

New Zealand

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in New Zealand. The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 is scheduled to take place across Australia and New Zealand in nine cities from July 20 through August 20, 2023. Review the [FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023 webpage](#) for actions to take prior to travel. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in New Zealand

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 3 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 90 days.

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/>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Telephone Code

64

Local Emergency Phone

111

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

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



Major Languages

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

Major Religions

Christian 37.3%, Hindu 2.7%, Maori 1.3%, Muslim, 1.3%, Buddhist 1.1%, other religion 1.6%, no religion 48.6%

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

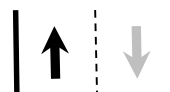
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International Driving Permit

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, paua 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

Hāngī 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.

