

# The best fish and chips in New Zealand

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If you are looking for a great place to take that special person in your life for Valentine's Day, you really can't beat some awesome New Zealand Fish and Chips. On every corner next to the local dairy there is the little fish and chip shop that serves the greasy goodness we Kiwis love. In New Zealand we like to call it "Fush 'n' Chups", and others just like to laugh about it, but New Zealand is home to some of the best fish and chips in the world and we're quite proud of that. Whether you're looking for a meal that satisfies your taste buds and that costs no more than the spare change you find under your couch or you're craving something deep fried and covered in batter – New Zealand fish and chips never seems to fail.



New Zealand's best fish and chips

## Where are the best fish and chips in New Zealand?

So where are the best fish and chips to be found in New Zealand? At the back end of 2016, we posted up some of our favourites here at GO Rentals and put it out there to our fans on Facebook and our GO Explore followers to let us know their favourites and to be honest we were inundated – Kiwis definitely love their fish and chips! It was great to hear from so many international visitors who had fond memories of finding a little fish and chip bar, and sitting enjoying a beautiful New Zealand sunset, scoffing delicious fish and chips on the beach!

We decided to keep our top 5 fish and chip shops in New Zealand as we still think there are some crackers

in there but we also wanted to present the alternative top 5 New Zealand fish and chip shops as voted for by our GO Explore fans. We had over 125 recommendations so sadly we can't include them all so we have picked out the ones that kept coming up time and time again – there were some definite favourites out there so check them out and let us know what you think.

## The GO Explore Facebook Fans Top 5 Fish and Chip Shops in New Zealand

### 1. Akaroa Fish and Chips – 59 Beach Road, Akaroa

Scoring 13 votes from our GO Explorers, Akaroa Fish and Chips was the number one recommendation and we reckon one of the best places in New Zealand to grab some fish and chips. Here's what a few of our Explorers had to say:

**John Proffitt-White** – *“they are some of the best in NZ and a great setting to eat them sat on the bench at the end of the pier”*

**John Stapleford** – *“best in the world!”*

So there you have it, not only are they the best fish and chips in New Zealand but also the world! They do come with a word of warning though from **Dave Mair**, “Watch out for the sea gulls, they'll take your food from you if you're not careful!”

### 2. Cooper's Catch – 9 West End, Kaikoura



Fish and Chips at Cooper's Catch in Kaikoura washed down with L&P

Kaikoura was another hugely popular place for fish and chips with our GO Explore fans with Cooper's Catch

pipping Nins Bin to take out second place on our list. The top tip from our Facebook fans seems to be the blue cod and chips – an absolute winner when it comes to the best fish and chips in Kaikoura. **Charles Brungardt** recommends washing the whole lot down with a nice cold bottle of L&P – proper Kiwi!

### 3. Mangonui Fish Bar – Beach Road, Mangonui

It was a pretty close call between the top three and Mangonui Fish Shop and Takeaway scored 10 votes from our GO Explore fans including one from **Peter Brown** who simply describes them as “brilliant!” and **The Cloud Quest** who reckon these could be the best fish and chips in the world. All we know is that it’s a stunning location and they serve up some tasty and fresh fish and chips so they’re a winner with us!

### 4. The Smokehouse – 6 Aranui Road, Mapua

This one was very popular with our international visitors as Mapua is a great stop off point on the way in or out of Nelson. Scoring a solid 6 votes, the Smokehouse was a winner with British visitor **Abbie Loadman**, “We bought bread and made chip butties ... 5 very happy Brits!” **Bec Ross** also described a visit to the Smokehouse as a ‘trip highlight’ and **Frances Clipsom** simply says ‘Yummee!’ The next time you’re down in Mapua, be sure to call in to the Smokehouse!

### 5. Raglan Fish – 92 Wallis Street, Raglan

Last but not least in our top 5 New Zealand Fish and Chips shops is Raglan Fish. A hugely popular place with the surfing community, Raglan Fish scored 5 votes from our GO Explore fans and is also ranked number 5 on Trip Advisor for the best restaurants in Raglan. Our fans praised the delicious fish and also the salad which is unusual but pretty Kiwi so go with it!

### Honorable mentions

With so many places to choose from, picking out top 5 was purely based on numbers. Here are a few of the places that just missed out:

- Kai Kart – Stewart Island
- Wilson Road Fish and Chips – Waihi Beach
- Bobby's Fish and Chips – Tauranga
- Moera Chip Shop – Petone
- Kaiaua Fisheries – Kaiaua

So there you have it – these are still our own personal favourites but look out for an update to the list later in the year and make sure you leave us a comment on Facebook or below and we can make sure your favourites go on the list next time around.

## The GO Rentals Top 5 Fish and Chip Shops in New Zealand

To get you started, we did some of our own research and whilst it may be a little North Island biased, we think it’s a pretty solid start. Let us know what you think in the comments and put us in our place if you know somewhere that’s better!

### 1. Oceanz Seafood – Silverdale (north of Auckland)

To be honest, we’ve still got to agree with that list compiled by the Herald 5 years ago! [Oceanz](#) has been crowned best New Zealand chippie on countless occasions and whilst there are now five of these outlets around Auckland, the original is still the best in our opinion. Run by two brothers, where Oceanz comes into

its own is providing you with that familiar fish and chip feeling but without the same level of fat and grease. They also cater for a range of dietary requirements making them a great choice no matter who you're with.

## 2. Leigh Eats Fish and Chips – (close to Goat Island)

A little bird (our General Manager) said there is only one place that comes to mind when thinking fish and chips – “it's this little corner shop gem”. Travel approximately 90 kilometres north of [Auckland](#) and you'll find Goat Island. Walk down Cumberland Street and you'll see [Leigh Fish n Chips](#) – a little retro styled takeaway, where they serve your meal with the freshest fish and also have great gourmet fish burgers.

## 3. Frank's Fresh Fish (Porirua City (north of Wellington))

If you're down in the capital, a regular GO Rentals customer recommended [Franks Fresh Fish](#). Make sure you try the Deluxe Paua fritter – “it's a winner!”. Travel 25 kilometers north of [Wellington](#) to find Porirua City (which was judged one of the world's most livable communities in 2010) and you'll find Franks Fresh Fish where the owners are of Italian decent but definitely know how to dish great fish and chips.

## 4. Queen Vic Chippy – Cambridge (just north of Hamilton)

You might think the [Queen Vic](#) sounds more like a pub from Eastenders than a chippy, but this little gem situated in the small town of Cambridge just north of Hamilton was named as the best chippy in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty/Hawke's Bay region so they clearly know their stuff as they are not short of competition across those regions. We recently popped in here on a trip south and to be fair, we weren't left disappointed. This is another place that has embraced the gluten free generation and will leave you ready for a second helping!

## 5. Oppies Takeaways – Rotorua

The final entrant on the GO Rentals top 5 fish and chip shops is [Oppies Takeaway](#) in Rotorua. Whilst for many, the greasy feeling you're left with after eating fish and chips is part of the experience, there seems to be a shift in the general population towards a 'healthier' brand of fish and chips and no one has done more to embrace this than Oppies chef Michael Huang who drastically changed the frying methods at Oppies to cut the rubbish from Fish and Chips and make them more healthy – every credit!

## Now it's up to you!

That's our top 10 fish and chip shops in New Zealand for 2017 however we do want to make sure we keep things up to date so we will be doing a refresh on the list at the end of the year so we need you! We have a growing army of GO Explore followers who have the experience and knowledge of New Zealand's finest eateries and best takeaways and we want to create the ultimate guide so no one has to be left disappointed by soggy fish and chips again.

Make sure you share your favourite places in our comments or on our social media channels and help us to pick out the best fish and chip shops in New Zealand.

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