

Nelson, South Island, New Zealand

New Zealand's sunniest city sits at the top of the South Island, ringed by three national parks. It's equal parts art colony, craft brewing hub, and gateway to Abel Tasman's golden beaches.

 Pier (commercial port, shuttle required)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 NZD — cards accepted everywhere

 English

 Sunshine capital of NZ

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Port Nelson (McGlashen Quay); shuttle to city ~10 min

Best For: Abel Tasman day trips, arts & galleries, craft beer, coastal walks

Walk to centre: Not walkable — active commercial port; free shuttle to i-SITE

Don't Miss: Centre of New Zealand hike + Nelson Classic Car Museum + The Free House brewery

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  NZD \$13–15 (~USD \$8–9) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Abel Tasman National Park Day Trip** — New Zealand's most-visited national park offers golden beaches, turquoise bays, and fur seal colonies.
- **Sea Kayaking, Abel Tasman** — Paddle sheltered coves past Split Apple Rock and seal colonies at Tonga Island Marine Reserve.
- **Centre of New Zealand Walk** — A 20–30 min uphill walk through Botanical Reserve leads to the monument marking NZ's trigonometric survey origin point...
- **Nelson Classic Car Museum** — In the suburb of Annesbrook (~5 km from the centre) sits one of Australasia's finest collections — over 150 immaculate...
- **Nelson Craft Beer & Hop Farm Trail** — Nelson is New Zealand's hop-growing capital.

BEST WALKS

- **Trafalgar Street to Christ Church Cathedral** 0.5 km · 10 min · Easy — Walk up Nelson's main street to the landmark Anglican cathedral at the top.
- **Queens Gardens & Suter Art Gallery** 0.5 km · 5 min from i-SITE · Easy — Stroll through the Victorian ornamental park with its lily pond and rose garden, then pop into the Suter for free gallery admission.
- **Botanical Hill — Centre of New Zealand** 3 km return · 1-1.5 hrs · Moderate — Walk or taxi to the base of Botanical Reserve, then climb 20–30 minutes through bush to the survey monument at the top.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	51°	11d
Jun	55°	44°	11d
Aug	55°	42°	12d
Sep	58°	45°	13d
Oct	62°	48°	12d

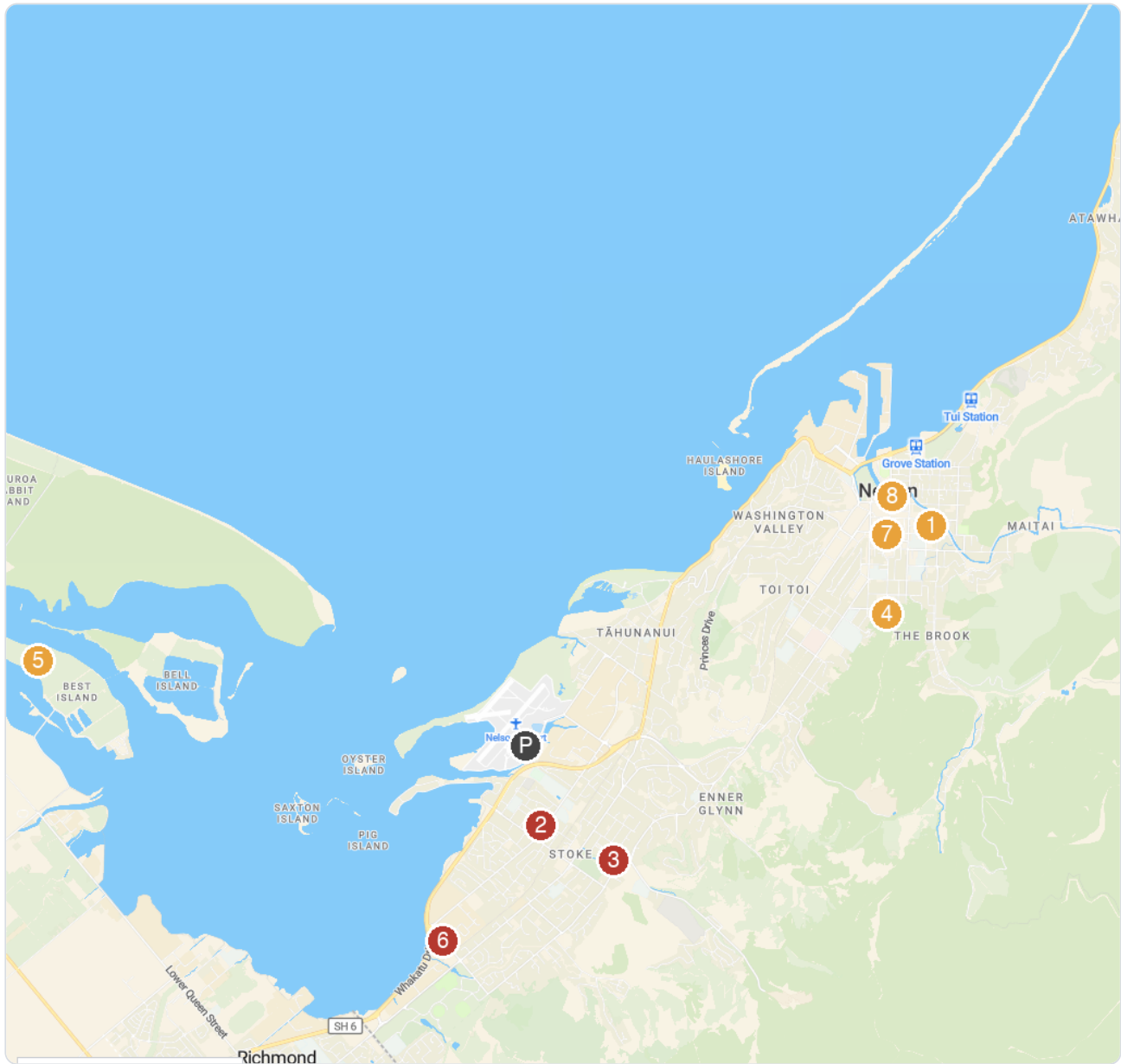
 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:57AM–5:56PM · Jun 7:51AM–5:03PM · Aug 7:17AM–5:45PM · Sep 6:28AM–6:16PM · Oct 6:38AM–7:47PM

Nelson, South Island, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Queen's Gardens | Historic Victorian-era gardens with a pond and statues. | 2 Broadgreen Historic House | Restored 1850s colonial settler's home with period furnishings. |
| 3 Isel House | Historic homestead set in beautiful gardens, open for tours. | 4 Fairfield House, Nelson | Grand historic Victorian mansion offering tours and events. |
| 5 Greenacres Golf Club | A scenic 18-hole golf course open to visitors. | 6 Annesbrook Church | A modern, active community church with contemporary services. |
| 7 The Nelson Provincial Museum | Regional museum showcasing Nelson's history, art, and culture. | 8 Maitai Walkway | Scenic riverside walking and cycling path along the Maitai River. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |