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New Zealand National Public Holidays

- **New Year's Day:** Thursday 1 January
- **Day after New Year's Day:** Friday 2 January
- **Waitangi Day:** Friday 6 February
- **Good Friday:** Friday 3 April
- **Easter Monday:** Monday 6 April
- **Anzac Day:** Saturday 25 April (**Observed Monday 27 April**)
- **King's Birthday:** Monday 1 June
- **Matariki:** Friday 10 July
- **Labour Day:** Monday 26 October
- **Christmas Day:** Friday 25 December
- **Boxing Day:** Saturday 26 December (**Observed Monday 28 December**)

New Zealand Regional Anniversary Dates (Regional Holidays)

- **Auckland:** Monday 26 January (*Includes Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Northland, and Gisborne*)
- **Wellington:** Monday 19 January (*Includes Manawatū and Whanganui*)
- **Nelson:** Monday 2 February (*Includes Tasman and Buller*)
- **Taranaki:** Monday 9 March
- **Otago:** Monday 23 March
- **Southland:** Tuesday 7 April
- **Canterbury (South):** Monday 28 September
- **Hawke's Bay:** Friday 23 October
- **Marlborough:** Monday 2 November
- **Canterbury:** Friday 13 November
- **Chatham Islands:** Monday 30 November
- **Westland:** Monday 30 November

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- **King's Birthday:** Monday 7 June
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New Zealand Provincial Anniversary Dates (Regional Holidays)

- **Wellington:** Monday 25 January (*Includes Manawatū and Whanganui*)
- **Auckland:** Monday 1 February (*Includes Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Northland, and Gisborne*)
- **Nelson:** Monday 1 February (*Includes Tasman and Buller*)
- **Taranaki:** Monday 8 March
- **Otago:** Monday 22 March
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Does your travel dates line up with any of these holidays?

New Zealanders love a long weekend, and when a public holiday hits, cities like Auckland and Wellington empty out as everyone heads to the coast and the mountains. If your travel dates line up with a holiday, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- **Book Your Stay Early:** In "hotspot" regions like The Coromandel, Taupō, and Queenstown, accommodation can book out months in advance. If you see something you love, don't wait.
- **The 15% Surcharge:** It's common for cafés and restaurants to add a 15% surcharge on public holidays to cover higher staff costs. It's standard practice across the country, so just keep an eye out for small signs at the counter.

- **Minimum Stays:** During peak weekends like Easter or Matariki, most accommodation options require a minimum booking of 2 or 3 nights.
- **Watch the Traffic:** Expect the main highways heading away from the major cities to be much busier than normal.

Planning your trip around a holiday? [Download our New Zealand Booking Guide to plan a seamless trip→]