

## New Zealand Travel Checklist

*Don't get carried away with this checklist, the absolute 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 accommodation ([Travelbug](#))
- 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
- 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
- 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 e-books and readers about New Zealand (e.g 'New Zealand Animals': [www.tourleader.co.nz/shop](http://www.tourleader.co.nz/shop))
- 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

