

New Zealand

Continent: Australia

Languages Spoken: English, Māori, New Zealand Sign Language

Population: 5,100,000

Currency: New Zealand Dollar (NZD)

Area: 268,000

Main Landmarks:

- Milford Sound
- Sky Tower
- Tongariro National Park
- Waitomo Caves
- Hobbiton Movie Set

Head of State / Government:

King Charles III (represented by Governor-General Cindy Kiro)

Main Cultural Events:

- Waitangi Day
- Matariki
- Pasifika Festival
- New Zealand International Film Festival
- World of WearableArt

Food & Cuisine:

New Zealand cuisine reflects its diverse cultural heritage with a focus on fresh seafood, lamb, and dairy products. Traditional Māori foods like hangi (earth-cooked meals) coexist with modern fusion dishes.

Brief History:

New Zealand was first settled by Polynesian Māori around 1300 AD. European exploration began in the 17th century, with British colonization formalized by the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. It evolved into a self-governing dominion and is now a constitutional monarchy with a strong democratic tradition.

Important People:

- Edmund Hillary - mountaineer and explorer
- Jacinda Ardern - former Prime Minister
- Kiri Te Kanawa - opera singer
- Ernest Rutherford - physicist

- Taika Waititi - filmmaker

Current Conflicts:

New Zealand currently has no significant internal or external conflicts; it maintains a peaceful foreign policy and active participation in international peacekeeping.

Youtube Links:

- Discover New Zealand: A Land of Natural Wonders
- New Zealand Travel Guide 2024
- The Culture and Traditions of New Zealand
- Top 10 Places to Visit in New Zealand
- New Zealand History Explained