineries and its fares.



CHRISTCHURCH

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 630 reviews


AMROSS COURT MOTOR LODGE

61 Bealey Avenue,
Christchurch, 8013
Tel: +6433771554

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
kmacke_225090
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

The room was spacious and tidy and well equipped. Felt welcoming and relaxing, welcoming staff and very good location close to everything. Comfortable beds and good quality fittings. Good parking for vehicles and handy to all that we needed. Will stay again.



 *Based on 1289 reviews

COMMODORE AIRPORT HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH

449 Memorial Avenue,
Christchurch, 8053
Tel: +6436680689

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
fromthebush
Reviewed 7/01/2017*


Great room so clean and up to date the service was 1st class from start to finish the bar staff so friendly and the crew on reception made you feel like you were coming home instead of a hotel I wish major hotel groups take a lesson from this place keep up the amazing service you guys rock

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

CHRISTCHURCH

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 625 reviews


AIRPORT PALMS MOTEL

56 Roydvale Avenue, Burnside
Christchurch, 8053
Tel: +6436694648

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
chefneatswarwick
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Awesome place to stay. So close to the airport for our very early morning flight. Bill was so nice to come and pick us up after dropping our car hire off. Rooms are beautifully presented and immaculately clean. Pat was so nice to change our room after wanting a down stairs room. No problems at all. Pity we only had 1 night there. Definitely recommend this motel for sure. Will stay here again when we are back in Christchurch. Thanks



 *Based on 502 reviews

MERIVALE MANOR

122 Papanui Road, Merivale
Christchurch, 8014
Tel: +6436680621

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
MagsATL
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


Stayed at Merivale Manor two different times while traveling in NZ. It gets our rating of A+/Excellent for many reasons. The owners Wayne & Karen are very hospitable, knowledgeable of the area, gregarious, kind and concerned for their guests. Hotel is very "secure" when it comes to earthquakes. We experienced a 7.8 while there and our room remained quite stable. (unlike my nerves!) The rooms are a nice size, with very large bathrooms w/spa t...

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CHRISTCHURCH

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 667 reviews

PEDRO'S HOUSE OF LAMB


17b Papanui Road, Merivale
Christchurch, 8014
Tel: +64 3-387 0707

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Christopher N
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Excellent! These guys do one thing, literally one dish, and they do it to PERFECTION.

IMO these guys are Michelin Star quality but I also don't want them to get a Michelin star so I don't have to book 3 days in advance for some lamb.



 *Based on 322 reviews

TWENTY SEVEN STEPS

16 New Regent Street,
Christchurch, 8011
Tel: +64 3-366 2727

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Marie G
Reviewed 5/01/2017*



Absolutely delicious food. Lovely staff. Fast no fuss service. Highly recommend. Close to theatre. Great old chch street rebuilt

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CHRISTCHURCH

WINE & DINE



  *Based on 380 reviews



NOBANNO

1060 Ferry Road,
Christchurch,
Tel: +64 3-943 5970

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Valerie W
Reviewed 6/01/2017

I loved the chicken special with it's mango sauce - Flavourful spices, rather than hot spices and sugar like some of the Indian restaurants here. Also tasted two veggie and one shrimp main of my fellow diners - all tasty. Colourful and delicious sauces accompanied the starters and was beautifully presented. This restaurant was still vivid in my mind since I ate here 4 years ago. Though we drove much further than we'd normally go for an evening ou...



  *Based on 370 reviews

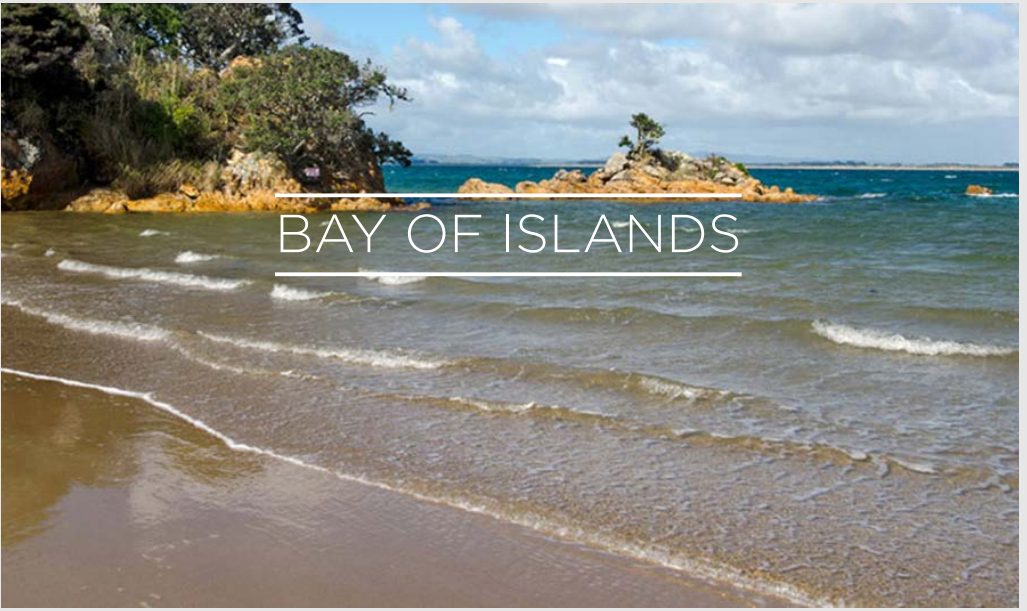
ADDINGTON COFFEE CO-OP

297 Lincoln Rd, Addington
Christchurch, 8024
Tel: +64 3-943 1662

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
fludlle
Reviewed 8/01/2017

We go to another top Brunch spot almost every weekend here in christchurch and felt like we were cheating on it by even considering another place, however it was definitely worth it! Super busy which we actually love, very efficient and friendly staff and the coffee is just amazing, our meals came quick and were super! We bought a bag of coffee too!

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BAY OF ISLANDS

The Bay of Islands is a stunning sub-tropical region that consists of over 144 islands and is only a 3-hour drive from Auckland. Day and multiple-day tours will take you all around the region to discover the best sites. Ideal for fishing, sailing, swimming, and walking, the various towns and islands provide a unique touch of the northern New Zealand coastline.

HIGHLIGHTS



Paihia

Paihia is a perfect place to stay and explore the Northland region.



Russell

Russell is an easy day-trip from Paihia by ferry.



Opua

Opua is popular for diving, snorkelling and coastal walks.



Waitangi

Another stunning region of the Bay of Islands.

OPUA

Opua is often the first glimpse of the Bay of Islands you'll catch if you're travelling from Auckland. A quiet, subdued coastal town, the wharf and water are the centre of activity. Opua is popular for diving, snorkelling and coastal walks. The popular walk from Opua to Paihia covers 1.5km of the unique Northland environment, from beach to mangrove, to colourful blossoms. A popular couple's destination, boutique bed and breakfasts provide amazing coastal views and secluded serenity.

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PAIHIA

A bustling seaside town, Paihia is a perfect place to stay and explore the Northland region and go on day trips to other towns. Described as 'The Jewel of the Bay of Islands', you can go sailing, sea kayaking, fishing, or picnicking along the gorgeous beaches. Many tour services operate to historic Maori sites like Cape Reinga, the Hauru Falls and Tane Mahuta forest. Enjoy one of the many live music events or festivals held throughout the year.



RUSSELL

Russell is an easy day-trip from Paihia by ferry. Food and music lovers will enjoy the atmosphere and attractions here, and the water is clear, clean, blue, and serene. Hire a yacht, go swimming or walk to the famous flagpole to absorb the ultimate view. Beat the summer and winter crowds by visiting in spring or autumn.



WAITANGI


Waitangi is historically significant to New Zealanders: it's the site where New Zealand's founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi, was first signed between the Maori and British. Discover more about Waitangi's historical past and the Maori culture by visiting the Treaty Grounds. Another stunning region of the Bay of Islands, Waitangi is a 30-minute walk from Paihia, and offers plenty of seaside activities.



BAY OF ISLANDS

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 366 reviews


KAURI PARK MOTEL

512 Kerikeri Road,
Kerikeri, 0293
Tel: +6494077629

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
damour6566
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

Loved our stay here. Great amenities, private and super friendly and respectful hosts. Fab private pool area with bbq and seating with fairy lights. Didn't want to leave! Great location close to everything you can do in Kerikeri. The hosts were super helpful and we thought the price was good.



 *Based on 563 reviews

BREAKWATER MOTEL

1 Bayview Road, Bay of Islands
Paihia, 0200
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
kiwimusume
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


Nice, spacious room with comfortable bed, full kitchen and barbecue. The people who run it are really nice - Lynn asked if I was doing any tours and phoned the tour operator for me to confirm the pickup time.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

BAY OF ISLANDS

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 892 reviews

COOK'S LOOKOUT MOTEL

9 Causeway Road, P.O. Box 380
Paihia, 0257
Tel: +6498879449

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Diana B
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

We stayed here over Christmas in one of the studio apartments. Was lovely to have our own space and balcony with the most incredible views. Certainly felt like paradise waking up here on Christmas Day!!!

Norm and Shelagh were very welcoming and helpful.

Only downside was the cooking facilities , which were a little disappointing- no oven and only small plug-in two ring hob.

That said, we would definitely return here and recommend highly... the fa...



 *Based on 409 reviews

ANCHORAGE MOTEL

2 Marsden Road,
Paihia,
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
neener63
Reviewed 7/01/2017*


As everyone else has mentioned - the motel is immaculate (inside and out). The kitchen is well appointed and served our breakfast needs. We used the BBQ one night as well. We loved eating our dinner outside by the pool. The beds and bedding were excellent. The room layout worked really well with our children in the bedroom with the single beds and we were able to stay up later in the front. The only downside (and not fault of the motel) is t...

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BAY OF ISLANDS

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 549 reviews


FOOD AT WHAREPUKE

190 Kerikeri Road,
Kerikeri, 0230
Tel: +64 9-407 8936

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
RiverstoneLodg
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Went with family on the Friday. Had Thai banquet which was delicious. The waitress found us a place inside the cafe even though it was fully booked. Food again was tasty and well presented. Staff were friendly and attentive. Generous portions. Atmosphere was buzzing. Summer is such a busy time for the restaurant. You need to book. Worth a visit. Our favourite restaurant.



 *Based on 397 reviews

THE ITALIANS

35 Kerikeri Rd,
Kerikeri, 0245
Tel: +64 9-407 5115

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Val L
Reviewed 7/01/2017*


Beautifully balanced flavours with a very extensive menu. The food was mouthwateringly tasty and obviously made with love. Definitely recommend.

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BAY OF ISLANDS

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 666 reviews


THE GABLES RESTAURANT

19 The Strand,
Russell, 0202
Tel: +64 9-403 7670

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
hootermoss
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Had dinner with family on new yrs eve and had a wonderful meal. Service was slow while waiting for a table but they were busy, once seated service was good. Very pleasant all round experience.



 *Based on 282 reviews

EL CAFE

2 Kings Road,
Paihia, 0200
Tel: +64 9-402 7637

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Nicole G
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

Just got coffee which was really nice. Saw some peoples breakfast come out and it looked pretty good.

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ROTORUA AND TAURANGA

Rotorua is in the Bay of Plenty region on the southern shores of Lake Rotorua. A 2.5 hour drive from Auckland, it is an unforgettable city to visit while exploring the North Island's vast geographic regions.

Rotorua is a unique environment scattered with hot springs, mud pools, lakes, and forests. Pamper yourself with body treatments and luxury spas, get in touch with New Zealand nature, or get your heart beating with adventure activities. Tauranga is the most heavily populated city in the Bay of Plenty region and the city's harbour is a beautiful backdrop to the many different coastal walks and seaside activities.

HIGHLIGHTS



Geothermal Springs

Visit Rotorua's unique thermal springs.



Rotorua Tours

Explore the Rotorua forests and waters.



Swim with Dolphins

In the clear waters of the Bay of Plenty.



Tasting Tours

The region also accommodates food and wine lovers.

TASTING TOURS

The Bay of Plenty region accommodates food and wine lovers. You'll be able to sample wines from boutique and world-class wineries with Tauranga Tasting Tours. If you're after a full-day trip, take a 6-hour tour of leading wineries and restaurants, finishing with sublime views over Tauranga Harbour, cocktails in hand.



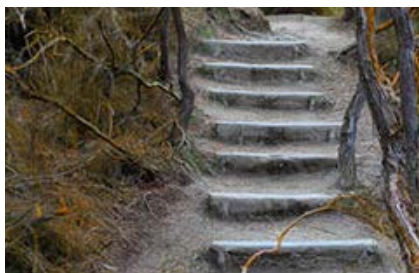
GEOTHERMAL SPRINGS

Rotorua's unique thermal springs were first discovered as early as 1874 and provide a therapeutic, sensual experience unique to this region. Whether you prefer a dip in the natural environment or in a special day spa retreat, Rotorua will be a relaxing and rejuvenating stopover. The Polynesian Spa is just one of the day spas offering couples and family pools, and treatments overlooking the stunning landscape.



ROTORUA TOURS

To explore the Rotorua forests and waters you can take a paddle tour or a 'forest zipline' canopy tour and fully immerse yourself in New Zealand wilderness. Use a stand-up-paddle to master the waters of Lake Rotorua, Lake Rotoiti and the Maketu Coast. With the sparkling water literally at your feet, enjoy the serenity while under the supervision of expert instructors. The canopy tours offer a 3-hour unique and educational adventure through virgin native forest.



SWIM WITH DOLPHINS



The warm, clear and safe waters of the Bay of Plenty are perfect to explore the marine wildlife, including various dolphin species. Tauranga is thriving with tour operators specialising in dolphin watching, swimming with dolphins, snorkelling, and kayaking. Day trips that depart from Tauranga and include equipment and food.



ROTORUA AND TAURANGA

ACCOMMODATION



  *Based on 614 reviews



QUEST ROTORUA CENTRAL

1192 Hinemoa Street,
Rotorua, 3010
Tel: +6477880158

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
13Susan
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

We stayed at Quest Rotorua Central for 4 nights, and we loved it! The location is great, close to supermarket, cafe, and restaurants. Staff members are very helpful. They also offer voucher for some activities at Rotorua, make sure you ask at time of booking.



  *Based on 1147 reviews

SPORT OF KINGS MOTEL

6 Peace St, Fenton Park
Rotorua, 3010
Tel: +6478085053

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
DannyD2009
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


This is our second visit to Sport of Kings and we have not regretted it for a moment. From the welcome, to the quality of the room, to the location. Still the same high standards we received on our previous visit. Had a room with a private spa this time and certainly a good choice. Spotless, quiet and relaxing. Looking forward to our next visit.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

ROTORUA AND TAURANGA

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 798 reviews


ARISTA OF ROTORUA

296 Fenton Street,
Rotorua, 3010
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
ManojD75
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Stayed 3 nights with family (couple plus 7 year old boy). We booked directly, check-in was smooth. Rooms are spacious with private outdoor spa (our son loved the spa). Great place for families. Recommended



 *Based on 900 reviews

SILVER FERN ROTORUA ACCOMMODATION AND SPA

326 Fenton Street,
Rotorua, 3010
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Lynda J
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


Great accomodation. Very neat, clean and plenty of room for a family of five. Staff were very helpful with suggestions of things to do. Good location, bit of a walk to town but do able. Central to everything. Highly recommend.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

ROTORUA AND TAURANGA

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 350 reviews


CIABATTA CAFE AND BAKERY

38 White Street,
Rotorua, 3010
Tel: +64 7-348 3332

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Fogs32
Reviewed 7/01/2017

This is a bustling little bakery cafe in an industrial area between Rotorua city area and the redwoods. The food is great. The bread is excellent. We bought a loaf to take on a walk and picnic, and even though they don't have an automatic slicer the lady working there simply said we are slicers and carved the whole loaf for us by hand.



 *Based on 180 reviews

PIZZERIA IMPERFETTO

1176 Pukaki Street,
Rotorua, 3010
Tel: +64 7-347 7851

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Kelvin L
Reviewed 8/01/2017


My wife and I stopped in at Pizzeria Imperfetto after reading the reviews on TA and after we had a hankering for pizza and I'm glad we did!! We got there early as we had not made a reservation and we knew Rotorua was busy! I'm glad we got there early as they were basically turning people away after that! We ordered two pizzas and a garlic bread to start. The pizza was superb, in fact some of the best I've had in NZ, the service was friendly, per...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

ROTORUA AND TAURANGA

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 302 reviews


ALI BABA'S TUNISIAN TAKEAWAYS

1146 Tutaneikai Street, Central City
Rotorua, 3010
Tel: +64 7-348 2983

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
ccwallington
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

Good portions for a reasonable price. I had the berber rice meal twice, it was excellent both times. The staff couldn't be friendlier. Highly recommended!



 *Based on 507 reviews

SABROSO

1184 Haupapa Street,
Rotorua, 3010
Tel: +64 7-349 0591

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
glutenfree4life
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Taste was very good and service was great. The lady chef came and asked us several times on how the food was. For drinks we had margaritas and sangria. Both were good. The dessert trio was good too though we really didn't care for the avocado cream but that's a personal choice. The restaurant is quite small with seating for 6,7 tables but the decor was nice and it did not feel crowded. At \$45 pp for the set menu for NYE, it was a pretty good deal.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017



Queenstown is an adventure and resort paradise in the south-west of New Zealand's South Island. The lake and alpine town offers unbeatable views, experiences and accommodation, year-round. The winter months provide incredible ski and snow attractions, while the other months offer many sporting, spa and relaxing pursuits.

HIGHLIGHTS



Bungee Jumping

Queenstown is an iconic destination for bungee jumping and adrenaline activities.



4WD Lord of the Rings

Delve into stunning Lord of the Rings scenery.



Paragliffs

A thrilling paraflight through Queenstown.



White Water Sledging

A 6 km trail of grade-3 series rapids.

LORD OF THE RINGS TOUR

Delve into stunning Lord of the Rings scenery by taking an Off-Road Queenstown 4WD adventure into the glaciers, lakes, forests, and peaks Tolkien made famous. Travel in 4WD comfort through the rugged landscape, get perfect photos and even insider Lord of the Rings secrets. Without the need to navigate, you can sit back and watch the scenery come to life, with no need for a musical soundtrack.



BUNGY JUMPING

Queenstown is an iconic destination for bungee jumping and adrenaline activities. If you're in the market for a hair-raising or stomach-dropping jump, Ledge Bungee is located in the centre of Queenstown and is the only night-operating bungee service. The sparkling lights of Queenstown will flicker right before you as you dangle from the 400 metre-high ledge. If simple jumps are too bland for you, you can mix it up with a twist, run, spin or flip. There's no backing out (and no shortage of other jumps to try if you get addicted!).



WHITE WATER SLEDGING

The Southern Lakes region of New Zealand is famous for intense rapids and a trip down the mighty Kawarau River is unlike any other water adventure on offer around the world. Even if this is your first time diving into water sports, you don't need any experience, just an adventurous spirit. Frogz will take you on a 6 km trail of grade-3 series rapids.



PARAFLIGHTS


Combine water and air adventures with a thrilling paraflight above Queenstown. You'll possibly have a smoother take-off and landing than most aeroplane flights to Queenstown, and with the added benefit of staying dry (if you choose to), it's a highlight for travellers of all ages. Open every day of the year, Queenstown Paraflights caters for large or small groups, and promises the ultimate Queenstown views.



QUEENSTOWN

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 730 reviews

QUEENSTOWN PARK BOUTIQUE HOTEL


21 Robins Road,
Queenstown, 9300
Tel: +6436694681

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
MtnD0g
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

We stayed at QPH for 4 nights in Dec/Jan. The hotel is immaculate. Great view of the park, exceptionally clean, great amenities. The room we stayed in, room 11 I think, was a great place to come home to after a day out in Queenstown and surrounding areas. The room had a small kitchenette, a fridge, and a sink, which meant we didn't have to eat out every night.

The staff really makes the hotel awesome. They helped us arrange trips, made dinn...



 *Based on 807 reviews

THE DAIRY PRIVATE HOTEL

10 Isle Street,
Queenstown, 9300
Tel:

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
The_hammonds_11
Reviewed 5/01/2017*

The friendliest of welcomes with a glass of bubbles. Quaint hotel, room was cosy, comfy bed. Couple things in bathroom needed attention (shower leaked, missing door hooks - to hang robes after hot tub). Room had small balcony on Main Street with lots of passing traffic to gondola and crazy golf, slightly noisy but good for people watching!



Use of hot tub.
Breakfast great selection of food,
choice of 3 time sittings
Short walk into town.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

QUEENSTOWN

ACCOMMODATION



  *Based on 511 reviews



VILLA DEL LAGO

249 Frankton Road,
Queenstown, 9300
Tel: +6436671587

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
sarah14387
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

LOVED this place from the moment we arrived. Stayed for 4 nights over Christmas. Location is just stunning, views of the lake and mountains right outside our door. Room itself was very very modern, and had all that we needed and more. Main bed and sofa bed extremely comfortable. Great size, kitchen fully equipped. Heated floor in bathroom such a fantastic added bonus! Washing facilities, huge fridge/freezer, excellent gas fireplace... I ju...



  *Based on 496 reviews

GLEEBE APARTMENTS

1 Beetham Street,
Queenstown, 9300
Tel: +6436671587

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Ismlady
Reviewed 3/01/2017*



We enjoyed our stay at the Gleebe Apartment. It is located a few blocks from the downtown core. We were able to walk to all our downtown destinations in 5 to 10 minutes. Our studio unit was very spacious; we had more square feet than any of the other places we stayed in New Zealand. It was nicely furnished and had a small kitchen. There is a grocery store a couple blocks away. We did not need our rental car. The unit did not have a washer...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

QUEENSTOWN

WINE & DINE



  *Based on 105 reviews



PERKY'S - FLOATING BAR

, Queenstown Bay
Queenstown, 9300
Tel: +64 21 664 043

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Adamlidd
Reviewed 6/01/2017

Awesome place for a beer and chill out with a cool view! Amazing host and even better you can bring your dog aboard.



  *Based on 501 reviews

VKNOW

Cnr Fernhill Road & Richards Park Lane,
Queenstown,
Tel: 442 5444

Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Geoff W
Reviewed 8/01/2017


We found this restaurant gem on our last night in Queenstown. A fantastic dining experience. Especially recommend the venison with mushroom risotto, seafood bowl and the pizzas. Well worth booking to make sure you don't miss out.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

QUEENSTOWN

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 631 reviews


PEDRO'S HOUSE OF LAMB QUEENSTOWN

47 Gorge Road,
Queenstown, 9300
Tel: +64 3-441 4526

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Prestidgep
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

Just a quick call ahead had a shoulder of delicious fall of the bone lamb and potatoes. For \$45.00 to feed 2 people, a bargain and so delish.



 *Based on 656 reviews

TACO MEDIC

5-17 Church Street,
Queenstown, 9300
Tel: +64 274 271 427

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
MTWare1
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

I should preface this review with the fact that I grew up in Texas where you can get some amazing tacos. The tacos we had at Taco Medic were pretty good, probably among the best you can get in New Zealand but not up to the best of Texas.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

WELLINGTON



Wellington is New Zealand's capital and its second-highest populated city. A short flight from Sydney Airport, it's a perfect, short escape for couples and families. Close to renowned wineries and restaurants, Wellington is full of sensory delights and experiences.

HIGHLIGHTS



Seal Coast Safari

A 3-hour tour operating twice-daily from Wellington.



Cable Car

Jump on the historic Wellington cable car for a picturesque ride.



Zealandia

The Sanctuary gives a glimpse into unique and bizarre wildlife.



Zest Food Tours

Zest Food Tours is a gourmet walking tour through Wellington.

SEAL COAST SAFARI

A 3-hour tour, operating twice-daily from Wellington, this is a hands-on taste of Wellington scenery and wildlife through the rugged south coast. You're guaranteed to see seals no matter what time of year you visit, and the great views will make for an all-round great New Zealand adventure.



WELLINGTON CABLE CAR

Jump on the historic Wellington cable car for a picturesque ride from Lambton Quay to Kelburn (and avoid the steep hills!). The cable car is so popular it runs every 10 minutes and promises ideal views of the CBD and harbour. A return trip takes only 20 minutes, but if you choose to take a single trip you can walk home through the beautiful hills and get a closer view of Wellington sites.



ZEALANDIA

Wellington is gifted with numerous attractions which celebrate Wellington and Maori culture, and New Zealand wildlife. 'Zealandia', the Karori Sanctuary, is an amazing glimpse into unique and bizarre wildlife native to New Zealand. Take the nocturnal tour to try and spot a Kiwi! A protected sanctuary, you will see lizards, birds, tuatara (a dinosaur-era species), and more within the beautiful grounds.



ZEST FOOD TOURS


If you'd rather someone pick the best of Wellington's 300 different restaurants, cafes and bars for you, a guided tour may be a good idea, if you're short on time. Zest Food Tours is a gourmet walking tour through Wellington's hot spots. Recommended by Lonely Planet, Zest takes you to the insider areas of the Cuba and Courtenay Quarters, where cheese, coffee, chocolate, and regional produce abound.



WELLINGTON

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 659 reviews


AT HOME WELLINGTON

Level 4 181 Wakefield Street,
Wellington, 6011
Tel: +6448871285

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
H2OAlgae
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

We stayed here only one night prior to our ferry crossing. The security entry to the At Home Wellington was a bit quirky, but pay attention to the directions on your reservation confirmation. The apartment manager was very helpful and friendly. Best of all, we had a small kitchenette with a combo washer/ dryer. By the time the ferry sailed we had clean clothes, fully packed. The king bed was comfortable and we had a balcony.



 *Based on 158 reviews

SOFITEL WELLINGTON

11 Bolton Street,
Wellington, 6011
Tel: +6498879341

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
ok_xin
Reviewed 9/12/2016*

I am very disappointed that I received a call this morning from Sofitel telling me they have fire in their restaurant and the hotel is closed. Hence the hotel cannot accommodate my prepayment stay of the interconnecting luxury room and superior room for 2 nights on 21 & 22 December in Sofitel (booking made in October).


My main purpose of driving from Nelson to Picton to catch the interislander to Wellington is to stay in Sofitel, (then drive to...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

WELLINGTON

ACCOMMODATION



 *Based on 1243 reviews


INTERCONTINENTAL WELLINGTON

2 Grey Street,
Wellington, 6011
Tel: +18778595095

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Karl M
Reviewed 8/01/2017*

I booked three rooms at the hotel, and when I arrived they upgraded one of the rooms to the same level as the other two I booked. The concierge staff on arrival in our hire vehicle were very attentive and welcoming. Our rooms were the newly refurbished one's and they were very comfortable and quiet. Highly recommend this hotel and is in a perfect location for tourists.



 *Based on 1275 reviews

BOLTON HOTEL WELLINGTON

12 Bolton Street, Lambton CBD
Wellington, 6011
Tel: +6448871871

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
aus59
Reviewed 8/01/2017*


This hotel has a mix of room types. We stayed in a 2 bedroom apartment. It was very spacious. There was a living room and a kitchenette. Both bedrooms had ensuites which was nice. The apartment was nicely furnished and was spotless. One side of the apartment overlooked another building so there isn't much privacy. The other side overlooked a church/cemetery. I recommend walking through the cemetery as it has an interesting history. We didn't find...

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

WELLINGTON

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 881 reviews

ORTEGA FISH SHACK

16 Majorbanks Street,
Wellington,
Tel: +64 4-382 9559

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Happy B
Reviewed 3/01/2017*

The service was good and friendly. We ordered some oysters which were nice and fresh. We ordered the paua with spaghetti starter which was quite nice. The whitebait omelette was just okay as we couldn't really taste the whitebait. For the mains, we had the flounder in seaweed butter was very impressive as well as the snapper. We had catalan crepes for dessert which were also nice. Pricy place, but good food.



 *Based on 168 reviews

ORPHEUS

24 Allen Street,
Wellington, 6011
Tel: +64 4-384 1181

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Minh-Dang T
Reviewed 6/01/2017*

If you are looking for a restaurant with a difference, this is the place to go to. My wife and I are from Sydney and we visited New Orleans in 2014 and has a fantastic time, so imagine our delight to find a New Orleans restaurant in Wellington.


Upon arriving, we were greeted by a friendly gentleman with a New Orleans accent so that was a positive start for us.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

WELLINGTON

WINE & DINE



 *Based on 998 reviews


LOGAN BROWN

192 Cuba Street,
Wellington, 6011
Tel: +64 4-801 5114

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
brettdtsvl
Reviewed 7/01/2017*

The food was of a high quality the wine list was expensive but there were a couple of bargains to be found Few minor points where service struggled but staff were pleasant Bonus was the three piece live band playing that added to the ambience



 *Based on 440 reviews

PIZZERIA NAPOLI

30 Courtenay Place,
Wellington, 6011
Tel: +64 4-802 5908

*Review by TripAdvisor Traveller
Don M
Reviewed 4/01/2017*

This seems to be the best pizza place in Wellington, the Peroni on tap is ideally suited to calzone and pizza, and there is a good selection of Italian wines should you prefer. The staff are always smiling and attentive, the place really hums and it's no wonder that it's always busy, generally a reliable sign of a popular restaurant.

*TripAdvisor ratings and reviews accurate as of January 2017

INFORMATION

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- **Rain gear** - For New Zealand's famous 4 seasons in a day!
- **Warm outfits** - The South Island is a lot colder than up north.
- **Sandals** - For those warm summer days!
- **Hiking shoes** - New Zealand has world-class hiking.
- **Bathers and towel** - Some of the best beaches in the world are located here.
- **Insect repellent** - Avoid those pesky mosquitos.
- **Sun tan lotion** - The sun is strong here!
- **Camera** - Don't forget a single moment of your trip!

INFORMATION

TRAVEL TIPS

- Plan your visit to Sydney Airport by doing some research on the airport and your terminal, whether it be T1, T2 or T3.
- Check the security regulations in relation to what you can and cannot take through the security screening point and onto an aircraft, including prohibited items, dangerous goods, and liquids, aerosols, and gels (LAGs).
- Check your baggage allowance with your airline.
- Use the directional signage at the terminal to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey through the airport.
- Ensure that your driver's licence can be used in your country of destination or that you have organised an international driver's licence.
- If you have not already purchased travel insurance along with your ticket, you can purchase it at Sydney Airport at the Last Chance Travel Insurance located in the International Terminal (T1) after Customs. Alternatively, purchase insurance at any Travelex outlet or the Australia Post Shop at International Terminal (T1) located before Customs, near check-in counter J.

GET TO THE AIRPORT

- Make sure you have plenty of time ahead of check-in. If you are unsure as to when you should arrive at the airport, contact your airline directly.

GET READY FOR BOARDING

- Security screening – whether your destination is within Australia or overseas, allow sufficient time to proceed through security screening.
- **Australian Customs and Border Protection Service** – allow sufficient time to proceed through Customs and Border Protection.
- **Passports** – must be valid for a minimum of six months ahead of your departing date for most countries. We strongly recommend you verify exact requirements with your airline.
- **Boarding passes** – issued at the airline check-in counter upon presentation of your ticket reservation (printed e-ticket) or booking confirmation number along with your valid passport.
- **Immigration cards** – available before you enter Customs and Border Protection. The cards must be filled out and presented to the Customs and Border Protection Officer along with your passport and boarding pass.
- **Find your departing gate** using display screens. These screens are available in the airline check-in area and at each departure gate.

RELAX

- At Sydney airport, you have plenty of options to shop while you are waiting to board your flight. Remember that all duty free purchases must be finalised 20 minutes before your flight departs.

INFORMATION

YOUR DESTINATION



DISTANCE FROM SYDNEY

3 hours 25 minutes



WHEN TO GO

Peak: November
-February
Shoulder: March-May
Off Peak: June-October



LANGUAGE

English, Maori



WEATHER

Summer: 20°-30°
Winter: 10°-15°



TIME ZONE

UTC/GMT +12 hours
2 hours ahead of Sydney



CURRENCY

New Zealand Dollar (NZD)
The Big Mac Index: \$5.50
NZD