

Our Accommodation Selection

The best way to get the most out of your days is to get a good sleep at night! All our packages offer the choice of hotel, motel/apartment or backpacker hostel accommodation.

Please refer to the pricing panel on your selected trip.

Hotel Option

We have carefully selected full service 3½ - 4 star hotels in convenient locations in the cities, towns and resorts visited in our itineraries. Guest rooms have private ensuite bathroom, tea/coffee facilities, TV/radio, phone & heating, plus there are restaurant and bar services (where no on-site restaurant is available, this is noted).

Motel Option

Our selected motels/apartments offer good value, quality accommodation. Most have kitchen/kitchenette facilities complete with utensils to make self catering convenient. All feature tea/coffee making facilities, private bathroom, phone, TV/radio and heating.

Hostel Option

Backpacker hostels are a very popular travel option in New Zealand. We have carefully selected hostels that offer a good standard of budget accommodation in central locations. Facilities vary but we've done our homework and chosen those which offer clean bedrooms, well-equipped kitchens and laundry facilities, comfortable lounges, TV/video rooms and warm hospitality. Bed linen included. Where possible we use en-suite rooms.

These properties, or those of a similar standard, are used in our packages:

NORTH ISLAND			
Auckland	Rydges Hotel	Airedale Hotel	Auckland Central Backpackers
Napier	Te Pania Hotel	Fountain Court Motel	YHA
Paihia	Scenic Circle Bay of Islands Hotel	Outrigger Motel	Saltwater/Pipi Patch Lodge
Rotorua	Rydges Hotel	Ventura Inn	Kiwi Paka YHA
Taupo	Terraces Hotel	Bella Vista Motel	YHA
Wellington	Copthorne Oriental Bay	Victoria Court Motor Lodge	YHA
Whitianga	Admiralty Lodge (no restaurant)	Blue Water Apartments	YHA
SOUTH ISLAND			
Blenheim	Chateau Marlborough	Blenheim Palms/Bella Vista	YHA
Christchurch	Copthorne Durham Street	City Centre Motel	Stonehurst
Dunedin	City Hotel	Cable Court Motel	Next Stop Backpackers
Fox	Fox Glacier Hotel	Punga Grove Motel	Ivory Towers
Franz Josef	Franz Josef Glacier Hotel (Graham Wing)	The Westhaven Motel	YHA
Greymouth	Ashley Hotel	Bella Vista	YHA
Kaikoura	White Morph Motor Inn	Blue Seas Motel	Dusky Lodge
Mount Cook	The Hermitage Hotel	Mount Cook Motels	YHA
Nelson	Rutherford Hotel	River Lodge Motels	YHA
Punakaiki	Punakaiki Rocks Hotel	Paparoa Park Motel	Te Nikau Retreat
Queenstown	Copthorne Hotel & Resort Lakefront	Blue Peaks Lodge	Central YHA
Te Anau	Distinction Luxmore Hotel	Anchorage Motel	YHA
Wanaka	Edgewater Resort	Fairway Motel	YHA

These properties are subject to availability. If we need to provide upgraded accommodation a surcharge may apply. We will advise you at the time of confirmation.

Hotel



Copthorne Durham Street



Te Pania Hotel



Edgewater Resort



Terraces Hotel



Rydges Hotel

Motel



Outrigger Motel



City Centre Motel



Cable Court Motel



Airedale Hotel



Blue Peaks Lodge

Hostel



Auckland Central Backpackers



Next Stop Backpackers



Kiwi Paka YHA



Ivory Towers



Stonehurst

Driving Around

Driving around New Zealand on open, uncongested roads is every motorist's dream come true. New Zealand is a self drive paradise and one of the most popular ways to see the country. The constantly changing scenery makes driving itself a very pleasant past time. Most of our holidays offer you the choice to self drive in a late model, well-maintained rental car. We have teamed up with Thrifty Car Rental who have a nationwide network of rental car depots located in all the main centres as well as regional areas.

Vehicle Specifications

Small (ECAR)

Suzuki Swift or similar

- suitable 4 people
- 1.5 litre, 5 door
- automatic, ABS brakes, airbags
- stereo radio/CD player
- air conditioned
- power steering, central locking
- luggage capacity: 2 suitcases



Medium (CCAR)

Toyota Corolla or similar

- suitable 4 people
- 1.8 litre, 4 cylinder, 4-5 door
- automatic, power steering
- stereo radio/CD player
- air conditioned, central locking, airbags
- luggage capacity: 2 suitcases, 2 soft bags



Large (FCAR)

Holden Omega or similar

- suitable 5 people
- 3.6 litre, 6 cylinder, 4 door sedan
- automatic, power steering, airbags
- stereo radio/CD player
- air conditioned, ABS brakes, central locking
- luggage capacity: 4 suitcases



Other vehicles available on request, including 4WD's & minibuses.

Car Rental Information

Included in your rental car hire

- unlimited kilometres
- comprehensive motor vehicle insurance including 3rd party & public liability. In the event of damage to the vehicle, the hirer is responsible for insurance excess of \$2925. An accident excess reduction is available - see below.
- 12.5% good & services tax (GST)
- New Zealand map
- 24 hour tollfree emergency breakdown service

Not included

- airport/ferry collection fee of \$28.13 will apply for hires starting at an airport or ferry terminal
- Accident Excess Reduction (AER) can be purchased direct from Thrifty when you pick up your vehicle for \$21.38/day (incl GST), weekly and monthly rates available. Payment of the AER reduces the excess to \$225
- fuel
- baby seats, ski racks & chains are available for hire (please ask for a quote)

Security Deposit

Thrifty Car Rentals will collect a deposit on pick up to cover additional charges such as AER & sundry items. Visa, Mastercard, Amex & Diners.

Vehicle Collection and Drop Off

It is normally expected that you will make your own way to the Thrifty depot to collect or return your car. Free vehicle delivery can be arranged within a 10km radius of the Thrifty location, but must be prebooked. Available 9am-4pm Mon-Fri (excluding public holidays)

Driver Qualifications

Drivers must be 21 or over, with a current, full drivers licence that has been held for minimum 1 year and valid for the period of the rental. Current international licences are acceptable when accompanied by a licence of origin. For ID purposes, a credit card is also required.

Vehicle Alternatives

Thrifty Car Rentals is our preferred rental car supplier and they will always endeavour to provide you with your preferred car. However they do reserve the right to substitute another similar vehicle of equivalent or better specification. Alternatively we can request a similar vehicle from another operator and advise you accordingly. If a surcharge applies we will advise you at the time of confirmation.

Coach Travel Information – Go Carbon Neutral

Seat-in-Coach Option

For travellers who prefer to be driven we offer the option of travelling independently by coach:

The coach services used in these packages are provided by Great Sights and InterCity.



The luxury Great Sights coaches have air conditioning, reclining seats, restroom facilities, onboard video and multi-lingual commentary (Spanish, Mandarin and, on some routes, Japanese). Most of these coaches feature glass roofs to provide unrivalled viewing of New Zealand's incredible scenery. The Great

Sights drivers are all local "experts" who provide an entertaining and informative commentary on the historical and geographical points of interest.



InterCity coaches connect more than 600 destinations nationwide, with over 150 services every day. They have New Zealand covered with modern coaches and professional drivers. Limited driver commentary on these services.



Take a positive step to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by travelling with InterCity, New Zealand's first national transport company to commit to becoming carbon neutral certified. Help reduce their carbon footprint as you reduce yours.

Cruising Between the Islands



Described as one of the most beautiful ferry cruises in the world, the Interislander crosses the Cook Strait between the North and South Islands. The 92km, three hour journey between Wellington and Picton is one of the most iconic traveller experiences in the world.

Upgrade for just \$40 to the Katikati Plus premium on-board lounge and enjoy free internet access, Sky TV, newspapers & magazines, complimentary food and beverages. Restricted to passengers 18 and over.