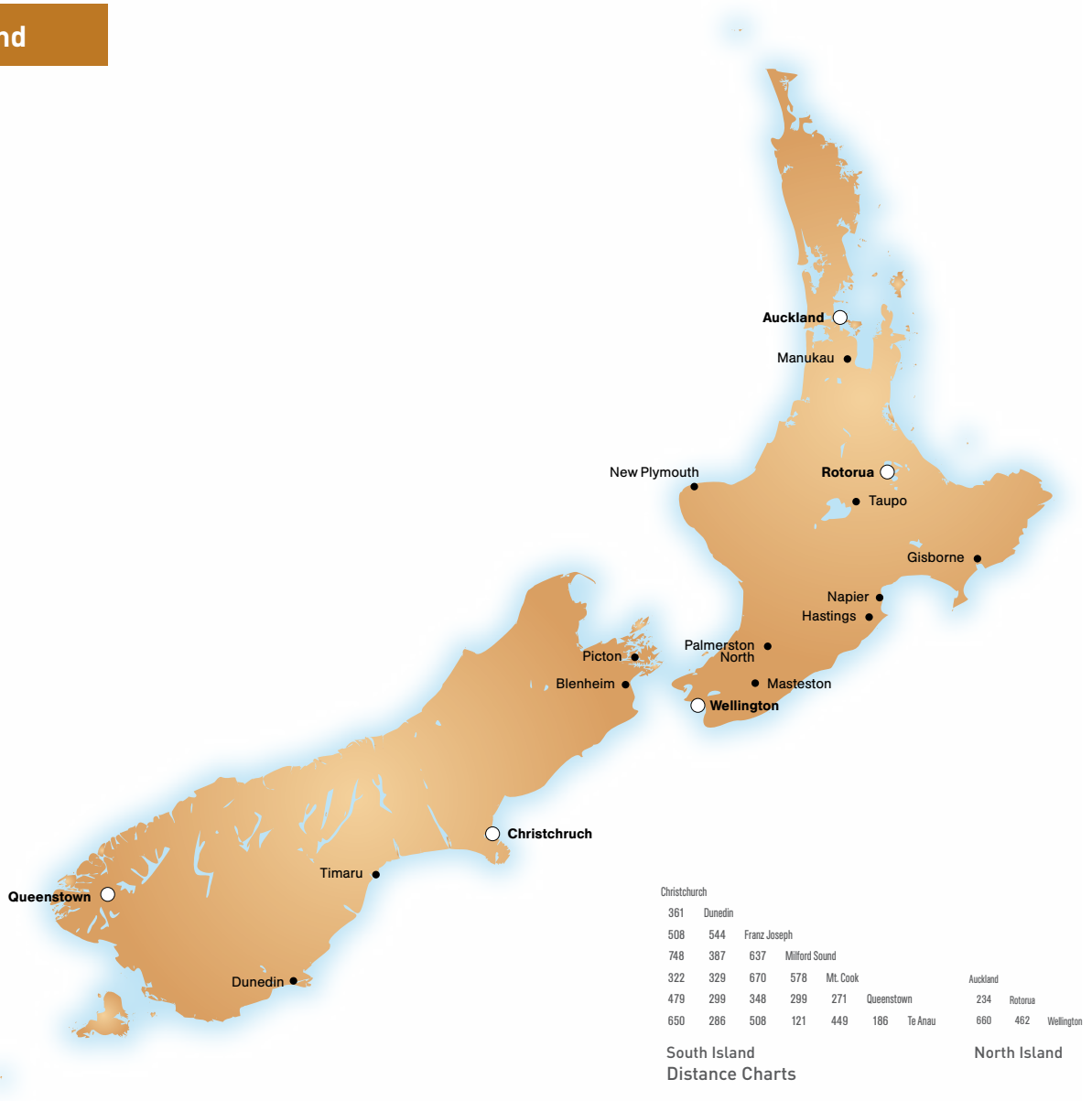

Distance Charts

South Island

Christchurch						
361	Dunedin					
508	544	Franz Joseph				
748	387	637	Milford Sound			
322	329	670	578	Mt. Cook		
479	299	348	299	271	Queenstown	
650	286	508	121	449	186	Te Anau

North Island

Auckland		
234	Rotorua	
660	462	Wellington

Land Of The Long White Cloud

When you are planning a trip to New Zealand, we recommend that you allow at least 2 weeks to see this small compact country – one week on the North Island and one week on the South Island as each offers completely different experiences.

The country lends itself well to self-drive vacations with its great infrastructure – good roads, lots of motels, hotels, bed and breakfasts and motorhome parks. For those more comfortable with coach touring, there are a large number of motor coach companies offering either escorted or independent tours or you can travel the country by hop on/hop off bus passes, rail or by motorhome.

The north of New Zealand is subtropical and the south temperate. The warmest months are December, January and February, and the coldest June, July and August. In summer, the average maximum temperature ranges between 20-30ºC and in winter between 10-15ºC.

North Island is a tapestry of thriving cities and rich natural scenery from the Bay of Islands to the beaches and rainforest of the Coromandel Peninsula, the pasturelands of Waikato and the thermal springs of Rotorua. Enjoy the National Parks of Tongariro and Egmont and their spectacular landscapes, including the caves of Waitomo, Lake Taupo and the snow-capped Mount Taranaki. On its southern tip lies New Zealand's beautiful capital Wellington.

The South Island is renowned for its natural beauty; an untamed paradise dominated by a rugged and unspoiled landscape. It offers an unparalleled diversity of outdoor activities from the relaxing to the extreme. Particularly awe-inspiring features include the forest-fringed beach of Nelson and Marlborough, the glaciers of South Westland, the lakes of Mackenzie Country, the majestic fjords and lakes of Fjordland and, of course, New Zealand's highest peak, Mount Cook.