New Zealand is a destination where everything’s on display – beautiful beaches, historic cultural treasures, incredible nature, and more. Its museum-like geography offers a highly diverse range of activities that can appeal to all ages and interests. Wander through lush rainforests, marvelling at geothermal hot pools surrounded by snow-capped mountains, and relax on perfect white sand beaches. As New Zealand’s largest and most cosmopolitan city, Auckland sits on a massive volcanic island near the southern end of the North Island. Its extraordinary geography offers a hugely diverse range of activities that can appeal to all ages and interests. Wander through lush rainforests, marvelling at geothermal hot pools surrounded by snow-capped mountains, and relax on perfect white sand beaches.

1. Northland and Auckland

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2. Thermal Explorer Highway

Egmont National Park home to the snow-capped Mount Taranaki, which provides a perfect setting for hiking, cycling, kayaking, fishing and whale watching. Follow this route from Auckland for a beach-infused road trip of spectacular scenery and golden beaches and bays to sail, swim and kayak through. Drive through the centre of the North Island and see the beating geothermal heart of the country, as New Zealand’s largest and most cosmopolitan city. Auckland sits on a massive volcanic island near the southern end of the North Island. Its extraordinary geography offers a hugely diverse range of activities that can appeal to all ages and interests. Wander through lush rainforests, marvelling at geothermal hot pools surrounded by snow-capped mountains, and relax on perfect white sand beaches.

3. Pacific Coast Highway

Follow the edge of the Southern Alps where The Remarkables mountain range offers a perfect setting for skiing, snowboarding, and exploring nature walks. Visit the historic Speights Brewery, or take a trip to the majestic Larnach Castle. Follow this route from Auckland for a beach-infused road trip of spectacular scenery and golden beaches and bays to sail, swim and kayak through. Drive through the centre of the North Island and see the beating geothermal heart of the country, as New Zealand’s largest and most cosmopolitan city. Auckland sits on a massive volcanic island near the southern end of the North Island. Its extraordinary geography offers a hugely diverse range of activities that can appeal to all ages and interests. Wander through lush rainforests, marvelling at geothermal hot pools surrounded by snow-capped mountains, and relax on perfect white sand beaches.

4. Western North Island

The Western North Island is perfect for hiking, cycling, kayaking, fishing or taking a relaxing cruise. The area is renowned for its wineries, which are particularly noted for their world-class Sauvignon Blanc. Enjoy a tasting of award-winning vintages of years past and outstanding regional for its wineries, which are particularly noted for their world-class Sauvignon Blanc. Enjoy a tasting of award-winning vintages of years past and outstanding regional for its wineries, which are particularly noted for their world-class Sauvignon Blanc.

5. Wellington and Wairarapa

The lower North Island, which includes New Zealand’s capital city of Wellington, is perfect for a guided kayak safari, or if you’re looking for something a little more adventure-filled, take a walk to the summit of Mount Maunganui for breathtaking views across sparkling blue waters by boat or helicopter to New Zealand’s most active volcano, Mount Taranaki. For an up-close whale watching experience any time of year and to see the major culture of the area, visit the Hobbiton near Matamata and tour the movie set of The Lord of the Rings. For history buffs, take a trip to the historic Speights Brewery, or visit the majestic Larnach Castle. Follow this route from Auckland for a beach-infused road trip of spectacular scenery and golden beaches and bays to sail, swim and kayak through. Drive through the centre of the North Island and see the beating geothermal heart of the country, as New Zealand’s largest and most cosmopolitan city. Auckland sits on a massive volcanic island near the southern end of the North Island. Its extraordinary geography offers a hugely diverse range of activities that can appeal to all ages and interests. Wander through lush rainforests, marvelling at geothermal hot pools surrounded by snow-capped mountains, and relax on perfect white sand beaches.

6. Nelson and Marlborough

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7. Canterbury and West Coast

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8. Southern Lakes

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9. Pure Southern Land

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