Conference in New Zealand

Website content

This document has been designed as a tool to provide you with up-to-date travel information for your conference website for delegates visiting New Zealand.

The document has been divided into 4 sections:

1. **Explore New Zealand**

This is a general introduction to New Zealand. To go straight to this section, click [here](#ExploreNZ).

1. **General information**

This section includes information on what is needed to travel to New Zealand, what to expect

To go straight to this section, click [here](#General).

1. **Explore**

This section includes a brief blurb on each New Zealand region supported by a link to more information on that region as well as image suggestions and video links (where applicable). To go straight to this section, click [here](#Explore).

1. **Quick links guide**

This section has been designed as a quick guide to the website links. To go straight to this section, click [here](#quicklink).

1. **Website link**

To link our logo to our site. Click [here](https://www.newzealand.com/int/utilities/linking-to-newzealand/).

**Other links that you will find helpful:**

Visual library: [visuals.newzealand.com/](http://visuals.newzealand.com/)

Footage library: [visuals.newzealand.com/footage](http://visuals.newzealand.com/footage)

YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/purenewzealand](http://www.youtube.com/purenewzealand)

1. **Explore New Zealand**

Kia Ora.

New Zealand is a land of immense and diverse landscapes. You’ll experience natural wonders and unique culture here that you won’t find anywhere else in the world.

Find out more about New Zealand here <http://www.newzealand.com/int/destinations/>

Looking for some guidance on itinerary planning? Click here <http://www.newzealand.com/int/trips-and-driving-itineraries/>

New Zealand accommodation options are diverse, with something to suit every level of comfort and budget <http://www.newzealand.com/int/accommodation/>

New Zealand has myriad different events on throughout the year, from sports fixtures to cultural festivals. Add one to your itinerary before or after your conference. Find out what is on here <http://www.newzealand.com/int/events/>

We look forward to seeing you in New Zealand soon.

**Tiaki – Care for New Zealand**

Tiaki means to care for people and place.

New Zealand is precious, and everyone who lives and travels here has a responsibility to look after it.

The Tiaki Promise is a commitment to care for New Zealand, for now and for future generations.

By following the Tiaki Promise, you are making a commitment to New Zealand. To act as a guardian, protecting and preserving our home.

Nau Mai, Haere Mai Ki Aotearoa, Welcome to New Zealand.

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/tiaki-care-for-new-zealand/>

1. General information

Travelling to New Zealand is easy. For practical information and travel advice before you leave, click here [www.newzealand.com/int/travel-guide](http://www.newzealand.com/int/travel-guide)

Before travelling to a country, you need to know the basic facts. New Zealand is a small country, similar in size to Great Britain or Japan. With a population of just over 4 million people it is gloriously uncrowded. Learn more about New Zealand here [www.newzealand.com/int/facts](http://www.newzealand.com/int/facts)

**i-SITE New Zealand**

i-SITE is New Zealand’s official visitor information network. There are currently 80 i-SITE locations found throughout New Zealand where you can speak to a travel expert for local knowledge and bookings throughout New Zealand.

<http://www.newzealand.com/int/visitor-information-centre/>

**Qualmark**

Whether you are looking for places to stay, things to do or ways to get around, Qualmark – New Zealand tourism’s official quality assurance organisation – provides a trusted guide to quality travel experiences. When you see the Qualmark, it means that those businesses have been independently assessed against a set of national quality standards.

Find out more about Qualmark here [www.qualmark.co.nz](http://www.qualmark.co.nz)

**Passports, visas & electronic travel authority (ETA)**

We enjoy welcoming visitors to New Zealand. To ensure you have an experience to remember, make sure you’ve done your homework and have everything sorted before you leave.

When you arrive, your passport must be valid for at least three months beyond your intended departure date, and if required, have a valid New Zealand visa.

**From 1 October 2019**, visitors from [visa-waiver countries](https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/tools-and-information/general-information/visa-waiver-countries) must request an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) prior to coming to New Zealand. You may also have to pay an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). For more information on the ETA and IVL, visit [Immigration New Zealand.](https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/what-we-do/our-strategies-and-projects/eta-new-requirements)  
  
Before travelling to New Zealand, you need to make sure your passport is valid for at least three months longer than your expected departure date. If you come from a country that needs a New Zealand visa to enter, please be sure to apply in advance.  
  
If you have a biometric ordinary passport (or electronic passport) and are over 12 years old, you may be able to use New Zealand Customs eGate service. This allows you to complete your Customs and Immigration checks faster so you can get on with enjoying your visit to New Zealand.

**Biosecurity**

In order to protect New Zealand and its environment, certain items are not allowed to be brought into the country, have restrictions for entry, or must be declared if they are deemed to present a biosecurity risk. These include food, plants, animal products and outdoor recreational equipment. You may risk a fine if you fail to comply.

[www.mpi.govt.nz/travel-and-recreation/arriving-in-new-zealand/items-to-declare](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/travel-and-recreation/arriving-in-new-zealand/items-to-declare)

**Vaccinations**

No vaccinations are required to visit New Zealand.

**Climate**

The weather varies throughout New Zealand by region and by season.

[www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-climate-and-weather](http://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-climate-and-weather)

**Currency**

The currency used is the New Zealand Dollar (NZD).

[www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-currency](http://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-currency)

**Internet & phone coverage**

Staying connected in New Zealand is easy with a little forward planning.

[www.newzealand.com/int/feature/internet-and-wifi-access-in-new-zealand](http://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/internet-and-wifi-access-in-new-zealand)

**Electricity**

New Zealand's electricity supply runs at 230/240 volts and uses angled two or three pin plugs (the same as Australia and parts of Asia).

**Time zone**

New Zealand is one of the first places in the world to see the new day, 12 hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).

[www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-time-zones](http://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-time-zones)

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**All destinations:**  [www.newzealand.com/int/destinations](http://www.newzealand.com/int/destinations)

*New Zealand promotional video links:*

1 minute, 36 seconds:

<https://youtu.be/Atf_Af1q_5w>

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| **North Island**  Experience vibrant cities, serene beaches, geothermal hotspots and our awe-inspiring Maori culture in New Zealand’s North Island. | |
| **Northland** | Subtropical Northland is a water lover’s paradise offering swimming, snorkelling, diving, dolphin watching and boating. Also be sure to explore lush rainforests, and learn more about our Maori culture at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/3380?tags=Northland](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/3380?tags=Northland)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/119048?tags=Northland](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/119048?tags=Northland)  *Video link:*  <https://youtu.be/huGX1bLjbyY>  [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG6IC2i5BIk5LVmSW1PiA7DRQxTi8iElq](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG6IC2i5BIk5LVmSW1PiA7DRQxTi8iElq) |
| **Auckland** | Imagine an urban environment where everyone lives within half an hour of beautiful beaches, hiking trails and a dozen enchanting holiday islands. Add a sunny climate, a background rhythm of Polynesian culture and a passion for outstanding food, wine and shopping, and you’re beginning to get the picture of Auckland, New Zealand, our largest and most diverse city.  More than just a city, Auckland is a whole region full of things to see and do. Best of all, with so many experiences close by it’s easy to hop from one adventure to the next.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/auckland](http://www.newzealand.com/int/auckland)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2776](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2776?tags=Auckland)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2142](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2142?tags=Auckland)  *Video link:*  <https://youtu.be/0zB8GShhLnY> |
| **Hamilton – Waikato** | Well-known for its underground wonders, black sand surf beaches and rolling green hills, the Hamilton - Waikato region of New Zealand offers a wealth of nature-based activities and attractions surrounding a vibrant city hub.  If you’re a Tolkien fan, drive east to Matamata and visit Hobbiton Movie Set, the amazing Hobbit-sized village created for the movies. Or if surfing is more your style, then Raglan is the perfect spot for you, with one of the longest left-hand breaks in the world.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/hamilton-waikato](http://www.newzealand.com/int/hamilton-waikato)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/68260](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/68260?tags=Waikato)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1752](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1752?tags=Waikato)  *Video link:*  https://youtu.be/c3rtVWeXjXY |
| **Bay of Plenty** | The Bay of Plenty region is home to spectacular beaches, juicy kiwifruit and produce, and New Zealand’s only active marine volcano.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/bay-of-plenty](http://www.newzealand.com/int/bay-of-plenty)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1950](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1950?tags=Bay%20Of%20Plenty)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/59438](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/59438?tags=Bay%20Of%20Plenty)  *Video link:*  [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG6IC2i5BIk71oem1KcN8VKkEp0JhpTDb](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG6IC2i5BIk71oem1KcN8VKkEp0JhpTDb) |
| **Rotorua** | From crystal-clear streams and magical forests, to epic biking trails and thermal mud pools, Rotorua has it all. The city offers a raft of attractions and experiences for everyone from adventure-seekers to those just looking to unwind.  Sitting within the Pacific Rim of Fire, Rotorua is a geothermal wonderland with bubbling mud pools, clouds of steam, and natural hot springs perfect for bathing and relaxing in. After marvelling at the distinctive landscapes and volcanic activity within a geothermal park, enjoy a simple soak in a natural hot stream or indulge in a wellness getaway at a luxurious spa.  \For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/rotorua](http://www.newzealand.com/int/rotorua)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2094](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2094?tags=Rotorua)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/26110](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/26110?tags=Rotorua)  *Video link:*  [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Tq5XIHdhlU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Tq5XIHdhlU) |
| **Lake Taupo** | Taupo’s Great Lake was created nearly 2,000 years ago by a volcanic eruption and is great for water sports and trout fishing. The surrounding forests offer opportunities for hiking and mountain biking.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/lake-taupo](http://www.newzealand.com/int/lake-taupo)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2159](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2159?tags=Lake%20Taupo)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1725](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1725?tags=Lake%20Taupo)  *Video link:*  <https://youtu.be/XccAD1He5cc> |
| **Hawke’s Bay** | Blessed with fertile soils and a warm, temperate climate, Hawke’s Bay is among New Zealand’s leading producers of wine; notably red wines – cabernet sauvignon, merlot and syrah – and stunning chardonnays. Hawke’s Bay is the first stop on the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail, and is a popular place for bicycle wine tours with many of the region’s 30+ cellar doors, and numerous artisan producers, connected by 200km of flat, easy riding cycle trails.  Hawke’s Bay is New Zealand’s Art Deco capital, with the cities of Napier and Hastings rebuilt in the architectural styles of the time following the devastating 1931 earthquake. Year-round guided tours and vintage car rides are surpercharged each February as tens of thousands flock to participate in the week-long Art Deco Festival.  Notable landmarks include Cape Kidnappers, home to the world’s largest mainland colony of gannets; Lake Waikaremoana, where the walking track is among New Zealand’s nine Great Walks; and Te Mata Peak, with its 360 degree views of Hawke’s Bay and spectacular walking tracks.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/hawkes-bay](http://www.newzealand.com/int/hawkes-bay)  *Image suggestions:*  <https://visuals.newzealand.com/assets/166128>  *Video link:*  [www.youtube.com/watch?v=kU901xYrVIA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kU901xYrVIA) |
| **Wellington** | Wellington was recently named “the coolest little capital in the world” by Lonely Planet for its cosmopolitan charm, cultural offerings, and fabulous foodie and café culture.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/wellington](http://www.newzealand.com/int/wellington)  *Image suggestions:*  visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2166  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/49634](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/49634?tags=Wellington)  *Video link:*  [www.youtube.com/watch?v=72stLrXYmHo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72stLrXYmHo) |

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| **South Island**  Venture to the South Island and you will be met by lofty mountains, stunning lakes, fiords and glaciers – the landscapes here are famous the world over. | |
| **Nelson** | Nelson’s diverse geography captures everything from long golden beaches to untouched forests and rugged mountains. Explore its natural beauty and thriving arts scene.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/nelson](http://www.newzealand.com/int/nelson)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/3407](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/3407?tags=Nelson)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1627](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1627?tags=Nelson)  *Video link:*  [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WgXEz9UvNE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WgXEz9UvNE) |
| **Marlborough** | Marlborough is New Zealand’s largest wine-growing region and the home of world-renowned sauvignon blanc. There are more than40 cellar doors to visit by yourself or on a pre-arranged wine tour.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/marlborough](http://www.newzealand.com/int/marlborough)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2040](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2040?tags=Marlborough)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2766](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2766?tags=Marlborough) |
| **West Coast** | The West Coast is a wild place of rivers and rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures. The Great Coast Road stretching from Westport to Greymouth, is one of the world’s top coastal drives.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/west-coast](http://www.newzealand.com/int/west-coast)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2028](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2028?tags=West%20Coast)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2017](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2017?tags=West%20Coast) |
| **Christchurch – Canterbury** | From lush vineyards and wild coastlines to sky-piercing mountains and pristine glacial lakes, Canterbury is a region of remarkable contrasts and a haven for those seeking incredible scenery and adventure.  From Christchurch city, you’ll find the sparkling Pacific Ocean, the majestic Southern Alps and an ancient volcanic peninsula all within driving distance.  Journey through the Southern Alps by train, investigate the night sky in the world’s largest International Dark Sky Reserve or get up close with some of nature’s finest creatures in Kaikōura – from a boat, plane or helicopter. See a diversity of species from giant sperm whales to pilot whales, orca and humpbacks.  Watch the steam rise amid murmurs of conversation as you sit back and relax in Hanmer Springs’ natural hot pools, explore charming townships, boutique galleries and hidden bays in Akaroa and Banks Peninsula or enjoy the delights of the North Canterbury wine region.  Take in the magical turquoise lakes, powerful glaciers and the sky-piercing alps of the Mackenzie district and Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park.  Experience the breathtaking scenery of Arthur’s Pass on a train journey that starts in Christchurch and will have you cruising by internationally-significant braided rivers and snow-fed lakes in no time.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/christchurch-canterbury](http://www.newzealand.com/int/christchurch-canterbury)  *Image library:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/3304](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/3304?tags=Canterbury)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2606](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2606?tags=Canterbury)  *Video link:*  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuobrZv4rWY> |
| **Wanaka** | Nestled below towering mountains, Wanaka and its stunning lake is perfect for year-round activities including fishing, hiking and skydiving. In winter, skiers flock to the Cardrona and Treble Cone ski fields.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/lake-wanaka](http://www.newzealand.com/int/lake-wanaka)  *Image library:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2013](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2013?tags=Lake%20Wanaka)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2487](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2487?tags=Lake%20Wanaka) |
| **Queenstown** | Queenstown sits on the shore of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu among dramatic alpine ranges; it’s rumoured that gold prospectors - captivated by the majestic beauty of the surrounding mountains and rivers - gave this now cosmopolitan town its name.  With a smorgasbord of outdoor activities, Queenstown is the home of the ultimate adventure bucket list. There’s skiing from winter right through to spring, and activities such as bungy jumping, sky diving, canyon swinging, jet boating, horse trekking and river rafting all year round. It is also a renowned cycling destination, providing everything from easy scenic tracks to backcountry trails, road rides to heli-biking and the Southern Hemisphere’s only gondola accessed downhill mountain biking.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/queenstown](http://www.newzealand.com/int/queenstown)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1601](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/1601?tags=Queenstown)  [visuals.newzealand.com/assets/2786](https://visuals.newzealand.com/assets/2786)  *Video link:*  [www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnAmnRgy4G8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnAmnRgy4G8) |
| **Dunedin** | Known as the Edinburgh of New Zealand, Dunedin is the country's city of the south, wearing its Scottish heritage with pride. Surrounded by dramatic hills and at the foot of a long, picturesque harbour, Dunedin is one of the best-preserved Victorian and Edwardian cities in the Southern Hemisphere. The accommodation is good and plentiful; the nightlife buzzes with funky bars and delicious restaurants and the natural attractions are unique and fascinating.  Don't miss a drive up the Otago Peninsula - the views are endless and the beaches are beautifully rugged. Nestled at the foot of Taiaroa Head is the Royal Albatross Centre, the only place in the world on the mainland where you can view Northern Royal Albatross in their natural habitat. On Dunedin’s doorstep you will also find incredible wildlife including the world’s rarest penguin colonies.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/dunedin-coastal-otago](http://www.newzealand.com/int/dunedin-coastal-otago)    *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2151](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2151?tags=Dunedin)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/22803](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/22803?tags=Dunedin)  *Video link:*  <https://youtu.be/9_pbDuM_pBc> |
| **Fiordland** | Carved by glaciers over 100,000 years, Fiordland is one of the most dramatic and beautiful parts of New Zealand, with its landscape of waterfalls cascading hundreds of metres into deep black fiords.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/fiordland](http://www.newzealand.com/int/fiordland)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2382](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2382?tags=Fiordland)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/3022](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/3022?tags=Fiordland) |
| **Southland** | Southland is a land of rugged coast and rolling plains, world-renowned Bluff oysters and the launching place for a visit to Stewart Island.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/southland](http://www.newzealand.com/int/southland)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2593](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2593?tags=Southland)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/21661](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/21661?tags=Southland) |
| **Stewart Island** | More than 85% of Stewart Island is National Park, making it a popular haven for hiking and birdwatching. At night, admire the glowing skies thanks to the appearance of the Aurora Australis.  For more information visit [www.newzealand.com/int/stewart-island-rakiura](http://www.newzealand.com/int/stewart-island-rakiura)  *Image suggestions:*  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2262](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/2262?tags=Southland)  [visuals.newzealand.com/asset/45746](http://visuals.newzealand.com/asset/45746?tags=Stewart%20Island) |

1. Quick links guide

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| Introduction to New Zealand | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/destinations/> |
| Tiaki Promise – Care for New Zealand | https://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/tiaki-care-for-new-zealand/ |
| Recommended New Zealand trips | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/trips-and-driving-itineraries/> |
| Video | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TdKLyvesVE> |
| Accommodation options | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/accommodation/> |
| Events in New Zealand | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/events/> |
| **General information**  \*detailed general information listed [here](#General) | *Title* | *URL* |
| Travel guide | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/travel-guide/>  <http://www.newzealand.com/int/facts/> |
| Visas & immigration | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/visas-and-immigration/> |
| International flights | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/getting-here/> |
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| Wellington | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/wellington/> |
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| Queenstown | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/queenstown/> |
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| Fiordland | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/fiordland/> |
| Southland | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/southland/> |
| Stewart Island | <http://www.newzealand.com/int/stewart-island-rakiura/> |