

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION NEW ZEALAND

## PASSPORT AND VISA INFORMATION

Your passport needs to be valid for **at least six (6) months** after your journey ends, and should have a minimum of one (1) blank visa page for entry and exit stamps.

**An Electronic Travel Authority visa (NZeTA) is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into New Zealand and must be obtained prior to departure.** To apply for an NZeTA visa, visit [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz). The NZeTA visa allows multiple entries for up to 24 months after the date of issuance. The current fee is NZD \$12 (approximately USD \$8) if you apply on line or NZD \$9 (approximately USD \$6) if you apply through their mobile app. In addition, you will be required to pay an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) fee of NZD \$35 (approximately USD \$24). This fee is paid at the same time as your NZeTA request. All fees are subject to change without notice. Read and follow all instructions carefully to ensure a smooth arrival in New Zealand.

Citizens of other countries should contact the appropriate consular office for entry requirements pertaining to their journey.

## VACCINATIONS

There are no required vaccinations to enter New Zealand.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Cash transactions must be made in New Zealand currency. Major credit cards are widely accepted for goods and services. Access to ATM machines is widespread in cities and towns, but may be limited in rural areas.

# PACKING LIST & BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS NEW ZEALAND

## BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

For checked baggage on flights within New Zealand, passengers are allowed one piece per person with a maximum weight of approximately 50 pounds (22.5 kilograms) in Economy Class. In Business Class, two pieces per person with a combined maximum weight of approximately 70 pounds (32 kilograms) is permitted. Total dimensions of each piece must not exceed 55 inches (140 centimeters). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of luggage.

For carry-on baggage, passengers are allowed one piece per person with a maximum weight of approximately 15 pounds (7 kilograms). Dimensions of carry-on baggage are not to exceed 45 inches (114 centimeters).

*Additional/different weight restrictions may apply on some Tailor Made programs. Contact your Buongiorno Travel Consultant to determine the specific weight restrictions for your tour.*

Please use the provided Buongiorno Travel luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for Buongiorno Travel staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

## PACKING LIST

Choose versatile, casual clothing that can be layered if the weather (or level of air-conditioning) requires. Smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Formal clothing is not necessary\*.

\*Note: if your journey is inclusive of a stay at Kauri Cliffs Lodge, Cape Kidnappers, Matakauri Lodge or Huka Lodge in New Zealand, please be aware that these properties require gentlemen to wear a jacket and women corresponding attire during canapés and dinner. However, in addition to the specific properties noted, if your tour is inclusive of stays at luxury lodges in New Zealand, it is a good rule of thumb for men and women to pack at least one such “dressy” outfit.

### Clothing

- Casual slacks
- Walking shorts
- Polo shirts, casual short-sleeve shirts or blouses
- Long sleeve shirts or blouses
- Comfortable walking shoes with traction
- Lightweight raincoat
- Sweater or lightweight jacket
- Brimmed hat for sun protection
- Warm hat
- Warm gloves
- Sleepwear
- Personal garments
- Socks
- Swimwear/cover-up
- Foldable umbrella for rain protection and sun shade

### Other Recommended Items

- Sunglasses
- Sun block / Insect repellent

Simple first-aid kit

Prescriptions and medications (in their original bottles and/or packaging)

Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses

Smartphone

Charging cables for electronics

Global travel adapter

#### Optional Items

Small LED flashlight

Foldable walking stick

Lightweight binoculars

Small daypack or fanny pack

Laundry service is available at most hotels and dry cleaning is available in larger cities. Check costs and return times before using these services.

## TIPPING GUIDELINES NEW ZEALAND

While decisions regarding tipping rest entirely with you, we suggest the following gratuities (noted in U.S. dollars) depending on the type of journey.

	<b>All Small Group Journeys and Pre/Post Tour Group Extensions</b>	<b>Tailor Made and Signature Journeys</b>
Resident Tour Director or Group Extension Guide	\$15 per person, per day	Not applicable
Local Guides	Included	\$20 per person, per day (full day)
Drivers	Included	\$10 per person, per day (full day)
Private Guide (driving own vehicle)	Not applicable	\$30 per person, per day (full day)
Airport Transfer Drivers	Included	\$5 per person, per transfer
Hotel Porters	Included	\$2 per bag
Housekeepers	Included	\$2 per person, per night
Included Meals	Included	Included
Restaurants or Room Service on Own	10-15% unless already added	10-15% unless already added

For extra nights or Tailor Made services added to a Small Group Journey, please follow the Tailor Made Journeys guidelines for these days only.