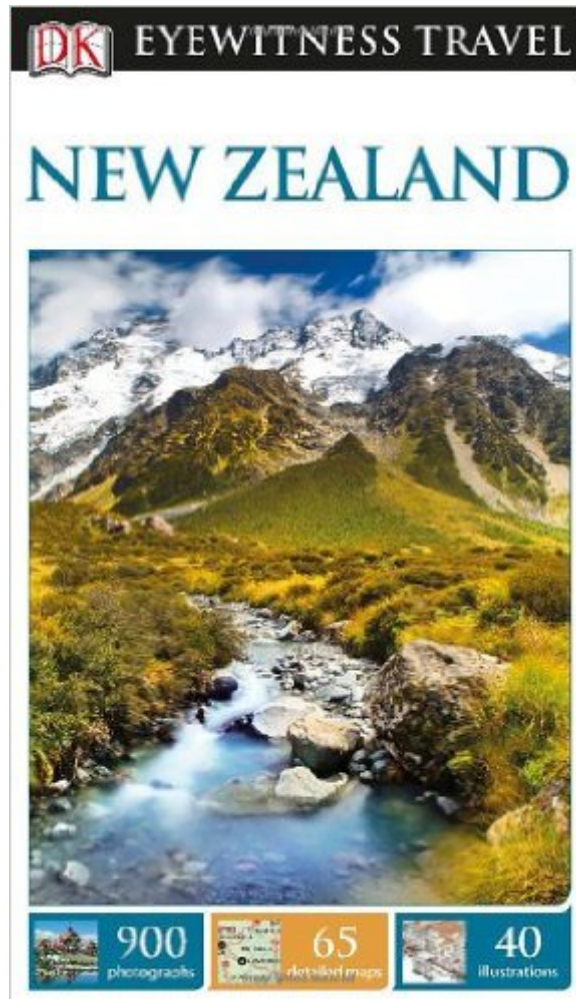


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# DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: New Zealand



## Synopsis

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: New Zealand will lead you straight to the best attractions this country has to offer. This fully updated guide includes illustrated 3-D cutaways and floor plans of must-see sights and street-by-street maps of cities and towns. DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: New Zealand explores the country's Maori heritage, flora and fauna, beaches and national parks, focusing on the best scenic routes from which to explore the diverse New Zealand landscape — from the glistening glaciers on the West Coast to the surfers' paradise on Central North Island. This fully updated guidebook provides insider tips every visitor needs to know about the best restaurants, bars, shops, hotels, and attractions in New Zealand. What's new in DK Eyewitness Travel Guides: New itineraries based on length of stay, regional destinations, and themes. Brand-new hotel and restaurants listings including DK's Choice recommendations. Restaurant locations plotted on redrawn area maps and listed with sights. Redesigned and refreshed interiors make the guides even easier to read. With hundreds of full-color photographs, hand-drawn illustrations, and custom maps that brighten every page, DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: New Zealand truly shows you this destination as no one else can.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is basically a summary overview of every region and town in New Zealand, all in color. It is great for giving you an introduction to everything New Zealand, but it falls very short on actual details about anything. Lonely Planet and Rough Guide offer far more details about each particular

town/region/area, while the NZFrenzy books offer far more details about outdoor activities. In summary, get this book to get you a little acquainted with NZ and get your planning revved-up, but then get other books to bring with you to New Zealand and help you get the most out of your trip.

DK Eyewitness Travel guides can provide a visually rich, information-packed introduction to any destination, and this guide to New Zealand doesn't disappoint. It embellishes a concise travel narrative with lots of color photos, illustrations, maps, graphics, and diagrams. The guide is arranged in the standard DK format, with an introduction to New Zealand, followed by surveys of the North and South Islands, basic travelers needs, and a survival guide. Key points for planning a visit from the US include the one to two days travel just to get there. New Zealand is a surprising large and diverse country offering habitats ranging from the sub-tropical to the sub-Antarctic, and lots inbetween. There are several substantial cities, including Auckland and Wellington. If travel to Christchurch on the South Island is planned, visitors may wish to check ahead since that area is still recovering from a devastating earthquake. The South Island does offer spectacular mountains and fjords, while North Island has beaches and marine life reserves, and the whole has an interesting mixture of British and Maori culture. Given the size of New Zealand, visitors would be wise to plan ahead in moving around and between North and South Island. The guide offers recommendations that can enable travelers to prioritize their most favored attractions and activities. The guide includes websites for followup information. "DK Eyewitness Travel Guide New Zealand" is very highly recommended as a planning and touring resource.

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: New Zealand Always we look for DK travel books first. Why? The color plates are a great indicator of what we will encounter. Has good road maps to help us determine what to see when we rent a car. We do not use the lodging guide though. That is relegated to the internet. This book has quite a few items about hiking. We found good short hikes. In NZ they call it tramping.

Print is very small and light, Hard to read because of the small print that is light, not a very bold print. Have not read yet because of print. I might return.

This is about the 10th book by DK Eyewitness that I have purchased. They are filled with so much information is why I continue to purchase them. I'm going to New Zealand in March and this book has helped me in making choices on what to see. Tom O'Brien

I found this book to have too many color photos and be too heavy to lug around during travels. I much prefer Lonely Planet. I found the recommendations to be standard, nothing exceptional or off the beaten track.

Interesting book about New Zealand, lots of good information and fun photos. But the type is SO small, I couldn't read it for more than a few minutes at a time or my head would ache. I finally got a good magnifying glass, and then could read it! The magnifier also helped see the details in the photos. Usually DK Eyewitness books are great, and this has the great content, but it needs to be a LOT larger.

I purchased several travel guides for an upcoming trip to NZ and this is my least favorite. It seems more like a marketing tool for tour operators than a helpful insider's guide. The Frenzy NZ guides are without a doubt the best, especially if you like to avoid typical commercial touristy things and our an outdoors-oriented person.

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