



- Best time for winter photography is between June and September with snow on the mountain tops. Between July and August there is chance that everything is blanketed with a fresh dusting of snow, and in the far south there is the occasional opportunity of shooting the southern lights.

- Rent or buy a vehicle as soon as you land. Public transport will limit your ability to get to the epic photography locations and effectiveness of your time. Plus, cars are cheap and if you buy a backpacker friendly mobile, and you can sell it easily again before you depart.

- If your budget allows for it then take a photography tour. This will guarantee you capture New Zealand's remarkable beauty. There are some great tours provided by famous photographers both internationally and locally.

- South Island has the best winter landscapes, mountain ranges and glaciers with moody coastal areas and fjords.

- North Island is best for golden beaches, glow-worms and rain forest national parks, plus "hobbitvil" if you are a lord of the rings fan.

- Take or buy a tent and sleeping bag in order to camp overnight and snap the trophy sunrise shots in the mountains.
Side note : The warehouse has super cheap gear (perhaps not the best quality but great deals)

- Watch out where you stay the night as Freedom camping (staying where ever you like) is not allowed in built up areas. You can't sleep in your van in public parking areas or pitch your tent in a park.

- Major credit cards are accepted everywhere, a bit of cash never hurt though.

- Expect 4 seasons in one day. Take a rain coat and warm clothes on all your day missions even if it is sunny when you start.

- Allow for a minimum of two weeks for each Island. If you have to choose then spend your time in the south (I come from the south, but still... it's the best)

Inspiring New Zealand Photography:

[Nicolas Babot](#) : Christchurch based landscape photographer with shots from all over New Zealand.

Rental Car companies:

[Juicy Rentals](#): Budget rental company offer all vehicles from campers to small cars.

[Wicked Rentals](#): Small camping vans allowing for flexibility

Helpfull Resource:

[Camper Mate App](#): Free app making travelling around NZ easier. Get locations of public toilets, campsites, free wifi and much more.

Photography Tours:

[Joshua Cripps](#) - California based photographer, Josh leads a small group through the [South Island on a 12 day workshop](#) focused on improving your photography.

[Photographytours.co.nz](#) - Run by local Queenstown photographer, Warren Williams. With local knowledge you will find the most inspiring shots around the Queenstown lakes district.

If there is anything you would like to know more, please email me at carl@photographygloves.com , I would be stoked to hear fom you.

Happy Travels,

Cheers,

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