

## Food and wine

### Drivers be careful, wine in moderation

Whether it be fruits, vegetables, meat or seafood, New Zealand's cuisine is distinguished by its fresh and quality products. The culinary specialties are greatly influenced by the country's cultural diversity. Discover New Zealand's traditional and modern cuisine with European, Polynesian and Asian influences, generally following the same trends as in Australia. Enjoy local products (cheese, oil, honey ...) from the "farmers markets" and the New Zealand wines. You can also enjoy a unique experience visiting a vineyard with one of our suppliers.

**New Zealand's culinary habits** are close to those in Australia, particularly the **barbecue**. In both countries the barbecue involves eating good meat in a friendly atmosphere with friends or neighbours. The **Pavlova** and **Vegemite** are two typical products of both countries. But New Zealand still has specialties and products of its own. Firstly, **the seafood!** The country is made up of two relatively narrow islands and is generally seafood oriented. The snapper, caught at sea, and the freshwater trout are always very good.

Each region of southern New Zealand also has its **local beer**, Speights being the most well known. Many products, specialties and cooking methods have been influenced by **traditional Maori methods**. Therefore we can find dried eel, kunamara which is a variety of sweet potato, paua shell and hangi, a Maori **method of cooking** involving making an oven from hot stones and steam.

**New Zealand** has quickly become an important and renowned wine country on the international stage. In your motorhome you can take the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail, a circuit of 120 vineyards including **Hawkes Bay**, **Marlborough** and **Gisborne** known for their Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. In **Otago** you will discover the largest Pinot Noir area. To the north lie the oldest vineyards, **Kumeu Valley**, **Matua Valley**, **Westbrook**, **Martha's Vineyard**, **Goldwater** and **Te Mata**, the oldest vineyard. In the south you can find the newest, **Cloudy Bay**, **Villa Maria's**, **Nelson**, **Waipara** and **Gibbston Valley**. Visit the smaller vineyards for their good quality and exclusively local wines.

Enjoy a **unique experience aboard our Maori models** (Ultima, Platinum and Platinum Beach River). Imagine yourself waking up in the middle of a New Zealand vineyard amidst stunning scenery. Learn trade secrets combining traditional and new technologies producing quality wines. For more information about this option please contact us at CampingCar-Online.