

Renting a Campervan in New Zealand

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Is it difficult to navigate a campervan through NZ for someone inexperienced?

Our campervans feel no bigger than normal cars, however you have to remember the roofs are higher.

New Zealand is very easy to get around with a standard map. There are some dangerous roads but if you take it slow you will have no problems.

How often do campervans break down on the way and what happens then?

The campervans are serviced frequently, however in the event of a breakdown we offer AA roadside assistance which covers you (24 hours) throughout New Zealand.

What are the most important campervan advantages over rental cars?

Campervans give you the freedom of independence when travelling. There are many advantages with campervans, you can park up on the side of the road and sleep where you want, you also have the advantages of having the fridge and gas cooker which allows you to cook wherever, whenever. It also works out to be much cheaper than having a rental car and staying in motels/hotels.

How should people prepare for their campervan trip?

Over the high season we recommend to book some camp grounds and the ferry crossing between the islands. Don't book too much as you may end up changing some of your travels along the way. All our vans are fully equipped with all the basic essentials for living, all you need is your clothes and a camera! Please note not to bring hard suit cases as they will get in your way, bring suit cases that fold down.

What should travellers look out for when they rent a campervan?

Make sure there are no extra costs, not all companies charge one way fees and kilometers. Also insurance isn't compulsory in New Zealand, so it is highly recommended to take extra or travel with travel insurance.

Do you recommend a rather smaller or bigger campervan?

There are pros and cons for different types of campervans. For the smaller ones they are easy to drive and park, but you don't have as much comfort. With the bigger ones you have more comfort, most of them also include showers and toilets. These aren't always necessary as most camping grounds have these facilities.

What makes your own company stick out amongst your competitors?

For most people renting a campervan it is the first time they have done so. We are a smaller company so our customers get the one on one customer service, we pick you up and personally show you around the vehicle, making sure you know exactly how to use the van correctly to make your holiday more enjoyable and way less stressful. We also offer rentals to 18 year olds plus, free airport/city transfers, free standard insurance, unlimited kms, free for all drivers, no extra fees.

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