

Located on the South Island's northern coastline at the geographical centre of New Zealand, Nelson Tasman region is easily accessible by air, land and sea.

Arriving by Air

Nelson is the fourth busiest airport in New Zealand with around 80 arrivals daily. Frequent domestic flights on Air New Zealand Q300 Bombardier aircraft provide convenient direct access to the region from international gateways in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

In addition, Air2There operate scheduled flights between Nelson and Paraparaumu 4 days/week in winter and daily in summer. Sounds Air operate scheduled flights between Nelson and Wellington 7 days a week. Capital Air operate scheduled flights during the summer months between Wellington and Takaka in Golden Bay.

Flight Times (approx)

Auckland to Nelson	85 minutes
Wellington to Nelson	35 minutes
Christchurch to Nelson	50 minutes
Paraparaumu to Nelson	40 minutes
Wellington to Takaka	50 minutes

Arriving by Road

Nelson Tasman region is accessible by road from Christchurch via the West Coast and Murchison. A worthwhile detour from this route will take you through the alpine village of St Arnaud at the edge of Nelson Lakes National Park.

An alternative route from Christchurch brings you up the East Coast through Kaikoura and Marlborough. A short drive over the Whangamoa Ranges links Nelson with Picton in the Marlborough Sounds – where passenger ferries arrive from the North Island.

The region is well-served by coach transport.

Driving Times/Distances (approx)

	Km	Driving time
Christchurch to Nelson city	424	5 hrs 20 mins
Picton (inter-island ferry terminal) to Nelson city	144	2 hrs
Blenheim to Nelson city	117	1 hr 45 mins
Murchison to Nelson city	129	1 hr 50 mins
Westport to Nelson city	266	3 hrs 15 mins
Kaikoura to Nelson city	249	3 hrs

