

Must-Do Rail Journeys in New Zealand

Experience the comfort and convenience of traveling by rail in New Zealand. Sit back, relax and look out your window at the incredible landscapes, with vibrant cities, sky scraping mountains, rugged coastlines and rolling farmland all on display. Whether or not you're a trainspotter, you'll want to climb aboard these must-do rail journeys.



NORTHERN EXPLORER

Traveling over 423 miles from Auckland to Wellington (or vice versa), the **Northern Explorer** journeys through the rural heart of the North Island over viaducts and across volcanic plateaus. Upgrade to Scenic Plus to enjoy drinks and regionally inspired meals included in your ticket price.

Scenic highlights:

- The volcanic peaks of Tongariro National Park are undoubtedly cinematic with the symmetrical Mount Ngauruhoe standing in for Mount Doom in the Lord of the Rings film trilogy.



TRANZALPINE

Considered one of the world's great train journeys, the **TranzAlpine** crosses the South Island from Christchurch on the east coast to Greymouth on the west coast passing braided rivers, open plains and alpine peaks. Scenic Plus fares include priority boarding and all-inclusive dining.

Scenic highlights:

- Be wowed by the sight of the sky piercing Southern Alps which are particularly spectacular in winter, though snow glistens on the peaks even in late fall and early summer.



DRIVING CREEK RAILWAY

Discover a unique **railway experience** in the Coromandel. Travel along New Zealand's only mountain railway, crossing ten bridges and three tunnels through regenerating native ngahere (forest), now a thriving wildlife sanctuary. Plus, every ticket contributes to local conservation efforts.

Scenic highlights:

- Ride the rails to the summit and step off at the EyeFull Tower, a lookout point with panoramic views of the Hauraki Gulf and surrounding islands.



COASTAL PACIFIC

Hugging the coastline between Picton and Christchurch, this picturesque journey takes in the vibrant vineyards of Marlborough and incredible Pacific Ocean views. Running September – May, the **Coastal Pacific** also offers a premium Scenic Plus service for all-inclusive dining and drinks.

Scenic highlights:

- When traveling through Kaikōura, have your binoculars at the ready to spot seals basking on the rocks, or if you're truly lucky, dolphins frolicking in the surf.

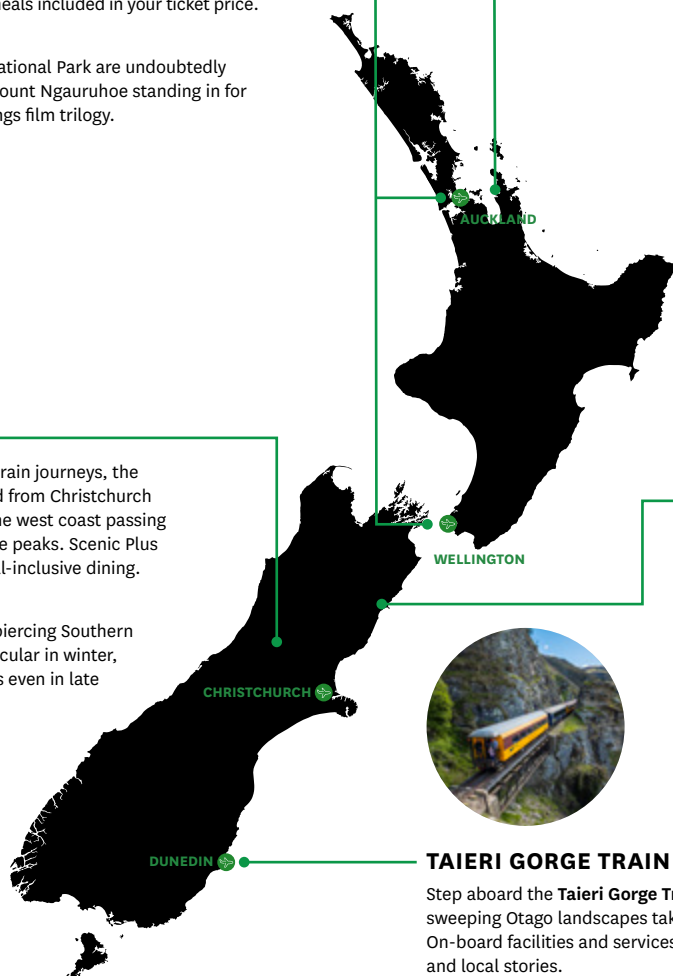


TAIERI GORGE TRAIN

Step aboard the **Taieri Gorge Train** at Dunedin Railway Station and ride the rails through sweeping Otago landscapes taking in craggy cliffs, rolling hills and century-old bridges. On-board facilities and services include a café and commentary on the region's history and local stories.

Scenic highlights:

- Marvel at the engineering feats of early railway pioneers including the Wingatui Viaduct, which is the tallest wrought iron structure in Australasia.



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