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National Geographic Traveler: New Zealand



Synopsis

Active travelers trust National Geographic to deliver what they want in a guidebook: expert advice, insider tips, and the cultural feel of each destination not easily found online. These guides are pitch-perfect for today's experiential travel enthusiasts who want an authentic, enriching immersion. From the heart of Auckland and Christchurch to the lakes around Queenstown; from the fjords of Milford Sound to towering Mt. Cook on the South Island; and from the beautiful Bay of Islands to the bubbling sulfur springs of Rotorua in the North, this guide gives you every tool you need to plan a trip to this unique land on the other side of the world. Australian native and frequent Kiwi visitor Peter Turner escorts you through the incredibly varied land- and cityscapes that are today's New Zealand. Starting with a detailed introduction to the country's history, food, land, and culture, the book explores every corner of New Zealand, starting with Auckland, the bustling cosmopolitan jewel in the North. Turner takes readers down the islands to such magical places as Kiakoura, where you can swim with wild dolphins; stately Wellington, the proud and lively capital; Westland National Park, with its incredible gleaming glaciers; and charming Christchurch, whose gardens and parks give it a distinctly British feel. Special sidebars describe such topics as the Maori, the national obsession of Rugby, and the many adventure activities (like bungee jumping, which originated outside Queenstown) that people often associate with the country. Experiential sidebars abound, including one on how to live and work on an organic farm, one on the hidden corners of the country where you can spot a real Kiwi bird, and another on places to learn to surf. The book also features guided drives and hikes through some of the land's most spectacular natural scenery. Whether you're checking out the subterranean glowworms at Waitomo Caves or trekking along the famous Milford Track, this guide has everything you need for a memorable trip.

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Customer Reviews

Australian by birth, journalist by trade, and wanderer by nature, PETER TURNER has been a regular visitor to the Land of the Long White Cloud for more than two decades, drawn by family ties and a love of New Zealand's natural splendor. He has traveled the length and breadth of the country three times on writing assignments. As a travel writer and photographer specializing in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific, Turner has written for newspapers, magazines, and more than 20 guidebooks. COLIN MONTEATH is a photographer, writer, and mountaineer who has traveled widely in the polar and high mountain regions of the world. In 1983, he started Hedgehog House in New Zealand, a photographic library that specializes in polar, mountain, natural history, and travel imagery. Colin's assignments have taken him to countries on nearly every continent, and his pictures and stories have appeared in National Geographic, Time, New Zealand Geographic, and many other publications around the world.

Good book. Our friends used a copy to plan their trip & recommended it. We're using it now to plan our trip.

Took this on our 2-week journey and found it to be quite an enjoyable read (as other reviewers mention, it contains a lot of facts/history of the regions, which I found helped me to gain further insight into the beautiful landscapes and cities we were seeing. Of course, it does also contain a lot of details on things to do in the different regions of both islands. I don't think this is a standalone book, however, and so for a complete list of sights to see & restaurants, etc. to visit, you should couple it with (I would recommend) internet resources. I didn't actually do too much pre-planning on our trip, but I would have loved to use this book ahead of time as well to help anticipate our travels.

A great book to help with planning a trip to New Zealand!

This book is very informative. Gives us an amazing amount of what to expect, where to go, and how to get there!!!

Great book for planning a trip to NZ! Better than all the rest of the available books on NZ

Well written and beautifully illustrated. Typical of National Geographic.

I like how this guide provides a good background on the history, culture, and geography of NZ and doesn't just list hotels, restaurants, and tour operators for each region.

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