

Motorhome Hire Cheat Sheet



Why Choose a Motorhome?

- Ultimate road trip experience in NZ
- Travel at your own pace, surrounded by incredible scenery
- Combine transport, accommodation, and flexibility

Brand	Fleet Age	Notes
Maui Elite	<1 year old	Premium Guaranteed New Vehicles
Maui	1-3 years old	High quality, Reliable
Britz/Apollo	3-5 years old	Well-equipped mid-range
Mighty	5-10 years old	Budget Friendly, older vehicles

Depot Locations & Pick-Up Timing

- Motorhome depots are usually just off the airport, with a complimentary shuttle service available.
- Last vehicle pick-up is generally at 3 pm
- If arriving in the afternoon, we recommend an overnight stay at an airport hotel before collecting the motorhome the next day

Booking & Payment Info

- Deposit = 20% of vehicle cost (in addition to ANZCRO's \$110pp deposit)
- Deposit is required at time of booking or deposit if within cancellation window
- For your booking to be successful, you must provide a full driver's license (or IDP) in English and be 21 years of age or older.

THL Roadtrip App

- Highly recommended for all motorhome travellers!

Key Features:

- GPS Location Services: Nearest campsites, dump stations, petrol stations, toilets, supermarkets, and LPG fill-up points

Camper Videos:

- Walkthrough videos of each camper type
- CamperHelp videos for practical tips (e.g. plug in power, use toilet cassette)
- Offline Maps: Save maps to use without internet/data
- Community Tips: Read reviews and advice from fellow travellers

Encourage clients to download before travel!

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Australia Depots

- Brisbane
- Darwin
- Alice springs
- Cairns
- Melbourne
- Perth
- Sydney
- Adelaide

New Zealand Depots

- Auckland
- Christchurch
- Queenstown

Taking a Motorhome on the Ferry (NZ)

Operators:

- **Interislander** and **Bluebridge** ferries run between: Wellington (North Island) ↔ Picton (South Island)

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Freedom Camping in New Zealand:

- Freedom camping is allowed at *designated sites, public land where permitted, and some DOC campsites.*
- You **can't camp in national parks** (unless at designated campsites), on *private land without permission, or in restricted council areas.*
- Fines apply for camping in *non-permitted areas* — always check for **No Freedom Camping** signs.
- Use apps like **CamperMate** or **Rankers** to find permitted spots and stay updated on local rules.
- Follow **Leave No Trace**: dispose of waste properly, respect wildlife, and leave sites as you found them.

THL Vehicle Policy:

- Maui, Britz & Mighty allow their vehicles on the ferry.
- You are not required to switch vehicles between islands (unlike some older policies)
- You must book ferry travel in advance, especially in peak season

Booking Tip: When booking a ferry, you'll need

- Vehicle type (e.g. campervan/motorhome)
- Vehicle length (THL will advise this on booking)
- Passenger details

Cost:

- The fare includes both passengers + vehicle
- Prices vary depending on the time of year and ferry company

Optional Add-Ons & Excess Reduction

- Standard insurance excess for motorhomes can be significant