

# Explore New Zealand

New Zealand is a land of immense and diverse landscapes. You'll experience natural wonders and unique culture here that you won't find anywhere else in the world.

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New Zealand has myriad different events on throughout the year, from sports fixtures to [cultural festivals](#). Add one to your itinerary before or after your conference.

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## North Island

### Northland

Subtropical Northland is a water lover's paradise offering swimming, snorkelling, diving, dolphin watching and boating. Also be sure to explore lush rainforests, and learn more about our Maori culture at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds



Whangarei, Northland



Hobbiton, Waikato

**Hamilton –  
Waikato**

Just south of Auckland lies the Hamilton-Waikato region. This land of lush pastures was chosen to play The Shire in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* films, and also offers caving, gardens and culture

**Bay of Plenty**

The Bay of Plenty region is home to spectacular beaches, juicy kiwifruit and produce, and New Zealand’s only active marine volcano



Mt Maunganui, Bay of Plenty



Waiotapu Thermal Reserve, Rotorua

**Rotorua**

Rotorua is known for bubbling mud pools, erupting geysers and natural hot springs, as well as showcasing our fascinating Maori culture.

**Lake Taupo**

Taupo’s Great Lake was created nearly 2,000 years ago by a volcanic eruption and is great for water sports and trout fishing.

The surrounding forests offer opportunities for hiking and mountain biking.



Lake Taupo



Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay

### **Hawke's Bay**

Hawke's Bay is New Zealand's Art Deco centre and home to glorious beaches and rolling vineyards. Its warm, dry climate has made it one of the country's leading producers of wine.

### **Wellington**

Wellington was recently named "the coolest little capital in the world" by Lonely Planet for its cosmopolitan charm, cultural offerings, and fabulous foodie and café culture.



Te Papa, Wellington

# South Island

## **Nelson**

Nelson's diverse geography captures everything from long golden beaches to untouched forests and rugged mountains. Explore its natural beauty and thriving arts scene.



Abel Tasman National Park, Nelson



Blenheim, Marlborough

## **Marlborough**

Marlborough is New Zealand's largest wine-growing region and the home of world-renowned sauvignon blanc. There are more than 40 cellar doors to visit by yourself or on a pre-arranged wine tour.

## **West Coast**

The West Coast is a wild place of rivers and rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures. The Great Coast Road stretching from Westport to Greymouth, is one of the world's top coastal drives.





Hokitika Gorge, West Coast



Christchurch City

### **Christchurch – Canterbury**

Christchurch mixes old-world charm, river punting and gardens with exciting urban revitalisation. Wider Canterbury’s attractions range from skiing to golf, white water rafting to whale watching.

### **Wanaka**

Nestled below towering mountains, Wanaka and its stunning lake is perfect for year-round activities including fishing, hiking and skydiving. In winter, skiers flock to the Cardrona and Treble Cone ski fields.



Mount Aspiring, Lake Wanaka



Queenstown

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Picturesque Queenstown is the home of adrenaline and adventure. Enjoy skiing in the winter and activities including bungy jumping, canyon swinging, jet boating, and river rafting all year round.

### Dunedin

Soak up the quirky city vibe, street art and cafes of this historic city. Enjoy getting up close to rare local wildlife such as the royal albatross, yellow-eyed penguins, blue penguins and seals.



St Clair Beach, Dunedin



Milford Sound, Fiordland

## **Fiordland**

Carved by glaciers over 100,000 years, Fiordland is one of the most dramatic and beautiful parts of New Zealand, with its landscape of waterfalls cascading hundreds of metres into deep black fiords.

## **Stewart Island**

More than 85% of Stewart Island is National Park, making it a popular haven for hiking and birdwatching. At night, admire the glowing skies thanks to the appearance of the Aurora Australis.



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