

TOURISM NEW ZEALAND'S MARKET APPROACH

Our Purpose

Enrich Aotearoa New Zealand and all who visit.

- Tourism must enrich New Zealand and the wellbeing of New Zealanders – contributing more than what it takes.
- Tourism must create jobs, restore nature, enhance our heritage, build our national reputation and make us proud.

Our Role

To promote New Zealand as a visitor destination to key markets around the world. Tourism New Zealand's strategy is focused on driving year-round arrivals to support economic growth.

Market Approach

Tourism New Zealand (TNZ) focuses on shaping the visitor mix through activity across a diverse portfolio of markets.

Our markets are determined by factors including there being an existing or potential group of people actively considering New Zealand as a destination.

Active Considerers

These people are aged 18-74, find New Zealand highly appealing, have New Zealand as a preferred holiday destination within the next three years and a realistic budget for their trip.

About our Visitor Insights and Data

TNZ leverage a range of insight sources to support our marketing activity, including TNZ's Active Considerer Monitor, Statistics New Zealand's International Visitor Arrivals and MBIE's International Visitor Survey.

Mix of Markets

The mix of markets covered in our Market Snapshots include:

- Australia
- China
- United States
- Germany
- Japan
- United Kingdom
- India
- Singapore





AUSTRALIA TRAVELLER INSIGHTS

ALL VISITORS

total exactly 100%

HOLIDAY VISITORS

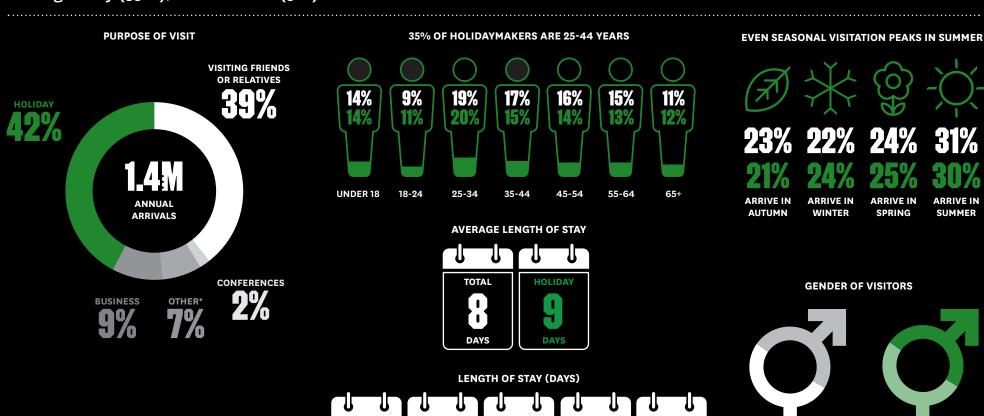
Source: Statistics NZ international Visitor Arrivals – Year ending May 2025

*Seasons: Winter 24, Spring 24, Summer 24/25, Autumn 25

Due to rounding, the sum of individual group percentages may not



Australia is New Zealand's top visitor source, with 1.4 million arrivals last year. Holidaymakers made up 42%, mostly aged 25–34, staying an average of 9 days. Visits peak in summer but are evenly spread. Main reasons for travel include holidays (42%), visiting family (39%), and business (9%).



8-14 DAYS

34%

15-21 DAYS

10%

22+ DAYS

3%

1-3 DAYS

18%

4-7 DAYS

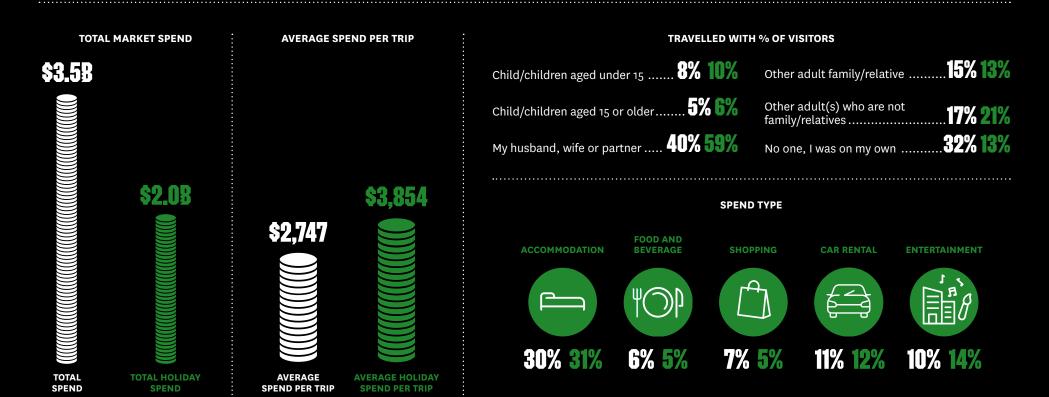
35%

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Australian visitors spent \$3.5bn in New Zealand, with \$2.0bn by holidaymakers. The average spend per trip was \$2,747, rising to \$3,854 for those on holidays. 30% of spending was on accommodation, and visitors were more likely to travel with their significant other.



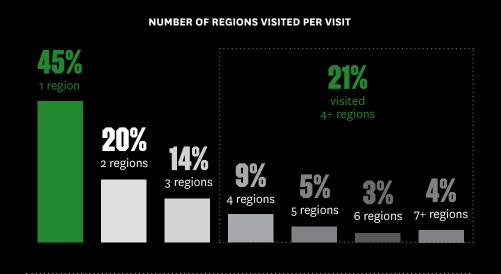


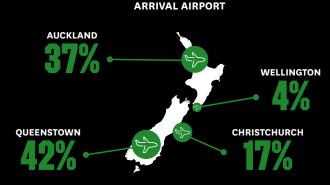
Source: MBIE, International Visitor Survey. Year ending March 2025

AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY TRAVELLER INSIGHTS



Most Australian tourists visited the South Island (70%), while 47% explored the North Island, and 17% visited both. Among them, 21% visited four or more regions. Queenstown was the most popular destination, followed by Auckland and Christchurch.





Source: MBIE, International Visitor Survey | Year ending March 2025 | Holiday Visitors NZ Stats - Holiday Arrivals (Port of Arrival)



AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY TRAVELLER INSIGHTS



Australians holidaying in New Zealand are drawn to its natural beauty, with mountains, lakes, hiking trails, and national parks topping the list. Many also enjoy beach visits, museums and galleries, along with brewery, gin and wine trails. Other popular experiences include hot pools, film locations, and geothermal parks.

TOP ACTIVITIES ENJOYED BY AUSTRALIANS IN NEW ZEALAND

Other natural attraction (e.g. mountain, lake, river, forest, etc.)	75 %
Went for a walk, hike, trek or tramp	73 %
A national park	60%
A beach	37%
A public museum or art gallery	36%
Brewery, gin, vineyard / wine trail	29%
Hot pools	27%
A film location, tour or experience	26%
A geothermal park (hot mud and possibly geysers)	23%













36%Museum or art gallery



29% Brewery, gin, vineyard / wine trail

AUSTRALIA **HOLIDAY TRAVELLER INSIGHTS**



Most visitors opted for hotels or booked houses or apartments online. Rental cars and taxis/shuttles were popular transport options among holidaymakers.

POPULAR ACCOMMODATION TYPES



Hotel



House/apartment booked online (AirBnb etc)



Luxury accommodation



Paid camping ground/ holiday park





Family or friends

Backpackers



Motel, motor inn or serviced apartment



House / flat that you paid some rent for



Bed and Breakfast

MODES OF TRANSPORT



Rental car



Local bus service



Ferries



Taxi/shuttle



Tour bus



Uber or other

app based

Other boat or ship



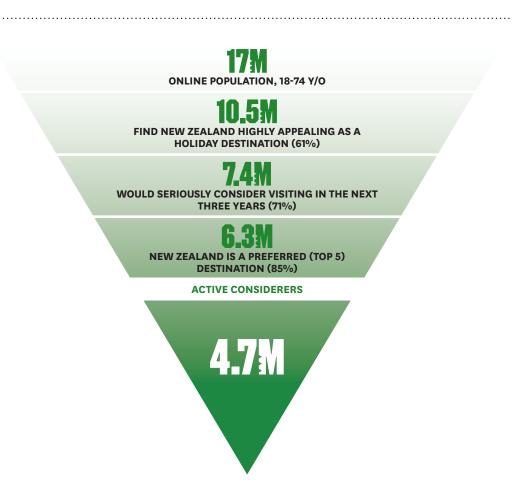


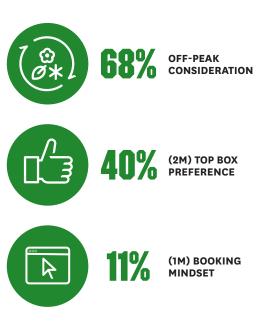
Car or van owned by you / (within New Zealand) family / friend(s) / company





New Zealand appeals to 61% of Australia's 18–74 online population — that's 10.5 million people. Of these, 7.4 million would seriously consider visiting, 6.3 million rank it in their top five destinations, and 4.7 million are willing to spend a realistic budget — representing a sizeable pool of Active Considerers.



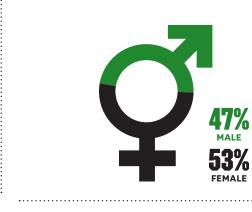


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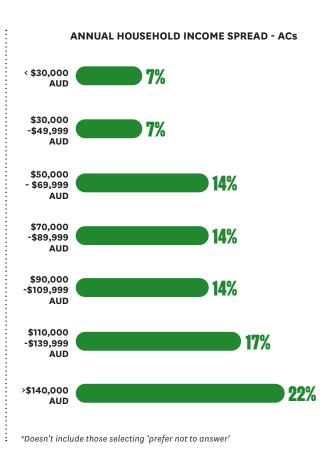
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Among Australians, New Zealand is renowned for its stunning landscapes, outdoor adventures, and family-friendly appeal.

BRAND ASSOCIATIONS



SPECTACULAR NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND SCENERY

85%



OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF OUTDOOR & ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

82%



I WOULD FEEL SAFE TRAVELLING AROUND THIS DESTINATION

79%



IDEAL FOR A FAMILY HOLIDAY

78%



THE ENVIRONMENT THERE IS CLEAN AND UNPOLLUTED

77%



OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF TOURIST EXPERIENCES

77%



A DESTINATION WHERE THE PEOPLE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND

76%



HAS A UNIQUE INDIGENOUS CULTURE

75%



OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE LOCAL CULTURE

75%



New Zealand's beautiful landscapes, nature, enjoyment, and relaxation are key reasons to visit. Additionally, Australian visitors seek to learn new things, take a break, and enjoy local food and beverages, among other experiences.

REASONS TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND



TO EXPERIENCE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES/SCENERY

55%



TO HAVE FUN & ENJOY MYSELF

51%



TO FEEL RELAXED AND REFRESHED

47%



TO LEARN & EXPLORE NEW THINGS

46%



TO TAKE A BREAK FROM THE ROUTINE, STRESSES AND PRESSURES OF EVERYDAY LIFE

38%



TO GET IN TOUCH WITH NATURE

35%



TO FEEL A SENSE OF ADVENTURE

34%



TO ENJOY LOCAL FOOD AND BEVERAGES

33%



TO CREATE LASTING MEMORIES THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

27%





Our Australian Active Considerers highly value opportunities to taste local cuisine, explore towns, enjoy New Zealand's beaches and cities, and immerse themselves in the country's scenic nature and cultural heritage.

ACTIVITIES SPARKING INTEREST AMONG THOSE INTENDING TO VISIT



EXPERIENCING LOCAL TOWNS

92%



LAKES, RIVERS AND WATERFALLS

92%



TRYING LOCAL CUISINE

91%



HISTORICAL SITES AND HERITAGE SITES

90%



BEACHES & COASTS

90%



SCENIC TRAIN TRIP

89%



EXPLORING MAIN CITIES

89%



VISITING NATIONAL PARKS, NATURE RESERVES OR NATIVE FORESTS

89%



WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

B7%



Key knowledge gaps for prospective Australian visitors include ease of transportation, the best time of year to travel, New Zealand's weather conditions, recommended activities and attractions, and travel distances within the country.

KNOWLEDGE GAPS FOR CHOOSING NEW ZEALAND AS A HOLIDAY



HOW EASY IT IS TO TRAVEL AROUND

42%



WHAT TIME OF YEAR IS BEST FOR THE ACTIVITIES I WANT TO DO

35%



WHAT THE WEATHER IS LIKE

35%



WHAT/WHERE THE RECOMMENDED THINGS TO SEE AND DO ARE

29%



HOW LONG IT TAKES TO TRAVEL
BETWEEN THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS

29%



HOW SAFE IT IS FROM CRIME

29%



THE LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED TO EXPERIENCE NEW ZEALAND PROPERLY

28%



HOW WELCOMING THE LOCALS ARE

26%



HOW SAFE IT IS TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

25%

