

KiwiRail Scenic Journeys 

# NEW ZEALAND BY TRAIN

The best way to experience our  
stunning scenery.



# Our Services

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## Northern Explorer

### AUCKLAND – WELLINGTON

An iconic, ever-changing journey through the heart of the North Island, bringing you a diverse range of scenery in one day.

## Coastal Pacific

### PICTON – CHRISTCHURCH

A dramatic tour of New Zealand's coastline between the Pacific Ocean and the breathtaking Kaikōura ranges, operating an extended summer season between September and April.

## TranzAlpine

### CHRISTCHURCH – GREYMOUTH

One of the world's most famous train journeys, that takes you through forests and farmland, and over the spectacular Southern Alps.

## Throughfares

### WELLINGTON – PICTON – CHRISTCHURCH

A convenient addition to your trip on the Coastal Pacific. Let the Interislander ferry take you across Cook Strait through the picturesque Marlborough Sounds, or see it all from above with a Sounds Air flight.

### CHRISTCHURCH – FOX GLACIER – QUEENSTOWN

A great way to explore the unspoilt West Coast region and beyond. The TranzAlpine connects with InterCity busses in Greymouth, seamlessly extending your train journey to reach more must-visit destinations of the South including Fox Glacier and Queenstown.

## Key

-  Northern Explorer
-  Interislander Ferry/Flight
-  Coastal Pacific
-  TranzAlpine
-  Bus





Auckland

Papakura

Hamilton

Otorohanga  
Waitomo

National Park

Ōhakune

Palmerston  
North

Paraparaumu

Picton

Wellington

Blenheim

Kaikōura

Rangiora

Christchurch

NORTHERN EXPLORER

COASTAL PACIFIC

TRANZALPINE

# Northern Explorer

Travel through the heart of New Zealand and experience the North Island's extraordinary range of scenery in one journey.

The Northern Explorer takes you through rolling green farmland and virgin bush, past quaint country towns and along rocky coasts. The journey through Tongariro National Park, with its three spectacular volcanic mountains – Tongariro, Ngāuruhoe and Ruapehu – is a highlight, a place of extremes and surprises, where snow-blanketed fields, ancient lava flows and dense beech forests can be seen side by side.

Make it a Scenic Escape and choose from overnight packages, with everything from luxury accommodation to adventurous activities.

## AUCKLAND – NATIONAL PARK – WELLINGTON

\*Please note this timetable is subject to change. Please confirm 24 hours prior to departure.

### TIMETABLE

The Northern Explorer operates 6 days a week, departing from Auckland on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and departing from Wellington on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

#### Auckland – Wellington

(MONDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY)

Auckland	7.45am
Papakura	8.54am
Hamilton	10.38am
Ōtorohanga (Waitomo)	11.38am
National Park	1.47pm
Ōhakune	2.17pm
Palmerston North	4.58pm
Paraparaumu	6.03pm
Wellington	6.57pm

#### Wellington – Auckland

(WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY)

Wellington	7.55am
Paraparaumu	8.45am
Palmerston North	10.00am
Ōhakune	12.45pm
National Park	1.15pm
Ōtorohanga (Waitomo)	3.45pm
Hamilton	4.30pm
Papakura	6.10pm
Auckland	7.10pm

**NOTE:** The train may depart intermediate stations earlier if all booked passengers are onboard. Passengers are advised to be at all stations at least 20 minutes before the time shown.

# Coastal Pacific

Immerse yourself in the rugged coastal architecture of New Zealand. Travelling between Christchurch and Picton daily over the extended summer season, the Coastal Pacific journeys breathtakingly close to the Pacific Ocean, where the roaring, windblown sea meets enormous bush-clad mountains. Stop in Kaikōura for the day and experience some of the colourful township's world famous eco-tourism activities, such as whale watching or swimming with dolphins.

The Coastal Pacific connects with the Interislander ferry and Sounds Air flights, which take you between the port of Picton and our capital city, Wellington, taking in the magnificent Marlborough Sounds.

Choose a Scenic Escape to combine your journey with accommodation or activities such as whale watching.

The Coastal Pacific is an extended summer train, running from September to April each year.

## CHRISTCHURCH – KAIKŌURA – PICTON

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### TIMETABLE – DAILY RETURN (SEPTEMBER – APRIL)

Christchurch – Picton		Picton – Christchurch	
Christchurch	7.00am	Picton	1.40pm
Rangiora	7.32am	Blenheim	2.09pm
Waipara	7.58am	Seddon	2.27pm
<b>Kaikōura</b>	<b>9.57am</b>	<b>Kaikōura</b>	<b>4.25pm</b>
Seddon	11.25am	Waipara	5.50pm
Blenheim	12.14pm	Rangiora	6.52pm
Picton	12.40pm	Christchurch	7.20pm

## Connections

- > The morning Interislander sailing from Wellington arrives in Picton to connect with the 1.40pm Coastal Pacific to Christchurch.
- > The Coastal Pacific departs Christchurch at 7.00am and connects at Picton with the afternoon Interislander sailing for Wellington.

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# TranzAlpine

Climb aboard one of the world's great train journeys.

Cross the fertile farmlands of the Canterbury Plains, and enjoy thrilling vistas over deep gorges as you travel alongside the ice-fed Waimakariri River. Traverse the mighty Southern Alps, where spectacular views of the chiselled alpine landscape will take your breath away at every turn.

Descend through thick stands of native beech forest to your destination, Greymouth – a great base for exploring this unspoiled region with its mighty glaciers, wild rivers and famous Punakaiki Pancake Rocks.

Make it a day trip, or choose a Scenic Escape for overnight packages with accommodation and activities.

## CHRISTCHURCH – ARTHUR'S PASS – GREYMOOUTH

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### TIMETABLE – DAILY RETURN

Christchurch – Greymouth		Greymouth – Christchurch	
Christchurch	8.15am	Greymouth	2.05pm
Rolleston	8.34am	Kōkiri	2.43pm
Darfield	8.56am	Moana (Lake Brunner)	3.03pm
Springfield	9.20am	Ōtira	3.51pm
Arthur's Pass	10.52am	Arthur's Pass	4.28pm
Ōtira	11.26am	Springfield	5.39pm
Moana (Lake Brunner)	12.06pm	Darfield	5.59pm
Kōkiri	12.24pm	Rolleston	6.16pm
Greymouth	13.05pm	Christchurch	6.31pm

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