



## Country Profile: New Zealand

New Zealand is a highly developed, stable parliamentary democracy, which recognizes the British monarch as sovereign. It has a modern economy, and tourist facilities are widely available. The New Zealand Tourist Board, which has a wide range of information of interest to travelers, can be contacted via the internet at <http://www.newzealand.com/USA/>. Read the Department of State Background Note on New Zealand for additional information.

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



<b>Country Name:</b>	New Zealand
<b>Continent:</b>	Oceania
<b>Capital City:</b>	Wellington
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	No Land Boundaries
<b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b>	Bloomfield Hospital, Bowen Hospital, Braeburn Medical Hospital, Elizabeth Memorial Hospital, Johnswood Medical Hospital, Kenepuru Hospital, St. Vincent Ranui Hospital, Wellington Hospital, Wakefield Hospital
<b>Main Cities:</b>	Wellington, Auckland, Nelson, Hamilton, Christchurch, Palmerston North, Napier, Dunedin, Invercargill, Tauranga, Whangerei
<b>Country Size:</b>	268,680 sq km note: includes Antipodes Islands, Auckland Islands, Bounty Islands, Campbell Island, Chatham Islands, and Kermadec Islands
<b>Population:</b>	4,115,771

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### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Language:</b>	English (official), Maori (official), Sign Language (official)
<b>Currency:</b>	New Zealand dollar (NZD)
<b>Predominant Religions:</b>	Anglican 14.9%, Roman Catholic 12.4%, Presbyterian 10.9%, Methodist 2.9%, Pentecostal 1.7%, Baptist 1.3%, other Christian 9.4%, other 3.3%, unspecified 17.2%, none 26%
<b>National Holidays:</b>	Waitangi Day (Treaty of Waitangi established British sovereignty over New Zealand), 6 February (1840); ANZAC Day (the anniversary of the landing of troops of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during WWI at Gallipoli, Turkey), 25 April (1915)
<b>Economic Status:</b>	Over the past 20 years the government has transformed New Zealand from an agrarian economy dependent on concessionary British market access to a more industrialized, free market economy that can compete globally.
<b>Security:</b>	New Zealand Defense Force (NZDF): New Zealand Army, Royal New Zealand Navy, Royal New Zealand Air Force
<b>US Presence:</b>	<a href="#">United States Embassy Wellington</a> 29 Fitzherbert Terrace Thorndon Wellington 6011 New Zealand Phone: +64 4 462 6000 <a href="#">U.S. Consulate General Auckland</a> Level 3, 23 Customs Street East Auckland 1010

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<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 118, Airports w/paved runways: 45  Wellington International Airport (WLG/NZWN) Wellington Airport, New Zealand, PO Box 14175, Wellington, 6241, NEW ZEALAND Wellington Airport, New Zealand, Corporate Office level 0, Main Terminal Building, Wellington, NEW ZEALAND Tel: +64 (0)4 385 5100, (Information Centre) +64 (0)4 385 5123 Fax: +64 (0)4 385 5139 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mail@wellington-airport.co.nz">mail@wellington-airport.co.nz</a> Website: <a href="http://www.wellington-airport.co.nz">www.wellington-airport.co.nz</a> Customs, hours: 08:00-16:35 Tel: +64 (0)4 474 8280 Fax: +64 (0)4 473 7370

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