

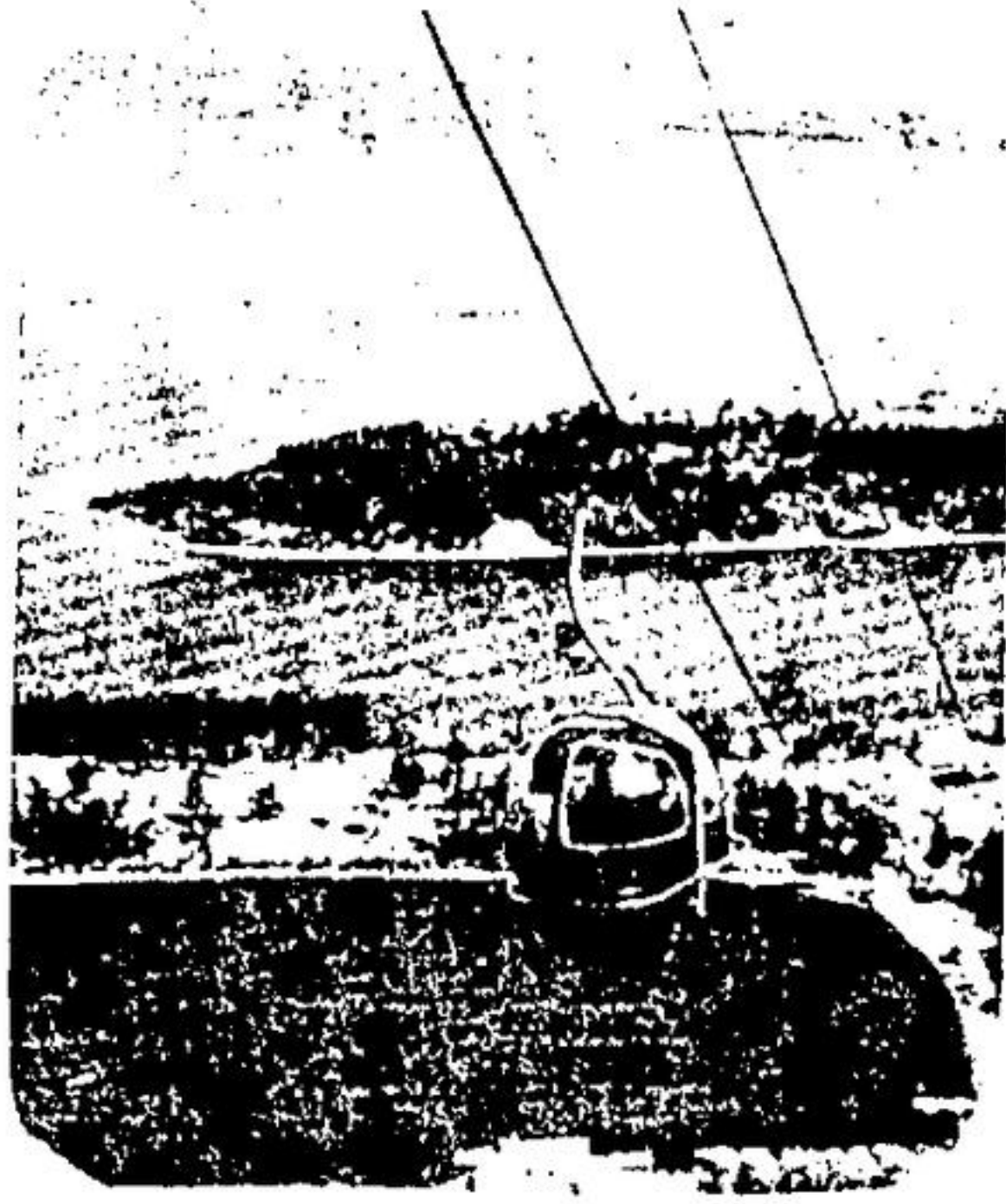
# Travel

## NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a small country, but for its size it packs in a variety of scenery that is unequalled in many countries double or triple its size. Smaller than California and with little more than 3 million inhabitants, it is a country of tremendous variation and with people who instantly bring to mind the civility and gentility of a bygone era.

The "kiwis", as the New Zealanders are affectionately called, have not forgotten how to welcome visitors or make them feel at home. And they are very much at home with visitors from the States and Canada.

But after the people, New Zealand's major attraction is its primeval scenic splendor. From the semi-tropical north to the king-sized mountains in the south, there is everywhere a natural peacefulness and beauty. On North Island there are quiet volcanic and spectacular geysers erupting and leaving many-colored mounds of silica to mark their locations. Bays and inlets with white sandy



beaches adorn the entire coastline. On South Island, the Southern Alps raise their mighty peaks to more than two miles above the sea and in the course of a short visit, one can scramble along a glacier or glide silently through a mountainous fjord. The roads in New Zealand tend to be very good, but

narrow and remind one of the country roads in Old England. Yet, with a small population and a relatively large network of roads, the lanes are uncrowded and the pace is relaxing. In the National Parks, some roads may be primitive, one-lane gravel stretches, but the woodlands through which

they roll appear as yet untouched by the human hand. The streams flowing alongside the road may run fast and deep and cold, but the water is crystal clear and full of game fish awaiting a challenge.

Hotel accommodations range from the deluxe to the simple, but all are spotless clean and comfortable. And the food is basic, good quality, unprocessed and generally untainted with chemicals. Weather is warm almost all the year in North Island and generally cooler in South Island, but there is winter only in the higher altitudes.

If you are looking for a relaxing vacation in an uncomplicated place with friendly people and incomparable scenery, think about New Zealand.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**Air Fares:** Use the Group Fares (GIT) to save money. But if you want to travel independently or stay longer than the two or three week tours permit, use the Independent Economy Tour Fares (ITX) shown for your tour.

A valid passport is required for U.S. and Canadian citizens, but no visa is necessary. Residents of other nationalities should check visa requirements with the nearest Consulate of New Zealand. A smallpox vaccination is not required, but is recommended.

A valid State or Provincial Driver's Licence is acceptable in New Zealand and must be presented when taking delivery of your car. You must be at least 21 years old to rent a car.

On all tours you may take advantage of multiple hires. This means you can have one car on North Island, a second car on South Island, and a third on your return to North Island, or any variation of up to three cars.

Cars may be returned to any Avis location on the same island for no additional charge, provided the arrangement is made when you pick up your car.

Insurance is available for full collision protection at a cost of NZ\$9 for the first week and NZ\$6.30 for each additional week. This premium is paid when taking delivery of your car.

Special Air Fares in New Zealand Mount Cook Airlines and New Zealand National Airways jointly offer a special reduction of 20 per cent of their normal tariffs for tourists who begin and end their journey in Auckland (the trip may be a combination of car or bus and air). The discount is offered only on trips totaling more than NZ\$60 (about \$78). If you flew from Wellington to Christchurch and then from Queenstown back to Auckland, your ticket would cost about \$93, a saving of more than \$20 and many hours in time. Figure your routing before you leave and your travel agent can issue a ticket. If you only use part of it, the refund would apply on the basis of the normal fares for the sectors actually flown, but the discount would still apply as long as your total air fare for the flights was NZ\$60 or more.

Australia, the "Awakening Giant", is a vast continent-sized country only slightly smaller in size than the entire continental United States. Yet it has only 13 million inhabitants, more than half of whom live in the six state capital cities. English is the language of the land and 90 per cent of the population is of British stock, enhanced by recent waves of "new Australians" from Europe whose presence gives a cosmopolitan atmosphere to the country's modern and rapidly growing cities. Australia is one of the few places in the world in which industrial and mineral wealth is growing faster than the population and immigration is actively promoted to this "last frontier". In a sense, Australia is today's land of opportunity.

From the lush tropical north to the temperate south, Australia is a land of vivid and startling contrasts. Hundreds of golden beaches line the coast of Sydney, white vast mountain ranges with snow fields larger than all Switzerland attract the winter sportsman. Rich farmland and extensive cattle and sheep ranges contribute to Australia's self-sufficiency and the great variety of fine wines produced indicates the influence of continental European settlements.

The Outback which has been and still is a driving force in Australia literature is, perhaps, the stereotype of the country, much as the Old West still represents the image of the United States in many parts of the world. But it is only a small part of the reason to visit this young, modern and fast-moving friendly country.

And what better way is there than in the comfort of your own rent-a-car? With more than 300 quality hotels and inns to choose from for each night's accommodation. Complete freedom and maximum flexibility are yours to go where you want to and when you want to. Roads are good, safe and well marked in the major tourist areas around the big cities and towns while the gravel roads and dusty trails in the Outback confirm the pioneering spirit of the adventurous motorist.

**NOTE:** Australia is practically self-sufficient in petroleum supplies. Gasoline is plentiful and cheap and no shortages are foreseen for the future.

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## AUSTRALIA



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required, but is recommended.

A valid State or Provincial Driver's Licence is also required and must be presented when taking delivery of your car. No person under 21 or over 70 of age is permitted to rent a car.

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On all tours, cars may be returned at no extra cost in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra, or Brisbane. Other locations may require a drop-off charge.

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<b>SUPPLEMENT FOR SINGLE ROOM</b>	\$ 470.00

The above air fare is the group inclusive tour fare, and requires a minimum of 10 passengers. With less than 10 passengers, the individual inclusive tour fare of \$1,755.00 will apply.

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