

# «Я мыслю улечу к брегам туманным Альбиона»

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# Place in the world

New Zealand is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Even if it's a small country New Zealand has a truly unique flora and fauna. Nature, art and human kindness are the main things that attract you to the realm of dreams. New Zealand is made up of two main islands and a number of smaller islands. All those Islands are very unique and surprise you with picturesque places, from mountains to forests and beautiful parks, from waterfalls to beautiful rivers and lakes. Nature here is very rich in different species of plants.



# QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown is the most well known major centre for snow sports in New Zealand. Here people from all over the country and all over the world are travelling to ski at the four main mountain ski fields (Cardrona Alpine Resort, Coronet Peak, The Remarkables and Treble Cone). A resort town, Queenstown boasted 220 adventure tourism activities in 2012. Skiing and snowboarding, jet boating, whitewater rafting, bungy jumping, mountain biking, skateboarding, tramping, paragliding, sky diving and fly fishing are all popular.



# RANGITOTO ISLAND

Rangitoto Island, one of the most fascinating places in the world, is a volcanic island in the Hauraki Gulf near Auckland, New Zealand and it's the most youthful of the volcanoes in the area. Amazingly, despite the fact that in the past the island was covered only by rocks and lava, Rangitoto is now a wonderful volcanic landscape that supports over 200 species of moss native plants and ferns. Several unique hybrids have developed and some plants increase in unusual ways on this relatively new part of New Zealand. One of the most amazing species of plants is the native pohutukawa tree, which displays bright crimson flowers in early summer. The most amazing thing is that here Pohutukawa forest is the largest forest of pohutukawa tree in the world.



# WHITE ISLAND

White Island is one of the most fascinating places in New Zealand. The island is unique in a number of ways. The island is roughly circular. The most important goal on this island is the volcano. Although surrounded by sea water, the cavity is chemically sealed from it. This volcano is the most accessible volcanoes on earth, carrying with it an A grade level of scientific importance. As New Zealand's only live marine volcano, scientists and volcanologists worldwide are attracted by its unique features. Another thing that makes this island more amazing and attractive is that White Island breathes roars and hisses.



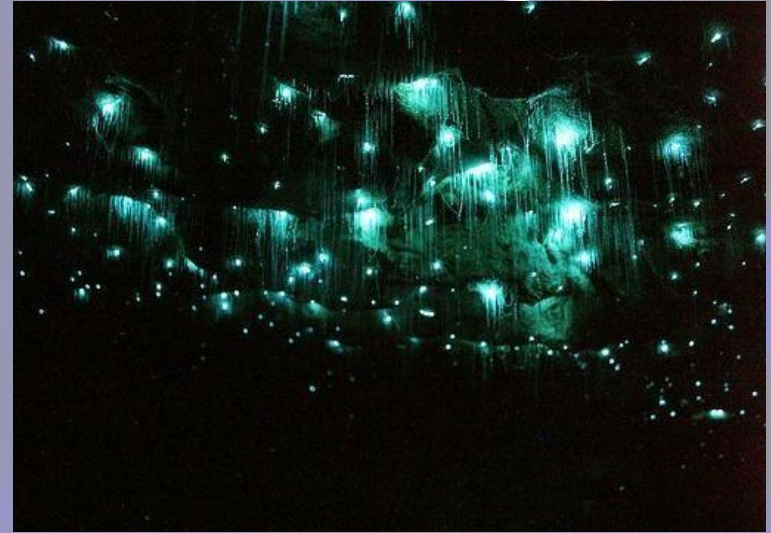
# WAITOMO CAVES

It's a place that hosts unforgettable sightseeing attractions. The community of Waitomo Caves itself is very small.

The cave was formed about 30 million years, being initially filled with water. Now it can be seen the formations of limestone, coral and shells everywhere.

Gardner's Gut is an extensive cave system in the Waitomo caves. One of the most impressive features of the cave is the 'Birthday Candle', the tallest stalagmite in the country, being around 6–7 meters high and having a diameter of around 2 meters.

More than 30 million years ago, the legend of Waitomo began with the creation of limestone at the bottom of the ocean. Now these limestone formations stand as one of New Zealand's most inspiring natural wonders and a must-see destination.



# ROTORUA

The air in Rotorua has a unique scent of sulphur that is typical only for this place. The city is known for its geothermal hot spots and features geysers. Also nearby geothermal hot spots there are boiling mud pools whose terraces are naturally decorated with a kaleidoscope of colors. Because of all this geothermal hotspots and boiling mud pools, Rotorua is fast becoming known as "Nature's Spa of the South Pacific".

In Rotorua there are a big number of lakes that make this region an aquatic paradise. Also Rotorua is home to botanical gardens and historic architecture. Another of Rotorua's attractions is mountain biking.



# MILFORD SOUND

Milford Sound is a 22-kilometre narrow fiord off the Tasman Sea which is hedged in by cliffs, peaks and waterfalls, on the southwestern edge of New Zealand's South Island. Milford Sound has two permanent waterfalls all year round, Lady Bowen Falls and Stirling Falls. After heavy rain however, many hundreds of temporary waterfalls can be seen running down the steep sided rock faces that line the fiord. They are fed by rain water drenched moss and will last a few days at most once the rain stops. The colors are fantastic and the waterfalls can be seen falling from everywhere. In an area often visited by rain, the mountain peaks rising from the waters of Milford Sound are often softened by mist and an air of almost flawless and overpowering mystic calm.





# THE TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

The Tongariro National Park is considered to be the first national park to be established in New Zealand and the fourth in the world.

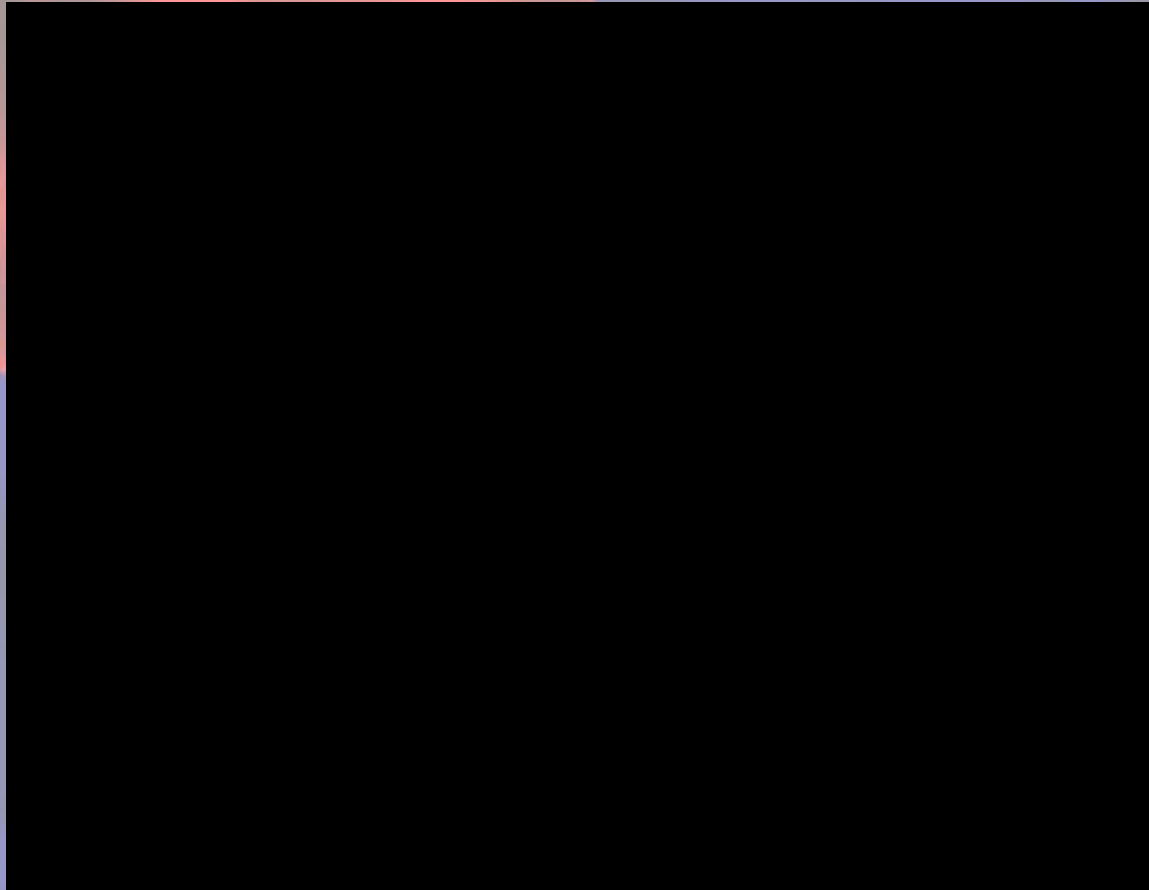
Tongariro National Park is home to many amazing native creatures including New Zealand's only native mammals, the short and long tailed bats.

The most spectacular thing that you can find here is Mt. Ruapehu - the highest mountain in the park and has erupted not less than 60 times some eruptions with serious consequences. On the top of Mt. Ruapehu, there is a small crater filled with green water.

Besides volcanoes here also there are a big variety of lakes like Emerald Lakes, Dry Lake, Rotokura. Dry Lake has variety of native and exotic waterfowl.



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