

New Zealand Travel Checklist

*Don't get carried away with this checklist, the imperative is to **travel light!**
Check hand luggage and [New Zealand Biosecurity](#) restrictions carefully.*

Organise early

- Health insurance cover
- Travel insurance (theft, cancellations)
- Valid passport (valid at least until 3 months after leaving New Zealand)
- International driver's licence (if needed)
- Pre-book hotel accommodation (see [our own hotel tips](#))
- Pre-book transport and transfers
- Reservations for special events (ferries, concerts, sports events)
- Check conditions to alter tickets etc.
- Medical prescriptions
- Prescriptions for glasses or lenses
- Necessary vaccinations for stopovers
- Visa, also for stopovers (if needed)
- Make a spending plan for cash & credit
- Travellers' cheques, numbers separately
- Credit cards
- Cash for all stopovers and the first day
- USD, EUR or other cash for airports
- Check your ATM fees for withdrawals
- Check your government's travel recommendations for all destinations
- Organise webmail access
- Send scanned documents to your webmail address
- Start a travel blog (or Facebook, Twitter etc.) and test making entries
- Access to emergency funds in case you'll need them (eg. via online banking)
- Take care of pets, plants, the house etc.
- Organise mail and newspaper deliveries
- List of valuables and serial numbers in case of theft for insurance claims
- Get a dental or doctor's checkup
- Learn some Kiwi slang and Maori greetings
- Plan your [NZ travel itinerary](#)
- Check the [NZ passenger arrival card](#)

Before you leave...

- Passport, transport tickets and reservations, additional passport photos
- Driver's licence, translation if needed
- Credit cards, cheques, cash, proof of funds and return ticket for immigration
- Copies of all important documents
- Leave document copies and the travel itinerary with someone at home
- Pay outstanding bills
- Travel itinerary
- Emergency numbers and contacts
- Directions to places (hotels, rentals...)
- Reconfirmation details (if needed)
- First-aid (medicine, band-aid, diarrhea pills, thermometer etc.), toilet paper
- Address book for postcards and emails
- Important access codes and passwords
- Membership or discount cards, PADI
- Guide books, copies of articles
- Dictionary, language course book
- Books and other reading material
- Pens and paper, diary or notebook
- Alarm clock
- Check the weather forecast, be prepared for any climate
- Rain gear, umbrella
- Flip flops, hiking boots
- Swimming gear, towels, dry towel
- Thermals, socks, t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, jumpers and sweaters, pants, underwear, jackets
- Small and light daypack
- Shampoo, creams and soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste, floss
- Sunglasses, sun cream, lip balm, after sun cream, sun hats and caps
- Hairbrush, comb, hairspray
- Deodorants and perfume, Tampons
- Shaver and shaving cream
- Nail clipper
- Name tags on luggage
- Eye mask and ear plugs to sleep
- Prepare for lost luggage
- Download ebooks about New Zealand (e.g New Zealand travel, animals etc.: www.tourleader.co.nz/index.php/travel-new-zealand-e-book)
- Activate timed lighting system
- Load your mobile and camera batteries
- Program DVD or HDD recorder
- Empty the fridge
- Unplug appliances, turn off heating

- Turn off water heater and garden faucets
- Organise trash, recycling and compost
- Put valuables in safe storage
- Lock all doors and windows
- Leave a key in safe hands

- Check for traffic and airport delays
- Information on the next flight if you're getting late

Other travel items

- Mobile phone and charger
- Camera and camcorder, tripod, lenses
- Batteries, chargers, film or memory sticks
- Notebook or handheld PC
- MP3 player, radio or favourite CDs for car
- Hairdryer
- Converters & adapters for your tools
- Small torch or headlamp
- Binoculars
- Sewing kit, mini scissors
- Super glue, adhesive tape
- Compass, altimeter, GPS
- Clothes line
- Washing powder
- Swiss Army knife, toothpicks

- Compression bags for tight packing
- Sarong or blanket
- Moneybelt, padlocks
- Travel pillow
- Safety pins and needles, condoms
- Insect repellent
- Watertight bags for water activities
- Swimming goggles, wetsuit, dive gear
- Tent, sleeping bag, mat, tent pegs
- Knife, fork, spoon, plate, cooking stuff, matches
- Water bottles and treatment
- Songbooks and music instruments
- Games and toys, little gifts
- Photos from home and family

Organise in New Zealand

- Get cash at the airport
- Accommodation guides
- Maps and guide books
- New Zealand SIM card for mobile phone
- Mobile router for PC (wireless surfing)
- Telephone calling card
- Rent or buy a GPS for the rental car
- Tea tree oil for sandfly bites
- New Zealand memberships and discount cards
- Postcards and stamps
- Souvenirs and gifts
- Download some New Zealand travel apps: see our [app recommendations!](#)

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