

## New Zealand

**US State Dept Travel Advisory** The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

**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

**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 type(s): I



**Major Languages** English 95.4%, Maori 4%, Samoan 2.2%, Northern Chinese 2%, Hindi 1.5%, French 1.2%, Yue 1.1%, New Zealand Sign Language .5%, other or not stated 17.2%; note: shares sum to 124.1% due to multiple responses on the 2018 census

**Religions** Christian 37.3%, Hindu 2.7%, Maori 1.3%, Muslim, 1.3%, Buddhist 1.1%, other religion 1.6%, no religion 48.6%, objected to answering 6.7%; note: based on the 2018 census of the usually resident population; percentages add up to more than 100% because respondents were able to identify more than one 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** Yes

**International Driving Permit** Suggested

<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Left
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	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
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	An extended index and middle finger together expresses disdain and frustration.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	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.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	64
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	111

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.ataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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