Top 20 Must Dos in New Zealand (10 wasn't enough)

Bet you a chocolate fish you can't tick them all off.

- [ ] 1. See the best of the Bay of Islands with an overnight cruise
- [ ] 2. Sail with the crew aboard an America's Cup yacht
- [ ] 3. Take the plunge with a bungy
- [ ] 4. Ditch the city for some surfing swells in Raglan
- [ ] 5. Try your hand at sand boarding in Cape Reinga
- [ ] 6. Go Black Water Rafting in Waitomo
- [ ] 7. Ride the fast and furious white water rapids at Kaituna
- [ ] 8. Enjoy a wonderful evening of hangi, history and haka in Rotorua
- [ ] 9. Explore NZ's largest mudpool in Rotorua
- [ ] 10. See New Zealand's sights by skydive
- [ ] 11. Take a jet boat ride of thrills, fun and excitement
- [ ] 12. Try to spot New Zealand's iconic bird – the kiwi!
- [ ] 13. Kayak your way through the spectacular Abel Tasman National Park
- [ ] 14. Go whale watching in Kaikoura
- [ ] 15. Embrace the incredible icy landscape of a glacier
- [ ] 16. Get a hit of powder on Queenstown's slopes
- [ ] 17. Cruise through the majestic Milford Sound
- [ ] 18. Take a guided tour through a historic working brewery in Dunedin
- [ ] 19. Get on your bike and cycle the Otago Rail Trail
- [ ] 20. Experience the Land of the Glowing Skies and watch the sunset in Stewart Island

North Island

GO FOR A SAND BOARD AT TE PAKI STREAM, SO MUCH FUN AND IT'S FREE

Cape Reinga

IT'S NOT REALLY 90 MILES LONG, BUT IT'S CLOSE! - FUN TO DRIVE DOWN

Ninety Mile Beach

GREAT FISH AND CHIPS

Kaitaia

Mangonui

BAY OF ISLANDS

Kerikeri

Paihia

Russell

HEADS OF DOLPHINS AND ISLANDS

Hokianga Harbour

'GOAT ISLAND' SWEET LITTLE MARINE RESERVE TO SNORKEL (FISH EVERYWHERE)

Goat Island

BIGGEST TREE IN NEW ZEALAND MASSIVE KAURI CALLED 'TANE MAHUTA' (LORD OF THE FOREST) VERY COOL.

Waipoua Forest

Whangarei

Dargaville

Great Barrier Island

NZ'S BIGGEST CITY AWESOME SHOPPING AND PLENTY OF NIGHTLIFE

Kaipara Harbour

Warkworth

JUST OUT OF AUCKLAND BUT IT'S SERIOUSLY LIKE THE ISLAND OFF JURASSIC PARK (WITHOUT THE DINOSAURS)

AUCKLAND

Waitakere Ranges

Rangitoto

Waiheke

Coromandel Peninsula

Coromandel

AMAZZZZZING BEACHES - DEFINITELY CHECK OUT THE CATHEDRAL COVE AND HOT WATER BEACH

Whitianga

Cathedral Cove

Hot Water Beach

Thames

Whangamata

THERE'S A MASSIVE BOTTLE THERE (L&P - LEMON FIZZY DRINK)

Paeroa

DONT MISS OUT ON THE CHANCE TO CHECK OUT HOBBITON FROM THE LORD OF THE RING'S

STOP AT MAKETU FOR A WORLD-FAMOUS PIE. YUM!

Bay Of Plenty

White Island

TAURANGA

Maketu

SUPER LAID-BACK LITTLE SURF TOWN. LOCALS ARE SO FRIENDLY. - OHH. AND THERE'S ALSO ONE OF THE BEST LEFT HAND BREAKS IN THE WORLD!

Raglan

Hamilton

Lake Rotorua

Whakatane

Otorohanga

ROTORUA

Waitomo Caves

BLACK WATER RAFTING AND GLOW WORMS! - MAKE SURE YOU SAY HELLO TO 'CURLY' AT THE BAR

LEARN ABOUT MAORI CULTURE HERE. IT'S AMAZING. ALSO HEAPS OF COOL ACTIVITIES!

Taupo

Lake Taupo

Taumarunui

New Plymouth

Gisborne

Lake Waikaremoana

SNOW AND SURF IN ONE DAY? ...YES PLEASE!

Taranaki

Tongariro National Park

THIS IS THE "PLACE TO BE" (RHYTHM & VINES) FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE - ALSO YOU'VE GOT TO CHECK OUT RERE FALLS AND ROCKSLIDE

Hawke's Bay

NAPIER

Taihape

FYI - IT'S PRONOUNCED 'TOE - PAW', HEAPS OF SWEET ACTIVITIES.

Wanganui

Hastings

BICYCLE + VINEYARDS + AWESOME SCENERY = FUN ☺

SEA KAYAKING - BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, SEALS, DOLPHINS, AWESOMENESS

ONE OF THE COOLEST HIKES YOU WILL EVER DO - RIGHT NEXT TO MT DOOM IN LOTR (LORD OF THE RINGS) GREAT SNOW SPORTS IN WINTER

Fielding

Dannevirke

INTERNATIONAL GUMBOOT THROWING ARENA - SO RANDOM BUT HILARIOUS!

Palmerston North

Masterton

GO CHECK OUT TE PAPA (NZ'S NATIONAL MUSEUM - IT'S ACTUALLY NOT BORING AND IT'S FREE

Martinborough

WELLINGTON

TAUPO LOOKS EVEN BETTER FROM 10,000 FEET WICKED FUN!

AMAZING IN THE SUMMER. VIBRANT ARTSY/CAFE BOZZ GOING ON. CHECK OUT 'THE ONE RING' FROM LORD OF THE RINGS OOOOOOOOH.

Farewell Spit

Collingwood

Golden Bay

Takaka

Abel Tasman National Park

Motueka

GO SEE THE 'PANCAKE ROCKS' - THEY'RE ROCKS THAT LOOK LIKE PANCAKES!

Karamea

Nelson

PICTON

Cook Strait

Marlborough

Blenheim

GET BOAT HERE

JUMP THE FERRY FROM PICTON TO WELLINGTON AND ENJOY THE AWESOME BUT SHORT TRIP BETWEEN THE ISLANDS.

Westport

DO THE MONTEITH'S BREWERY TOUR!!!

Punakaiki

GRAB A TASTE OF THE LOCAL VITICULTURE (THAT'S FANCY FOR LOOKING AFTER GRAPES & WINE)

OMAKA AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE. OKAY SURE IT SOUNDS KIND OF DULL BUT IT'S ACTUALLY REALLY COOL

NZ'S TALLEST MOUNTAIN. EPIC VIEWS WITH BEAUTIFUL LAKES. SOME OF THE BEST SCENERY IN NZ.

Greymouth

Hokitika

Hanmer Springs

Kaikoura

GO WHALE WATCHING. NO SERIOUSLY.... GO WHALE WATCHING!!

THERE ARE GLACIERS HERE. THEY ARE AWESOME ENOUGH SAID!

Amberley

SWEET NATURAL HOT-SPRINGS. SUPER RELAXING.

Franz Josef/Waiau

Fox Glacier

Southern Alps

PRETTY REMOTE AND RUGGED, GREAT PLACE TO TAKE PHOTOS.

Mount Hutt

CHRISTCHURCH

Lyttelton

Haast

Aoraki/Mount Cook

Banks Peninsula

Akaroa

SKIING / HOT AIR BALLOONING / JET BOATING / SWIMMING WITH DOLPHINS FOUR WHEEL DRIVE TOURS. HEAPS OF OTHER COOL STUFF!!

Lake Pukaki

Lake Tekapo

Lake Ohau

Geraldine

Lake Hawea

Twizel

Temuka

Timaru

Omarama

APPARENTLY THERE'S A 'SHOE TREE' HERE - A TREE WITH A WHOLE LOT OF SHOES STUCK TO IT!

ABSOLUTELY EPIC NATURAL BEAUTY AROUND HERE. MILFORD SOUND IS A MUST-DO.

Milford Sound

FIORDLAND

Lake Wanaka

Wanaka

Glenorchy

Arrowtown

IT'S THE 'ADRENAUNE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD' - OF COURSE IT'S FUN!!!

Queenstown

Lake TeAnau

Lake Wakatipu

Alexandra

Oamaru

GO DOWN TO THE BEACH AT MOERAKI - THERE'S GIANT SPHERICAL BOULDERS THERE, THEY'RE AWESOME. ALSO STOP IN AT FLEURS FOR AMAZING FOOD

Doubtful Sound

TeAnau

Kingston

Moeraki

Port Chalmers

Otago Peninsula

DUNEDIN

Gore

CRAZY UNIVERSITY TOWN - GO PARTY WITH THE 'SCARFIES' (STUDENTS)!

Riverton/Aparima

Invercargill

The Catlins State Forest Park

Foveaux Strait

Bluff

STOP IN AT THE 'ZOOKEEPERS CAFE' FOR A TRADITIONAL CHEESE ROLL. THEY'RE GOOD.

Stewart Island

Half Moon Bay

ABSOLUTELY STUNNING SCENERY, WITH ALL SORTS OF COOL WILDLIFE RUNNING AROUND. WELL WORTH THE TRIP OVER.

South Island

What's going on (Events)

In New Zealand there's always a whole lot of fun stuff going on; from massive outdoor music festivals to random little events that kind of just 'happen'. Here's just a few of the super-cool ones, so if one of them looks like you then make sure you get your timing right. Also make sure that you invite your friendly local Tourism New Zealand employee, I'm sure they would be available and happy to attend. ☺

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JANUARY 2013

The Great Fitzroy Mussel Festival	Auckland
World Buskers Festival	Christchurch
Challenge Wanaka Triathlon Festival	Wanaka
New Zealand Sandcastle Competition	Christchurch
Bay of Islands Sailing Week	BOI
Auckland Seafood Festival	Auckland
Auckland Lantern Festival	Auckland

FEBRUARY

New Zealand International Rugby Sevens	Wellington
Waitangi Day Celebrations	All over
Speights Coast to Coast	Christchurch
The Marlborough Wine and Food Festival	Marlborough
WCS bowl-a-rama	Wellington
Geon Art Deco Weekend	Hawkes Bay
Te Matatini 2013	Rotorua

MARCH

Auckland Cup Week	Auckland
Trust House Balloons over Wairarapa	Wairarapa
Pasifika	Auckland
Godzone Adventure Race	Queenstown
Hokitika Wild Food Festival	Hokitika
Havelock Mussel Festival	Havelock
The Queenstown Bike Festival	Queenstown

APRIL

Balloons over Waikato	Hamilton
National Jazz Festival	All over
Marchfest	Nelson
Arrowtown Autumn Festival	Queenstown
Tour of New Zealand	All over
Comedy Festival	All over

MAY

Erupt Arts Festival	Taupo
Bluff Oyster Food Festival	Southland

JUNE

Off-Road Winter Multisport Festival	Rotorua
Mountain Mardi Gras	Ruapehu
Matariki	All over
American Express Queenstown Winter Festival	Queenstown

JULY

Tough Guy & Gal Challenge	All over
Dunedin Cadbury Chocolate Carnival	Dunedin
New Zealand International Film Festival	All over

AUGUST

World Heli Challenge	Wanaka
Visa Wellington on a Plate	Wellington
Good Vibes Skydiving event	Nelson
DNA Gay Ski Week Queenstown	Queenstown
The North Face Freeski Open	Wanaka

SEPTEMBER

New Zealand Fashion Week	Auckland
New Zealand Antarctic Festival	Christchurch
Whitianga Scallop Festival	Coromandel
Brancott World of Wearable Arts	Wellington

OCTOBER

Kaikoura Seafest	Kaikoura
Coastal Classic	Auckland
The Whitebait Food Festival	West-coast
adidas Auckland Marathon	Auckland

NOVEMBER

F.A.W.C!	Hawkes Bay
Taste of Auckland	Auckland
Toast Martinborough	Martinborough
Contact Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge	Taupo

DECEMBER

Summer Music Festivals

"Rhythm & Vines, La De Da
Coromandel Gold
Raggamuffin Festival
Parachute Festival
Laneway Music Festival
Splore, Homegrown
Mission Estate
Winery Concert"

All over NZ