

The decision to holiday in New Zealand's South Island is easy – it's got the best snow, great food and wine, and every conceivable New Zealand experience, from remote trekking to whale watching. The hard part is deciding where to start. You'll want to see it all – the silvery beaches of the Pacific coastline, the jagged peaks of the Southern Alps and the whales of Kaikoura.

Set off from Christchurch through picturesque bays and seaside villages. It's not every day you find yourself in a place of such incredible natural beauty, so make the most of it! Take your time exploring the Alpine Pacific Triangle through the gourmet Waipara Valley, the spa town of Hanmer Springs and the marine wonderland of Kaikoura, you'll find beautiful country scenery all the way.

The east coast is hard to leave, but the mountainous landscapes of the west coast beckon. No words can describe the beauty of the high peaks, dramatic valleys and crystal waters of this rugged landscape.

Experience the powerful presence and amazing beauty of the glaciers of the Southern Alps. Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers extend from the highest peaks to rainforests just 250 metres above sea level. Walk on the ice or take a scenic flight over it, either way be very impressed.

Whether it's a ski holiday or summer getaway you're here for, Queenstown's sense of fun will have you in spirits as high as the tallest peaks. From crystal clear Lake Wakatipu across to The Remarkables mountain range, Queenstown's environment is grand and awe inspiring. Here, in the adventure capital of New Zealand, you'll find any type of adrenaline activity to fill your day, whilst the downtown area is a hub of fun at night.

Travel out to the picturesque regional towns for crisp mountain air and country indulgence as only New Zealand can do. The locals know the value of their pristine environment and expertly share the best ways to see it.

Tour the famed Marlborough wine region where visitors are welcomed to sample award winning wines at cellar doors. Fish for trout in the local rivers, canals and lakes in Central Otago – the scenery alone is a good enough reason for a day spent by the water. You haven't experienced true indulgence until you've taken a soak in the naturally heated springs and mineral pools at Hanmer Springs. Such rewards are the perfect end to a day spent satisfying your more adventurous side with a bungy jump, forest hike or horse trek.

Saddle up for the ride of your life – New Zealand knows how to make it happen.







# Nelson and Marlborough



The diverse Nelson and Marlborough region boasts picturesque wineries, soaring mountains, historic buildings, broad river valleys, native forest and isolated beaches. With year-round sunshine, the climate is ideal for walking, mountain biking, sea kayaking and vineyard explorations.

Arrive by ferry from the North Island into Picton and you'll find yourself right in amongst the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. Explore the sounds by sailing, cruising and kayaking around the beaches, coves and inlets or walk the spectacular 71 kilometre Queen Charlotte Track for an amazing experience. Fishing and diving are also great pursuits here, whilst charming restaurants and lodges will ensure you're well looked after.

Marlborough is New Zealand's largest grape-growing and wine-making region. Wine lovers will delight at the sight of these broad, sweeping plains that are home to around 70 wineries, beautifully framed by mountain ranges. Discover the vines and enjoy the wine on a self-drive, bicycle or guided tour.

West from Picton is the famed Queen Charlotte Drive, an incredibly scenic way to drive to Havelock and Nelson. Winding its way through native forest, it offers frequent views of the sounds. To truly escape, take the road to French Pass with its tiny shoreside settlement, picture-book scenery, superb fishing and total peace and quiet.

More than 350 working artists and craftspeople live in Nelson, including traditional and contemporary Maori artists. Inspired by the region's exceptionally beautiful landscapes, artists open their studios and offer workshops in their craft. Why not give glassblowing, pottery, bone carving, sculpture or authentic Maori flax weaving a try? Also on offer are locally made foods, boutique beers and wines.

Change pace by exploring three distinctly different national parks in the region. The Abel Tasman is the more well known and is famous for its fascinating rock formations, gold sand beaches and turquoise water. Day tripping is popular, sea kayaking allows you to explore the coast from the water or tackle the Abel Tasman Coastal Track — it takes three to five days.

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### **Our Favourites**

Walk the coastal trails of Abel Tasman National Park

Tour the Marlborough wineries

Sail or cruise the Marlborough Sounds

Meet artists and craftspeople at Nelson's Saturday market

Take the scenic drive over Takaka Hill to Golden Bay



FIND	YOUR ACCOMMODATION	
REF.	APARTMENTS	PA
3	Bay of Many Coves Resort, Marlborough Sounds ★★★★	5
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5	Copthorne Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim +++	++ -
1	Edenhouse, Abel Tasman ★★★★	-
2	Kimeret Place, Nelson ★★★☆	-
4	The Portage Resort Hotel, Picton ★★★★	-
2	Wairong House Nolegn +++++	

# Nelson and Marlborough

### Grand Mercure Nelson Monaco ★★★★☆





Just minutes from the heart of Nelson, the property is the perfect retreat providing plenty of comforts and conveniences.

Waterfront Nelson 12km Map page 52 Ref. 2 6 Point Road, Nelson

### PROPERTY FEATURES:

- Day spa Restaurant and bar
- Room service (limited) Guest lounge
- Pool (solar heated) Gymnasium
- Fireplace Bicycle hire Parking
- Courtesy Nelson town and airport transfers (available if pre-booked)

### **ACCOMMODATION FEATURES:**

- Tea/coffee making facilities Cable TV
- Internet access (broadband)
- Limited cooking facilities with microwave (1 Brms)
   Safe
- Ironing facilities Washer (1 Brms)

Room serviced daily



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Other prices apply 19 – 21 Sep, 26 – 28 Sep 11. 1 Bedroom Spa Cottage and 2 Bedroom Cottage prices also available.

**Children** 0 to 11 years – up to 2 children free when sharing with an adult and using existing bedding.

Max capacity Standard – 2, 1 Bedroom – 3. GMMNSN

### TRAVELPOINT BONUS

^ FREE Night Offer: Stay 3 nights, pay for 2 or receive 2 FREE adult passes to the WOW Museum.

FREE buffet breakfast for 2 adults daily for stays of 4 nights or more, valid 1 Nov 11 – 31 Mar 12.

### Mercure Picton Marlborough Sounds → ◆ ◆ ◆





Ideally located next to Picton's harbour, with spectacular views overlooking Queen Charlotte Sound.

Beach 500m Town Centre 500m Map page 52 Ref. 4 25 Waikawa Road, Picton

#### PROPERTY FEATURES:

- Restaurant Bar
- Boom service (limited)
- Pool (heated outdoor seasonal)
- Laundry/dry cleaning service
- Lift Safety deposit box
- Parking Non smoking

### **ACCOMMODATION FEATURES:**

- Balcony Mini bar
- Tea/coffee making facilities
- Internet access (wireless)
- Ironing facilities Hair dryer

Room serviced daily



# From \$105 PER ROOM PER NIGHT.

1 APR – 18 SEP, 22 – 25 SEP, 29 – 30 SEP 11	ADULTS	1 NT	2 NTS	3 NTS
Mercure Guest Room Superior Superior Ocean View	1 to 2 1 to 2 1 to 2	105 134 143	210 267 286	315 400 428
1 – 6 OCT, 11 OCT – 23 DEC 11, 7 JAN – 31 MAR 12	ADULTS	1 NT	2 NTS	3 NTS
Mercure Guest Room Superior Superior Ocean View	1 to 2 1 to 2 1 to 2	182 222 242	363 443 484	544 665 726

Other prices apply 19 – 21 Sep, 26 – 28 Sep, 7 – 10 Oct, 24 Dec 11 – 6 Jan 12.

**Children** 0 to 15 years – up to 2 children free when sharing with 2 adults and using existing bedding.

Max capacity 3. MERPCN

### TRAVELPOINT BONUS

FREE breakfast for 2 adults daily for stays of 2 nights or more, valid 1 Apr - 31 Aug 11.

# Timara Lodge, Blenheim → → → → → →





One of New Zealand's most exclusive retreats, set amidst 25 acres of manicured English style gardens, complemented with deluxe facilities.

Town Centre 13km Map page 52 Ref. 5 301 Dog Point Road, Blenheim

### PROPERTY FEATURES:

- 24 hour reception Pool
- Tennis court Guest lounge
- Fireplace Internet access (wireless)
- Winery Guest laundry
- Parking (valet) Non smoking
- Courtesy Blenheim Airport transfers (available if pre-booked)

### ACCOMMODATION FEATURES:

- Air-conditioning CD/DVD player
- Tea/coffee making facilities
- Mini bar (Mountain Room)Spa bath Bathrobes
- Ironing facilities Hair dryer

Room serviced twice daily

# From \$997 PER ROOM PER NIGHT

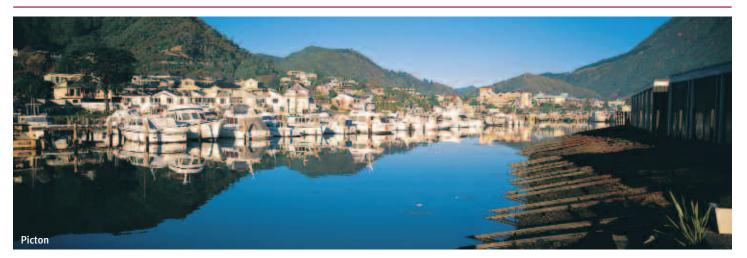
1 APR 11 - 31 MAR 12	ADULTS	1 NT	3 NTS	5 NTS
Balcony Room	1	997	2990	4984
•	2	1450	4349	7249
Mountain Room	1	997	2990	4984
	2	1450	4349	7249
Lake Suite	1	1178	3534	5890
	2	1631	4893	8155
Garden Suite	1	1178	3534	5890
	2	1631	4893	8155

Includes Full breakfast, pre-dinner drinks with canapés, and four course dinner with wine daily.

Children 0 to 14 years – not catered for

Max capacity 2

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#### Old St Mary's Convent, Blenheim \*\*\*\*





Set on 60 acres of vineyard and parkland in Marlborough's wine region, this former convent offers boutique accommodation

Town Centre 11km Map page 52 Ref. 5 779 Rapaura Road, Blenheim

### PROPERTY FEATURES:

- Bar Pool Tennis court
- Barbecue area Games room
- Fireplace Guest lounge
- Guest laundry
- Supper platters on request (extra charge)
- Courtesy airport transfers (available if pre-booked)

### **ACCOMMODATION FEATURES:**

- Air-conditioning Balcony
- Mini bar Tea/coffee making facilities
- Internet access (wireless free)
- CD/DVD player
   In-room movies (free)
- Ironing facilities Bathrobes Hair dryer

Room serviced daily

# From \$316 PER ROO

1 APR - 31 MAY, 1 SEP 11 - 31 MAR 12	ADULTS	1 NT	3 NTS	5 NTS
Grace Room/Novice Room	1	316	946	1576
	2	473	1419	2364
Sister Ancilla Room	1 to 2	473	1419	2364
Mother Superior Suite	1 to 2	552	1655	2758
Chapel Suite	1 to 2	631	1891	3152

Property is closed 1 Jun - 31 Aug 11.

Includes	Full breakfast and pre-dinner drinks daily.
Children	0 to 2 years – cot free of charge. 3 to 16 years – \$99 per child per night.
Max capacity	Grace Room – 2, Novice Room/Sister Ancilla Room/ Mother Superior Suite – 2 adults/1 child, Chapel Suite – 2 adults/ 2 children.
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# TRAVELPOINT BONUS

FREE bottle of Marlborough sparkling wine per room when staying in a Chapel Suite.

#### Bay of Many Coves Resort, Marlborough Sounds \*\*\*\*





This elegant retreat, the only five star resort in Marlborough Sounds, is tucked away on the shores of a stunning bay.

Waterfront Map page 52 Ref. 3 Queen Charlotte Sound, Marlborough Sounds

#### PROPERTY FEATURES:

- Day spa Restaurant Bar
- Room service (limited) Spa
- Pool (heated outdoor) Fireplace
- Guest lounge Guest laundry

#### ACCOMMODATION FEATURES:

- Water views Balcony Bathrobes
- Limited cooking facilities with microwave and dishwasher - Cable TV
- Ironing facilities Hair dryer Non smoking Note: Access from Picton by water taxi only (extra charge).

Apartment serviced daily



# From \$304 PER ROOM PER NIGHT

1 - 30 APR, 1 SEP - 31 MAR 12	ADULTS	1 NT	2 NTS	5 NTS
1 Bedroom	1 to 2	461	922	2305
2 Bedroom	1 to 4	619	1237	3093
3 Bedroom	1 to 6	784	1568	3920
1 MAY - 31 AUG 11	ADULTS	1 NT	3 NTS	5 NTS
1 Bedroom	1 to 2	304	910	1517
2 Bedroom	1 to 4	450	1348	2246
3 Bedroom	1 to 6	662	1986	3309

2 night minimum stay applies 1 Sep - 21 Oct, 1 Dec 11 - 31 Jan 12.

Children 0 to 4 years - 1 child free when sharing with an adult and using existing bedding.

5 to 14 years - adult prices apply. 1 Bedroom - 2 adults/1 child,

Max capacity 2 Bedroom - 4 adults/1 child.

3 Bedroom - 6 adults/1 child.

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### Abel Tasman Cruise & Walk Open Day Pass



The Flexible Abel Tasman Cruise & Walk Open Day Pass allows you to explore the Abel Tasman National Park at leisure. Simply choose a launch departure and walk to suit your schedule. Travel in style aboard the Vista Cruise to the idyllic golden bay of your choice. Open and enclosed viewing decks and a bar where you can purchase light meals and hot and cold drinks make this a relaxing way to see the spectacular Abel Tasman coast.

Choose from a variety of walking options from 30 minutes to 8 hours in duration, following sections of the world-famous Abel Tasman Coastal Walk. The track is well maintained and easy to follow winding between golden beaches, through dense fern grottos and open sunny groves. Alternatively, laze on the golden beach, swim in calm azure waters or simply relax in the shade of lush native rainforest before returning to Kaiteriteri aboard the Vista Cruise

Returns:

Return cruise from Kaiteriteri to Abel Tasman National Park

Unlimited Abel Tasman National Park walks during one day

Daily from Kaiteriteri:

9:30am (19 Apr - 19 Oct 11) 3:45pm (19 Apr - 19 Oct 11)

9:30am, 1pm, 4pm (1 - 18 Apr, 20 Oct 11 - 31 Mar 12) 1pm, 3:45pm, 5:45pm (1 - 18 Apr, 20 Oct 11 - 31 Mar 12)

PRICE PER PERSON: 20 OCT 11 - 31 MAR 12 1 APR - 19 OCT 11 \$59 \$62 Child 5-14 years \$29 \$31

Transfers from Motueka, Nelson and Marahau also available

WILSONS ABEL TASMAN

# Bayview Circuit Quad Bike Tour



Just fifteen minutes north of Nelson is Happy Valley Adventures, a 1600 acre farm and forest paradise

This unforgettable four wheeled bike eco experience explores over 14 kilometres of beautiful native forest trails. Visit the world's largest Matai tree, play on the 'fun track', ride high to the hilltops for spectacular coastal views, then down through the farmlands.

The friendly and experienced team are dedicated to making sure you have a fun, Kiwi experience and a safe adventure.

### **INCLUDES:**

- Cold and wet weather gear
- Light refreshments
- Return transfers from Nelson accommodation

Departs: Daily from 194 Cable Bay Road, Nelson at 9:30am, 1:30pm

12 noon, 4pm

HAPPY VALLEY ADVENTURES

PRICE PER PERSON:	1 APR - 30 SEP 11	1 OCT 11 - 31 MAR 12		
Adult	\$87	\$91		
Child 0-15 years	\$24	\$24		
Children 0-15 years travel as passengers only. Guided Horse Treks and Skywire Flying Fox Rides also				

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