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Holidays and public holidays

Visiting New Zealand?

Exploring Aotearoa by motorhome is one of the best ways to experience its mountains, beaches, and M?ori culture at your own pace. But public holidays can mean busy roads, closed shops, and packed campsites. Our guide to New Zealand's public holidays in 2026, 2027, and 2028 helps international travellers plan ahead — showing when to join the celebrations (like Waitangi Day or Matariki), and when to travel just before or after for quieter routes and easier overnight stops.

New Zealand Public Holidays 2026–2028

Holiday	2026	2027	2028
New Year's Day	Thu 1 Jan 2026	Fri 1 Jan 2027	Sat 1 Jan 2028
Day after New Year's Day	Fri 2 Jan 2026	Sat 2 Jan 2027 (obs Mon 4)	Sun 2 Jan 2028 (obs Mon 3)
Waitangi Day	Fri 6 Feb 2026	Sat 6 Feb 2027 (obs Mon 8)	Sun 6 Feb 2028 (obs Mon 7)
Good Friday	Fri 3 Apr 2026	Fri 26 Mar 2027	Fri 14 Apr 2028
Easter Monday	Mon 6 Apr 2026	Mon 29 Mar 2027	Mon 17 Apr 2028
ANZAC Day	Sat 25 Apr 2026 (obs Mon 27)	Sun 25 Apr 2027 (obs Mon 26)	Tue 25 Apr 2028
King's Birthday	Mon 1 Jun 2026	Mon 7 Jun 2027	Mon 5 Jun 2028
Matariki (M?ori New Year)	Fri 10 Jul 2026	Fri 25 Jun 2027	Fri 28 Jun 2028
Labour Day	Mon 26 Oct 2026	Mon 25 Oct 2027	Mon 23 Oct 2028
Christmas Day	Fri 25 Dec 2026	Sat 25 Dec 2027	Mon 25 Dec 2028
Boxing Day	Sat 26 Dec 2026	Sun 26 Dec 2027 (obs Tue 28)	Tue 26 Dec 2028

(Plus regional anniversary days such as Auckland, Wellington, and Otago — important if you're travelling locally.)

Notes for International Motorhome Travellers

- Holiday closures: On Waitangi Day, ANZAC Day, Christmas, and Boxing Day, expect most shops and services to close. Stock up the day before.
- Busy roads: Easter, Labour Day, and Christmas/New Year are peak domestic travel times. Campsites and DOC (Department of Conservation) campgrounds fill quickly.
- Unique experiences:
 - Waitangi Day (6 Feb) ? cultural events and ceremonies at Waitangi Treaty Grounds.
 - Matariki (June/July)? M?ori New Year, with stargazing, storytelling, and festivals.
 - ANZAC Day (25 Apr) ? dawn services across the country, moving and respectful.
- Best strategy:
 - Book campsites early for Easter and Christmas.
 - Use public holidays to join festivals, or travel just before/after for quieter roads.
 - DOC campsites and holiday parks are motorhome?friendly and widespread.