



Adventure
IN
NEW ZEALAND

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Why New Zealand?

New Zealand is for adventure seekers of all levels.

Its Maori culture is renowned for being welcoming and wise. The adventure on offer ranges from mild to high octane. Its landscapes have become immortalized thanks to the many films it has set the backdrop for, including The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies, because of its otherworldly natural formations.

This lookbook will get you inspired to explore the many wonderful places in New Zealand that will have you feeling like your life is a movie.

Then get in touch with one of our New Zealand Experts to start planning your own journey around New Zealand's most awe-inspiring sights.

“Travel is the most wonderful gift we have on this planet. I feel so honored to craft unforgettable trips to amazing destinations for our clients.

When starting Swain Destinations in 1987, our goal was to allow people to visit places that seemed inaccessible or unknown.

It was clear the best way to highlight each destination was through the eyes of the locals. We pride ourselves on our relationships with local operators and vendors who can showcase their country and make our travelers feel welcome.”

- Ian Swain







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Rotorua

Visit the ancestral home of the Te Arawa, a Maori tribe whose people came by canoe and settled the area around 700 years ago. This is Rotorua, nestled in the crater of an extinct volcano and famous for its geothermal springs, bubbling pools of sulfuric mud, and geysers.



Allow the locals to show their Maori history and hospitality in all its glory, sharing a meal cooked from the steaming ground, a traditional Haka performance, and indulgent spa therapy.

Take a drive through dairy farms and kiwi fruit orchards to Waitomo Caves, subterranean limestone caverns with something unique deep within. *Arachnocampa Lumino*s, or glow worms as they're lovingly called, are found exclusively in New Zealand and light up the Waitomo Caves as though they were decorated for the holidays.



within moments of reaching the Marlborough
I whispered to myself, "should I move here?"

Marlborough

Spot dolphins, whales, seals, and adorable little blue penguins at Marlborough Sounds, before traveling through the rolling hills of the Marlborough wine region in search of your favorite Sauvignon Blanc.

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Kaikoura

A seaside settlement renowned for its variety of marine mammals, including the giant sperm whale and the acrobatic Dusky Dolphins, Kaikoura is overlooked by majestic, snow-capped mountains. Experiencing this stunning alpine scenery while swimming with dolphins is a memory which will stay with you for a lifetime.



forever imprinted on my brain will be the
childlike wonder of swimming in the sea
while looking back at frozen mountains

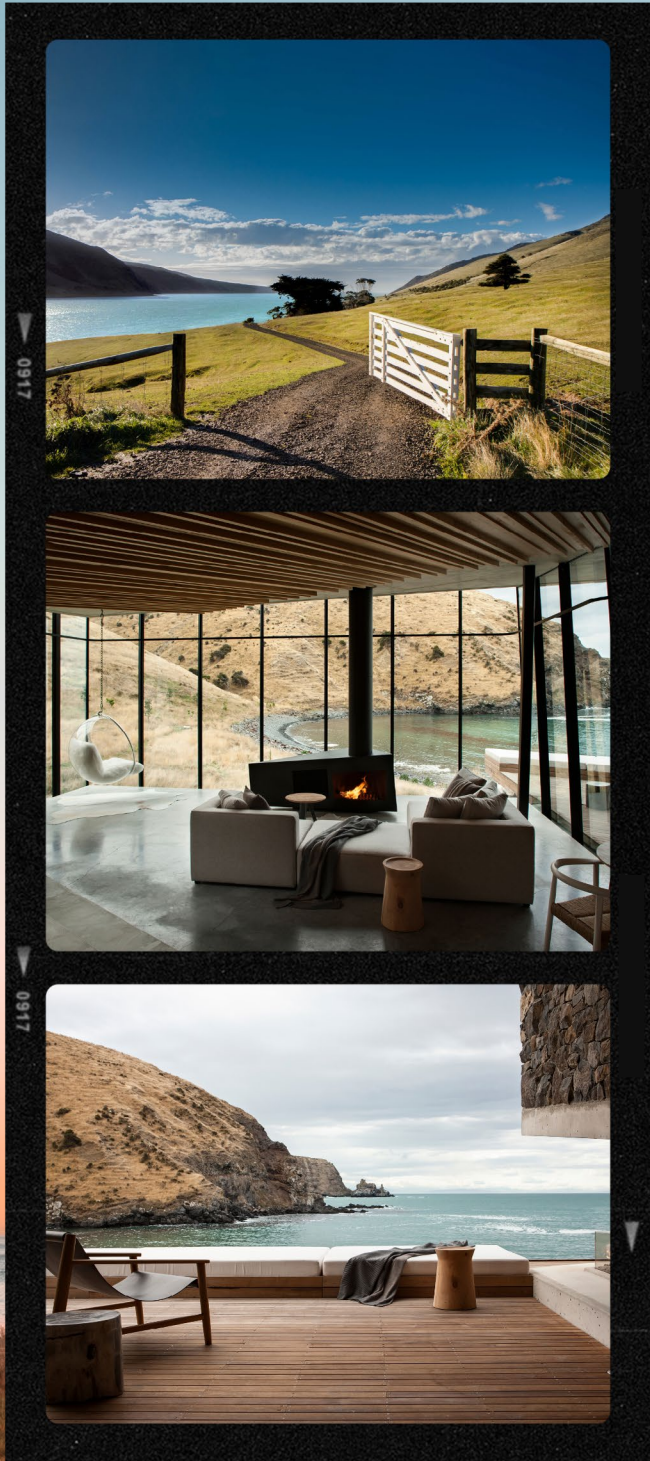


Pigeon Bay

Stay where the world cannot find you, in this tranquil coastal paradise which sits on the Akaroa Peninsula, just one hour from Christchurch, a city with small town feel that is considered to be the cultural and architectural capital of the South Island. Treat yourself to a secluded villa on the Bay and its turquoise waters.

Stay at Annandale and enjoy luxury so remote, the best way to arrive is by helicopter. You'll sleep in a beautifully appointed villa with views that wrap around you like a cozy embrace. Feel the romance of its location while enjoying a glass of your favorite drink at your outdoor lounge with fireplace, from which you can enjoy stunning scenery, fresh air, and fantastic sunsets.





Ahuriri Valley

Welcome to Ahuriri Valley, home of the Ahuriri River, a legendary spot for world class fly fishing, considered to be in the top five best places to cast a line across the planet. If fly fishing isn't your area of expertise, there is still plenty of adventure on offer. Hiking, horseback riding, and star gazing all top the list as must-do's in this beautiful part of the country.



Base yourself at The Lindis, designed in modern, sophisticated luxury and surrounded by the idyllic scenery of the Ahuriri Valley, The Lindis is an iconic luxury lodge created for you to unwind and relax.

*a remarkable landscape whose flair for
drama continually leaves you breathless*



Queenstown

There's no place quite like Queenstown for adventure seekers. Known for its breathtaking landscapes and picturesque scenery, it's no wonder that it's considered the adventure capital of the world. Who wouldn't want to see this iconic destination from every angle?



Looking to inject some serious thrill into your veins? Take a leap from an airplane or bungee from the iconic Kawarau Bridge.

Prefer to keep your feet closer to the ground? Get the adrenaline pumping from a more reasonable height, try jet boating or whitewater rafting on the Shotover River.

But, if your stomach is still doing somersaults at the thought of it all, you can still enjoy Queenstown's landscapes from aloft by scenic helicopter flight, ATV, cycling, or hiking the countryside.



The beauty of Milford Sound is
so legendary that it's almost folklore



Fiordland

Experience the unspoiled beauty of the Southern Alps with a helicopter tour of Fiordland National Park's breathtaking wilderness. A landing at Milford Sound, where you can indulge in a delightful picnic lunch, will be an absolute highlight of your time in New Zealand.



Your Adventure Starts Here

There are so many unbelievable sights and experiences around New Zealand awaiting your arrival. Now that you've learned of just a few places in New Zealand that don't feel real, you're ready to start planning your dream trip to experience them for yourself.

Speak to our Swain Destinations Travel Experts, who are ready to customize your perfect New Zealand adventure on 1-800-22-SWAIN (1-800-227-9246), or visit www.swaindestinations.com for even more Kiwi inspiration.

