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NEW ZEALAND

If there's one country that you NEED to see before you die, it's NEW ZEALAND. I can't stop raving about this place since it's full of hiking trails, the best landscapes, wildlife, stunning coastline, and probably one of the friendliest regions in the entire world.

LANGUAGE

The official language of New Zealand is English, but you might need to adjust your ears for certain pronunciations. Try to learn some Kiwi slang before you go!

SAFETY

As of 2017, New Zealand was ranked as the world's 2nd safest country in the world, just after Iceland. Thus, it's an ideal destination for expats and solo travelers.

CURRENCY & CASH

The New Zealand Dollar (NZD) is the main currency. \$1 USD ~ \$1.56 NZD (fluctuates daily; download a currency app).

Everywhere in the country uses "tap to pay," similar to Australia and the UK. Make sure you have contactless payment methods set up on your phone (Apple or Google Pay) before you leave your home country for a seamless visit. Credit cards are widely accepted and ATMs are easily found in any city. However, if you visit outdoor markets, you may need cash.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The best time to visit is New Zealand's spring (Sep. - Nov.) and summer (Dec. - Feb.), but keep in mind that the summers are quite warm. Autumn (Mar. - May) is a suitable period as well, but winter (Jun. - Aug.) tends to be very cold.

The main perk of visiting in offpeak season (winter) is less crowds. However, many hiking trails are closed due to weather conditions.

BEST FOOD

Fish & Chips
Hokey Pokey Ice Cream
Krispie Biscuits (cookies)
Mince & Cheese Pies
Whitebait Fritters
Cheese Rolls
Marmite (if you dare!)
Roast Lamb
Pineapple Lumps & Jaffa (NZ lollies)
Maori *hāngi*
Crayfish (especially in Kaikoura)
Kina (sea urchin; found in Bay of Islands)
Kiwi burgers
L&P (drink)
Afghans (chocolate cookies)



WORDS & PHRASES

Chur, bro (Thanks, friend)
Sweet as (Great, good, fine)
Wop wops (Middle of nowhere, the sticks)
Stubbie (Bottle of beer)
Yeah, nah (Multiple meanings: acknowledging the speaker, but disagreeing with what was said, or acts as a space filler)
Tramping (Hiking)
Jandals (Flip-flops)
Togs (Swimsuit)
Bach (Holiday home)
Kia Ora! (Māori for *hello*)
Haere Mai (Māori for *welcome*)
Kia Kaha (Māori for *stay strong*)
Kei te pehea koe? (Māori for *how's it going?*)

BEST HIKES

NORTH ISLAND
Tongariro Alpine Crossing
Coromandel Coastal Walkway
Kauaeranga Kauri Trail (Pinnacles Walk)
Pouakai Crossing
Te Werahi Beach Track
SOUTH ISLAND
Milford Track
Roy's Peak
Rob Roy Glacier Track
Kepler Track
Mount Sunday
Kaikoura Coastal Track
Queen Charlotte Track

