Live and Mork Melson Tasman







Our region is one of the country's fastest growing destinations, and for very good reasons. Nelson Tasman is basically a microcosm for the whole country, managing to squeeze everything that's great about New Zealand into one easily accessible area.



You can travel to the airport from both Nelson and Richmond's centres in only 10 minutes by car, and within 60-90 minutes, you can reach one of the three National Parks in the region. This location provides the best of both worlds, allowing you to stay connected when necessary while also offering a perfect retreat when needed. The Nelson Airport is a vital link to the region, with up to 300 weekly flights catering to residents, businesses, and tourists.

Live Nelson Tasman

The things that draw visitors here for holidays are increasingly drawing people who want to live in a place they love.

Weather and Climate

Here in Nelson Tasman, we welcome our chart-topping sunshine hours and mild winters which contribute to the lifestyle you will find here. You can plan a Saturday barbecue or outdoor activity with confidence.

Transport

In Nelson Tasman, active transport is more popular than anywhere else in the country, thanks to significant investment in cycle paths, parks and shelters (and our trustworthy weather). Investment in public transport and strategic traffic network upgrades reflects the demands of our growing population. Most people living in Nelson Tasman own their own car(s) so naturally there is peak hour traffic congestion, but if you're moving from a bigger city then it's incomparable.



Connecting with the country

Our state-of-the-art Nelson Airport caters for growth projections out to 2035. (It's the busiest provincial airport in New Zealand.) Wellington is a quick 25 minute flight away, and Christchurch is a scenic five hour's drive.





Excellent Education

We have excellent schools, providing quality education. There are over 80 options for early childhood education in the region and numerous primary and secondary schools. Nelson College was founded in 1856 and was New Zealand's first state school. The Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology/Te Pūkenga is the largest education provider in the Top of the South and has been providing students with the skills required to make their mark on the world for over 115 years.

A vibrant, diverse community

With a population of around 113,000, we balance our urban offerings with a sense of a connected community. We embrace our diverse culture, where one in five people living here were born overseas, and there are 48 different cultures living in the region. With over 1,500 sports, arts and culture events per year, there is something for everyone.

Housing

The region offers housing options to suit every budget, from central city rentals to hilltop hideaways, from new suburban subdivisions to several exciting new apartment complexes. Nelson and Tasman's population is growing, which means we know we need space for more houses and businesses, and there are developments underway to encourage more central city living.

Healthcare

Our residents are comparatively wellserved across the healthcare spectrum. The government announced the \$1b redevelopment of Nelson Hospital and the project is on track to be completed by 2030 to ensure our residents have a fit for purpose, future-proof building.

Work Nelson Tasman

In Nelson Tasman, the land and sea shapes our way of life and as a consequence, our regional economy. We have nationally and internationally recognised strengths in the Blue Economy, Food & Beverage, Forestry and Wood Product Manufacturing, The Māori Economy and the Visitor Economy.



- We are building a globally recognised Knowledge Economy Centre, underpinned by having the highest number of scientists per capita of any New Zealand city. Our science and technology ecosystem builds on our existing leaders such as Cawthron Institute, NIWA and Plant & Food Research which offer varied roles in science and research.
- Our creative sector is world renowned, and you will find a strong network of artisans and creatives. Health, education, and professional services are also large employers in our region. With significant construction projects currently underway and in development, there is always high demand for workers in construction, retail and hospitality.



- Larger employers are increasingly offering professional roles without the hassles of big city life. As more of our small businesses grow, they are regularly looking for staff with corporate experience to help them reach their goals.
- Nelson Tasman attracts companies who could locate their business anywhere, taking advantage of our lifestyle and the accessibility to the outdoors.









Regional Economy at a Glance





Flight times

25 Minutesto Wellington90 Minutesto Auckland(and then the world)



300

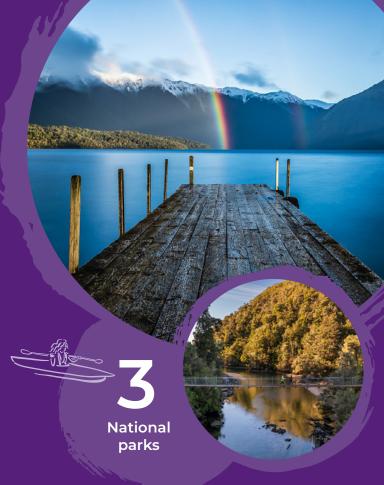
Mountain biking trails





Highest number of scientists per capita of any NZ city







1 in 5 born internationally

48 Different cultures



Our city and towns





Golden Bay & Tākaka

Nelson Tasman locals have a deep love for Tākaka and Golden Bay, and it's easy to see why, with an incredibly vibrant and arty community at its heart. If you're looking for character, diversity and artisan experiences, you'll find plenty to love here.

Kaiteriteri

During the summer months, you can join holiday-makers and families sunbathing on the beach, swimming in the sea, or paddling a kayak around the bay. The sunsets and sunrises are extraordinary to watch from the beach or a balcony. Kaiteriteri is a lively hub for summer-time activities and the gateway to the Abel Tasman.

Māpua and Ruby Bay

Māpua Wharf has pedestrian-only areas that give it a relaxed and continental feel as you wander around the old cool-store buildings that once serviced a bustling port and are now home to galleries, restaurants, ice creameries and gift shops. Māpua means 'abundance' in te reo Māori, and the area certainly doesn't disappoint.

Motueka

Motueka attracts people with ideas and talent who create clever businesses, and they love to share what they have created. Motueka has a lively café scene and an abundance of businesses focused on helping everyone enjoy and cherish the beautiful environment.

Nelson and Tāhunanui

Known as a vibrant and welcoming city, Nelson is (quite literally) at the heart of the country. It's accessible and highly connected to other main centres. The city is an incubator for some of New Zealand's most successful and loved businesses and products. The contemporary creative energy of some of these businesses and artisans is showcased at Nelson's weekly Saturday Market.

Stoke

Located just minutes from the centre of Nelson City, Stoke has plenty to offer families from the sports facilities of Saxton Field, parks and historic houses. The suburb has a relaxed feel, and plenty of beautiful scenery, walks and cycle trails to explore.

Richmond & Surrounds

Conveniently close to so many of our region's outdoor experience highlights, Richmond is also a bustling shopping and popular indoor entertainment location. It's the perfect place to base yourself to enjoy mountain biking, road cycling, beaches, and walking trails but also has the area's best indoor pool complex and the largest shopping centre in the Top of the South. Richmond is only minutes away from Nelson City but has its own unique character and micro-climate.

Live and Work Melson Tasman

The team at the Nelson Regional Development Agency has access to a range of information or support services that can help you make your decision. If you need more info, or want to connect with business experts and key services, we are here to help.





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