

New Zealand Travel Guide



Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Tekapo, New Zealand

New Zealand is the place where people look for heart-filling outdoor adventures. It is an island nation with an assorted range of aesthetic appeal. Be it farmlands or active volcano peaks, spectacular mountains or dense forests, it has everything to make you thrill. With its population not more than 4.5 million, the country is sparsely populated. Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand is known as 'The Windy City', famous for its Te Papa museum. New Zealand is a mixture of various ethnic groups, with English and Maori being the common language. Auckland is the largest and most populated city of the country.

Historically famed as God's Own Country, New Zealand is a top tourist destination of the world. Apart from innumerable adventure activities, the country also has a provision for family entertainment with some finest Theme parks, aquariums and zoos, open for leisure. This economically well-nourished place contains all the modern comfort an individual craves for. New Zealand is a part time home of many foreigners because of its rocking climate all year round. There are some restrictions on importing foods, with some strict laws formulated by the government. Cleanliness and decorum are the main priority of the government. Otherwise a socially active country, New Zealand is developed in the true sense of the word when dealing with health and other emergency facilities.

New Zealand follows a traffic discipline, which declares that people must carry their driving license, maintain the speed limit, park only in the parking zone, etc. While arriving at the airport, it is mandatory to have a proper passport and a tourist Visa. Those willing to stay for a longer period have to apply for an appropriate Visa. Apart from many international airports, the airports of Christchurch and Auckland have around 15 airlines that connect the country with the rest of the world. The train facilities like The Overlander, The Capital Connection, The Tranz Alpine, etc., which, although not much effective, are preferred by most of the people. The domestic airlines are also comfortable and a cheap way of traveling within the country. By taking a due permission, the visitors can hire cars to move around the country. Bus facilities like Intercity Coachlines, Newmans Coaches, etc., are a swift and easy mode of transport. Some escorted tours are really adventurous and you will not regret your decision.

Getting In

Surrounded by oceanic scent, this country has enchanted the nature loving mind of the people across the world. Economically strong New Zealand has maintained a praiseworthy transportation to provide people with comfortable conveyance.

You may choose to travel via cruise ships. New Zealand has a long coastline. Cruise liner and pleasure crafts are available in its harbors. There are 12 main ports in New Zealand. From here, most cruise ships begin their journey to the North, from there to the South, and then take their passengers to the historic cities of Christchurch and Dunedin and to the mesmerizing fiords of Fiordland.

The major international airlines which operate the flights to New Zealand are:

Aerolineas Argentinas

Air New Zealand

Air Pacific

Air Vanuatu
Aircalin
Asiana Airlines
Pacific Airways
Emirates
EVA Air
Freedom Air
Garuda Indonesia
Korean Air
Lan Chile
Malaysia Airlines
Polynesian Airlines
Qantas Airways
Royal Brunei Airlines
Singapore Airlines
Thai Airways International

From Honolulu, you can reach to New Zealand in 8 hours and 40 minutes, from Los Angeles in 11 hours and 55 minutes, from Rarotonga in 3 hours and 50 minutes, from Singapore in 11 hours, from Sydney in 3 hours and 30 minutes, from Tahiti in 5 hours. There are many other airlines which provide flights for the passengers to reach New Zealand.

All overseas craft displays the international Q-flag within 12 nautical miles of the coast, while entering the New Zealand water. More information about New Zealand border can be obtained from the outlets in Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Rarotonga, Tahiti, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

Transport

New Zealand is a land of sundry beautiful nature sites. It is rich in its culture and tradition. Consequently, every year a lot of tourists come to visit this land. For reaching tourist destinations across the country aircrafts, trains, buses, cars, and other vehicles are always at your service.

If you are in a hurry and don't have much time to spend, then airways are the right choice. Almost 40 tourist destinations are connected by scheduled internal air services. While jet aircraft connects the main centers, the smaller cities and larger towns are served by modern light aircrafts. Scenic flights give you an opportunity to enjoy the views of the spectacular green wealth of nature. You can enjoy the enchanting beauty of remote islands, volcanic cones, and the wild green landscapes covering a vast area. Most importantly, to view the snow-covered mountains by air is an experience which cannot be described in words.

Modern ocean ferries connect the North and South Island. Vehicular ferries, in Northland, take passengers from Hokianga Harbor and to historic Russell in the Bay of Islands. There are some smaller places like Marlborough and others that can be accessed only by ferries.

The train system connects several parts of the country. The train system is run by Tranzrail, which covers a few routes. The Northerner runs between Auckland and Wellington, and the Southerner runs between Picton and Invercargill. The Tranzalpine goes from Christchurch to Greymouth.

There are two major bus companies in New Zealand, they are: Intercity and Newmans. These buses cover almost all tourist destinations in New Zealand. There are some shuttle companies also, which are smaller and cheaper. The drivers are friendly. The running schedule is less frequent than the larger bus companies. You can also have self-driving tour in New Zealand. Here overseas licenses, including Australian, Canada, Germany, The Netherlands, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States are acceptable. If you are planning to stay longer, you better contact the Automobile Association in New Zealand.

Leisure

New Zealand is a country where from nature to people everyone is in gay mood. The wide coastlines, spectacular landscapes, swift flowing rivers, lakes, and the oceanic beauty with which New Zealand is surrounded, tempt people from all over the world to come here and enjoy. Perhaps a tour to this country may help you forget all your miseries and pains.

New Zealand is full of entertainment performers. Karen Hunter is a guitarist, singer, and songwriter. His performance is always mesmerizing. Kim Potter is a person of versatile talent. The Miss New Zealand Universe Beauty pageants are gorgeous and resplendent.

The theme park in New Zealand has a stuff of roller coaster, motion master, pirate ship, and many more. This theme park is 15 minutes from downtown Auckland. You can be a part of any golf club and enjoy the game. There are several music and bands which cast a magic spell on the listeners. There are many clubs of repute where you can feel yourself fully entertained. The North Shore Aero Club Inc is of the most famous club of New Zealand. Night clubs glitter with colorful lights, music, and dance. You can be a part of one such night clubs.

New Zealand has plenty of hotels accommodation provided with many facilities. So, you can spend your time while relaxing in a cozy room of some New Zealand hotel, where you can enjoy a host of leisure activities. Overseas licenses are in most cases accepted. Therefore, you can go on a long drive with your near and dear ones. Then cars are available on rent. This gives you a chance to have a close view of nature in its young beauty.

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