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**Travel survey wave 7  
2026.**

NZME TellME respondents

# The NZME audience loves travel.



3.28 million travel intenders engage with NZME across our unique mix of digital, print and audio channels. That's 82% of the New Zealand market – all in one place.\*



Travel is a top priority for Kiwis, with 92% considering it important in their lives - so we know Kiwis love travel as much as we do.



At NZME we provide the information, inspiration and resources that resonate with Kiwi travellers driving consideration, action and adventures.



# Travel trends.

## An industry overview



### The recovery is real - and Kiwis are committed.

Overseas travel in 2025 has reached its highest level in over a decade, with strong forward momentum.\* More than half of all bookings are already made, and almost 2 in 3 Kiwis heading overseas have already locked in their holiday for the coming year.

## +16%

### The industry is backing the category.

Travel advertisers returned with conviction in 2025, lifting spend +16% YoY on 2024 — reversing two consecutive years of decline.^ This signals that the industry itself sees sustained demand ahead.



### Confidence is holding, even as conditions shift.

Economic pressures have had limited impact on travel decisions so far, with the number of Kiwis reconsidering a travel decision due to high prices having dropped -6% YoY.



### Watch factors.

Global economic volatility and geopolitical instability remain variables to monitor. However, the combination of record travel levels, strong forward bookings, and renewed advertiser confidence positions the category well to navigate uncertainty.

# Travel trends.

## What we are seeing



Travel intent is increasing - with 94% of Kiwis intending to travel in the next year.

The number of overseas trips planned has grown slightly and the number of domestic trips has stayed the same.



Kiwis are spending more on travel and going for longer.

Overseas spend has increased +3% and trip length by +12%. Domestically, spend has increased +6% with trips on average being +22% longer.



AI is becoming increasingly important for Kiwis in their travel planning & inspiration.

The use of AI in travel planning has increased +190% in the last year – with over half of Kiwis now using it in this way.



+29% more Kiwis are travelling for events than in 2024 - including milestones such as birthdays/anniversaries, cultural events, festivals, music, and sporting events.



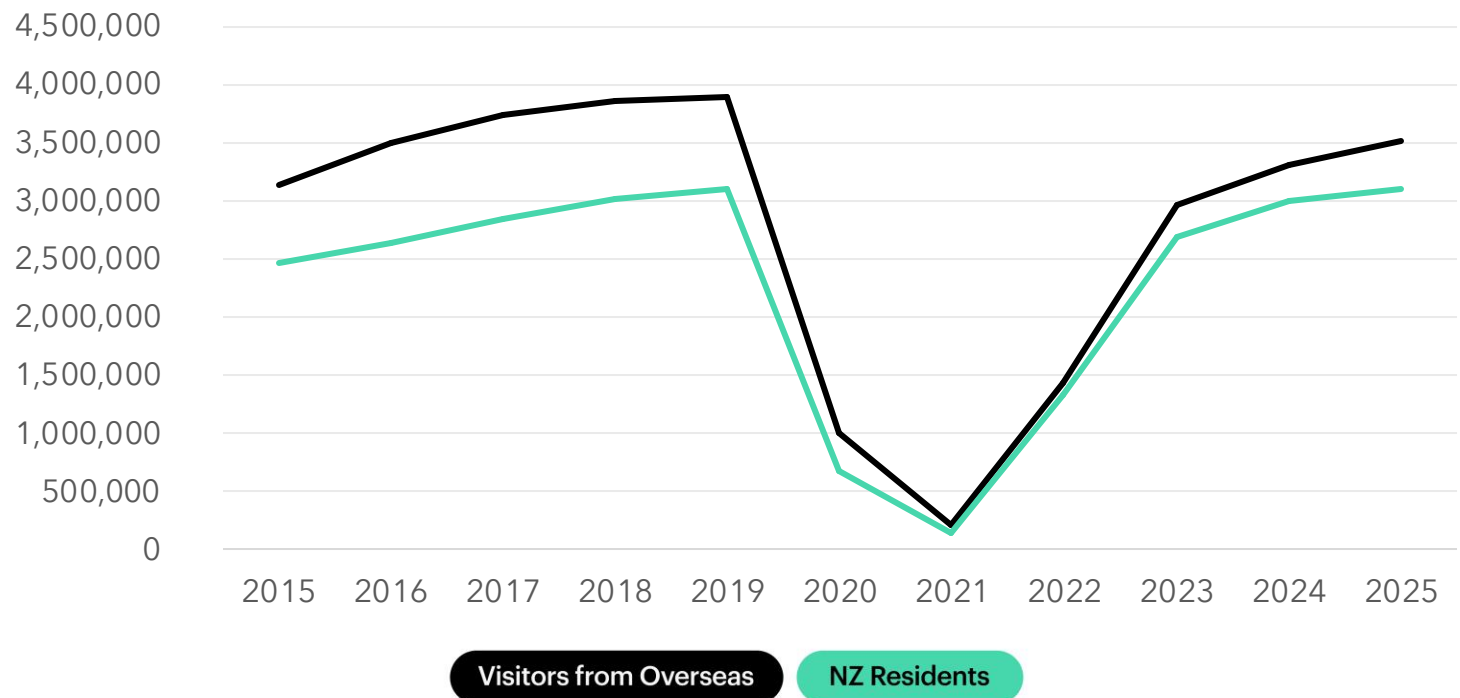
Wellness travel has increased +67% YoY as more Kiwis seek relaxation as the core part of their holidays.



Value in travel for Kiwis is defined less by price and more by the quality of the overall experience.

# Overseas travel by Kiwis has reached its highest level in more than a decade.

## International arrivals – year ended April



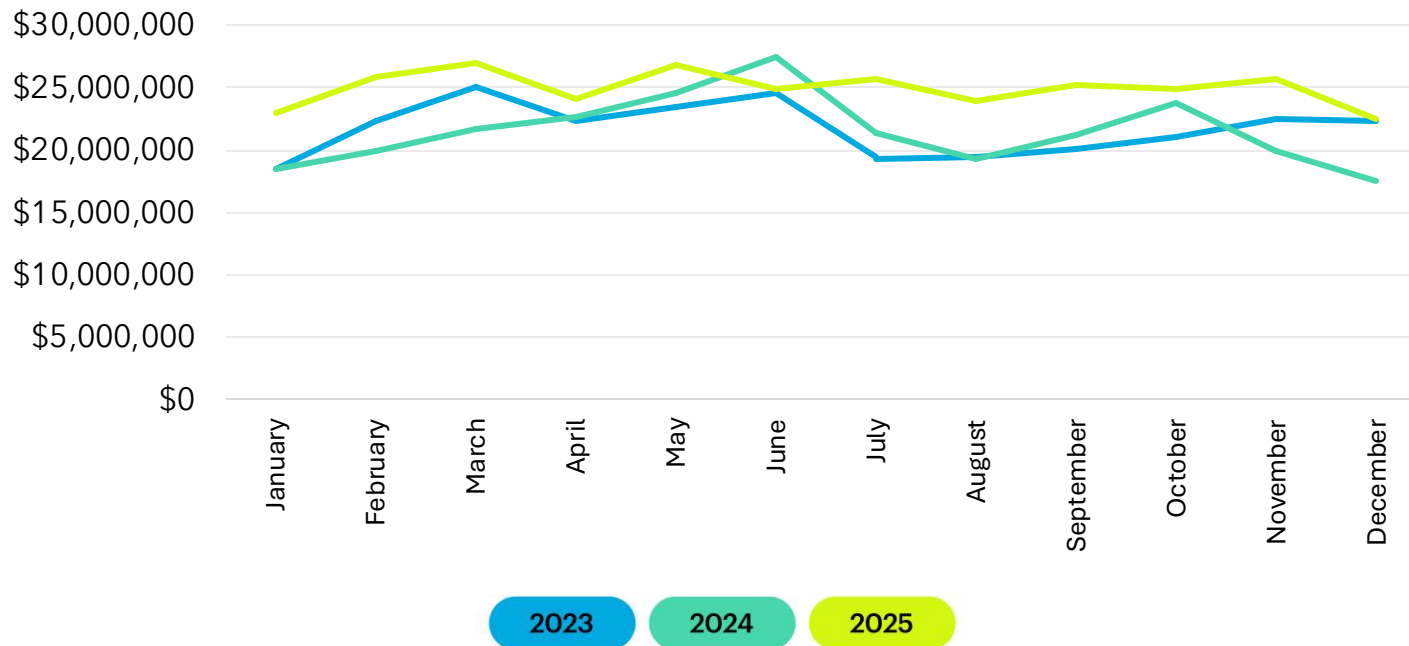
There have been more than 3.1 million overseas arrivals by NZ residents in the year ended December 2025, +3.7% YoY.

The domestic travel industry has also seen continued growth, with overseas visitor arrivals +5.9% YoY, 90% of December 2019 year-end levels.

# Travel advertisers return in 2025.

Category spend grew +16% YoY to almost \$300M, after two years of slight decline, suggesting renewed confidence from travel brands

## Advertising spend within the Travel category (rate card)



Travel category advertisers spent almost \$300 million rate card on advertising in 2025, which was a significant increase +16.2% (or +\$41.8 million) on 2024.

### Travel category spend in 2025:

- 32% on outdoor platforms
- 20% on TV
- 18% online (including display and social platforms)
- 15% on radio
- 13% in print (including newspaper and magazine)

**2023** -1.1% YoY

**2024** -1.2% YoY

**2025** +16.2% YoY

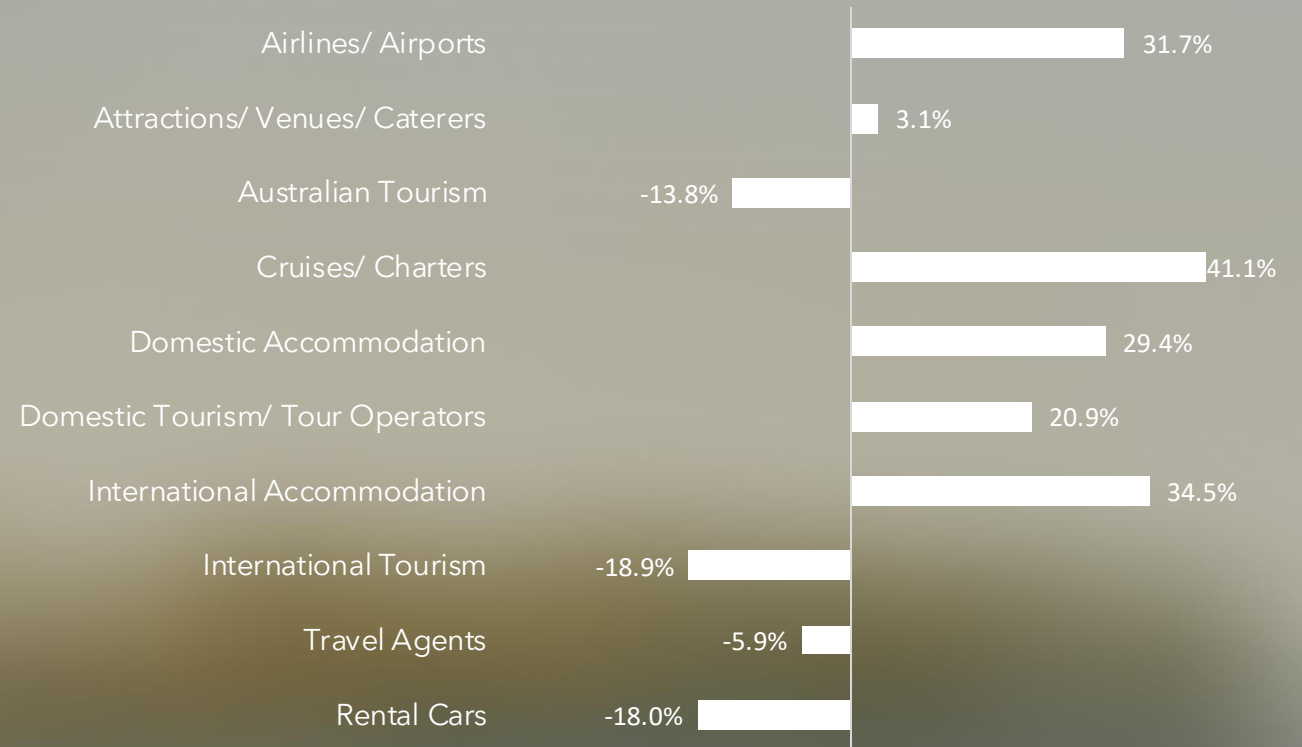
# Travel spend category movements.

There have been significant increases among Airlines/Airports, Cruises/Charters, Domestic & International Accommodation and Domestic Tourism advertisers.

While Rental Cars, International Tourism, Australian Tourism and Travel Agents have seen overall declines in spend YoY.

## Spend among travel advertisers has increased +16.2% YoY

Travel sub-category % change in ad spend YoY



# The travel opportunity.

Timing is crucial - brands need to engage early in the consumer journey. With more than half of Kiwi travellers having already booked their holidays for the next year – we're seeing earlier planning cycles.

## International travellers

**2 million +**

Kiwis plan to travel overseas in the next year\*

**\$9,530**

average spend per overseas trip (+3% YoY)

35% haven't booked yet

65% have an overseas holiday booked



## Domestic travellers

**3.4 million +**

Kiwis plan to travel domestically in the next year\*

**\$2,030**

average spend per domestic trip (+6% YoY)

48% have a domestic holiday booked

52% haven't booked yet



# Relaxation and escapism awaits.

Wellness trips have grown  
**+67% YoY** as Kiwi travellers  
prioritise themselves

## Relaxation is the top wellness driver

76% of Kiwis prioritise relaxation experiences, such as reading and unwinding when taking wellness-focused trips.

The rise of 'readaways' and quiet retreats reflects a growing desire to slow down and disconnect.

## Solo travel is enabling these experiences

Solo travel has grown +21% YoY and these travellers are more likely to be taking wellness focused trips as they seek time to recharge, reflect and focus on personal wellbeing.

## Other wellness experiences Kiwis are seeking include:

- Nature immersion (hiking, forest bathing) – particularly popular with Independent Travellers
- Spa treatments & massages
- Healthy food-focused travel experiences

# From concerts to celebrations - events drive travel.

## Events Kiwis are travelling for:

- Birthday/anniversary events
- Music (concerts/gigs)
  - Independent Travellers are much more likely, +57% to be travelling for concerts/gigs
- Cultural events (e.g. exhibitions, performances)
- Weddings
- Festivals (arts, food & drink, cultural festivals)
  - People travelling with friends, families and Mature Travellers are more likely to be heading to festivals
- Sporting events
  - Families are +73% more likely to be travelling for sporting events

## Event travel is increasing

Event-related travel has grown +29% YoY, with more Kiwis travelling specifically for events such as FIFA World Cup, concerts, World Athletics etc.

Those travelling with friends are more event-driven and Independent Travellers (18-34s) are +69% more likely to travel for events.

## Milestone moments are also driving trips

21% of Kiwis are travelling for milestone events such as birthdays, anniversaries or weddings.

Independent Travellers are also +38% more likely to travel to celebrate milestones.

# The real value in travel isn't the cheapest deal.

Kiwis want meaningful, comfortable and enriching experiences - not just the lowest price

## What 'value' in travel really means to Kiwis:

- Creating lasting memories
- Quality accommodation, food and experiences
- Experiences that feel personally meaningful and enriching
- Comfort, ease and convenience while traveling

## How 'value' in travel varies by life stage:

### Independent Travellers

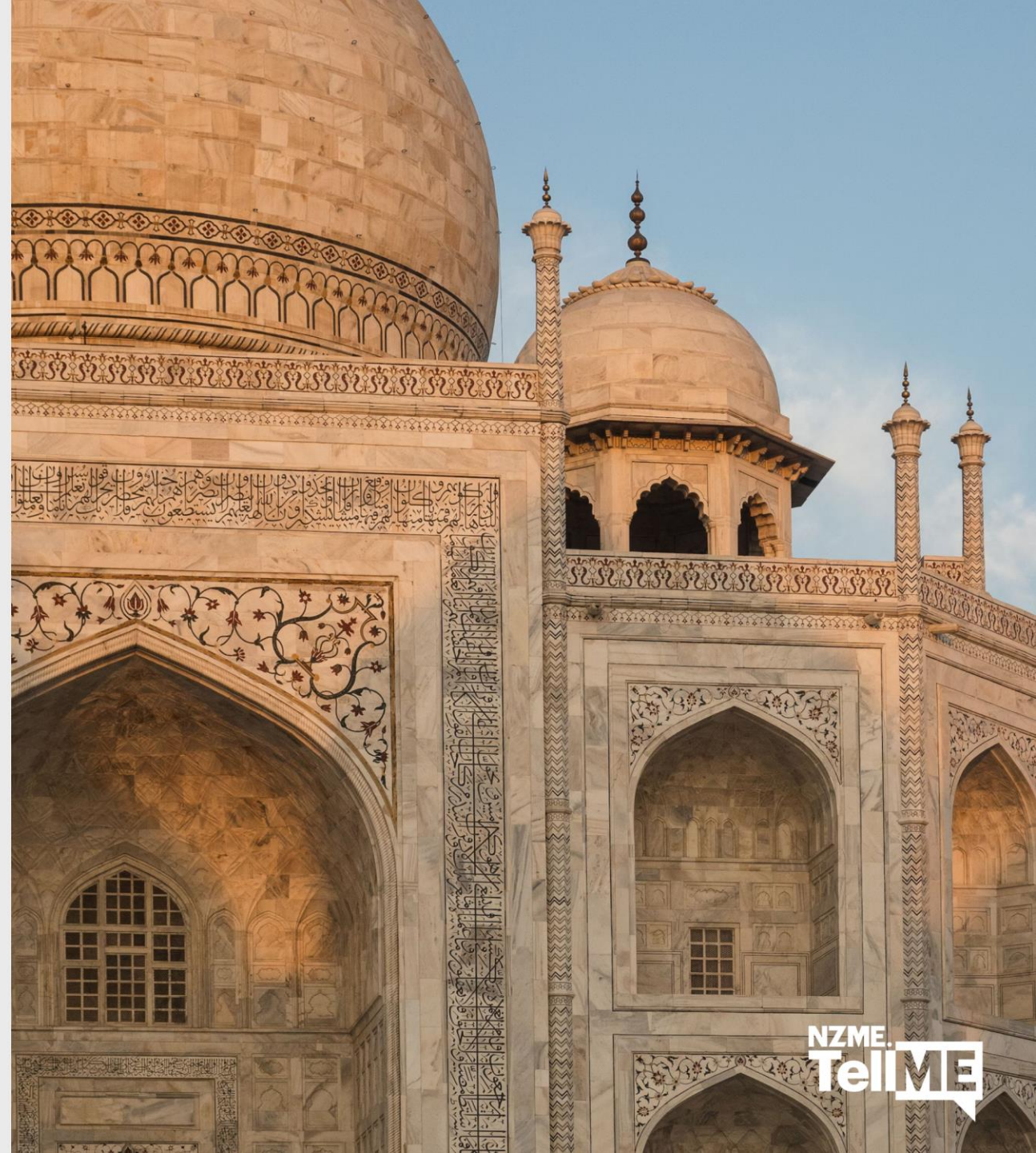
Value meaningful, enriching experiences and creating lasting memories

### Mature Travellers

Value comfort, ease & a stress-free experience

### Family Travellers

Value flexibility and the ability to travel more often



# It starts with the destination.

Win the destination, win the trip. Whoever captures attention first through destination can shape the entire travel journey, from activities to where people stay.

**Almost 6 in 10 Kiwis start their travel plans with a destination in mind.**



**Some plan their travel based on inspiration from trusted sources.**

Almost 1 in 5 begin with inspiration from friends, family or online recommendations, helping them discover destinations they may not have previously been aware of or considered.



**Travel planning for Kiwis rarely starts with a 'vibe'.**

Only 7% of Kiwis begin their travel planning with a general feeling or mood rather than a specific place.



**Independent Travellers take a more flexible approach.**

Independent Travellers are +41% more likely to start planning from inspiration sources.

They are also +19% more likely to begin with a 'vibe' when deciding where to travel.

# Kiwis are investing more in travel.

Travellers are spending more and staying longer with domestic spend +6% YoY and international spend +3%, driven by longer and higher-value trips

Domestic travel (average spend)

**\$2,030**

+6% YoY

International travel (average spend)

**\$9,530**

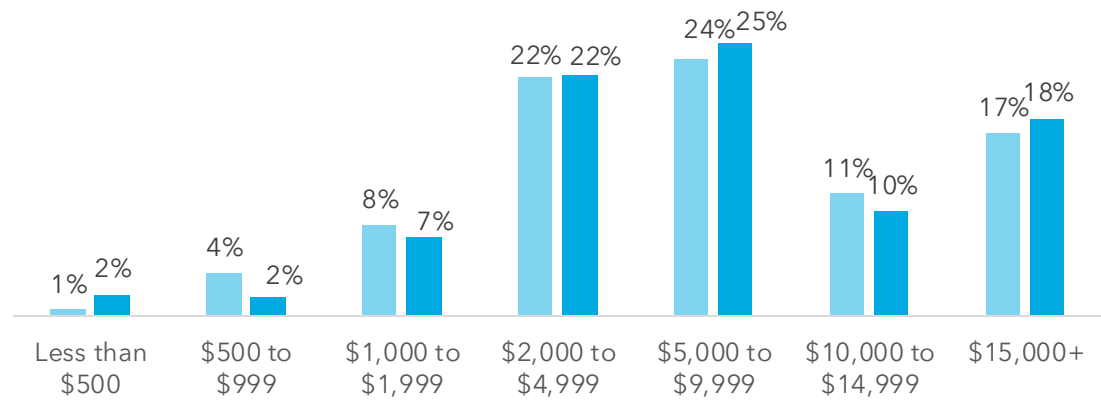
+3% YoY

## Domestic travel spending



Wave 6 Wave 7

## Overseas travel spending



Wave 6 Wave 7



Source: NZME TellMe Travel Survey March 2026.

# Where travel inspiration begins.

AI is playing an increasingly important role in travel planning and inspiration, especially among the Independent and Family Travellers.

1. Friends & family
2. Online search
3. Travel websites
4. Social media



## 🔍 Where travellers are more likely to be seeking travel inspiration from

### Independent Travellers

- Influencers (social or media personalities)
- Audio (radio + podcasts)
- Social media
- AI
- Online video

### Family Travellers

- Online video
- AI

### Mature Travellers

- Print (newspaper + magazines)
- Tourism operators
- Travel websites

## 📱 Social media influence largely flat YoY

Independent Travellers are more likely using TikTok while Mature Travellers are still using Facebook.

# The AI travel planning assistant.

Kiwis are turning to AI to research destinations, compare options and discover experiences, +190% in just a year.

## AI part of the planning process

More than 50% of Kiwis use AI when planning or thinking about travel.

80% of Kiwis largely trust the travel information AI provides.

**34%**

say it helps to narrow options

**30%**

use it as a starting point when planning a trip

**20%**

Conversely, 20% say it's not influencing their travel decisions at all

## Human input still matters

Top concerns when planning using AI:

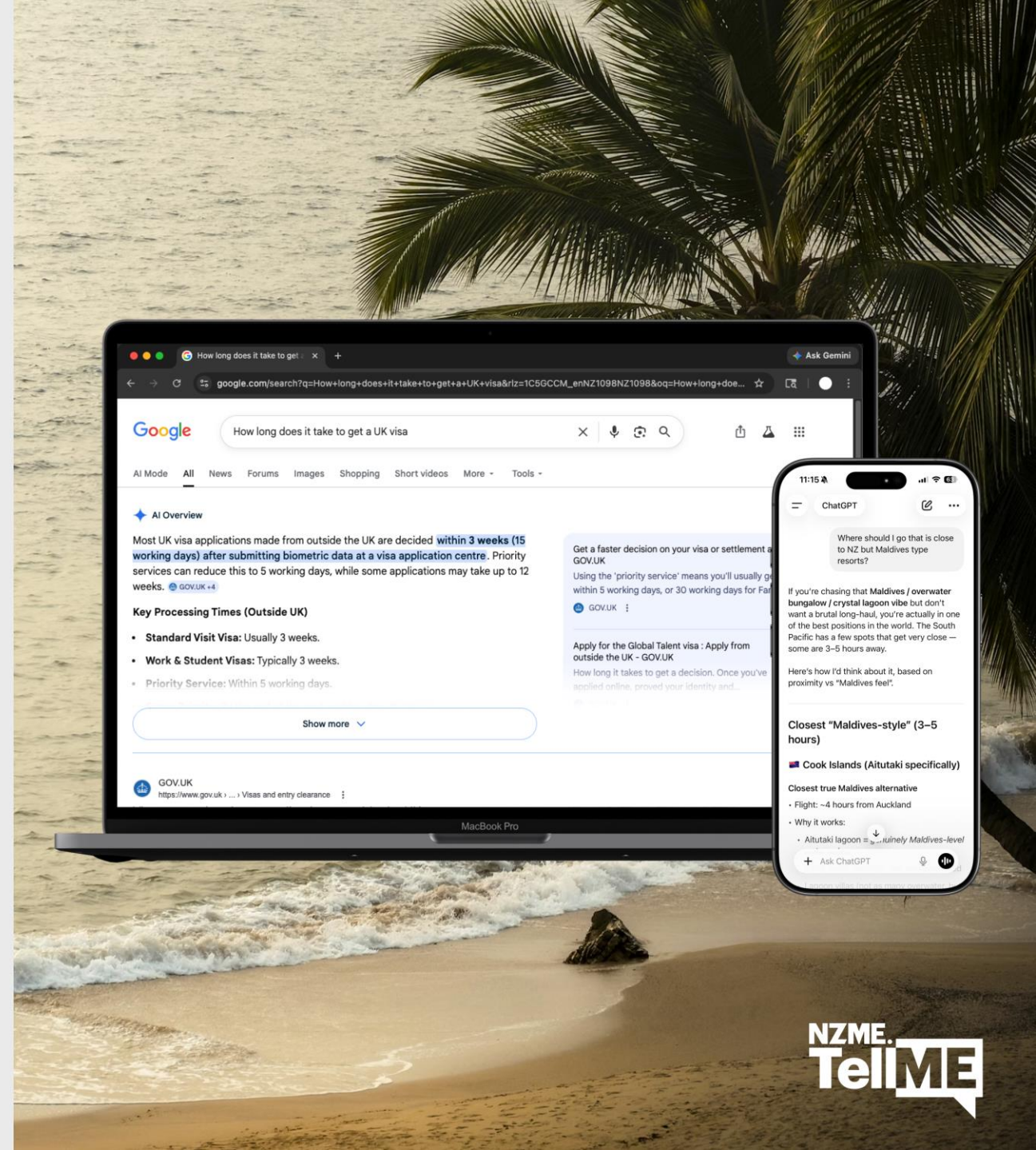
- Information accuracy
- Preference for human recommendations
- Prices or deals being outdated
- Privacy and data concerns

## How Kiwis are using AI

- Researching destinations
- Finding activities or experiences
- Comparing travel options or prices
- Creating itineraries

## Looking ahead

More than 60% of Kiwis expect their use of AI in travel planning to stay the same or increase in the next year.



# Cruising remains popular.

More than 50% of Kiwis are planning or considering a cruise, with strong interest from younger travellers and many first-time cruisers entering the market.

**34%**

have been on a cruise, +7% YoY

**52%**

are planning or considering a cruise in the next year

**1-2 weeks** is the cruise length that appeals most, with Mature Travellers preferring longer trips



## Strong interest among new and younger travellers

- 45% of cruise intenders would be taking their first ever cruise
- Younger Kiwis are interested, with 24% of under 29's considering a cruise, compared to 20% of those aged 65+\*



## Why travellers are choosing to cruise?

- Opportunity to explore multiple destinations
- Value for money (all-inclusive)
- Ease and simplicity

Source: NZME TellMe Travel Survey March 2026; \*Nielsen CMI Q1 25 – Q4 25 fused Jan 26.

## Most popular cruise destinations\*:



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# Travel audiences.



Driven by adventure and new experiences, young Independent Travellers prioritise discovery over rigid plans. They'll map out the basics but leave room for spontaneity along the way.

Where to next?  
Italy, Japan, Queenstown



For families, a holiday is both a well-earned break and a chance to reconnect. They tend to plan ahead, striking a balance between relaxing moments and shared experiences.

Where to next?  
Fiji, Bali, Christchurch



With more time and financial freedom, this group embraces travel as a chance to fully explore. Confident and seasoned, they know how to curate rewarding, well-paced holidays.

Where to next?  
England, Christchurch

# Domestic travel.

Sightseeing

Family

Food & drinks



Domestic holiday spend has increased +6% YoY, with Kiwis planning to spend an average of \$2,030. With increased confidence to spend on travel, the average trip length is +22% longer YoY.



Christchurch continues to increase in popularity as the #1 domestic destination, with 25% of Kiwis planning to visit.



80% are seeking rest & relaxation to recharge the batteries.\*



Lots of short breaks are as good as a long holiday - with 67% taking less than a week for their next domestic trip.



78% of domestic travellers are visiting friends on their trips.\*

Independent Travellers

Discovery  
Road tripping by car - freedom

Family Travellers

Ease & simplicity  
Flying to save time or hiring a campervan for adventure

Mature Travellers

Frequent short-breaks  
Road trip or train travel

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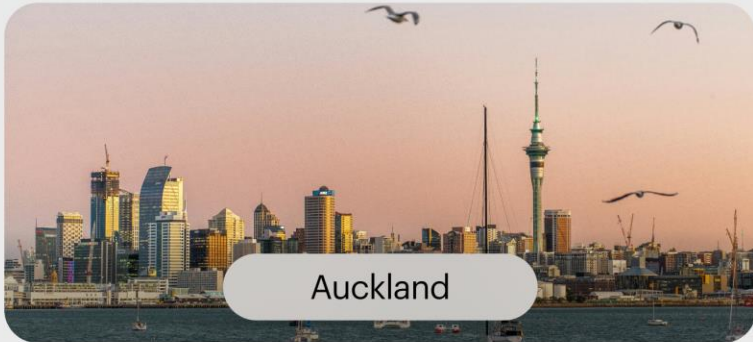
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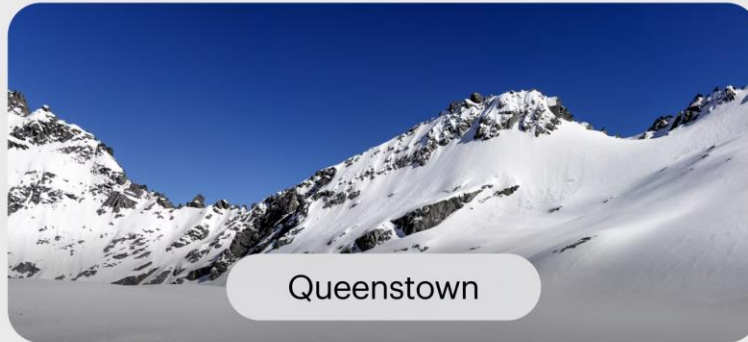
Christchurch



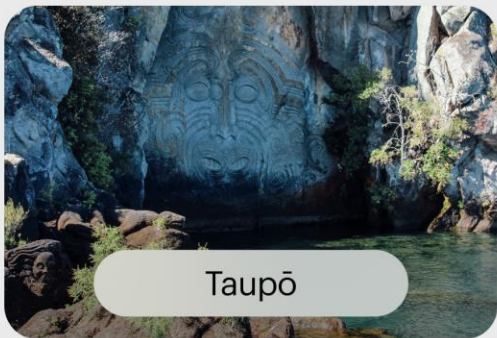
Wellington



Auckland



Queenstown



Taupō



Rotorua



Bay of Islands

## Independent Travellers (18-34):

1. Queenstown 31%
2. Auckland 29%
3. Christchurch 21%
4. Rotorua 14%
5. Wellington 13%

## Family Travellers (35-54):

1. Christchurch 29%
2. Wellington 21%
3. Auckland 21%
4. Queenstown 19%
5. Taupō 15%

## Mature Travellers (55+):

1. Christchurch 23%
2. Wellington 19%
3. Auckland 17%
4. Queenstown 14%
5. Bay of Islands 11%

# International travel.

Culture

History

Indulgence



48% of Kiwis plan to travel overseas in the next year\* and they're taking longer trips, with average trip length +12% YoY.



Australia remains the #1 international destination, with 46% planning to visit in the next year with Gold Coast, Brisbane and Sydney top of the list.



45% are seeking luxury and indulgence.\*



Overseas travel spend is +3% YoY, with Kiwi's now intending to spend an average of \$9,530 on their next overseas trip.



77% want to be immersed in culture, tradition & history when travelling overseas.\*

Independent Travellers

Adventure & vibe  
Availability of no-frills budget fares

Family Travellers

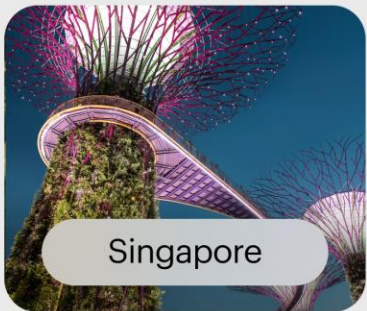
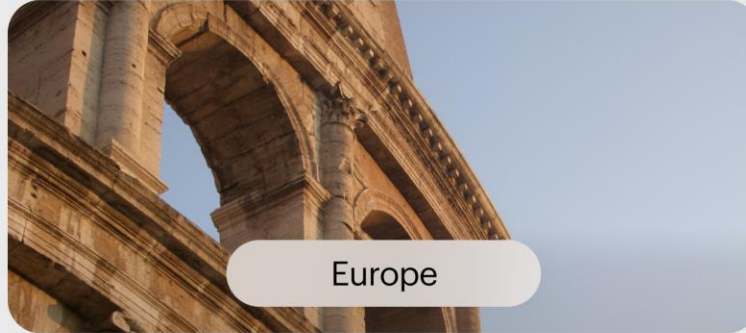
Relax & explore  
Being able to book direct

Mature Travellers

Discovery & indulgence  
Advice from travel agents



# International destinations.



## Independent Travellers (18-34):

1. Australia 49%
2. Italy 13%
3. Singapore 11%
4. Elsewhere in Europe 11%
5. Japan 11%
6. England 10%

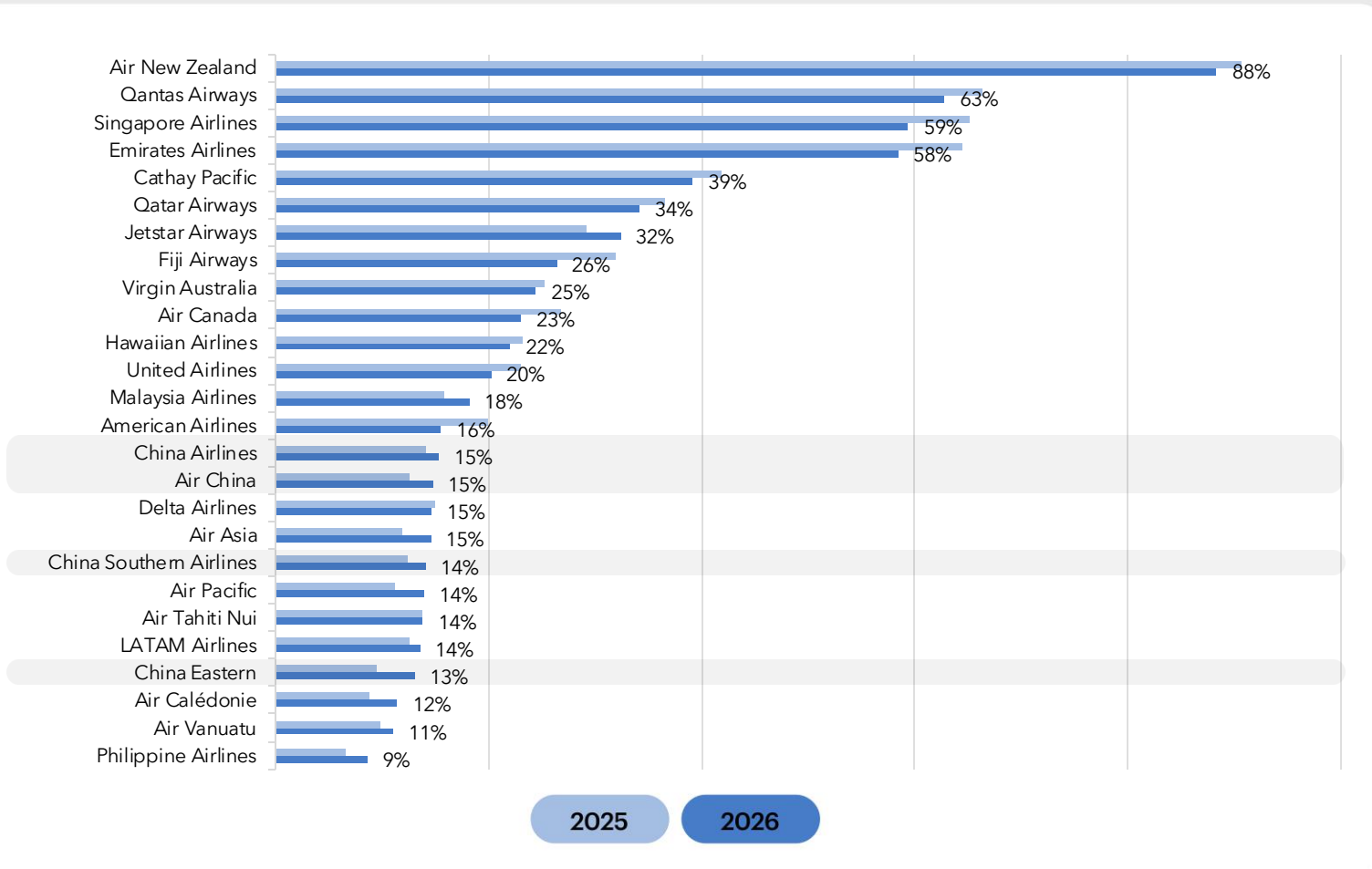
## Family Travellers (35-54):

1. Australia 45%
2. Fiji 10%
3. Bali 10%
4. USA 8%
5. England 8%
6. Cook Islands 7%

## Mature Travellers (55+):

1. Australia 44%
2. England 14%
3. Elsewhere in Europe 10%
4. Japan 10%
5. France 9%
6. USA 8%

# Air New Zealand: still the airline of choice.



Top airlines considered by Kiwis remain consistent, though mid-tier carriers are gaining ground.

## Top three direct-from-NZ airlines considered (outside of Air NZ):

1. Qantas Airways
2. Singapore Airlines
3. Emirates Airlines

Chinese carriers (China Airlines, Air China, China Southern and China Eastern) have increased in consideration YoY – particularly among Independent and Family Travellers – driven by competitive fares allowing for comfort upgrades, increasing flight availability and preferred international travel routes.

# Travel shaped by lifestage.



## ▲ Spontaneous, experience-led travel:

Open to last minute plans, drawn to vibrant city experiences, events (concerts/gigs), and wellness escapes in nature.

## 💰 Value-driven, but price-sensitive:

Most budget-conscious travellers, with 60% having reconsidered travel in the last year due to cost, but prioritise meaningful, memory making experiences.

## 📷 Digitally-led & AI enabled planners:

Inspired by online search, social media, travel websites, and online video, as well as getting inspiration on their holidays from friends & family. 30% more likely to be using AI tools (and trusting it) for building itineraries, discovering activities, and summarising reviews.



## 📅 Memory-making, meaningful travel:

Holidays are an annual highlight (61%)\*, centred on creating lasting family memories, with a mix of relaxation and cultural experiences. Families are drawn to sports events & festivals that can be enjoyed together.

## 💰 Value-conscious decision makers:

Influenced by economic pressures, with over half reconsidering travel due to cost and as a result, spending slightly below average on their trips.

## 📷 Practical, AI-assisted planners:

Inspired by online search, friends & family, travel websites, social media & online video. This group are using AI tools as a starting point & to help narrow down options in their travel planning.



## 📅 Comfort-led, committed travellers:

Highly organised, with 68% travelling within the next 6 months and over half already booked. Often travelling to visit friends or taking a cruise, they value ease, convenience and comfort, with a greater likelihood of flying premium or business class.

## 💰 Less price-sensitive

More financially secure, with fewer reconsidering travel due to cost, and a higher than average spend on both domestic and overseas trips.

## 📷 Traditional inspiration & lower AI adoption:

Inspired by online search, travel websites, friends/family, travel operators and print, and less likely to use or trust AI tools in their travel planning.

# Travel intenders across NZME.

With NZME's **unique mix of digital, print and audio** channels you can **reach more than 3.2 million (82%) of Kiwi travel intenders with NZME.**

Access additional audiences through NZME's leading podcast network and scalable social media channels.



**NZME Print**  
**1,595,000 (40%)**

Why include print? **Print is credible**, it can change the way audiences feel about something or someone.  
*Recommended Product: Travel; NZ Herald*



**NZME Radio**  
**1,576,000 (40%)**

Why include radio? **Radio is engaging**, and it puts audiences in a good mood.  
*Recommended Product: ZM, The Hits*



**NZME Digital**  
**2,267,000 (57%)**

Why include digital? **Digital is relevant**, audiences feel it's good for finding out what's new.  
*Recommended Product: iHeartRadio, nzherald.co.nz/travel*

Source: Nielsen CMI Q1 25 – Q4 25 fused Jan 26 Monthly coverage for Daily & Community titles\*, Weekly coverage for Newspaper Inserted Magazines \*includes Waikato Herald & Weekend Sun, Monthly UA for Digital, Weekly Reach for Radio (GfK RAM S3 25), ^Triton Metrics Feb 26.

## Access to the NZME network:

 iHeartRadio

990,000  
Kiwis listening  
monthly^

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PODCAST NETWORK

Reaching more  
than 1.3 million  
New Zealanders^



Connect with  
millions of Kiwis  
via NZME socials

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# NZME travel audience.

Reaching more than 3.2 million of the travel audience

**nzherald.co.nz**  
2,022,000

Travel Audience:  
1,850,000

**iHeartRadio<sup>^</sup>**  
710,000

Travel Audience:  
654,000

**NZH**  
1,049,000

Travel Audience:  
965,000

**ZM**  
407,000

Travel Audience:  
370,000

**Travel Tuesday**  
403,000

Travel Audience:  
370,000

**Newstalk ZB**  
642,000

Travel Audience:  
583,000

**Herald On Sunday**  
309,000

Travel Audience:  
281,000

**Weekend Herald**  
659,000

Travel Audience:  
610,000

**Hauraki**  
216,000

Travel Audience:  
196,000

**Reset/ Sunday Travel**  
203,000

Travel Audience:  
184,000

**The Hits**  
397,000

Travel Audience:  
366,000

**Canvas**  
255,000

Travel Audience:  
238,000

**OneRoof**  
683,000

Travel Audience:  
620,000

**Timeout**  
278,000

Travel Audience:  
258,000

**Regional Daily Newspapers**  
226,000  
Travel Audience:  
208,000

**Community Newspapers\***  
114,000

Travel Audience:  
107,000

**Coast**  
267,000

Travel Audience:  
246,000

**BusinessDesk<sup>#</sup>**  
131,000

Travel Audience:  
121,000

**Flava**  
133,000

Travel Audience:  
114,000

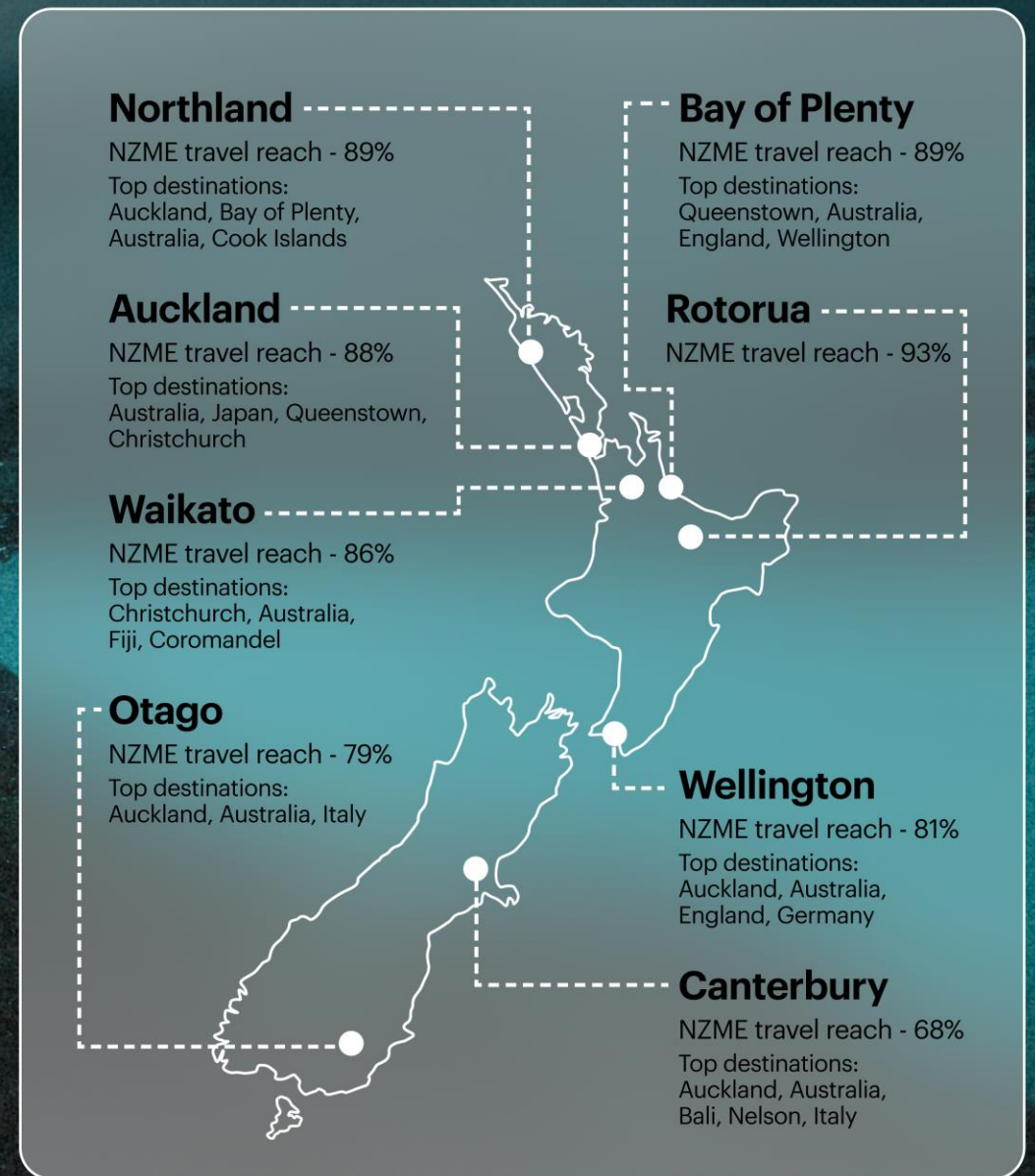
**Viva Weekly**  
201,000

Travel Audience:  
187,000



# NZME travel intender reach.

By region



# Why NZME?

Your ultimate travel companion

## ♥ Trusted

Premium, brand-safe environment means your brand and message sits alongside trusted travel content Kiwis actively engage with - building credibility and consideration.

## 👥 Reach

Our platforms engage with 3.28 million (82%) of travel intenders across New Zealand.

## 🗣️ Motivated audience

We connect you with audiences who are actively dreaming, planning and booking travel, so you're reaching them in the right moment.

## 🌴 One-stop shop

From inspiration through to action, NZME influences the full travel journey - helping brands move audiences closer to their travel decisions.

# NZME audiences go places.

They come to us before they go

NZME reaches  
3.28 million (82%)  
of travel intenders\*



We publish the  
#1 Travel magazine  
in New Zealand



91% of the NZME  
audience are planning  
to travel in the next 12  
months\*



A significant opportunity  
exists with 48% of travel  
intenders yet to book  
their holiday



# Appendix

More information on:

Destinations

Advertising spend

Travel audiences

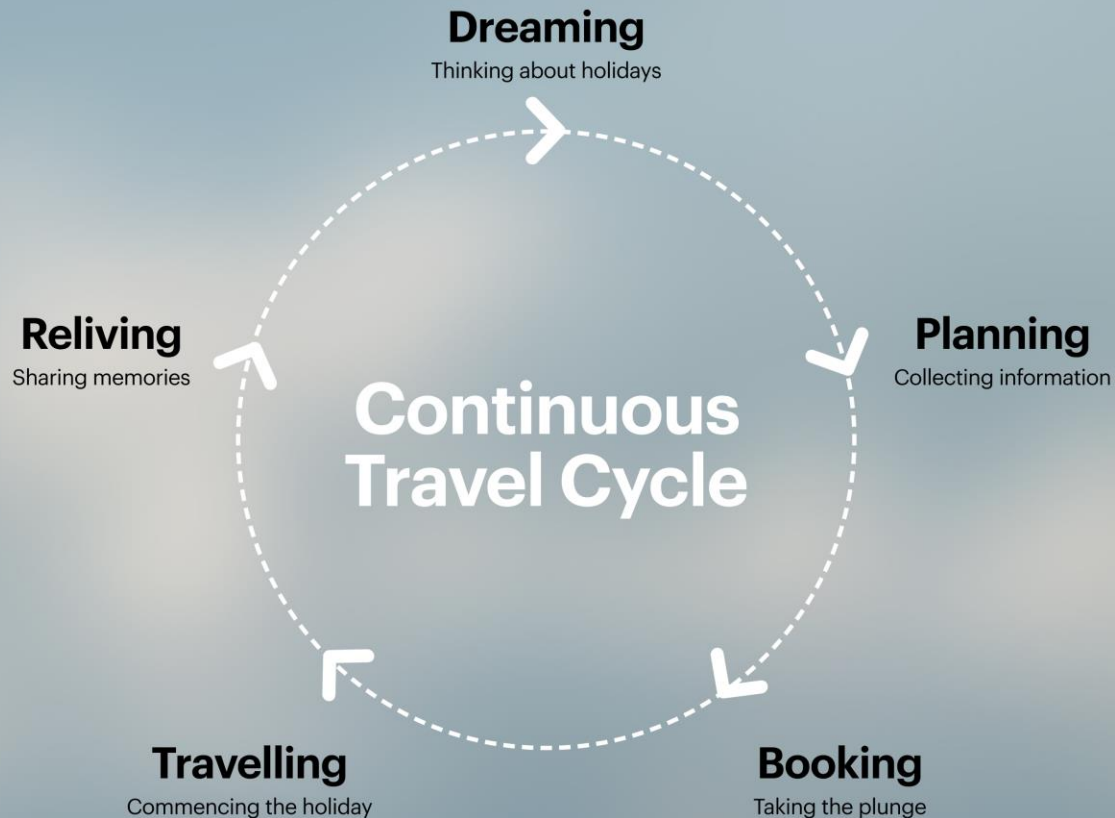
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ENTERTAINMENT

# Path to travel with NZME.



## **Dreaming**

48% intend to travel overseas and 80% domestically in the next 12 months.\*

## **Planning**

Online search, friends, family and travel websites top the list for travel planning – AI is on the rise with 51% currently using it in some way for their travel inspiration or planning.

## **Booking**

35% haven't yet booked their planned overseas trips and 52% are yet to book their domestic travel.

## **Travelling**

Sightseeing, visiting family, food & drink and beach time remain top priorities for Kiwi travellers – with event & relaxation increasing as core travel components.

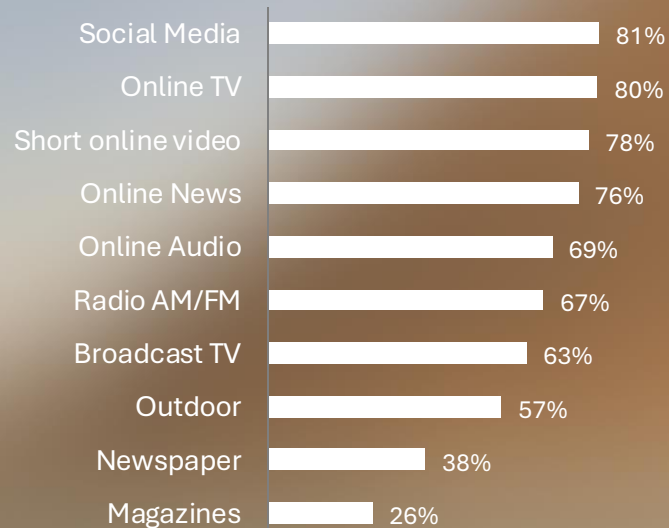
## **Reliving**

56% have travelled overseas in the last 12 months and love sharing their experiences with friends & families and online.

# Media engagement travel intenders.

How the travel audience interacts with multiple media

## Weekly media usage



Travel Intenders

Source: Nielsen CMI Q1 25 - Q4 25 fused Jan'26 Monthly coverage for Daily & Community titles, Weekly coverage for Newspaper Inserted Magazines, Monthly UA for Digital, Weekly Reach for Radio (GfK RAM S3 25) Travel intenders: 3,987,000 \*Total users of each media. \*Nielsen DCR Feb 2024 - Jan 2026.



32%\* find news on NZ news apps or websites helps them form opinions and think differently. The New Zealand Herald is the #1 news app in the country.^



54%\* of Travel Intenders are put in a good mood by online (streaming) audio.



40%\* find broadcast FM/AM radio good entertainment value, with 35% of those who listen at least daily finding it a good media for finding out what's new.



26%\* find reading the newspaper makes them feel like they are a part of a community.

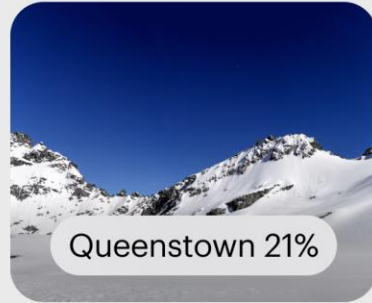


26%\* find podcasts help them to form opinions and think differently and 24%\* find podcasts good for tips and advice on how to do things.

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# Top destinations.

## Domestic



Other top destinations visited include:

Nelson 9%

Northland 9%

Coromandel 9%

Rotorua 9%

Dunedin 8%

Napier 8%

## International



Other top destinations visited include:

Fiji 7%

Italy 7%

USA 7%

France 7%

Singapore 7%

Bali 6%

# Let's cruise.

52%\* are considering going on a cruise in the next 12 months

The Mediterranean is the top cruise destination for cruise considerers, followed by the Pacific Islands and the NZ Coastline. Other must visit cruise destinations include:



# Travel spend advertisers.

## Top advertisers among each sub-category

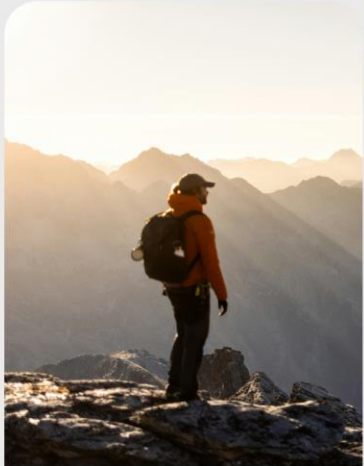
Airlines/ Airports		Attractions/ Venues		Australian Tourism		Cruises/ Charters		Domestic Accommodation	
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Qantas Airways Ltd	\$12,736,089	Auckland Zoo	\$1,924,301	Queensland Tourist Authority	\$1,370,976	Cruise Brokers	\$4,478,453	Bookabach Ltd	\$9,633,481
Auckland International Airport	\$11,376,570	Auckland Museum	\$1,529,756	Tourism NT	\$231,725	Imagine Cruising Pty Ltd	\$2,781,733	Sky City Ltd	\$2,179,866
Christchurch International Airport	\$8,180,009	Funlab NZ Ltd	\$1,072,943	Sunshine Coast Destination Ltd	\$155,713	Globus Family of Brands	\$1,963,905	Top 10 Holiday Parks	\$1,143,079
Fiji Airways	\$3,615,851	Petone Working Men's Club	\$789,347	Tourism New South Wales	\$57,780	Scenic Tours	\$1,725,097	Accor Asia Pacific	\$668,726
Domestic Tourism		International Accommodation		International Tourism		Travel Agents		Rental Cars	
2025		2025		2025		2025		2025	
Gold Club Tours	\$2,151,275	Accor Group	\$1,418,012	Inspiring Vacations Pty Ltd	\$3,310,107	House of Travel Holdings Ltd	\$10,657,736	Enterprise Holdings Inc	\$2,721,273
RealNZ Ltd	\$1,937,319	Marriott International	\$390,739	Tourism Fiji	\$1,753,098	Flight Centre	\$9,007,710	Hertz NZ Ltd	\$1,747,744
Destination Lake Taupo	\$1,693,885	Accor Asia Pacific	\$374,416	Leisure Time Tours	\$1,064,909	Stella Travel	\$5,103,577	Thrifty Car Rental	\$1,569,132
Rotorua NZ	\$1,400,983	Air New Zealand Ltd	\$340,278	Ignite Travel Group	\$1,018,167	Scenic Tours	\$3,298,094	Avis Budget Group	\$1,437,655
Destination Queenstown	\$1,217,444	Langham Hotels International	\$298,241	Globus Family of Brands	\$1,017,644	Webjet	\$3,181,126	Metropolitan Rentals Ltd	\$989,516

# Planning to engage with...

## Independent Travellers

### Their travel vibe is 'freedom & adventure'

New experiences and outdoors are front of mind when travelling as a young Independent Traveller, with slight structure in their planning, and lots of room to improvise.



Spontaneous & flexible, they tend to be more price sensitive - almost 3 in 5 have reconsidered travel due to high prices



They love adventure holidays, travelling for events, and for wellness - especially when nature focused



They are travelling now. 73% are going within the next 6 months



6 in 10 have been overseas in the last year and places visited include, Australia, Singapore and Japan

The top three destinations they plan to visit on their holiday are; Australia (49%), Italy (13%) and Europe (11%).

Source: Nielsen CMI Q1 25 - Q4 25 fused Jan'26 Monthly coverage for Daily & Community titles, Weekly coverage for Newspaper Inserted Magazines, Monthly UA for Digital, Weekly Reach for Radio (GfK RAM S3 25)

78% engage with NZME\*

Recommended channels:

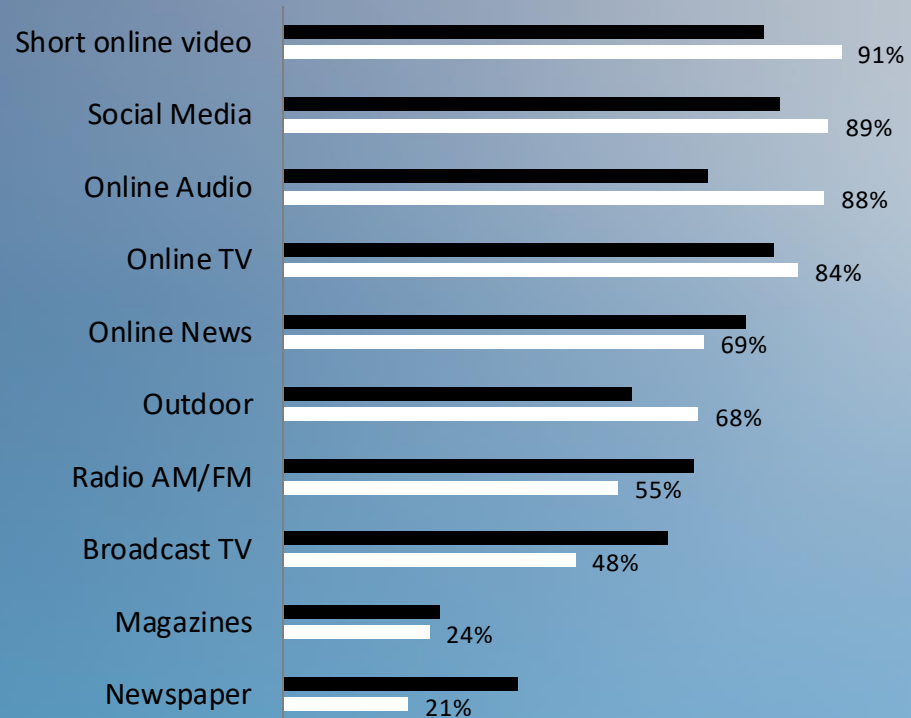
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# Reaching Independent Travellers.

## Weekly media usage



AP15+

Independent Travellers

**987,000 (78%)** reached across NZME's channels. Independents are more likely to be online.

 **NZME Print**  
**499,000 (40%)**

Recommended product:  
Travel

 **NZME Radio**  
**436,000 (35%)**

Recommended product:  
ZM, Hits, Flava

 **NZME Digital**  
**623,000 (49%)**

Recommended product:  
[nzherald.co.nz/travel](https://nzherald.co.nz/travel)

# NZME travel audience.

Reaching 987,000  
Independent Travel intenders

**nzherald.co.nz**  
2,022,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 479,000

**iHeartRadio<sup>^</sup>**  
710,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 212,000

**NZH**  
1,049,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 297,000

**ZM**  
407,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 159,000

**Travel Tuesday**  
403,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 98,000

**Newstalk ZB**  
642,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 76,000

**Herald On Sunday**  
309,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 88,000

**Weekend Herald**  
659,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 159,000

**Hauraki**  
216,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 63,000

**Reset/  
Sunday Travel**  
203,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 44,000

**The Hits**  
397,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 132,000

**Canvas**  
255,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 29,000

**OneRoof**  
683,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 152,000

**Timeout**  
278,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 65,000

**Daily  
Newspapers**  
226,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 47,000

**Community  
Newspapers**  
114,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 28,000

**Coast**  
267,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 32,000

**BusinessDesk<sup>#</sup>**  
131,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 33,000

**Flava**  
122,000

Independent Travel  
Intenders: 51,000

**Viva Weekly**  
201,000

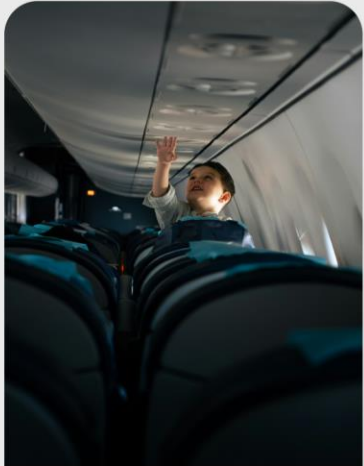
Independent Travel  
Intenders: 30,000

# Planning to engage with...

## Family Travellers

Their travel vibe is 'ease and connection'

They want to relax and explore with their families in tow – they will plan all the details and are price conscious.



Price conscious – more likely to reconsider travel decision due to high prices



Travelling for events - especially sports events



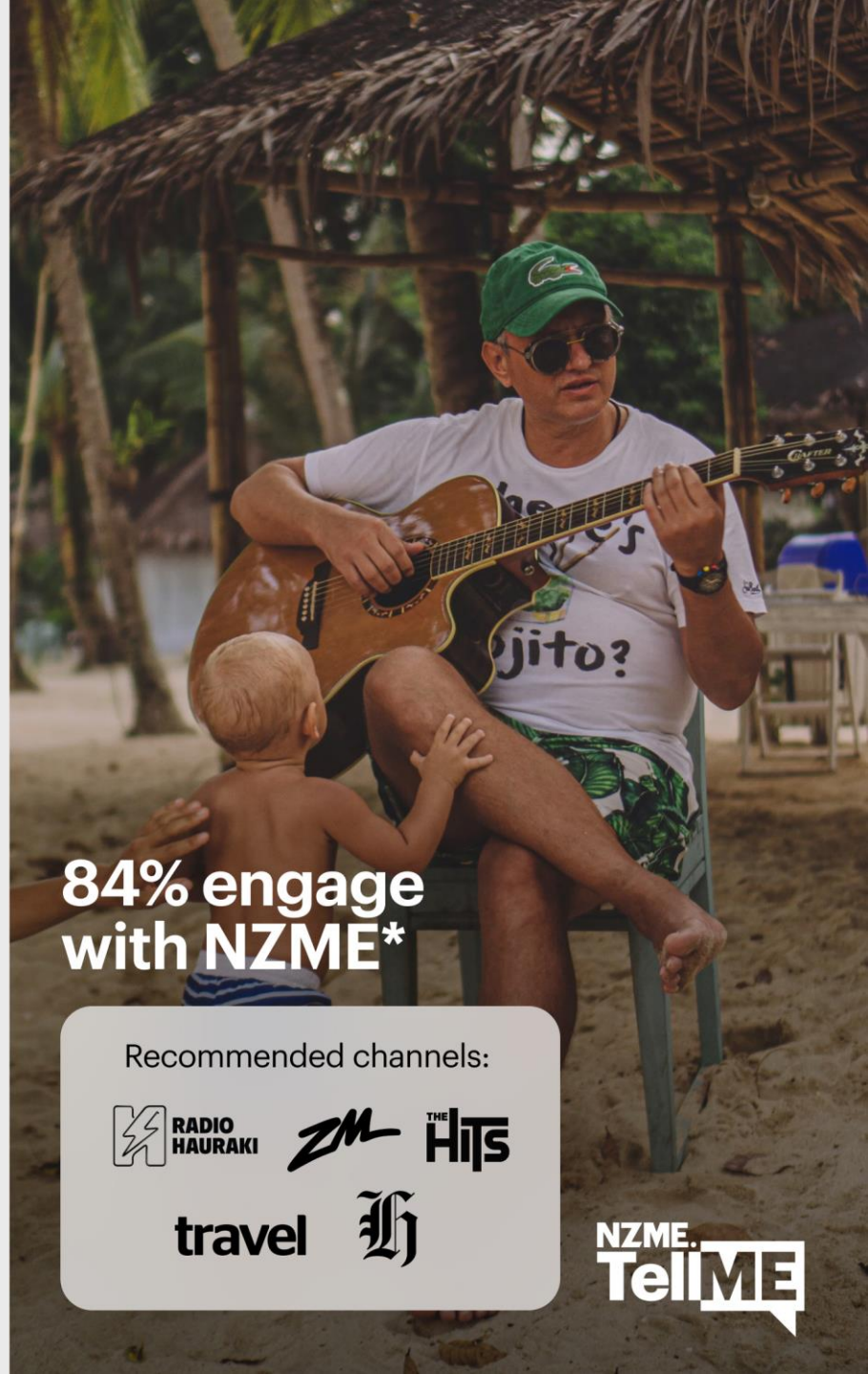
See holidays as quality family time – a chance to relax together



Enjoy camping, nature and beach holidays – often off the beaten track

The top three destinations they plan to visit on their holiday are; Australia (45%), Fiji (10%), Bali (10%).

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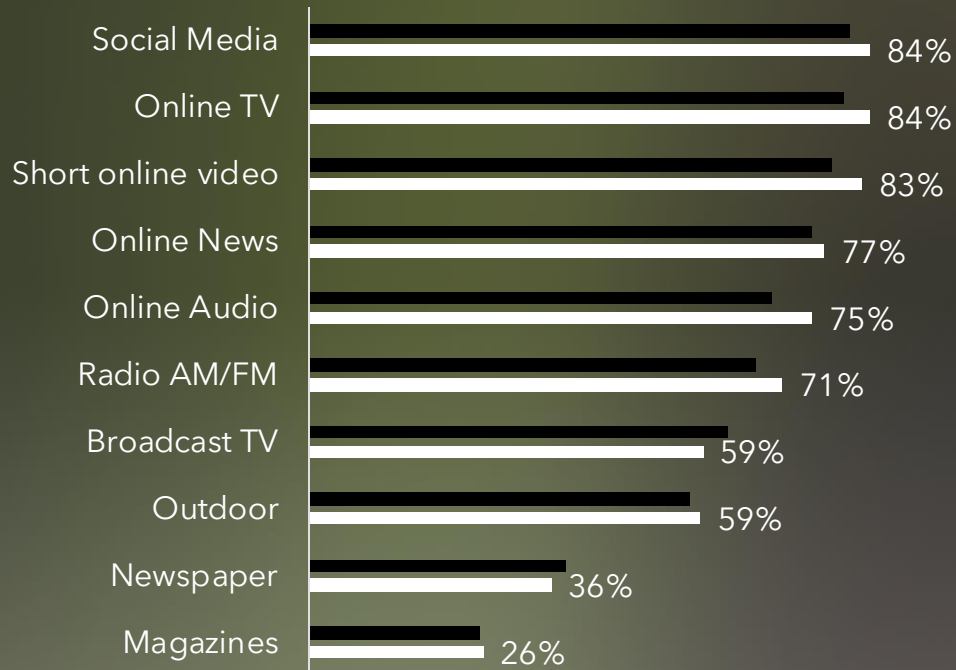
84% engage with NZME\*

Recommended channels:



# Reaching Family Travellers.

## Weekly media usage



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Family Travellers

**1,066,000 (84%)** reached across NZME's channels. Families are more likely to be listening to the radio and being online.

 **NZME Print**  
**531,000 (42%)**

Recommended product:  
Travel

 **NZME Radio**  
**521,000 (41%)**

Recommended product:  
Radio Hauraki, ZM, The Hits

 **NZME Digital**  
**748,000 (59%)**

Recommended product:  
[nzherald.co.nz/travel](https://nzherald.co.nz/travel)

# NZME travel audience.

Reaching 1,066,000 Family Travel intenders

<b>nzherald.co.nz</b> 2,022,000 Family Travel Intenders: 626,000	<b>iHeartRadio^</b> 710,000 Family Travel Intenders: 226,000	<b>NZH</b> 1,049,000 Family Travel Intenders: 320,000	<b>ZM</b> 407,000 Family Travel Intenders: 150,000	<b>Travel Tuesday</b> 403,000 Family Travel Intenders: 113,000
<b>Newstalk ZB</b> 642,000 Family Travel Intenders: 159,000	<b>Herald On Sunday</b> 309,000 Family Travel Intenders: 72,000	<b>Weekend Herald</b> 659,000 Family Travel Intenders: 199,000	<b>Hauraki</b> 216,000 Family Travel Intenders: 85,000	<b>Reset/Sunday Travel</b> 203,000 Family Travel Intenders: 49,000
<b>The Hits</b> 397,000 Family Travel Intenders: 139,000	<b>Canvas</b> 255,000 Family Travel Intenders: 63,000	<b>OneRoof</b> 683,000 Family Travel Intenders: 193,000	<b>Timeout</b> 278,000 Family Travel Intenders: 76,000	<b>Daily Newspapers</b> 226,000 Family Travel Intenders: 63,000
<b>Community Newspapers</b> 114,000 Family Travel Intenders: 34,000	<b>Coast</b> 267,000 Family Travel Intenders: 71,000	<b>Businessdesk#</b> 131,000 Family Travel Intenders: 48,000	<b>Flava</b> 122,000 Family Travel Intenders: 50,000	<b>Viva Weekly</b> 201,000 Family Travel Intenders: 52,000

# Planning to engage with...

## Mature Travellers

### Their travel vibe is 'enriched exploration'

They want to sightsee and get involved in history, they are happy to plan it themselves or let someone else do it.



More likely to use travel agents & websites for inspiration and bookings for peace of mind



More likely travelling premium or business



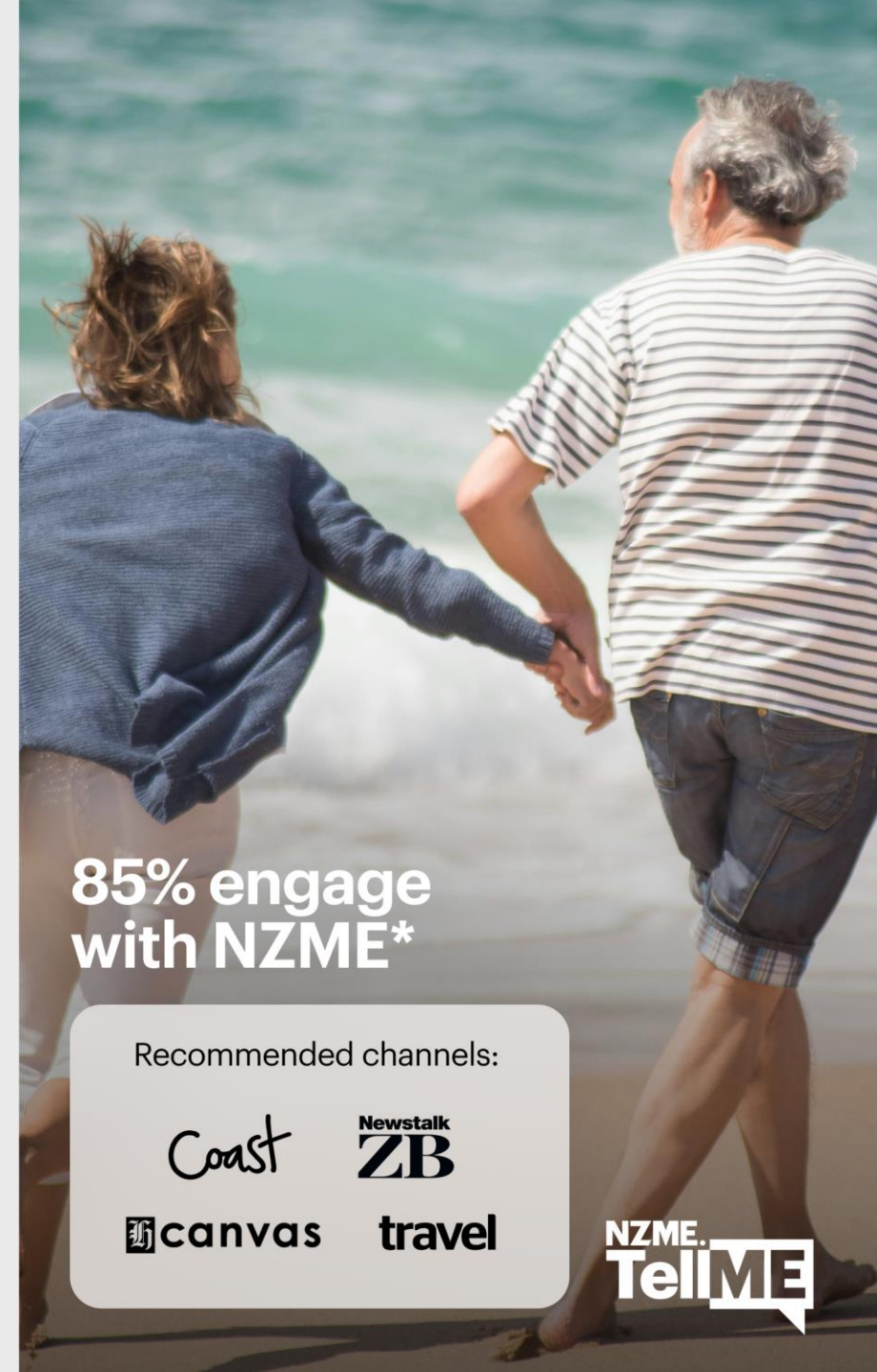
Top priorities: visiting friends and family, sight-seeing, food and drink, culture & a cruise



Taking longer trips 30% are going for 2+ weeks and spending more on both overseas & domestic trips

The top three destinations they plan to visit on their holiday are; Australia (44%), England (14%) and Europe (10%).

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85% engage with NZME\*

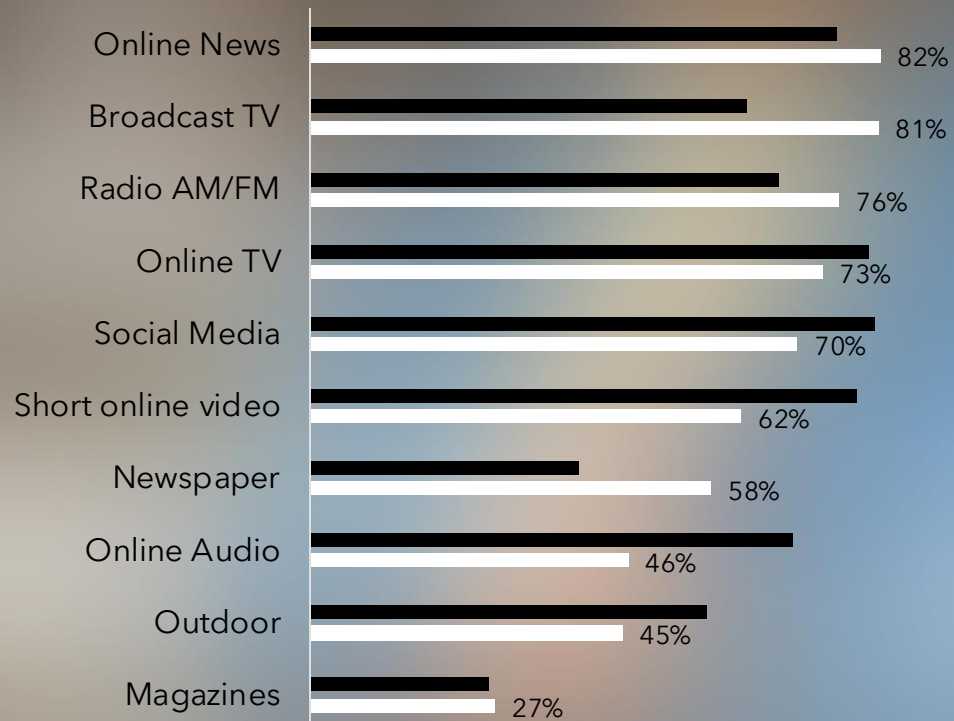
Recommended channels:

Coast Newstalk ZB  
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# Reaching Mature Travellers.

## Weekly media usage



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Mature Travellers

**1,184,000 (85%)** reached across NZME's channels. Mature Travellers are more likely to be reading the news both in print & online and listening to the radio.

 **NZME Print**  
**540,000 (39%)**

Recommended product:  
Travel

 **NZME Radio**  
**602,000 (43%)**

Recommended product:  
Newstalk ZB; Coast

 **NZME Digital**  
**873,000 (63%)**

Recommended product:  
[nzherald.co.nz/travel](https://nzherald.co.nz/travel)

# NZME travel audience.

Reaching 1,184,000  
Mature Travel intenders



<b>nzherald.co.nz</b> 2,022,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 729,000	<b>iHeartRadio^</b> 710,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 204,000	<b>NZH</b> 1,049,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 333,000	<b>ZM</b> 407,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 57,000	<b>Travel Tuesday</b> 403,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 154,000
<b>Newstalk ZB</b> 642,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 346,000	<b>Herald On Sunday</b> 309,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 119,000	<b>Weekend Herald</b> 659,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 247,000	<b>Hauraki</b> 216,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 46,000	<b>Reset/ Sunday Travel</b> 203,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 90,000
<b>The Hits</b> 397,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 89,000	<b>Canvas</b> 255,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 143,000	<b>OneRoof</b> 683,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 269,000	<b>Timeout</b> 278,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 116,000	<b>Daily Newspapers</b> 226,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 94,000
<b>Community Newspapers</b> 114,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 45,000	<b>Coast</b> 267,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 139,000	<b>BusinessDesk#</b> 131,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 40,000	<b>Flava</b> 122,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 12,000	<b>Viva Weekly</b> 201,000 Mature Travel Intenders: 105,000