

Do You Feel Like...

... a somewhat different New Zealand? Whether it's animals, artistic Maori houses or beautiful beaches – you'll be amazed.

UNIQUE ANIMALS

• Whales & dolphins ▶

In Kaikoura along with seals there are dolphins and sperm whales to see. Popular tourist attraction: swimming with dolphins.

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• Penguins

Blue penguins and yellow-eyed penguins cavort along the Oamuru coast.

There is a breeding station.

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• Albatrosses

The only mainland breeding colony for southern royal albatrosses is located at the northern point of Otago Peninsula (Taiaroa Head).

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UNIQUE BUILDINGS

• Napier

After a severe earthquake Napier was rebuilt in American Art deco style.

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◀ Wellington & Auckland

For fans of modern architecture: government building in Wellington (ill.) and Auckland's skyline page 290 & 169

• Larnach Castle

The only castle in New Zealand is located near Dunedin; it has an extravagant mixture of styles with Gothic and Victorian elements.

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ARTISTIC MAORI HOUSES

• Auckland

The War Memorial Museum also has a Maori house.

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• Waitangi ▶

Richly decorated meeting house near Treaty House, where the Treaty of Waitangi (New Zealand's »birth certificate«) was signed.

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• Rotorua

Masterpiece of carving: the Maori meeting house Tamatekapua marae in Rotorua

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FABULOUS BEACHES

• Bay of Islands

Clear water, long beaches –

Bay of Islands is a breathtaking holiday paradise.

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• Hot Water Beach

Dig your own bathtub: here on the Coromandel Peninsula south of Hahei hot thermal water

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◀ Ninety Mile Beach

103 kilometers (60 miles) of beach in one piece. Even cars are allowed to drive on Ninety Mile Beach between Kaitiā and Cape Reinga.

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◀ Abel Tasman National Park

... offers golden sand beaches and charming bays.

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• Banks Peninsula

Peninsula with many bays and a blessed climate

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No. 1 National Sport

While New Zealand's soccer team has also taken part in World Cup tournaments rugby is still the number one national sport. Its national team, the All Blacks, is among the best in the world. They have something special to offer their opponents: before every game they dance the haka, the Maori war dance.



All Blacks Haka -
www.youtube.com

► League teams

The pro national championship is carried out in the ITM Cup. The Super Rugby Cup is played for by 15 teams from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa

Goal posts

The posts are 5.5m/18ft apart and 16m/53ft high. The cross bar is at 3m/10ft.

► Players' positions

- 1 Fullback
- 2 Left and Right Wing
- 3 Left and Right Centre
- 4 Stand-Off
- 5 Scrum-Half
- 6 Loose Forward
- 7 Second Row
- 8 Prop
- 9 Hooker

► All Blacks

The New Zealand Rugby Union national team is much better known by its nickname, the All Blacks, because the players' dress is black.



Coach: Steve Hanson
Captain: Richie McCaw

First test match: 15 August 1903

Australia 3:22 New Zealand

Highest win: 4 June 1995

New Zealand 145:17 Japan

Highest loss: 28 August 1999

Australia 28:7 New Zealand

World champion 1987, 2011, 2015

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www.allblacks.com

► Rules

The goal of the game is to carry or kick the ball past the opposing team and to gain points this way. Passing by hand is only allowed to the rear. Points can be made in the following ways:

TRY The ball has to be laid on the ground in the opponents' in-goal area.

CONVERSION After a successful try the ball is kicked from the point of the try between the goal posts and over the cross bar.

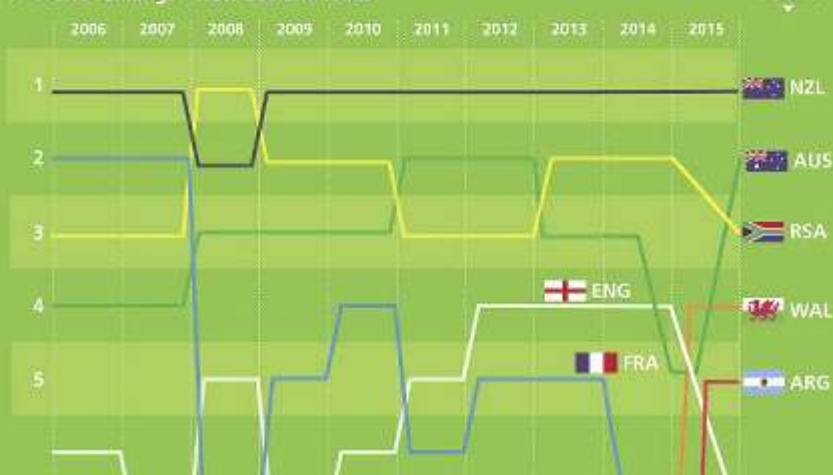
DROP KICK A kick during play between the goal posts and over the cross bar.

PENALTY KICK A kick towards the goal after a major infringement.



► Rugby ball in comparison

► World rankings – New Zealand leads



Tour 4 East Cape Route

Length of tour: 1,300km/810mi

Duration of tour: approx. 2 weeks

This alternative route from Auckland to Wellington heads east via the Bay of Plenty and the East Cape. It also gives an introduction to the fertile landscape of Hawkes Bay as well as the Art Déco town of Napier, finishing off with a drive through the »volcanic heart« of North Island to the south to Wellington.

Trip to a From ① **Auckland**, drive southeast to the ② **Bay of Plenty**, volcano which is steeped in history, with the two towns of Tauranga and



Floating along on a high bridge

Whakatane, alongside the old Maori settlement of Opotiki. Travellers with a bit of time on their hands might consider side trips to the beach at offshore Mayor Island or the still very young and active volcanic outcrop of White Island with its moon-like landscape.

The route leads on to ③ **East Cape**, the eastern point of North Island and constantly ruffled by the swell of the Pacific. From there, turn south towards ④ **Gisborne** on Poverty Bay and maybe consider a detour to the Mahia Peninsula south of Gisborne. On arrival at ⑤ **Hawkes Bay** drivers will encounter the town of Wairoa, from where the 180km/112-mile »Urewera Route« leads northwest and straight through ⑥ **Urewera National Park** into the volcanic area of ⑦ **Rotorua**. At the southern fringe of Hawkes Bay, the Art Déco town of ⑧ **Napier**, is well worth a visit. From here, the 150km/93-mile »Napier-Taupo Route« leads northwest into the geothermal area of ⑨ **Taupo • Wairakei**, whilst the East Cape Route proper

Art Déco in
Napier