

McCoy Custom Travel

213-784-6143

PO Box 275 Kahului, Maui, Hawaii 96733
<http://www.mccoctravel.com>

New Zealand Escapes Travel

PO Box 275 Kahului, Maui, Hawaii 96733
800-588-3454 Local 213-784-6133

<http://www.new-zealand-escapes.com> - <http://mccoctravel.com>

Kia Ora!

Thank you for allowing us to assist you in planning your holiday to New Zealand and the South Pacific. It is our pleasure to work with you. Here is a little information about New Zealand that we think you will find useful and interesting.

- ❖ **HAVE YOU PURCHASED TRAVEL INSURANCE TO PROTECT YOUR TRAVEL INVESTMENT?**
- ❖ **IS YOUR PASSPORT CURRENT AND VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER YOUR SCHEDULED RETURN DATE?** No visas are required for Fiji or New Zealand for US CITIZENS. You will need a Visa for Australia.
- ❖ **ALWAYS REVIEW all documents IMMEDIATELY to make sure they are correct.**
- ❖ **MAKE SURE THE NAMES WE HAVE FOR YOU ARE YOUR LEGAL NAMES AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT. NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY IF THEY ARE NOT!!!** We suggest making two photocopies of all passports, tickets, and travel documents. When you travel, keep one copy at home with someone, and keep one with you in a safe and different place than the originals.
- ❖ ***DUE TO THE AIRLINES MAKING NUMEROUS SCHEDULE CHANGES,** Always Reconfirm All Flights, Seat Assignments, Frequent Flyer Number, Luggage Allowance And Weight Restrictions, 24-48 Hours Prior To Your Departure. You will find a list of airlines with their reservation numbers in our password protected Client Only website: www.mccoysesapes.com/client/. Your user name is "travel" and the password is "info1". In this site you can also preview some of the important information we will be sending you. Just follow the links to your destination.
- ❖ If you will be enjoying certified diving once you reach your destination, make sure you bring your Dive Card and Log Book with you.
- ❖ Frequent Flyer Numbers: **ALWAYS** make sure you bring your frequent flyer numbers with you and **reconfirm** they are in the record when you check in for your initial flights. We want you to earn those free miles, so please pay attention to this. Air New Zealand = United Mileage plus, Qantas and Air Pacific = American Advantage Miles.

GETTING THERE

New Zealand is a three and a half hour flight from Eastern Australia, a non-stop overnight flight from the United States, and around 10 hours flight from most places on the Pacific Rim, like Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

NEW ZEALAND'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

New Zealand's international airports are at Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Some flights from Australia also land at Hamilton, Palmerston North, Queenstown and Dunedin.

TIME ZONES

New Zealand is one of the first places in the world to see the new day. It is 12 hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). In summer New Zealand has daylight saving, when clocks are put forward one hour to GMT+13. Daylight saving begins on the first Sunday in October and ends on the third Sunday of the following March, when clocks are put back to GMT+12.

NEW ZEALAND INFO: CONTINUED – page 2

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All visitors to New Zealand must carry a passport that is valid for at least three months beyond the date you intend to leave the country. Non-US Citizens require a Visa.

Most visitors who intend to stay for less than 3 months do not require a visa. If you want to stay longer than three months, or your country of origin does not have a visa waiver agreement with New Zealand, then you will need to apply for a Visitor's Visa. If you need more information look at the New Zealand Immigration Service website.

AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS

Every person arriving in New Zealand must complete the arrival card handed out on the aircraft. New Zealand's agricultural industries are free of many insect pests and plant and animal diseases common elsewhere in the world. We put a lot of effort at ports and airports into minimizing the risk of these being introduced. Heavy fines may be imposed on people caught carrying prohibited materials. On arrival visitors should place any questionable items, particularly fruit, in the bins provided.

MONEY

All major international credit cards can be used in New Zealand and travelers' cheques are accepted at hotels, banks and some stores. If your credit card is encoded with a PIN number you will be able to withdraw cash from automatic teller machines (ATMs) situated at banks and shopping centers throughout the country.

HEALTH

New Zealand has no snakes or dangerous wild animals, making it safe for visitors to enjoy outdoor activities. New Zealand cities and towns have excellent water supplies and in all cases tap water is fresh and safe to drink. Water from rivers and lakes should be boiled, chemically treated or filtered before drinking to avoid stomach upsets.

WEATHER/CLIMATE

What's the climate like? New Zealand's seasons are the reverse of the Northern Hemisphere. This means that the warmest months are December, January and February, while the coldest are in June, July and August. Don't let cold months put you off - winters tend to be short and generally fairly mild. In any season some light rain is not uncommon, especially at higher altitudes, so be sure to bring an umbrella.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity is supplied throughout New Zealand at 230/240 volts (50 hertz), although Most hotels and motels provide 110-volt AC sockets (rated at 20 watts) for electric razors only. For all other equipment, an adapter/converter is necessary, unless the item has a multi-voltage option. Please note that power outlets only accept flat three or two-pin plugs, depending on whether an earth connection is fitted.

DEPARTURE TAX

A tax of NZ\$22-NZ\$25 has to be paid at the airport when you leave New Zealand. Please note that this tax is not included in your ticket price.

THE KIWIS

The Kiwi, New Zealand's national emblem, is a bird that can't fly, has hair-like feathers and a long, slender bill, which it uses to pull worms and insects out of the ground. Found only in New Zealand, it is active at night in the wilderness areas of the country. Be sure to visit one of the many Kiwi houses where you can watch them under special "nocturnal" lighting.

New Zealanders often refer to themselves as Kiwis, and the term is also used as a short form for the famous kiwifruit. On the stock exchange, the New Zealand Dollar is also referred to as the Kiwi.