



# GREETINGS

The Best of New Zealand sends a heartfelt thanks to those who we assisted in 2018/19 and over the last 29 years! We truly appreciate your business and many years of friendship.

A few changes we have made recently to improve your travel experience include a re-write of our general travel website [TheBestOfNewZealand.com](http://TheBestOfNewZealand.com). On it we hope to provide helpful links and information to help with your travel. We have also introduced personalized e-itineraries that you will be able to use when traveling. Customized for each trip, these itineraries will allow you to look at day-by-day details, driving directions, contact information and dynamic flight details (gate changes, etc) via an app on your mobile phone or computer. While we still provide you with personalized service, we hope these enhancements will help via the incorporation of new technology.

For those who may not have traveled with us yet or are considering a first trip to New Zealand, our advice is always to plan in advance. New Zealand is a beautiful piece of the world, but it is small!

Our team is well into solidifying itineraries for the 2019-2020 season. We look forward to sharing our capabilities with you and want to be sure your time is perfectly planned so that your travel experience is the best it can be. This can only be accomplished through proper advance planning so all options are considered and the fine details are addressed. So don't wait to reach out. We can be of great help!

Many of our stories and recollections of New Zealand go beyond the thrilling moments of a fish striking a dry fly, a dramatic vista, or an approach shot to a green which parachutes three feet from the cup. It is the small memories shared between friends and loved ones, long after the trip is complete, that we cherish. Trust our experts to help create lasting memories for you. We will look forward to hearing from you!

Cheers,  
Mike & Frank

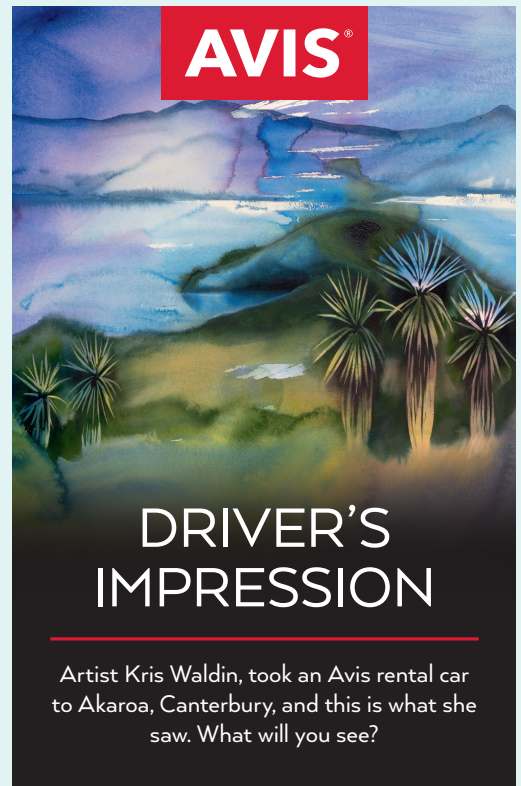






Our team hand-picks select properties with the goal to provide clients with an authentic Kiwi experience. In order to maintain the highest level of quality, we review accommodations and keep close relationships with fly fishing guides.

Benefit from our attention to detail and access to the country's most desirable accommodations and fly fishing locations.



For over 150 years this family-run station has not only maintained itself as an active working farm but has prospered by allowing guests to immerse themselves in authentic station life.

For Anglers, Nokomai has 20km on the Mataura River and, thanks to its level terrain, provides easy access to water for those who may require assistance.







fashioned comfort and style with friendly, personal service.

The who's who of world fly fishing have stayed at the Lodge as well as famous celebrities like President Jimmy Carter.

Established in 1982, Tongariro Lodge is set on 22 acres on the banks of one of New Zealand's most famous and historic fly fishing rivers. This handsome fishing lodge offers old-



STONEFLY  
LODGE

Architecturally designed and engineered, this South Island eco-friendly lodge is situated on 150 acres with easy access to world-renowned rivers.

Centrally located to three of New Zealand's major National Parks, Stonefly Lodge offers access to world class brown trout rivers, spectacular scenery and wilderness activities all within an hour's drive.



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Mike McClelland first fished New Zealand in 1974 and has made over 78 trips since then to explore, fish, research, and enjoy the beautiful and friendly country –including sharing a beer or glass of wine with fishing guides and lodge owners who have become close personal friends. For the last ten years his trips have included working in the garden of his and his wife Nancy’s beachfront cottage on the West Coast of New Zealand’s South Island.

After organizing groups to fly fish in the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan in the mid-80’s, Mike decided in 1989 to concentrate solely on organizing and booking travel to New Zealand. However, Mike still visits and fishes almost annually in the Kingdom of Bhutan and has now made over 30 trips to this ancient Himalayan Kingdom.

Mike’s gardening is not limited to the grounds of his New Zealand cottage. He spends most mornings tending to his home garden which includes pieces of Kiwi-made sculptures and a Bhutanese crafted greenhouse for his orchids.

Mike developed a love of travel while visiting Asia in the US Navy and backpacking in Europe during college. To facilitate the annual trips he and Nancy made with their two young daughters, he started the travel agency in 1981 as a sidelight to other businesses. His love for travel continues with over 172 international trips –including Antarctica, North Korea, Turkmenistan, Iran, Mongolia, most countries in Asia and Europe, and much of Africa and the Middle East.

Mike and his wife Nancy especially enjoy annual trips with their two daughters and families (six grandchildren) that have included barge trips in France and Netherlands, and stays at resorts in Thailand, Vietnam, Costa Rica, Fiji, and Tahiti. Next up: the Maharaja Express train from Delhi to Mumbai, India.







Frank is co-owner of The Best of New Zealand and responsible for helping to market and expand the business. He has extensive technical and sales management experience from years with IBM, PwC and Sprint. He and his wife KC have three great kids: Michael (11), Matthew (9) and Maggie (8), and all enjoy traveling whenever they have the opportunity.

In addition to being an avid skier and golfer, Frank continues to test his skills as an angler having fished in the USA, Cook Islands, Tasmania and New Zealand (of course). He has

golfed not only Australia and New Zealand's top courses but enjoys seeking out the lesser known "gems" which provide a local flavor.

Frank began his global travels in college and has since visited close to 40 countries, including all of the United States with the exception of North Dakota. He regularly visits New Zealand to stay up to speed with new properties and ownership changes. On his most recent trip Frank visited the Northland, Blenheim and Nelson areas. While in New Zealand he had the opportunity to enjoy dinner and a few cool drinks with many of the New Zealand fishing guides at their annual meeting.







Riverview Lodge is situated in the heart of trophy brown trout country, in the South Island town of Hanmer Springs - about a 90-minute drive from Christchurch International Airport.

The lodge is based on a plateau overlooking a beautiful alpine range with a confluence of gin-clear rivers below. Time on the large outdoor deck is well spent taking in the panoramic views.



## HUKA LODGE

1924

Set on 17 acres outside of Taupo, Huka Lodge is known throughout the world as a top international location and as truly the original fly fishing lodge in New Zealand.

From humble beginnings in the 1920s, this lodge has dramatically transformed itself into the standard of luxury.





**OWEN RIVER LODGE**

SOUTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Owen River Lodge opened in 2003 and quickly developed a reputation as one of New Zealand's finest specialist fly fishing lodges.

Located right on the banks of the Owen River in the Murchison/ Nelson Lakes region, the lodge provides guests with panoramic views encompassing Kahurangi National Park and Mount Owen and access to top fishing.



Secluded in the Taharua Valley, Poronui boasts access to 500k acres of private land and some of the country's greatest wilderness experiences.

The property has almost 25 miles of water and adjacent are vast estates of privately owned Maori land. The exclusivity and remoteness of these rivers and streams make it some of the most prized fishing waters.



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