

NEW ZEALAND TOURING MAP

North Island

Aotearoa, New Zealand

New Zealand's extraordinary geography offers a hugely diverse range of unique things to do, which makes it easy for you to actively experience the breathtaking landscape in all its purity.

Whether you're kayaking, horse-riding, cycling, skiing, wine tasting, or simply relaxing you will be surrounded by world-class scenery second to none.

Auckland & Northland

Auckland is the largest city in New Zealand but it is the diversity of experiences in such close proximity that makes the region unique. From black sand beaches to amazing dining, rain forests to shopping. Views from the Sky Tower are amazing both day and night. The Waitangi Treaty Grounds and Kerikeri are great places to learn about New Zealand's history. Northland is well known for its magnificent native forests, including Waipoua, home of the giant kauri tree - Tāne Mahuta.

Western North Island

Visit the summit of snow-topped, volcanic, Mount Taranaki or explore national park that surrounds the mountain, or kayak and journey down the Whanganui River – New Zealand's longest navigable waterway. For an adrenalin rush try a rafting trip on the Rangitikei River. All three of the region's cities are known for their beautiful gardens, art galleries and innovative museums.



Lower North Island

The lower North Island is a great place for indulging your passions for fine wine, art, theatre and creative cuisine. Soak up New Zealand's traditional and contemporary culture in the museums, galleries and boutiques of the country's capital city, Wellington. Wairarapa offers a diverse experience for those who appreciate great wine and character accommodation. On the Kapiti Coast you'll find an island wildlife sanctuary, fantastic golf and artisan food producers.

Whangarei	819	624	626	285	376	450	404	698	539	155	297	675	170
Wellington	195	452	584	548	380	462	145	355	334	983	533	550	660
Wanganui	370	434	391	222	305	74	160	252	779	327	468	454	
Wairoa	380	308	252	222	296	529	118	781	329	98	456		
Thames	115	205	158	454	349	347	440	107	413	115			
Tauranga	167	86	417	398	311	531	107	298	206				
Taupo	82	249	296	143	605	153	350	280					
Rotorua	331	312	225	561	107	287	234						
Palmerston North	234	178	853	401	394	528							
New Plymouth	412	694	242	599	369								
Napier	748	296	216	423									
Kaitiaki	452	829	325										
Hamilton	394	127											
Gisborne	504												
Auckland													

State Highway	1
Main Road	2
Railway	3
NZ Great Walks	4
Road Distance	5
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North Island Themed Highways

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Twin Coast Discovery Highway: This route begins in Auckland and travels north, tracing both coasts to Cape Reinga and back. Highlights include a procession of beautiful beaches, opportunities for fishing, surfing, diving and dolphin encounters; cultural experiences at Waitangi; forest hikes and craft shopping.

Pacific Coast Highway: Linking The Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and Eastland with Auckland in the north and Hawke's Bay in the south, covering spectacular coastlines, forest wilderness and grape growing districts. The cities of Tauranga, Gisborne, Napier and Hastings will satisfy your urge to wine, dine and shop.

Thermal Explorer: Running between Auckland and Hawke's Bay and travelling through the volcanic centre of the island. Discover the Waitomo caves, geothermal areas in Rotorua and Lake Taupo, the amazing Tongariro National Park and Hawke's Bay Wine Country. When combined, the Pacific Coast Highway and Thermal Explorer are known as The Great New Zealand Touring Route.

Forgotten World Highway: While it's only 150 kilometres long, the Forgotten World Highway (otherwise known as State Highway 43) is a memorable driving journey. Built on 19th century bridle paths, the highway connects Taumarunui to Stratford. The route wriggles its way over four mountain saddles, through an eerie one-way tunnel and along a sinuous river gorge.

Surf Highway 45: The 105-kilometre highway that hugs the Taranaki coast is known as Surf Highway 45. One after another, magnificent surf beaches entice you to park the car and catch a wave.

Classic New Zealand Wine Trail: This route links the regions that produce 70% of New Zealand's wine - Hawke's Bay, Martinborough and Marlborough - with capital city Wellington. Enjoy wonderful wine, innovative cuisine and character accommodation, with art galleries, live theatre and museums as a cultural bonus.

Other North Island Scenic Routes

These routes are not specifically signposted.

Western Bays Highway: This peaceful route takes you through the heartland of the North Island, from Turangi, skirting the Pureora Forest Park. It then crosses an amazing landscape of pine forest and hydro lakes along the Waikato River, to the forestry town of Tokoroa.

Volcanic Loop: From the trout town of Turangi, you can circle the volcanoes of Tongariro National Park. On a clear day, you'll enjoy spectacular views of the mountains and the surrounding volcanic terrain. The 'Desert Road' cuts across the desolate Rangipo Desert, returning through Turangi along the lakeside to Taupo.



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South Island and Stewart Island

Transport options in New Zealand

Many destinations in New Zealand are just hours from each other. An extensive network of air, train and road services mean most places can be reached by public transport. Buses and coaches link up with rail and ferry operators to take you the length of the country, and air travel is also available to most destinations. If you're going to drive around New Zealand (a popular option) driving tips, licences and permits, road rules, recommended trips and general information can all be found on newzealand.com

Nelson & Marlborough

The top of the South Island has exceptionally beautiful terrain, with three national parks, the amazing Marlborough Sounds and lots of warm sunshine. The region boasts some of the finest Sauvignon Blanc in the world and is popular for hiking, cycling, sea kayaking, sailing and fishing. You'll also have many opportunities to improve your art collection – glass artists, painters, potters and sculptors welcome visitors into their studios.

Canterbury & the West Coast

Canterbury's landscape is filled with green pastures and friendly country towns. The buzzing hub of the region, Christchurch, is a stylish modern city with a mix of interesting architecture and parks to relax in. Hanmer Springs is close by, boasting natural spa baths with stunning mountain views. Also not far is Kaikoura, famous for its crayfish and whale watching safaris. Approximately five hours' drive south west is the spectacular Aoraki Mount Cook and National Park, where you'll find the tallest peak in New Zealand. You can helicopter, skydive or hike over Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers or take in their beauty from a short walk to their bases. Punakaiki's pancake rocks are a must see.

Southern Lakes

Queenstown and Wanaka's world famous beauty changes with every season. In winter the mountains are alive with snowboarders and skiers; in spring and summer, adventures on offer range from golf and horse trekking to bungee jumping and jet boating. A scenic drive south takes you to Fiordland where glacier-cut valleys half-filled with deep green water, cascading waterfalls

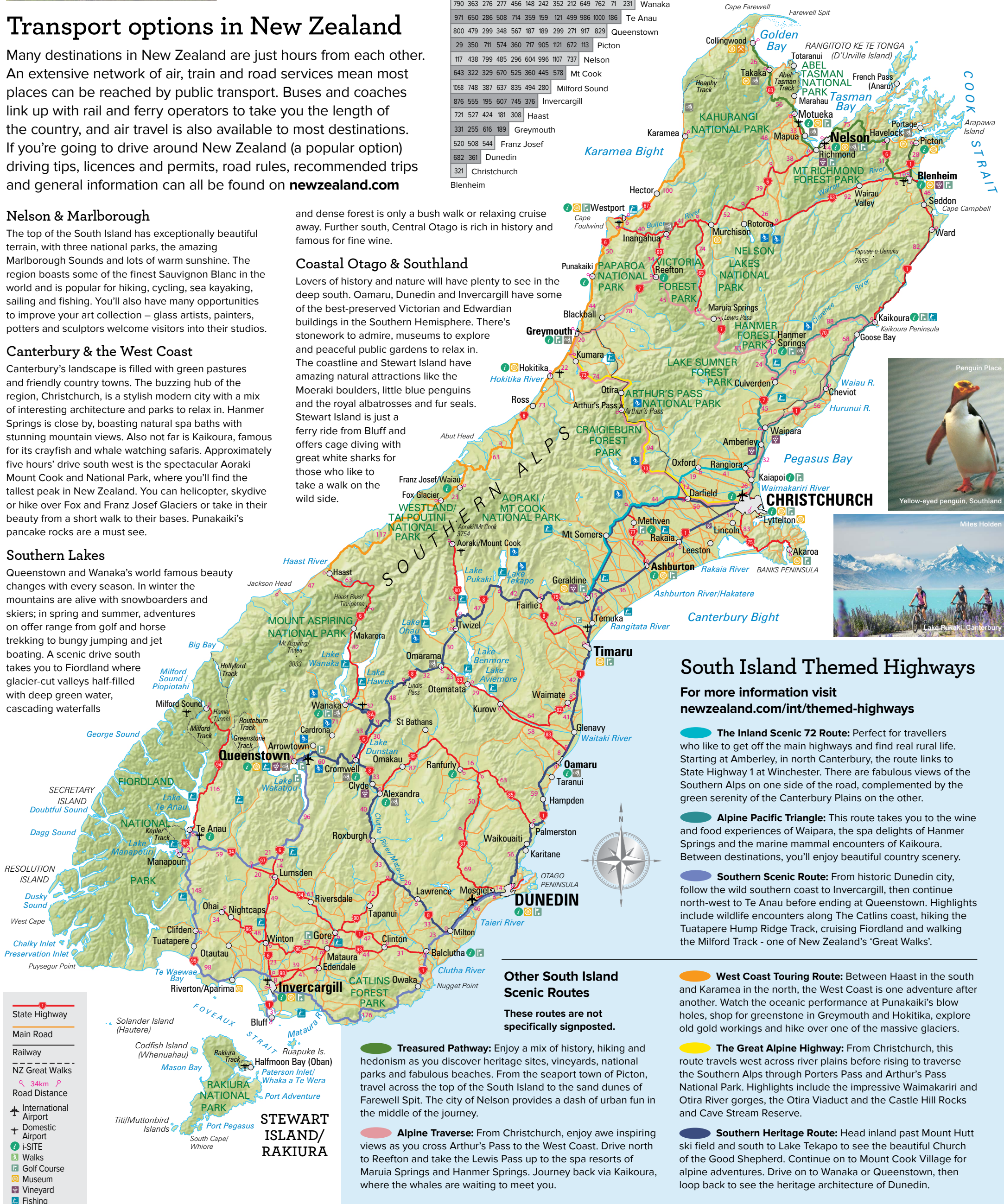
and dense forest is only a bush walk or relaxing cruise away. Further south, Central Otago is rich in history and famous for fine wine.

Coastal Otago & Southland

Lovers of history and nature will have plenty to see in the deep south. Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill have some of the best-preserved Victorian and Edwardian buildings in the Southern Hemisphere. There's stonework to admire, museums to explore and peaceful public gardens to relax in. The coastline and Stewart Island have amazing natural attractions like the Moeraki boulders, little blue penguins and the royal albatrosses and fur seals. Stewart Island is just a ferry ride from Bluff and offers cage diving with great white sharks for those who like to take a walk on the wild side.

Kilometres (km)

265	360	658	294	105	413	849	921	630	211	324	600	863	561	Westport
790	363	276	277	456	148	242	352	212	649	762	71	231		Wanaka
971	650	286	508	714	359	159	121	499	986	1000	186			Te Anau
800	479	299	348	567	187	189	299	271	917	829				Queenstown
29	350	711	574	360	717	905	1121	672	113					Picton
117	438	799	485	296	604	996	1107	737						Nelson
643	322	329	670	525	360	445	578							Mt Cook
1058	748	387	637	835	494	280								Milford Sound
876	555	195	607	745	376									Invercargill
721	527	424	181	308										Haast
331	255	616	189											Greymouth
520	508	544												Franz Josef
682	361													Dunedin
321														Christchurch
														Blenheim



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- The Inland Scenic 72 Route:** Perfect for travellers who like to get off the main highways and find real rural life. Starting at Amberley, in north Canterbury, the route links to State Highway 1 at Winchester. There are fabulous views of the Southern Alps on one side of the road, complemented by the green serenity of the Canterbury Plains on the other.
- Alpine Pacific Triangle:** This route takes you to the wine and food experiences of Waipara, the spa delights of Hanmer Springs and the marine mammal encounters of Kaikoura. Between destinations, you'll enjoy beautiful country scenery.
- Southern Scenic Route:** From historic Dunedin city, follow the wild southern coast to Invercargill, then continue north-west to Te Anau before ending at Queenstown. Highlights include wildlife encounters along The Catlins coast, hiking the Tuatapere Hump Ridge Track, cruising Fiordland and walking the Milford Track - one of New Zealand's 'Great Walks'.

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- Treasured Pathway:** Enjoy a mix of history, hiking and hedonism as you discover heritage sites, vineyards, national parks and fabulous beaches. From the seaport town of Picton, travel across the top of the South Island to the sand dunes of Farewell Spit. The city of Nelson provides a dash of urban fun in the middle of the journey.
- Alpine Traverse:** From Christchurch, enjoy awe inspiring views as you cross Arthur's Pass to the West Coast. Drive north to Reefton and take the Lewis Pass up to the spa resorts of Maruia Springs and Hanmer Springs. Journey back via Kaikoura, where the whales are waiting to meet you.



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