


AVERAGE TEMPERATURES °C

High / Low

Location	Summer	Winter
NORTH ISLAND		
Bay of Islands	25	15
Auckland	23	14
Rotorua	23	12
Napier	24	13
Wellington	20	11
SOUTH ISLAND		
Nelson	22	12
Christchurch	22	12
Queenstown	22	8
Dunedin	19	10
Invercargill	18	9

AT A GLANCE
Currency

New Zealand dollar.
Current exchange rate:
NZ\$2.86 = £1.00 sterling

Cost of living

Loaf of bread: £0.87
Bottle of wine: £4.50

Time zones

12 hours ahead of GMT (13 from the first Sunday in October to the first Sunday on or after 15 March).

Business hours

Post offices:
9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday
Banks:
9:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
Shops and supermarkets:
9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday,
and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturdays.
Some department stores open on
Sundays.

Population

Approximately four million

Languages

English and Maori (both official)

Religions

More than 50 per cent Christian (the largest denominations being Anglican, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian), with Buddhist, Hindu and Islamic minorities. A quarter of the population records no religious affiliation.

Driving

Driving is on the left. The minimum age for renting a car is 21. All drivers must hold a full licence from their country of origin or an International Driving Permit. After 12 months, a New Zealand licence must be applied for.

North Island average property price:

From £82,000 to £116,000, depending on location.

South Island average property price:

From £47,000 to £178,000, depending on location.