

# New Zealand

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in New Zealand.

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

[64] (4) 462-6000; United States Embassy Wellington, 29 Fitzherbert Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington 6011, New Zealand; AucklandACS@state.gov; <https://nz.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

64

### Local Emergency Phone

111

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for New Zealand: hepatitis A, polio, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

### Climate

Temperate with sharp regional contrasts

### Currency (Code)

New Zealand dollars (NZD)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): I



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### Major Languages

English, Maori, Samoan, Northern Chinese, Hindi, French, Yue

### Major Religions

Christian, Hindu, Maori, Muslim, Buddhist, other religion, no religion

### Time Difference

UTC+12 (17 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in September; ends first Sunday in April; note: New Zealand has two time zones: New Zealand standard time (UTC+12) and Chatham Islands time (45 minutes in advance of New Zealand standard time; UTC+12:45)

### Potable Water

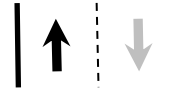
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### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

Fiordland National Park & Milford Sound; Bay of Islands; Queenstown; Lake Taupo & Tongariro National Park; Lake Matheson; Lake Pukaki; Mount Cook National Park; Fox & Franz Josef Glaciers

### Major Sports

Rugby, cricket, netball, basketball, soccer, sailing

### Cultural Practices

You are expected to take your shoes off indoors. Māori people will often say a prayer (karakia) to bless food before eating it, and they may greet you with a kiss on the cheek.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is uncommon in restaurants unless the service was excellent. Some restaurants provide a tip jar on the counter. Tipping is uncommon in taxis, but you may round up the fare. It is not customary to tip at hotels.

### Souvenirs

Abalone, pua shell, and greenstone jewelry; stone and wood Maori tribal masks, statues, baskets, and weapons; sheepskin rugs, merino wool blankets, chamois cloths, other wool/lanolin items; Rimu timber clocks, Kiwi art, wine, honey

### Traditional Cuisine

Hāngi is a traditional Māori way of cooking where food is cooked in a covered pit lined with hot stones and fire. Usually, you will find an assortment of meat and vegetables wrapped in flax leaves. By the time it is ready, the food is amazingly tender and delicious.

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