

# The climate

## The New Zealand climate

Choose the best time to explore New Zealand according to the weather!

**New Zealand** is located east of Australia in the **southern hemisphere**. The seasons are reversed compared to Europe. In **summer, from December to February**, it is quite warm and sunny with **relatively high humidity**. The winter is mild, but remains significantly cooler on the South Island where the high humidity increases the cold. The country is very maritime and often windy, with strong winds and heavy rain particularly on the west Coast.

New Zealand is an **island in the Pacific Ocean**. The sea temperature can reach 20°C on the North Island, where the currents are relatively calm. However in August the water temperature is closer to 14°C.

Below is an overview of the average monthly temperatures in the cities from which you can rent a motorhome.

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Auckland	23	24	22	20	17	15	14	15	16	18	20	22
	15	16	15	12	10	8	7	8	9	11	12	14
Christchurch	22	22	20	18	15	12	11	12	15	17	19	21
	12	12	11	8	5	2	2	3	5	7	9	11
Queenstown	23	22	20	18	14	11	11	12	15	17	19	21
	13	15	11	8	4	2	1	3	5	7	9	11