

How long does the ferry take?

Student A



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Interislander Ferry from Wellington to Picton, New Zealand

The Interislander Ferry links New Zealand's North and South Islands. The 92-kilometer journey between Wellington and Picton takes __?__ hours. There is a snack bar on board where you can buy food and drinks.

Timetable		Fares			
Departures from Wellington	Arrivals in Picton		Economy	Business	Economy online booking
__?__ a.m.	__?__ a.m.				
8:25 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	Adult	\$72	\$__?__	\$65
2:15 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	Child	\$__?__		\$32
6:15 p.m.	9:15 p.m.				

1. How long _____ the trip take?
2. When _____ the first ferry leave?
3. When _____ the first ferry arrive?
4. _____ much is a ticket in business class?
5. How _____ is an economy ticket for a child?

Now ask your partner and note the answers in the list. Then compare your notes. Would you like to travel to New Zealand?

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Interislander Ferry from Wellington to Picton, New Zealand

The Interislander Ferry links New Zealand's North and South Islands. The __?__-kilometer journey between Wellington and Picton takes three hours. There is a __?__ on board where you can buy food and drinks.

Timetable		Fares			
Departures from Wellington	Arrivals in Picton		Economy	Business	Economy online booking
1:55 a.m.	4:55 a.m.				
8:25 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	Adult	\$__?__	\$108	\$65
2:15 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	Child	\$37		\$32
__?__ p.m.	__?__ p.m.				

1. _____ kilometres is it from Wellington to Picton?
2. When _____ the last ferry leave?
3. When _____ the last ferry arrive?
4. _____ much is an economy ticket for an adult?
5. Where _____ I buy food and drinks on board?

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Preparation:

Copy the student A sheet for half of your class and the student B sheet for the other half.

In class:

Lead in by asking students what they know about New Zealand. Collect their ideas on the board. Elicit that New Zealand has two main islands, so when travelling from the North Island to the South Island they can either fly or take the ferry. Tell students they are now at the information desk at the harbour in Wellington on the North Island and want to go to Picton on the South Island with the Interislander ferry and need some information. They will do a role-play to exchange information.

Divide students into pairs, one A and one B. Hand out the papers and give them a few minutes to read the information and fill in the questions. Help students with unknown words and check to see that they have filled in the questions correctly.

Student A starts as the tourist, student B as the information desk clerk. Ask them to get the information they need using the questions they formulated and taking notes. After a few minutes students change roles. At the end students should compare their notes.

Ask students if they would like to travel to New Zealand and encourage a conversation.

Key Student A

1. How long does the trip take? 3 hours
2. When does the first ferry leave? 1:55 a.m.
3. When does the first ferry arrive? 4:55 a.m.
4. How much is a ticket in business class? \$108
5. How much is an economy ticket for a child? \$37

Key Student B

1. How many kilometres is it from Wellington to Picton? 92 km
2. When does the last ferry leave? 6:15 p.m.
3. When does the last ferry arrive? 9:15 p.m.
4. How much is an economy ticket for an adult? \$72
5. Where can I get food and drinks on board? at the snack bar