

## The beaches

### Enjoy to the full

New Zealand is primarily a country of nature adventures. In your motorhome you can easily travel around the country and go between the two main islands. Enjoy the many sporting activities, extreme sports, wildlife and hiking alongside volcanoes. But the seasoned adventurer also deserves to relax a little on the beach, take a nap or build a sandcastle. Despite the wealth of activities in New Zealand there are also some of the most peaceful and unique beaches in the world.

New Zealand is home to all kinds of beaches. Even though there are a thousand things to do and see, take a break from your road trip on one of the many beautiful beaches. For those of you who are more active, there will always be a visit or activities to do near the beaches. In Abel Tasman National Park you can do the **Abel Tasman Coastal Track**, a hiking trail 51 km long with many bays and heavenly beaches. The water is turquoise and translucent and the sand so fine - you will never want to leave! **New Chums** beach is also idyllic. Access is not easy to find but with a little luck you will be alone. For total relaxation visit **Horotutu, Main Beach** or **Te Ti** on the North Island. Many other beaches are ideal to relax on, such as **Onema Beach, Tairua** and **Paunanui** on the North Island and **St Kilda** and **St Clair** on the South Island. Discover the amazing, black sand beach, **Karekare**, on the North Island, but be aware that the currents here can be dangerous.

For sports fans, **Paraparaumu Beach** is near a golf course. You can surf at **St Clair** near Dunedin, while at **Paihia** diving spots await you. For nature lovers some beaches hold many surprises. At **Te Whanganui-A-Hei** discover **Cathedral Cove**, a natural arch passable at low tide. Head to the **Moeraki Boulders Scenic Reserve** on the South Island for some curious rock formations at **Koekohe Beach**. At **Hot Water Beach** take your best shovel to dig your own beach jacuzzi thanks to the hot springs that pass underneath.