

# THE SEVEN WONDERS OF NEW ZEALAND



New Zealand is a land full of stunning natural beauty and hidden treasures. Tourism-Review.com presents the unofficial, yet fabulous, **seven wonders of New Zealand**. Inspired by Everything-everywhere.com.

## White Island

White Island is an active volcano named by Captain Cook. Known as Whakaari in the local Maori dialect, it was the former location of a sulfur mining operation which ended in disaster. You can find the White Island in the Bay of Plenty near the North Island and enjoy helicopter and boat trips to the island leaving daily from Whakatane.

## Milford Sound

According to many, Milford Sound is one of the best destinations in the world. Travelers come to explore the fjord on boats – many boat tours leave from Queenstown, which is the closest major city to Milford Sound. Hikers can reach the Sound via the Milford Track, one of the most popular hiking trails.

## Fox and Franz Joseph Glaciers

Only a 30 min drive from each other, the Fox and Franz Joseph Glaciers are the only glaciers in the Pacific. They are also the only glaciers in the world which flow into tropical forests. Also unlike many glaciers around the world, they have been advancing since the mid 1980s.

## Poor Knights Islands

Protected marine reserve, the Poor Knights Islands, are one of the best diving locations in the world. Divers can explore the diversity of the geography of New Zealand. Nowhere else is it possible to go diving in tropical waters one day and visit fjords and glaciers the next.

## The City of Rotorua

Boiling mud, pools of scalding water, geysers, geothermal spas – all this can be found in Rotorua, one of the most active geothermal areas in the world. Strong sulfur smell in the vicinity of the city informs the visitors they are getting close. Rotorua is also popular among adventure tourists as well as water sports enthusiasts because of Lake Rotorua.

## Tongariro National Park

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tongariro National Park is home to three active volcanoes: Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe, and Tongariro. The Tongariro Track is also one of the most popular hiking destinations. The park is also favorite among the Lord of the Rings' fans since it was one of the film

locations.

## All Blacks

While not a typical “wonder”, the All Blacks are the New Zealand national rugby union team that has been playing for over 100 years. They are perhaps the sports team which is most closely associated with a single country. Famous for the haka, a Maori war dance, which they perform before every match they always rank near the top of world standings.

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