

Getting started

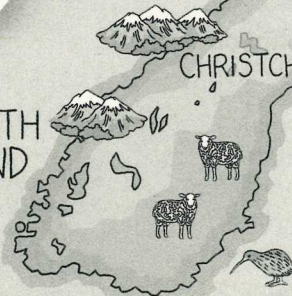
What do you know about New Zealand?
Where is it? What is it famous for?

WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

Reading

- 1 4.34 Listen and read the tour guide. Match the tours (1–3) to the photos (A–C). Which place on the map is not mentioned in the text?

SOUTH ISLAND

TOUR 1

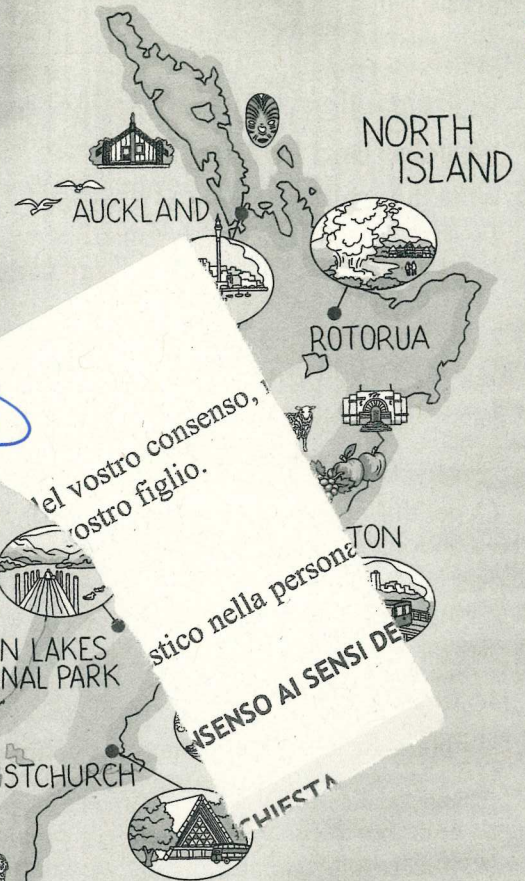
- Wellington, where you're staying for the first three nights, is the capital city. For the first two days, you're free to go sightseeing, so have a look at your guidebooks and maps, but I'll be happy to give you suggestions. The Te Papa museum is an excellent place to start, with lots of interactive exhibits. Another great attraction is the cable car which goes up to the Botanic Gardens, with breathtaking views across the city and harbour. On the third day, we're visiting some of the locations made famous by director Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings*, which was all filmed in New Zealand. All in all, there's plenty to see and do, but if you're suffering from jet lag, you can always just relax by the pool.

TOUR 2

- This Friday at 7 a.m. sharp, we leave for a five-day tour of some of New Zealand's natural wonders. Our islands are full of beautiful plants and a variety of birds and marine mammals. First, we're flying to Nelson. Then we're travelling by 4x4 and staying at two different campsites: two nights in the Nelson Lakes National Park and three nights on the coast at Kaikoura, the ideal base for observing the amazing local wildlife. On the fourth day, we're going on a boat trip around the Kaikoura Peninsula to do dolphin and whale watching. Don't forget your waterproof clothes or your camera! We fly back to Wellington on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

TOUR 3

- You're spending the last two days in and around Auckland, our largest and most cosmopolitan city. The plane leaves Wellington at 9.30 a.m. next Thursday and lands in Auckland an hour later. The North Island is the ancestral homeland of the Maori people, the original settlers of New Zealand or, as they call it, *Aotearoa* – the 'land of the long white cloud'. You're spending Friday in Rotorua, which is famous for its geothermal hot springs. I'll show you some good places to buy souvenirs. I hope you're all going to learn a few useful Maori phrases like *kia ora*, which means 'hello'. I'm not going to tell you not to have a Maori tattoo, but please remember that tattoos are traditional art – not just fashion – and they can look a bit out of place back home.



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3 Answer the questions.

- Tour 1* 1 What are the tourists probably going to do on the first two days of their stay?
2 Who is Peter Jackson and why is he mentioned?
- Tour 2* 1 What sort of tour is it?
2 What marine animals can you see on this tour?
- Tour 3* 1 Why is the North Island important to Maoris?
2 What does the tour guide say about tattoos?

Vocabulary

2 Find the expressions in the text which mean:

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| 1 <i>patria ancestrale</i> | 4 <i>mozzafiato</i> |
| 2 <i>fuori luogo</i> | 5 <i>tutto sommato</i> |
| 3 <i>malessere dovuto al cambiamento di fuso orario</i> | 6 <i>colonizzatori</i> |
| | 7 <i>in punto</i> |