

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND IN SPRING



Mauao Mt Maunganui
Tauranga

Spring in New Zealand runs from September to November and is a great time for your clients to experience Aotearoa New Zealand due to less crowds, a temperate climate and beautiful landscapes. From September the weather begins to warm up and people start to embrace outdoor activities again. In the North Island you can expect temperatures to be around 14 - 20°C. In the South Island, temperatures are slightly cooler at around 10 to 18°C.

Te Ika a Maui The North Island in Spring

WELCOME THE BABY ANIMALS

Many baby animals are born in the springtime and there are plenty of places to spot them yourself, just remind your clients to respect private property and be mindful of safe driving practices when getting that photo! For a more up close and personal experience, visit **Agrodome** or The National Kiwi Hatchery in Rotorua and **Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre** just north of Wellington in the Wairarapa.

WARM UP IN GEOTHERMAL WONDERLANDS

The geothermal steam may take the chill off the early September air, and with less crowds, spring is the perfect time to visit these iconic literal hotspots. Absorb an area rich in culture at **Te Puia** in Rotorua, visit the historical Wairakei Terraces & Thermal Spa in Taupō and dig your own hot pool at **Hot Water Beach** in the Coromandel.

OUT ON THE LAKE

With lake and river levels high during springtime, why not recommend getting out on the water and gaining a new perspective on the landscapes? Try the Big Kanu Glow-worm Tour on Lake Rotoiti, Rotorua. Take a cruise out to the **Mine Bay Māori Rock Carvings** or help catch and cook trout with a **Chris Jolly fishing cruise** on Lake Taupō. Also in Taupō, get the heart racing and take a high speed jet boat ride and experience the dramatic Huka Falls.

VISIT A WEEKEND FARMER'S MARKET

Mingle with friendly locals and artisan producers at a weekend **farmer's market**, there are plenty in Auckland central to choose from. Or try a whitebait fritter, oysters and real fruit ice cream at both Matakana and Clevedon markets (both easy drives from Auckland CBD). If in the Hawke's Bay, visit the Hastings farmer's market for fresh citrus fruit, honey and berries. The country's capital city – Wellington has a bustling waterfront market with fresh produce (such as springtime green vegetables) and many local food trucks.

DISCOVER THE MOTU (COUNTRY) BY FOOT WITH THESE SINGLE DAY WALKS

With comfortable temperatures, spring is a great time to be outside in the fresh air. Hike to the summit of a dormant volcano, **Rangitoto** – a short 25 minute ferry ride from Auckland CBD. Venture to Thames and conquer **The Pinnacles**, this can be done as a single day walk. A short hike up **Mauao Mt Maunganui** in sunny Tauranga justifies a beachfront ice cream afterwards. Wellington's **Mt Victoria** Lookout is an easy inner-city bushwalk with a rewarding view at the finish.



Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre, Wairarapa



Birtomart market, Auckland



Te Puia, Rotorua

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Hagley Park, Christchurch

Te Waipounamu The South Island in Spring

SPOT ANIMALS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITATS

While there are still many cute baby animals to see in the South Island, spring is also the perfect time to spot animals undergoing their annual migrations. Observe the majestic whales migrating in **Kaikōura** or learn about the impressive **Albatross colonies** in Dunedin. In Oamaru, manuhiri (visitors) can **see kororā** (little blue penguins) in their natural habitat, or adorable and woolly **alpaca** in Akaroa.

GET OUT ON THE WATER

With water levels in spring high and stunning blue-sky days, get out on the water for some true Kiwi experiences. **Hanmer Springs Rafting** is perfect for those new to or nervous about white water rafting. Or ramp up the adrenaline on the **Dart River Jet** in Glenorchy. For a more mellow but no less spectacular activity, try the **Queenstown Lake Cruise** with a bonus Walter Peak farm tour or the unforgettable **overnight cruise** in Milford Sound.

GLACIER EXPERIENCES

For an awe-inspiring and out of this world experience, visit one (or more!) of New Zealand's mighty glaciers. Combine a scenic helicopter flight over **Franz Josef Glacier** with a unique guided walk amongst the ice caves in this pristine alpine environment. In Mackenzie Country, go by boat on the blue lakes for views of New Zealand's longest glacier – **Tasman Glacier**. Or for a more premium experience, get an aerial view of Tasman Glacier from the comfort of a helicopter or fixed wing plane.

PHOTO-WORTHY BLOOMS

For some wow-worthy photo backdrops visit the springtime cherry blossoms in Christchurch's central Hagley Park. Further south in Dunedin, the **Dunedin Botanic Garden** is the oldest in the country and offers guided tours. **Larnach Castle** nearby is also a perfect spot to snap photos of the Victorian architecture and surrounding blooms. Manuhiri (visitors) may even spot a peacock or two!

FEEL THE LOVE

Celebrate love in one of the most beautiful countries in the world! Elope at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Tekapo, or say "I do" at Rippon vineyard and winery with a magnificent lake backdrop. Why not travel by helicopter and take wedding photos at the top of Roy's Peak in Wānaka. Honeymoon at **The Hermitage** and take photos among the stars at an International Dark Sky Reserve, Aoraki Mt Cook. Spring in New Zealand brings good weather, and beautiful scenery to life.

CELEBRATE SPRING

There are many springtime events held throughout New Zealand. Whilst in the South Island, sample seafood at Kaikōura Seafest, or visit Akaroa for a taste of Europe at their French Festival. Find your groove and dance the night away at Queenstown's Snow Machine Festival – an alpine music event. Get amongst the horse racing festivities at Addington Cup Week in Christchurch or lace up your running shoes and take part in the Queenstown Marathon.



Glenorchy, Queenstown



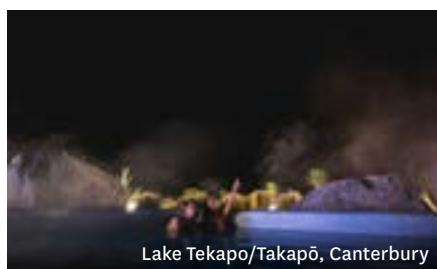
Oamaru, Waitaki



Fox Glacier, West Coast



Kaikōura Canterbury



Lake Tekapo/Takapō, Canterbury



Hagley Park, Christchurch

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