

Must-Do Multi-Generational Activities in New Zealand

New Zealand is a great vacation destination for families looking to reconnect and make memories together. Safe and easy to get around with plentiful accommodation for family groups and diverse activities, there's endless whānau (family) fun to be had whether you're nine or 99! Kids, parents and grandparents are sure to enjoy experiencing these must-do activities together!



Milford Sound
Fiordland



MUSEUMS

Around the motu (country) there are fascinating **museums** to keep the whole family entertained, particularly on wet weather days. Learn about New Zealand's history, nature and culture with interactive displays for little ones and as an added bonus many museums have great on-site cafés.

Popular museums to visit:

- **Auckland Museum:** Discover the story of New Zealand, its people and its place in the Pacific Ocean. Explore independently or join one of the guided tours for insider knowledge.
- **Te Papa Tongarewa:** New Zealand's national museum sits on Wellington's waterfront and is known for its fun and innovative exhibitions including the colossal squid!



SHORT WALKS

Nature loving families won't have to go far to walk through exceptional landscapes, with many **short walks** easily reached from cities, towns and major highways. Following well-defined trails with mostly even surfaces, these walks are suitable for all ages and every level of fitness.

Popular short walks:

- **Punakaiki Pancake Rocks & Blowholes:** Known for ocean views and pancake-shaped rocks, this West Coast walk is suitable for strollers and wheelchair users (with assistance).



MĀORI CULTURE

Māori culture is woven into everyday life in New Zealand and visitors are treated with manaakitanga (warm and welcoming hospitality). Experiences like feeling the power of a pōwhiri (welcoming ceremony) are rich and rewarding, making them must-do activities.

Popular cultural experiences:

- **Te Puia:** Be wowed by dramatic geysers and experience cultural performances in Rotorua on a guided tour with day and evening options available.
- **Waitangi Treaty Grounds:** Walk through history and learn about the cultural and political significance of this important historical site in Northland.



WILDLIFE SPOTTING

New Zealand is home to unique, rare and curious **wildlife** from the flightless kiwi to acrobatic dolphins and waddling penguins. Many of these animals are endangered and visitors are encouraged to follow the **Tiaki Promise**, a commitment to help protect nature and wildlife.

Popular wildlife experiences:

- **Whale Watch Kaikōura:** Join one of the daily catamaran tours to spot sperm whales year-round and (if you're lucky!) humpback whales between June and July.
- **Waitomo Glowworm Caves:** An hour's drive from Hamilton, this is one of the best places to see glittering glowworms; just remember to keep quiet as glowworms don't like noise.

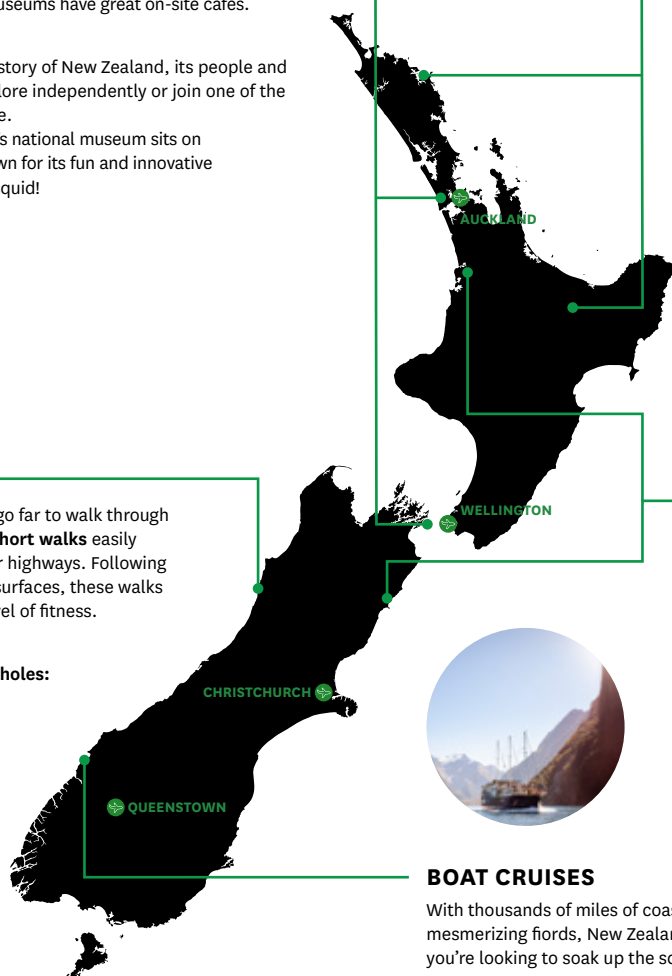


BOAT CRUISES

With thousands of miles of coastline, island dotted harbors, glacier-fed lakes and mesmerizing fiords, New Zealand delivers abundant opportunities for **boat cruises**. Whether you're looking to soak up the scenery or spot local wildlife, there's a cruise to suit all ages.

Popular cruise experiences:

- **Milford Sound:** Explore one of New Zealand's most iconic locations on a scenic day or overnight cruise, keeping eyes peeled for dolphins and penguins in the inky black waters.



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