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Now that you know a lot about New Zealand, it's time to pack !



What will you take to the Southern Hemisphere ?

Spring

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Spring in New Zealand is in September, October and November. This is quite surprising for tourists who come from the other hemisphere. The weather is more and more stable as we approach summer. It is warmer and warmer but you can still see snow falling, especially in November and the temperatures can be quite cold: nights can be freezing with temperatures below zero, but only on the South Island.

During the day, the lowest temperatures start at 10 degrees Celsius (50-68 degrees Fahrenheit) and can go as high as 20! It is in November that you will get the warmest temperatures. The wettest time will be in October and the driest time will be in September.

What to pack for spring in New Zealand? The best thing to do is to wear clothes in layers when you spend your holiday in New Zealand so that you can put on or take off clothes according to the changes in temperature, especially if you go in the mountains.

Where to go in spring and what to do?

As it can still be snowy and cold, you can visit the mountains in spring: Mount Cook on the South Island and Mount Ruapehu on the North Island are the best places to go if you like skiing! If you feel like visiting the central plateau, you will be able to go for a walk in Tongariro National Park. The temperature won't be too hot and walking among the volcanoes will be great! You just need to be ready: the volcanoes can be covered in snow!

The best activity in spring is definitely walking. Yet you should be careful and be ready to change your plans if the weather conditions change.

Apart from skiing and sightseeing, visiting gardens is a very popular activity: you can see spring blossoms, especially on the South Island but spring blossoms are all over New Zealand: look at people's yards, their trees are in blossom!

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1. What months make up spring in New-Zealand ?

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Add up all the letters in these three months ?

⇒ How many letters are there ? => _____

2. What is the highest daytime temperature you can have in spring in New Zealand ? => degrees Celsius

3. Which is the *wettest month in spring ? (* humide) =>

⇒ How many « o » does it have ? =>

4. Which is the *driest month in spring ? (* sec) =>

⇒ How many « e » does it have ? =>

5. If you go to Mount Cook in spring, would you rather take your swimsuit or your skis ?

⇒ swimsuit skis

How many « i » are there in your answer ? =>

6. What landscape will you see in the central plateau ?

Put the letters in order : O-E-O-L-S-V-C-A-N =>

⇒ What letter comes in the middle of the word ? =>

Summer

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Summer in New Zealand is in December, January, and February. This is quite surprising for tourists who come from the other hemisphere. This is when the temperatures are the warmest because the sun is closer to the South than to the North, it is high in the sky. It is quite nice as temperatures range between 18 and 25 degrees Celsius (64-77 degrees Fahrenheit). It is in January that you will have the warmest temperatures. The wettest time will be in December and the driest time will be in February. You easily understand that if you are in New Zealand in summer you will spend a lot of time outdoors doing fantastic activities!

Where to go in summer and what to do?

Wherever you want to go and whatever you want to do is possible in summer in New Zealand as everything and everywhere is open, apart from the ski slopes, of course! Tourists and locals both love hiking trails, going to beaches, lakes, or any activity involving water.

If you're visiting the North Island in summer you can discover the beaches of Northland at the top of the North Island, Coromandel the Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, and Napier, and Mount Egmont National Park. You will be able to hike in Tongariro National Park or enjoy city walks in Auckland, Wellington, or Napier.

If you like kayaking or hiking, the beaches of Abel Tasman National Park, or the West Coast of the South Island are for you. You can just drive along or spend some time here and there and enjoy a hike to waterfalls, lakes, or just along the coast.

If you feel like hiking, skydiving, or paragliding, just go to Wanaka and Queenstown! Fancy some bungee jumping? Queenstown is waiting for you.

But if you enjoy picking fruit, Central Otago is where you should go. You can do anything you like in New Zealand!

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1.What months make up summer in New-Zealand ?

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Add up all the letters in these three months.

⇒ How many letters are there ? => _____

2.What is the highest daytime temperature you can have in summer in New Zealand ? => degrees Celsius

3.Which is the *wettest month in summer ? (* humide) =>

⇒ How many consonants does it have ?

4 .Which is the *driest month in summer ? (* sec) =>

⇒ How many « c » does it have ? =>

5 . If you go to the Bay of Plenty in summer, would you rather take your swimsuit or your skis ? swimsuit skis

How many « i » are there in your answer ? =>

6. Where can you go bungee-jumping ? =>

⇒ What letter comes first ? =>

Autumn

Autumn in New Zealand is in March, April, and May. This is quite surprising for tourists who come from the other hemisphere. It can be a great idea to visit New Zealand in Autumn. But you must take into account that Autumn is a rainy season and the further into autumn, the lower the temperatures are.

It can be quite warm in March as temperatures can go as high as 29 degrees Celsius (84 degrees Fahrenheit) but they can also be as low as 20 by the end of May. It is in March that you will have the warmest weather. The wettest time will be in May. As you enter April and May, it becomes chilly and you can see snow on the top of the mountains.

What to pack for autumn in New Zealand?

It is very difficult to predict the weather in autumn as it changes all the time. Places in the mountains like Queenstown-Lakes District (Queenstown, Wanaka, Kingston, and Arrowtown) and Mackenzie Country (Tekapo and Mount Cook) can be cold but not very cold so you won't need any thick coat: a fleece sweater or a jacket is enough to keep you warm while you are walking, should it become colder. Don't forget your waterproof jacket as it is often rainy in autumn.

Where to go to see autumn colors?

Like anywhere else in the world, leaves on trees change colour in autumn. The best places to enjoy it are in parks and gardens. There are so many around the country, and keep an eye on people's yards, there are beautiful colours there too! The South Island is famous for being more colourful in autumn than the North Island.

You won't see any fall colours in March: it is too early as it is still warm and trees are still green until the end of the month. April is definitely the best time to see colourful trees! May is already too late as trees go brown by the end of April.

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1. What months make up autumn in New-Zealand ?

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2. What is the highest daytime temperature you can have in autumn in New Zealand ? => degrees Celsius

3.Which is the *warmest month in autumn ? =>

⇒ How many vowels does it have ?=>

4.Which is the *wettest month in summer ? (* humide) =>

⇒ How many vowels does it have ?=>

5.If you go walking in autumn in New-Zealand, would you rather take your sunglasses or your rain jacket ? sunglasses rain jacket

How many « a » are there in your answer ?=>

6.Which month is the best month to see autumn colours ?

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⇒ What letter comes in the middle of the word ? =>

Winter



Winter in New Zealand is in June, July and August. This is quite surprising for tourists who come from the other hemisphere. If you like mountains covered in snow, you should visit the South Island of New Zealand in winter! Night temperatures go as low as 8 degrees Celsius (46 degrees Fahrenheit). So be ready to experience frosty winter nights!

It is in July that you will have the coldest temperatures in winter with temperatures going as low as -6 degrees Celsius (21 degrees Fahrenheit). The highest temperature you can experience in winter is 19 degrees Celsius (66 degrees Fahrenheit). In June or August you will have approximately the same temperatures: between -5 and 20 degrees Celsius (23-68 degrees Fahrenheit). After July, temperatures tend to go up again and return to what they were in June. The snow generally starts at the end of autumn, in May, and it carries on all winter in June, July and August. Yet, you will find snow only in altitude.

Where to go in winter and what to do?

The main activities you can do in winter in New Zealand are skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and also tubing. But heliskiing is a popular activity too: it gives you a lot of adrenaline-like sensations!

There are 25 ski resorts, located in two main regions: on the Central North Island (Mount Ruapehu) and Mount Hutt near Christchurch and there are also ski resorts in the region of the Southern Lakes (Queenstown and Wanaka) on the South Island.

Winter sports are clearly activities you can do in New Zealand, but you can also spend your time cruising or jet boating. You can take part in horse treks, or have fun quad biking, 4WD touring, bungee jumping, rafting, skydiving, or even experience hot air ballooning.

If you prefer you can plan a more relaxed time and experience swimming in a hot pool, for example. Taupo on the North Island or Hanmer Springs on the South Island are the best places to go then!

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1. What months make up winter in New-Zealand ?

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Add up all the letters in these three months.

⇒ How many letters are there ? => _____

2.What is the highest daytime temperature you can have in winter in New Zealand ? => degrees Celsius

3.Which is the *coldest month in winter ? =>

⇒ How many « u » does it have ? =>

4.Which is the *warmest month in winter ? =>

⇒ How many « u » does it have ? =>

5.If you go near the Southern lakes in winter in New-Zealand, would you rather take your swimsuit or your skis ?

⇒ swimsuit skis

How many « i » are there in your answer ? =>

6.What kind of pools do you find in Taupo ? hot pools cold pools

⇒ How many « o » in your answer ? =>