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Flight Deal: West Coast to New Zealand from \$930 Round-Trip

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Even if it may be a little chilly for a swimsuit during shoulder season, you should stop by Auckland's nearby Piha beach.

Low prices on flights to the land down under have us contemplating faraway summer and fall travel.

A [13-hour flight](#) halfway around the globe looks a heck of a lot better when it comes without a four-digit price tag and multiple layovers. Fortunately, thanks to Air New Zealand's most recent deal, fares are looking pretty sweet. The airline—a [top pick](#) in *Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards*—is offering round-trip, non-stop flights from San Francisco and Los Angeles to Auckland starting at just \$929.

The deal to the land of Kiwis (and [hobbits](#)) is good throughout Auckland's shoulder season—which means thinner crowds but still pleasant temps. Travel is valid out of LAX from May 1 through June 28, August 5 through October 10, and then October 16 through December 12; and out of San Francisco, July 29 through September 19 plus October 22 through November 29.

Don't want to stay put in one of the [friendliest cities in the world](#)? Jet boating in [Queenstown](#) or trekking along New Zealand's [steepest street in Dunedin](#) is just a jumper flight away: Per the deal, travelers can add other stops in New Zealand for \$99 a pop, a steal since flights to the country even from the West Coast usually cost \$1,200 to \$1,500 dollars during shoulder season.

[New Zealand](#) was recently hit by the aftermath of Cyclone Debbie, causing evacuations in northern towns due to flooding and one mayor to call the weather a [once-in-500-years event](#). While no deaths have been reported, the country will be recovering over the next few months, as tropical storm season comes to an end April 30. Tourism supports nearly 10 percent of the country's GDP and employs 7.5 percent of the country's residents, [according to the government](#), so travel to New Zealand is especially helpful these days.

How to book: There's no tips or tricks with this low fare. Head to [newzealand.com](#) and buy your ticket before April 17. The sooner the better: As the airline states, this deal “may be withdrawn at any time.”