

# Travelling to NZ

Travelling to New Zealand is easy. For practical information and travel advice before you leave, visit [www.NewZealand.com](http://www.NewZealand.com)

Before travelling to a country, you need to know the basic facts. New Zealand is a small country, similar in size to Great Britain or Japan. With a population of just over 4 million people it is gloriously uncrowded.

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## Passports & Visas

When you arrive, you'll need to ensure your passport is valid for at least three months beyond your intended departure date, and if required, have a valid New Zealand visa.

You do not need a visa to visit New Zealand if you are:

- A New Zealand or Australian citizen or resident, or
- A UK citizen and/or passport holder (you can stay up to six months), or
- A citizen of a country which has a visa waiver agreement with New Zealand (you can stay up to three months)

If you don't meet the criteria above, then you will need to apply for a [Visitor Visa](#).

## Letters of Invitation

If you require a letter of invitation in order to secure a visitor visa to visit New Zealand, you can request this as part of the online [registration](#) form.

Please note: with exception to the letter of invitation, no additional letters to or correspondence with any New Zealand embassy will be provided by the organisers of this event.

## Transiting through Australia

If your flight includes a stopover in Australia, you may require a transit visa from the Australian Department of Immigration and Border

Protection. Visit [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au) or contact your nearest Australian Embassy for more information.

## Biosecurity

In order to protect New Zealand and its environment, certain items are not allowed to be brought into the country, have restrictions for entry, or must be declared if

they are deemed to present a biosecurity risk. These include food, plants, animal products and outdoor recreational equipment. You may risk a fine if you fail to comply.

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**Vaccinations:** No vaccinations are required to visit New Zealand.

**Climate:** The weather varies throughout New Zealand by region and by season. [Read More](#)

**Currency & Costs:** The currency used is the New Zealand Dollar (NZD). [Read More](#)

**Internet & Phone coverage:** Staying connected in New Zealand is easy with a little forward planning. [Read More](#)

**Electricity:** New Zealand's electricity supply runs at 230/240 volts, and uses angled two or three pin plugs (the same as Australia and parts of Asia).

**Time Zone:** New Zealand is one of the first places in the world to see the new day, 12 hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).

### **Smartphone App**

The free Essential New Zealand travel app from Tourism New Zealand is available from the App Store and Google Play. Access up-to-date information about hundreds of selected travel experiences while you're in New Zealand without the need for an internet connection. [Read More](#)

### **Qualmark**

Whether you are looking for places to stay, things to do or ways to get around, Qualmark – New Zealand tourism's official quality assurance organisation – provides a trusted guide to quality travel experiences. When you see the Qualmark, it means that those businesses have been independently assessed against a set of national quality standards. Find out more about [Qualmark](#)

### **i-SITE New Zealand**

i-SITE is New Zealand's official visitor information network. There are currently 80 i-SITE locations found throughout New Zealand where you can speak to a travel expert for local knowledge and bookings throughout New Zealand. [Read More](#)