

# Public and regional holidays of New Zealand



## 2025

Pacific Destinations

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# Regional Anniversary Holidays as observed by region



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# NZ School Holidays



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New Zealand School holidays can be a busy time in our popular domestic holiday “hotspots”.

Regions such as Rotorua and Queenstown can be busy during school holidays, especially over winter months when New Zealand and Australian school holidays can often overlap, this can make Queenstown a popular ski destination for both markets in Winter.

Easter often falls during the end of the NZ summer and can be very busy throughout NZ with both domestic and international visitors.

To avoid disappointment be sure to book in advance - accommodation and activities.

## NZ School Holiday Guide 2025

School starts	Approx 27 January 2025
Term 1 school holidays	Saturday 12 April - Sunday 27 April (includes Good Friday 18 April, Easter Monday 21 April and ANZAC Day 25 April)
Term 2 school holidays	Saturday 28 June – Sunday 13 July
Term 3 school holidays	Saturday 20 September – Sunday 5 October
School ends	Approx 19 December 2025

## NZ School Holiday Guide 2026

School starts	Approx 26 January 2026
Term 1 school holidays	Friday 3 April - Sunday 19 April (includes Good Friday 3 April, Easter Monday 6 April)
Term 2 school holidays	Saturday 4 July – Sunday 19 July (includes Matariki Friday 10 July)
Term 3 school holidays	Saturday 26 September – Sunday 11 October
School ends	Approx 18 December 2025

Please note: dates stated are an estimated guideline and can vary between regions and school types.

# Popular Kiwi Christmas and New Year Holiday Hotspots



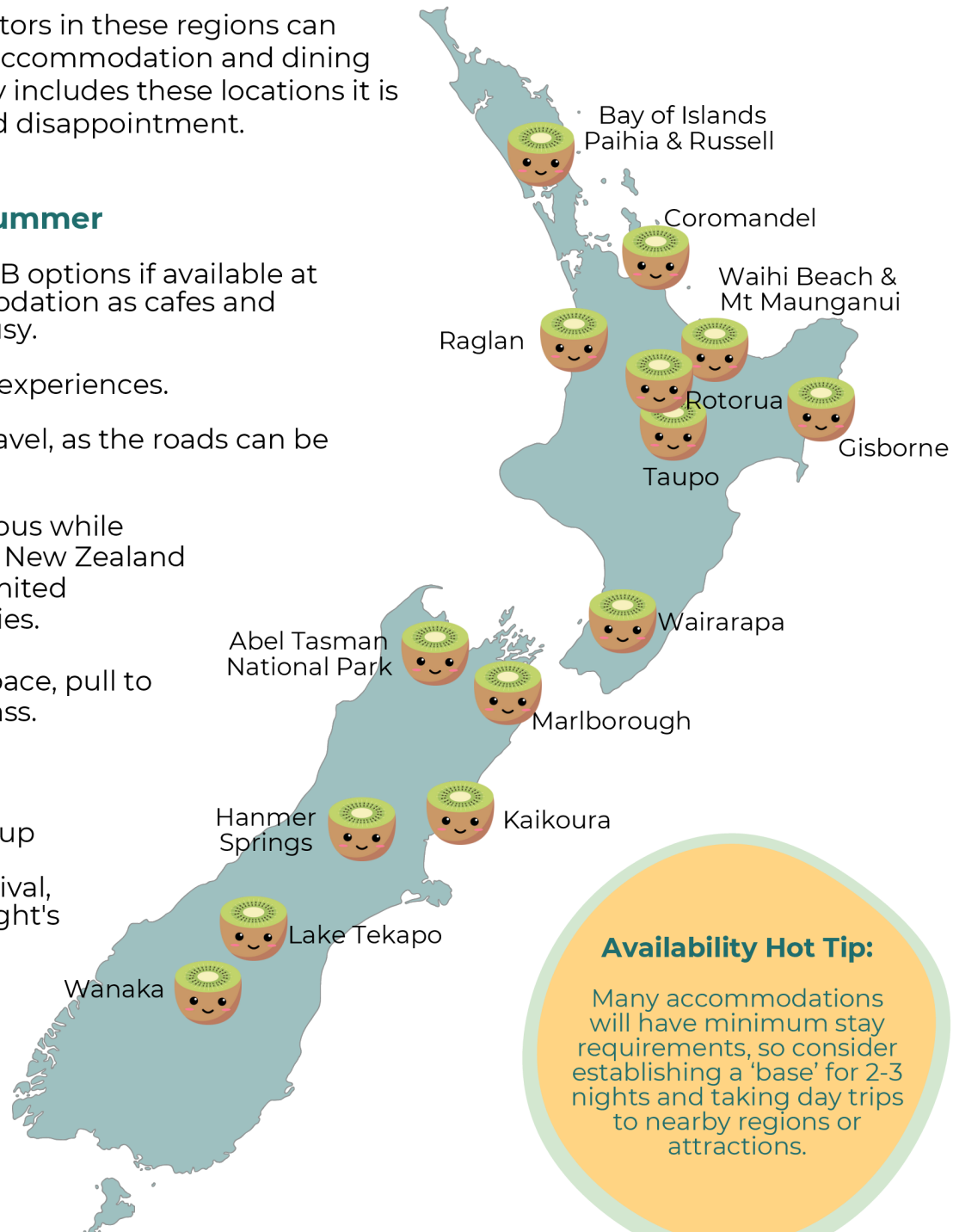
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These are popular regions where Kiwis gather at their holiday “bachs” (holiday homes)

The influx of domestic visitors in these regions can place extra demands on accommodation and dining options, so if your itinerary includes these locations it is wise to book early to avoid disappointment.

## PDNZ insider tips to Summer

- Consider reserving B&B options if available at your chosen accommodation as cafes and restaurants will be busy.
- Pre-book local dining experiences.
- Allow extra time for travel, as the roads can be busy.
- Be patient and courteous while driving; many roads in New Zealand are single-lane with limited overtaking opportunities.
- If you prefer a slower pace, pull to the left to let others pass.
- If you're self-driving, Pacific Destinations recommends picking up your rental car on the second day of your arrival, allowing for a good night's sleep first.



## Christmas Day

Stock up on supplies ahead of time, as only emergency services offering essentials will typically be open.

Petrol stations, some cafés/restaurants, and dairies /convenience stores will be open. Alcohol will not be available for purchase on Christmas Day unless at a licensed restaurant while dining.

## Enjoy the Kiwi Summer Spirit

Immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere filled with farmers' markets, artisan stalls, and gypsy fairs. There are often performances by Kiwi bands at various music festivals and gigs during this time, along with street buskers.

Expect a fun, relaxed Kiwi summer/Christmas holiday vibe, with kids often running around in togs (swimwear) and barefoot ( FYI: Thongs / flipflops are known as jandals)

- Remember that the sand can get hot, so bring suitable footwear for the beach. Also, sun protection is essential, as the sun in New Zealand can be extremely strong. The well-known Kiwi saying "Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap" serves as a reminder for sun safety. If you do get burnt, aloe vera gel will soothe the sting.
- Be careful in and around NZ waterways - our beaches, rivers and lakes can be unpredictable and often prone to strong currents. At the beach, look for the NZ Lifeguard approved swimming areas. Always swim to your ability and in safe locations. Don't forget your togs and sunscreen too!
- If you need anything during your stay, check out affordable department stores like The Warehouse, Kmart, or Farmers. Local dairies (convenience store) often carry a wide range of supplies as well.
- Water is safe to drink, so there's no need to buy bottled water—many shops will refill your water bottle for free.

## Must-Try treats in New Zealand during the hot Kiwi summer

- Enjoy local favorites such as Hokey Pokey ice cream, L&P soft drink, and Whittaker's chocolate.
- NZ seafood is world famous - Fish 'n' chips on the beach is a favourite summer pastime. Watch out for the cheeky seagulls who might try to steal your chips!
- Many small towns around NZ will have local fruit stalls on the side of the road for you to stop at - help yourself and leave a small cash payment in their provided honesty boxes.

