

FROM	DESTINATION	DISTANCE	ESTIMATED TIME
NORTH ISLAND			
Auckland	→ Whangarei	160km	2 hrs 20 min
Whangarei	→ Cape Reinga	286km	4 hrs 10 min
Auckland	→ Rotorua	235km	3 hrs 20 min
Auckland	→ Taupo	284km	4 hrs
Auckland	→ New Plymouth	361km	5 hrs 15 min
Rotorua	→ Wellington	451km	6 hrs 30 min
Taupo	→ Napier	142km	2 hrs
Taupo	→ Wellington	375km	5 hrs 25 min
New Plymouth	→ Wellington	351km	5 hrs
Rotorua	→ Palmerston North	324km	4 hrs 40 min
Palmerston North	→ Wellington	143km	2 hrs
Rotorua	→ Napier	218km	3 hrs 10 min
Napier	→ Wellington	319km	4 hrs 35 min
SOUTH ISLAND			
Picton	→ Nelson	141km	2 hrs
Nelson	→ Westport	230km	3 hrs 20 min
Westport	→ Greymouth	100km	1 hr 25 min
Greymouth	→ Franz Josef	180km	2 hrs 35 min
Franz Josef	→ Queenstown	355km	5 hrs 10 min
Queenstown	→ Te Anau	174km	2 hrs 30 min
Picton	→ Christchurch	344km	5 hrs
Christchurch	→ Dunedin	363km	5 hrs 15 min
Christchurch	→ Queenstown	484km	7 hrs
Queenstown	→ Dunedin	286km	4 hrs 10 min
Dunedin	→ Invercargill	210km	3 hrs



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For a full list of police stations
or to find the one nearest to you,
see www.police.govt.nz/district

For a full listing of i-Site Visitor
Centres, refer to the i-SITE website
www.i-site.org.nz/



EMERGENCY: FIRE, AMBULANCE AND POLICE

CALL 111

The most important thing is to tell us
where you are. We will do our best to help
people whose first language isn't English.

If you have information on a crime
that you wish to give anonymously,
call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

YOUR GUIDE TO KEEPING SAFE



New Zealand is a relatively safe
travel destination but we are not
crime free.

It's important you take the same
precautions to look after yourself
and your possessions as you
would at home.

Here is some specific information
to help make your stay in our
country safe and enjoyable.

KEEP YOURSELF SAFE



KEEP YOUR STUFF SAFE



KEEP SAFE
AROUND ALCOHOL



KEEP SAFE
ON THE ROADS



KEEP SAFE
IN THE OUTDOORS



KEEP SAFE
VIA TXT MESSAGING



Keep Yourself Safe

The emergency number for **fire, ambulance and police is 111**. Calls are free.

There are police stations in all main towns and cities and in many rural areas. See www.police.govt.nz/district or local phone books.

For your own safety, hitchhiking or accepting rides from people you don't know is not recommended. If you do decide to hitchhike, Police strongly advise you not to travel alone.

Don't carry large amounts of cash, valuables or expensive jewellery with you.

Don't walk alone late at night and avoid unlit areas.

New Zealanders are very sociable but you need to be sensible. Avoid accepting drinks from strangers and don't leave your drink unattended.

Be aware of people around you when using ATMs (cash machines) and hide your PIN.

Make sure there is always someone who knows where you are going and when you should arrive at your next destination.



Keeping Your Stuff Safe

Always lock your accommodation or vehicle and keep windows secure.

Don't leave valuables, maps, luggage, GPS devices or visitor brochures visible in parked cars or campervans at any time, especially at scenic spots or trail heads.

If you have to carry valuables in your vehicle, lock them in the boot (trunk).

Keep a record of the description and serial numbers of your valuable items, eg camera. You can do it online at www.snap.org.nz

Don't leave bags, backpacks, wallets or cameras unattended in public places, especially at airports, railway stations or ferry terminals.

Park your campervan overnight in a holiday park, Department of Conservation camping ground or other specially designated area. If in doubt, ask at the nearest i-SITE (official visitor information office).

Report lost or stolen possessions as soon as possible to the nearest police station.

If there is a safe at your accommodation, use it to store your valuables.

If you have to leave your belongings in your car/campervan for a short time in plain view, try to have someone stay with the vehicle.



Keeping Safe Around Alcohol

The legal purchase age is 18. If you look 25 years or younger, you might be asked for proof of age.

Most towns and cities have liquor bans in designated public places such as the central business district or around sports stadiums.

You can be fined for drinking alcohol on public transport, including taxis.

If you do drink, get a friend to take you home or get a taxi (cab).

The only acceptable proof of age documents are a passport, a New Zealand driver's licence or the Hospitality Association of NZ (HANZ) 18+ card.

Drinking alcohol or having an open alcohol container in a liquor ban area could lead to arrest and a court appearance.

Intoxicated people, by law, cannot be served alcohol or allowed entry to licensed premises, eg pubs, cafes, bars and hotels.

Look after your friends and make sure they get home safely after drinking alcohol.



Keeping Safe On New Zealand Roads

Always rest before starting a road trip, especially after a long flight to New Zealand.

You are required by law to carry your driver's licence with you when you're driving.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a crime. Penalties are severe and your vehicle could be impounded.

If driving slowly, pull over where it's safe and let faster traffic pass.

Drive on the left-hand side of the road and give way when you turn right.

All drivers and passengers must wear a safety belt. Children under 5 must be buckled into approved child restraints.

It's illegal to use your mobile phone while driving, except to make an emergency 111 call.

There is a zero alcohol limit for drivers under 20. That means if you drive after even one drink you can be charged with drink driving.

Keep within posted speed limits – they are rigorously enforced by Police. Fixed and mobile speed cameras operate throughout New Zealand.

Helmets are compulsory if you're riding a motorbike or bicycle.



Keeping Safe Outdoors & Around Water

Be AdventureSmart. Before you go out and enjoy the many adventures New Zealand offers, visit www.adventuresmart.org.nz. It's got tips and advice to help you prepare for your activities. You'll also find the Water, Boating and Outdoor Safety Codes which have simple steps to help keep you safe.

People often get into difficulty because they over-estimate their ability or under estimate the risks.

Plan your adventure and tell someone where you intend to go. Be prepared in case things go wrong.

Know your limits, don't take unnecessary risks.

Take the right equipment including communications so you can call for help.

Always wear a life jacket when boating.

Check the weather and conditions before you go.



Keep Safe Via Text Messaging

New Zealand's mobile phone providers Telecom, Vodafone and 2degrees Mobile offer a text messaging service for visitors.

You can text about your location and travel movements to 7233 [SAFE]. These details are kept on a central database, which can be accessed on request by Police to help find you.

It's also a good idea to leave detailed information about your travel plans with friends or family back home.

