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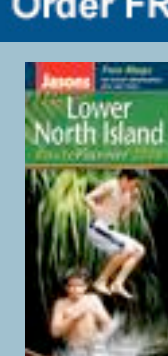
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## Greetings \$FirstName\$

This month we debut our new-look Explore! newsletter, with a simpler cleaner design, to match the ALL-NEW Jasons.com. We hope you enjoy it - do [send us your feedback](#).

Start planning your winter escape with some of our great hot deals below. School holidays are just around the corner and we've got ideas to help you decide on where to go and what to do.

At the all-new Jasons.com you can book [instantly online](#) at hundreds of places to stay in New Zealand, with Australia coming shortly. The good thing is there is NO BOOKING FEE or COMMISSION so you get the best deals, and you can book as far in advance as you like! You can also contact the property directly by email or phone to make your booking if you prefer.

When planning your holiday, join up to [My Jasons](#) and use [My Places](#) to shortlist all of your properties you have researched.

Be in to win a Wonderful Weekend in Wairarapa. The prize includes 2 nights bed and breakfast, a gourmet wine escape, an interactive film and wine tasting experience, a day exploring wildlife, a brewery tour, a Stonehenge guided tour and a 4-wheel drive quad bike adventure. [Enter today](#).

Congratulations to the winner of our 'Rotorua Relaxation prize package, Kathy Davis from Sydney.

From all the Team at Jasons Explore!

## New Zealand



### Wonderful Wairarapa

An idyllic country setting, gourmet food, award-winning wines, outdoor adventure, native wildlife and charming heritage towns are just some of the delights in store for visitors to this premier wine and food region. Just an hour's drive or train journey north of Wellington, at the centre of the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail driving route, Wairarapa is an area with a growing reputation for its premium pinot noir. Gladstone Vineyard was recently awarded a gold medal for its 2006 Pinot Noir at the Mondial du Pinot Noir in Switzerland - New Zealand's only gold medal.

The wine village of Martinborough is the heart of the Wairarapa's flourishing wine-making region. Packed with charm, this historic village has more than 30 wineries - most within walking distance of each other. You can cycle or walk your way around the wineries or join one of the guided tours. Transit Coachline's full day tour, the Wairarapa Gourmet Wine Escape, offers tastings at four vineyards, a platter at the Village Cafe and coffee and cheese platter to conclude the day. The tour begins with a scenic train journey from Wellington or join up in the Wairarapa if you prefer. [Read more...](#)

### Latest Hot Deals

**Enter here to win**

[WIN a Wonderful Weekend in Wairarapa Prize](#)

Enter to win this fantastic prize for two which includes 2 nights accommodation, a gourmet wine escape, guided tour of wildlife centre, brewery tour, quad bike adventure, tour of Stonehenge and interactive film and wine tasting. [Enter here!](#)

[Gisborne Weekend Escape - 50% off!](#)

Receive a 50% discount off our daily published rate when you take a Gisborne Weekend Escape at Portside Hotel. Contemporary Harbour Guest Room \$120/night (normally \$240) or 1brm Harbour Suite \$140/night (normally \$280). Valid any Friday, Sat or Sun night to 30 September 2008.

[West Coast - Hokitika - Winter Warmer Special for two!](#)

Enjoy this winter warmer special at Shining Star Beachfront Accommodation for \$179 (valued at \$245). Includes 1 night in a cosy beachfront chalet overlooking the Tasman Sea, a 3-course dinner at Cafe de Paris and a free spa or sauna session. Valid to 30/9/08.

[Rotorua - Treat for Two at Birchwood Spa Motel](#)

Birthday or anniversary coming up or just an excuse to spoil a loved one? Pay \$310 (for 2) for any 2 nights booked in a ground floor studio and receive a free upgrade to a 1brm spa pool unit, cooked breakfasts for two and use of quality bathrobes. Valid to 31/8/08. Conditions.

[Two for one offer on SkyWalk](#)

Experience amazing views of Auckland's landmarks when you take a guided adventure around the outside ring of the SkyTower with SkyWalk 360! Book before 30/7/08 to get a two for the price of one adult - \$57.50 each! Conditions apply. Mention Jasons at time of booking.

[Moments to Treasure Bed & Breakfast Winter Special - Wairarapa](#)

Book the Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park's 'Moments to Treasure' B&B winter special for \$139 (incl GST) twin share! Includes 1 night's accommodation in a Standard Room and a full cooked breakfast for two. Valid to 12/10/08. Subject to availability.

[Sit back, relax and stay a while...from \\$89\\*...](#) and explore everything our Comfort™, Quality™ and Clarion® hotels have to offer this winter. Choose from 30 hotels, suites, resorts and apartments across NZ, from the beautiful Bay of Islands, down to historic Dunedin. \*Terms & Conditions. Valid to 31/10/08

[InterCity - book online and save](#)

Websaver fares offer seats around the country on New Zealand's national transport network at amazing discounts, and are available online only making it cheaper for you to travel where you want to go.

## Australia



### Tasmania - food and wine a way of life

Tasmania is a gourmet paradise, where people live close to the land and the sea and there is an easy flow from harvest to plate. The island state is a place where a fantastic lifestyle and innovative ideas accompany a temperate climate.

The island has four distinct seasons that make it perfect for producing prime cheeses, mouth-watering berries ripened to maximum flavour, wide-ranging vegetables, stone fruits, herbs, premium beef, specialty honey, mushrooms, chocolate and fudge, cool climate wines and some of Australia's leading beers. Whether you are browsing at a local market stall or dining in a restaurant, visitors to Tasmania are spoilt for choice. [Read more...](#)

### Latest Hot Deals

[Hobart, Tasmania - Winter bed and breakfast special](#)

What better way to spend a short break in the heart of historic Salamanca Place surrounded by cafes, bars, restaurants, galleries and much more! Two people stay at Salamanca Inn All Suite Hotel for \$148/night and receive a continental breakfast buffet. Valid to 31/8/08.

[Hobart, Tasmania - Stay 3 nights, pay for 2!](#)

Pay for 2 nights accommodation in a Studio or 1brm apartment at The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel and receive your 3rd night free! Multi-award winning hotel within a stone's throw of the city centre. Valid to 31/8/08. Conditions apply.

[SurfAir gives away FREE breakfast!](#)

Stay at SurfAir on Marcoola Beach on the Sunshine Coast for as little as \$44/night (based on 4 people in a 2brm apartment) and receive a FREE breakfast and a FREE glass of wine with dinner! Located 3 minutes from Sunshine Coast Airport. Valid to 30 September 2008.

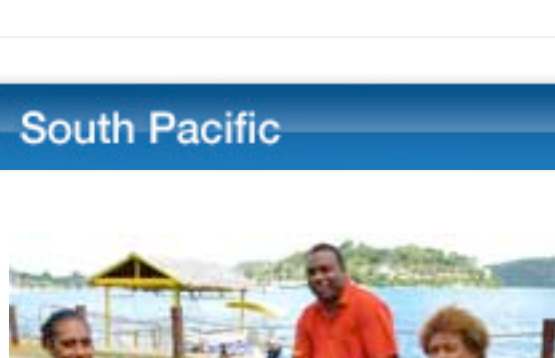
[The Innkeepers Collection - bonus petrol vouchers](#)

To make it easier to enjoy Tasmania's inspiring experiences and stunning wilderness, we'll fuel your island journey with up to \$150 of free petrol vouchers. Innkeepers have offset the carbon emissions associated with our free petrol vouchers. Valid to 19/9/08.

[Free 4th\\* Day with Budget](#)

Rent a Compact Car (Group B, e.g Hyundai Getz 5 door auto) through to a Full Size Car (Group E, e.g. Mitsubishi 380) for 3 consecutive days from now until 31 July 2008 and get the fourth day free\* of time and kilometre charges. Terms & conditions apply.

## South Pacific



### Sunny Yummy Vanuatu

Think of fine dining and French cuisine often springs to mind, with its classic elegance and rich sauces, but the beautiful island nation of Vanuatu can give Paris a run for its money when it comes to all things gourmet. Thanks to a mouth-watering blend of French, Melanesian and Pacific Island cuisines, this South Pacific nation boasts some superb wine and food offerings.

Vanuatu's cosmopolitan reputation as the Gourmet Capital of the South Pacific - and that means you're spoilt for choice when it comes to dining out in style. In Port Vila alone, there are some 70 eateries offering everything from succulent Santo beef steaks and French-style snails to traditional delicacies such as coconut crab served with chilli, garlic, coconut or curry sauces. [Read more...](#)

### Latest Hot Deals

[Complimentary facial at Lotus Health & Beauty - Vanuatu](#)

Treat yourself to our famous, relaxing Hot Stone Massage (1hr) for NZ\$104\* and receive a free men's or ladies Lotus Facial using fresh, local organic ingredients (valued at NZ\$63\*). Located in Port Vila. Valid for one use only. \*Subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

[Enter the Vanuatu Barista Competition](#)

Last year was such a success that we are calling all Baristas to do it again! November 2008 is your chance to showcase your coffee making skills at the Vanuatu International Barista Competition. Entrants are required for two categories: International and Local. Great prizes to be won. [Enter now!](#)

[Vanuatu - 5 night Combo Deal!](#)

Poppy's on the Lagoon in Port Vila and Friendly Bungalows in Tanna are offering 5 nights accommodation, a 4WD Volcano Safari Tour on Tanna, a waterfall tour, breakfast daily, airport transfers and much more! All for NZ\$695pp (twin share). Valid for travel from 15/7/08 to 31/3/09.

[Vanuatu - Luxury Stay/Pay Deal!](#)

Iiriki Island Resorts & Spa is proud to announce the opening of its brand new Deluxe and Penthouse style accommodation suitable for families or couples. Stay 9 nights/pay for 7 or stay 7 and pay for 5 or stay 5 nights and pay for just 4! Valid to 11/9/08. Subject to availability.

[Order your complimentary 2008 Vanuatu Islands Visitor Map & Guide](#)

For the latest on accommodation, traveller tips, things to see and do, getting around, eating out and nightlife, shopping and more...you can't go past our Vanuatu Visitor Map and Guide. [Order your copy online now!](#)