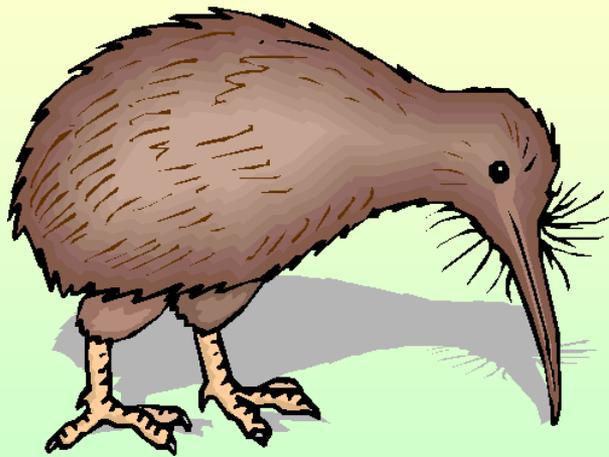


New Zealand



What Do You Know about New Zealand?

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Some facts

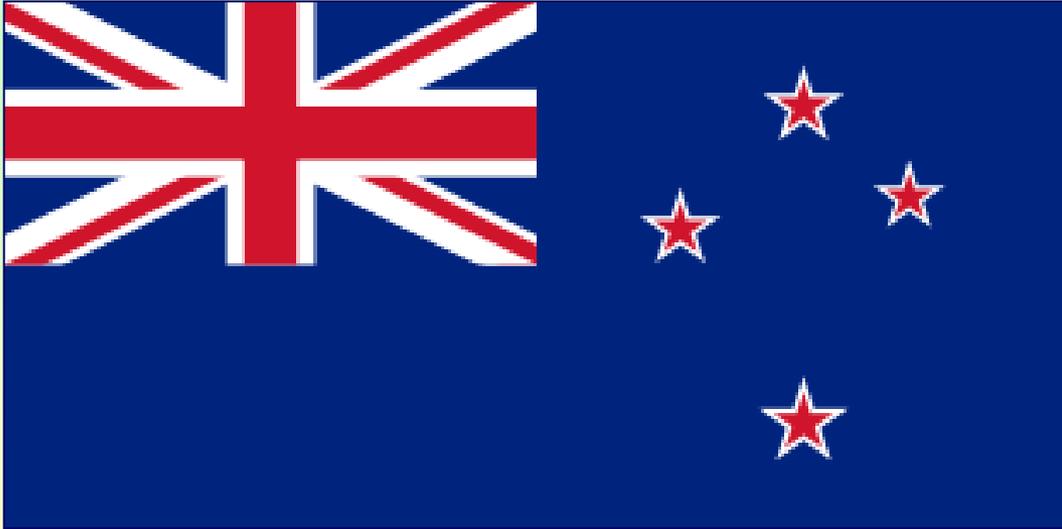


- **FULL COUNTRY NAME :** New Zealand
- **CAPITAL:** Wellington
- **TOTAL AREA:** 269,000 sq.km
- **POPULATION:** 4,182,000 people
- **PEOPLE:** 88% Europeans, 12% Maori and Polynesian
- **LANGUAGES:** English and Maori
- **RELIGION:** Predominantly Christian (81%)
- **HEAD OF STATE:** Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor-General
- **FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** Constitutional monarchy
- **LONGEST RIVER:** Waikato (425 km)
- **LARGEST LAKE:** Taupo (606 km)
- **HIGHEST POINT:** Mount Cook (3,754 m)
- **NATIONAL DAY:** Waitangi Day , 6 February (since 1840)
- **MAJOR INDUSTRIES:** wood and paper products, wool, textile, iron, steel
- **CURRENCY:** NZ dollar
- **NATIONAL SYMBOLS:** Kiwi
- **NATIONAL ANTHEM:** "God Defend New Zealand"





New Zealand is a country in the south-western Pacific Ocean comprising two large islands – the **North Island** and the **South Island** – and numerous smaller islands, most notably Stewart Island/Rakiura and the Chatham Islands. In Māori, New Zealand has come to be known as Aotearoa, which is usually translated into English as *The Land of the Long White Cloud*. The Realm of New Zealand also includes the Cook Islands and Niue, which are self-governing but in free association; Tokelau; and the Ross Dependency (New Zealand's territorial claim in Antarctica). New Zealand is notable for its geographic isolation, being separated from Australia to the northwest by the Tasman Sea, approximately 2000 kilometres (1250 miles) across. Its closest neighbours to the north are New Caledonia, Fiji and Tonga.



The Flag of New Zealand is a defaced blue ensign with the Union Flag in the canton, and four red stars with white borders to the right. The stars represent the constellation of Crux, the Southern Cross, as seen from New Zealand. The flag proportion is 1:2 and the colours are Red, Blue and White. Proportion and colours are identical to the Union Flag.

Since 1990, some Māori have been using the red ensign less in favour of a new flag which lacks colonial connotations. Chosen through a competition, the Māori flag uses black to represent Te Korekore or potential being, white to represent Te Ao Marama or the physical world, red to represent Te Whei Ao, the realm of coming into being and the Koru, a curl representing the unfolding of new life.





Until 1911, New Zealand used the same national coat of arms as the United Kingdom. When New Zealand became a Dominion in 1907, it was decided that a new Coat of Arms was required, and a design competition was held. Since being granted its own arms in 1911, New Zealand's arms have remained similar to the current design, with minor changes in 1956. The shield is now supported by two figures, a blonde Pākehā (European) woman holding the New Zealand flag, and a Māori warrior holding a taiaha (Māori staff). The shield is topped with the St Edward's Crown, and beneath the shield are two silver fern leaves and a scroll bearing the words "New Zealand".

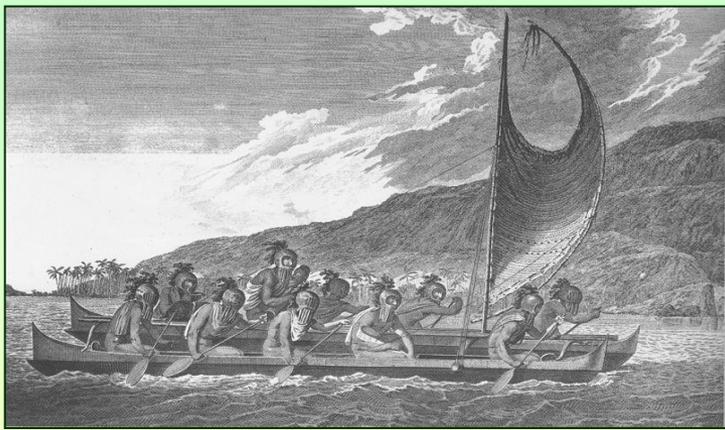


The old-style Coat of Arm

National Emblem

The **kiwi bird** was named so for the sound of its chirp. This flightless bird, about the size of a domestic hen, has an extremely long beak and plumage more like hair than feathers. It has no tail, almost no wings. It weights about 2 kg. The female kiwi lays only one egg, but it is about 1/5th of her own weight. After laying it she leaves her husband to hatch the egg out. The New Zealand dollar is frequently called the Kiwi. The dollar coin features a kiwi bird on one side.

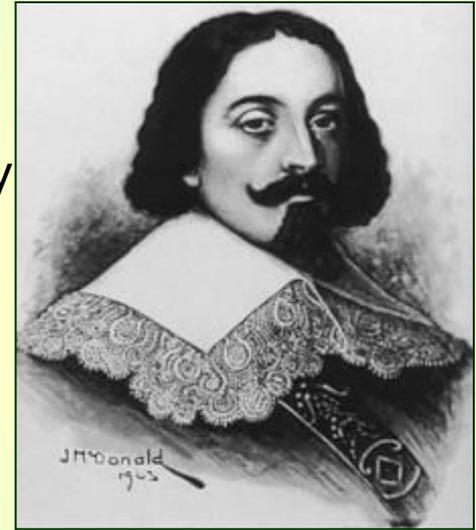




New Zealand is one of the most recently settled major land masses. The first settlers of New Zealand were Eastern **Polynesians** who came to New Zealand, probably in a series of migrations, sometime between around **AD 800 and 1300**.

Over the next few centuries these settlers developed into a distinct culture now known as **Māori**.

The first Europeans known to have reached New Zealand were Dutch explorer **Abel Janszoon Tasman** and his crew in **1642**. Any thoughts of a longer stay were thrown away when his attempt to land resulted in several of his crew being killed and eaten by **Maori**.



No Europeans returned to New Zealand until British explorer **James Cook's** voyage of **1768**. Following Cook, New Zealand was visited by numerous European and North American whaling, sealing and trading ships. They traded European food and goods, especially metal tools and weapons, for Māori timber, food, artifacts and water.



New Zealand is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary democracy. Under the Royal Titles Act (1953), Queen Elizabeth II is Queen of New Zealand and is represented as head of state by the Governor-General **Anand Satyanand**. New Zealand is the only country in the world in which all the highest offices in the land have been occupied simultaneously by women: **Queen Elizabeth II**, Governor-General Dame **Silvia Cartwright**, Prime Minister **Helen Clark**, Speaker of the House of Representatives **Margaret Wilson** and Chief Justice Dame **Sian Elias** were all in office between March 2005 and August 2006.



Helen Clark

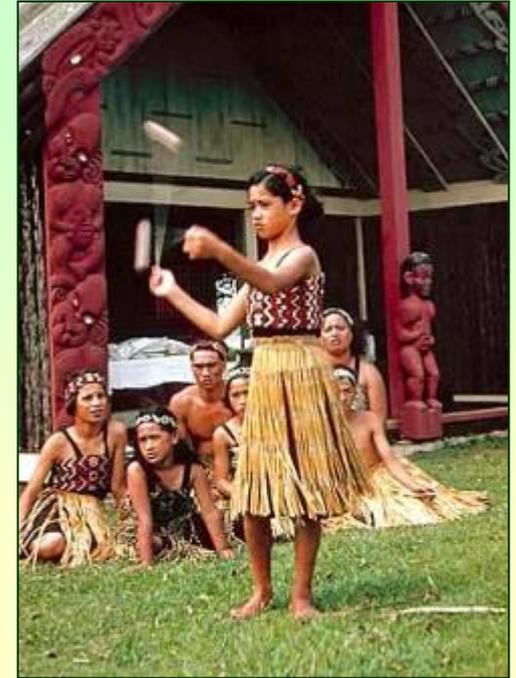


Margaret Wilson

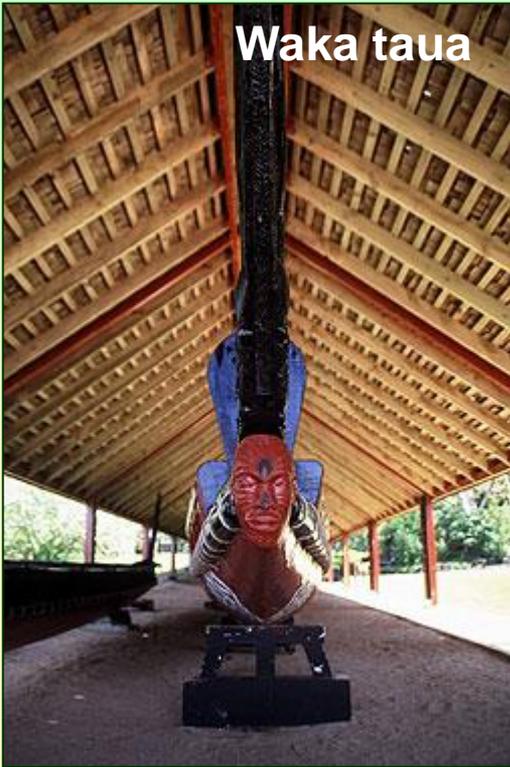
Maori



The Maori people are the indigenous people of New Zealand. Maoritanga is the native language. It is believed that the Maori migrated from Polynesia in canoes about the 9th century to 13th century AD. The Maoris lived in tribes called 'iwi'. They lived in villages and were fishermen, hunters and framers. The present Maori population has increased to about 250,000 and the Maori live in all parts of New Zealand, but predominately in the North Island where the climate is warmer.



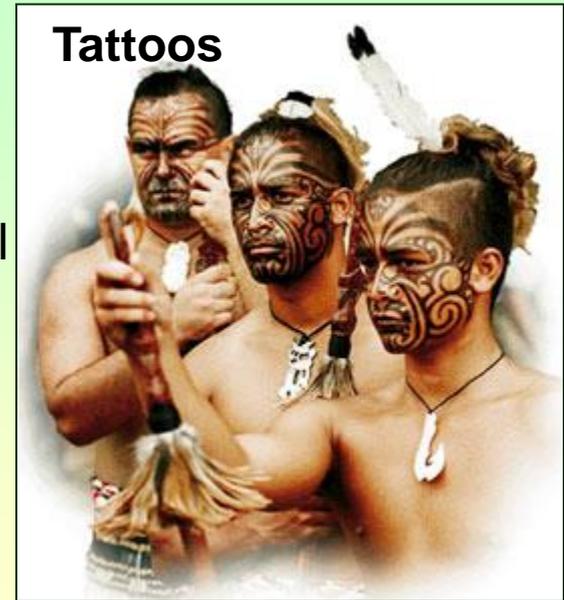
Waka taua



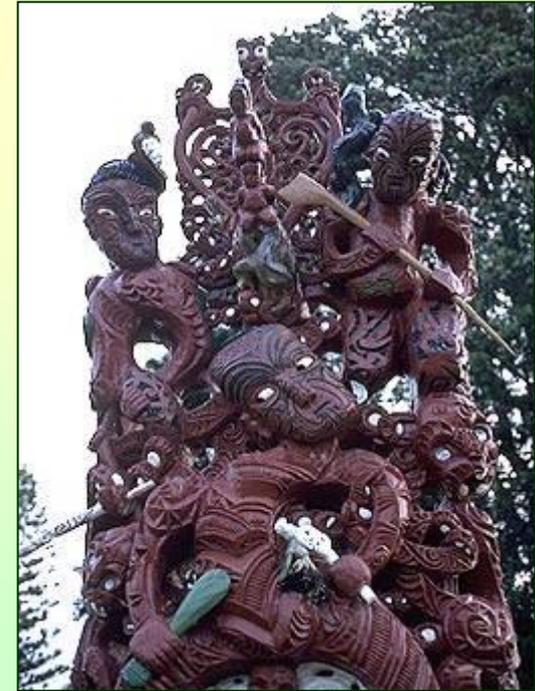
Maori Art

Maori Art refers to all the traditional arts: *whakairo* (wood carving); *kowhaiwhai* (rafter patterns); *ta moko* (tattooing); *waiata* (songs and chants); *haka* (dance); *whaikorero* (oratory); *waka ama* (canoe racing), etc.

Tattoos



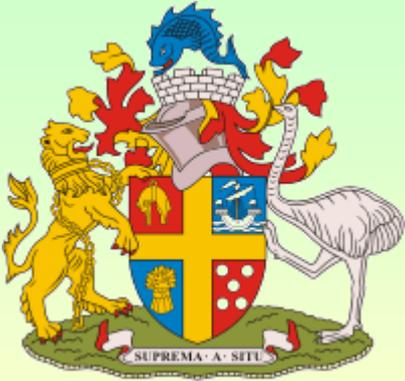
Wood Carving



A Fence



Wellington



Wellington is the capital of New Zealand, the country's second largest urban area and the most populous national capital in Oceania. The population is about 449,000 people.

Wellington is New Zealand's political centre, housing Parliament and the head offices of all government ministries and departments, plus the bulk of the foreign diplomatic missions based in New Zealand.

Wellington Parliament



Te Papa Museum

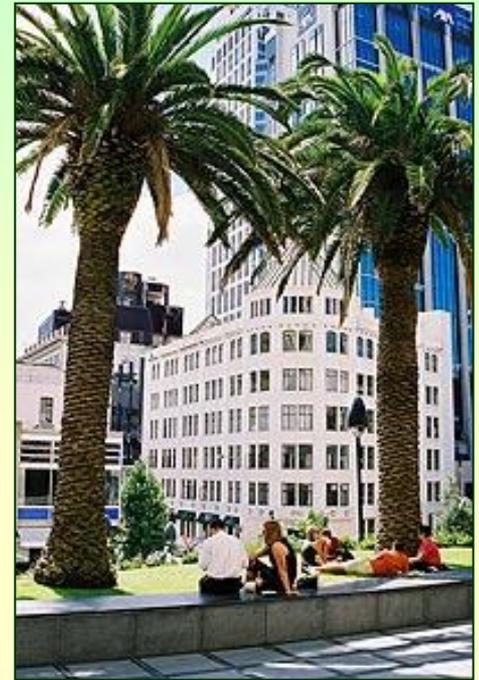




Auckland

Auckland is the largest urban area of the country. With over 1,260,900 people it has over a quarter of the country's population.

Chancery



Skyline



Town Hall



Auckland Waterfront



Hamilton

Hamilton is the country's 7th largest city. The population is **187,960** people. It is in the Waikato region of the North Island. It sits on both banks of the Waikato River. The city is host to a large number of small galleries and the Waikato Museum. Hamilton is home to more than 25,000 students, mostly enrolled in one of the city's two main institutes, the University of Waikato and Waikato Institute of Technology.



City Plaza



Victoria Street



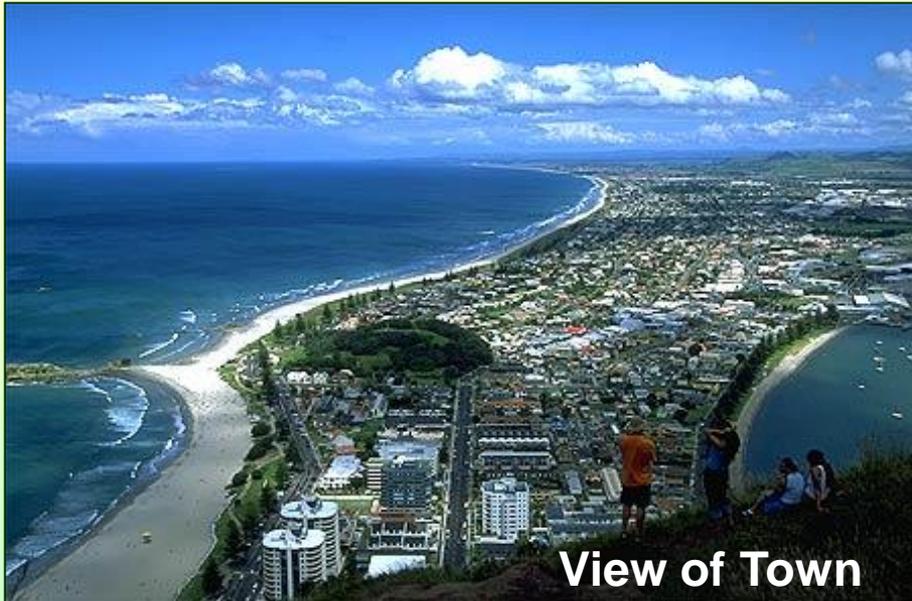
Novotel Tainui

Tauranga



The House

Tauranga is the largest city of the Bay of Plenty region. The Population is about **109,100** people. It is the 9th largest city area in the country, and the centre of the 6th largest urban area.

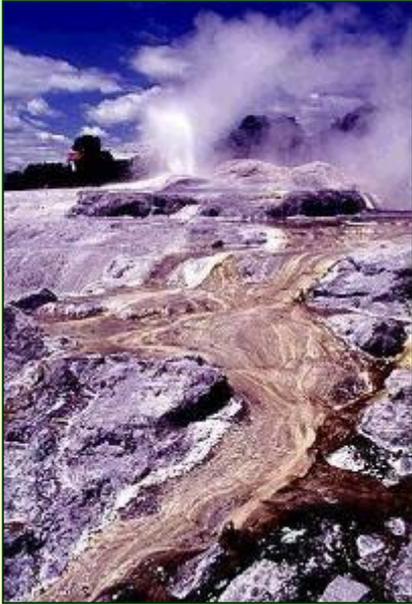


View of Town



Town Centre

Geyser



Rotorua

Rotorua is a town on the southern shore of Lake Rotorua in the Bay of Plenty region. The city has a population of **53,000**, of which one third is Māori. Rotorua is well-known for geothermal activity. There are a number of geysers, notably the 20-m Pohutu geyser at Whakarewarewa, and hot mud pools located in the city, which owe their presence to the Rotorua caldera.



Lake

Visitors Centre



Bath-House



New Plymouth

Striking Candmark

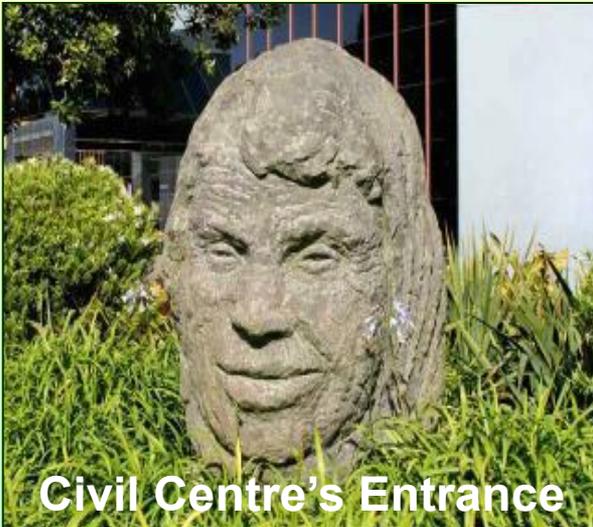


Govett-Brewster Art Gallery



New Plymouth is the port and main city in the Taranaki region. The population is about 49,500 people. The city is a service centre for the region's principal economic activities. It is also a bustling financial centre as the home of the TSB Bank.

Civil Centre's Entrance



Pakekura Park





NORTH ISLAND

The **North Island** is one of the two main islands of New Zealand. The island is **113,729** sq. km in area, making it the world's 14th-largest island. It has a population of 3,148,400. Several important cities are in the North Island: Auckland, and Wellington, the capital. Approximately 76% of New Zealand's population lives in the North Island.



Gisborne



Gisborne is the name of a unitary authority in New Zealand, being both a region and a district. The population is about **32,700** people. Gisborne is named for an early Colonial Secretary William Gisborne. The council is located in the city of Gisborne.



Taupo

Huka Falls



Taupo is a small urban area in the centre of the North Island. It is the seat of the Taupo District Council. Taupo has a population of 22,300. Taupo is located at the north-east corner of Lake Taupo, and functions as a tourist centre, particularly in the summer, as it offers panoramic views over the lake and the volcanic mountains of Tongariro National Park to the south. One of New Zealand's most spectacular waterfalls, the Huka Falls is also close to the town.

Main Road



Lake





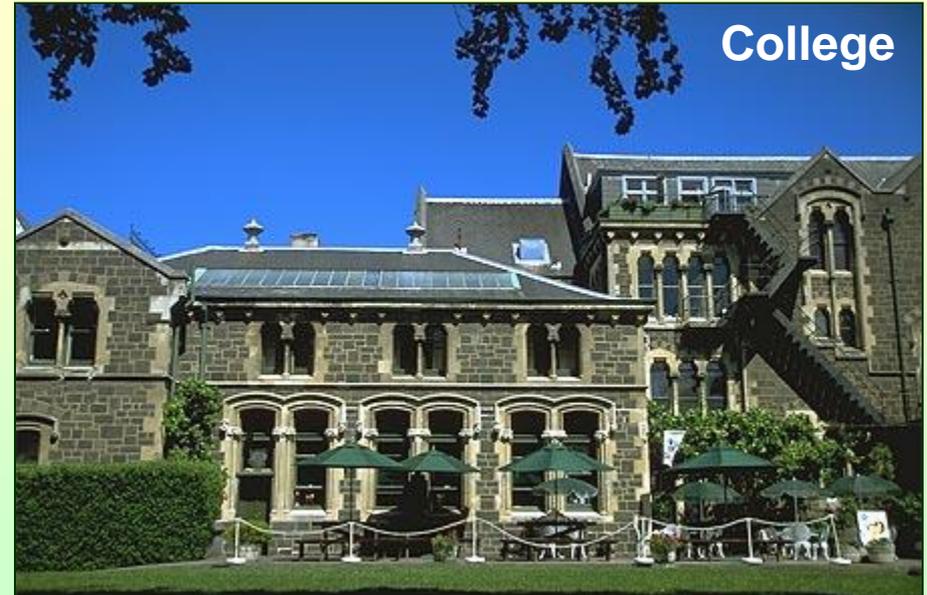
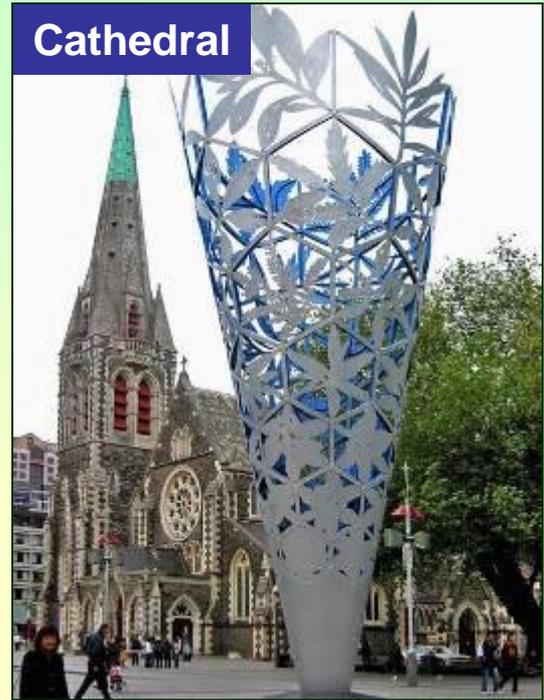
SOUTH ISLAND

The **South Island** is the larger of the two major islands of New Zealand. The South Island has an area of **151,215** sq. km, making it the world's 12th-largest island. It has a population of 991,100. Along its west coast runs the mountain chain of the Southern Alps with Mount Cook being the highest point, 3,754 m.



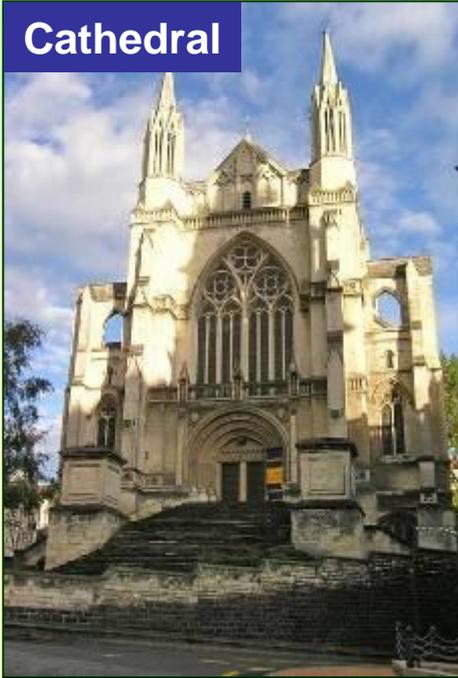
Christchurch

Christchurch is the regional capital of Canterbury. The largest city in the South Island, it is also the second largest city and third largest urban area of New Zealand. The Population is about **367,700** people. The city is named after the Christ Church cathedral, which is itself named after Christ Church, a college at the University of Oxford, and the Cathedral of Oxford. The city was originally known as Christ Church, the written form consolidating by the 1880s.



Dunedin

Cathedral

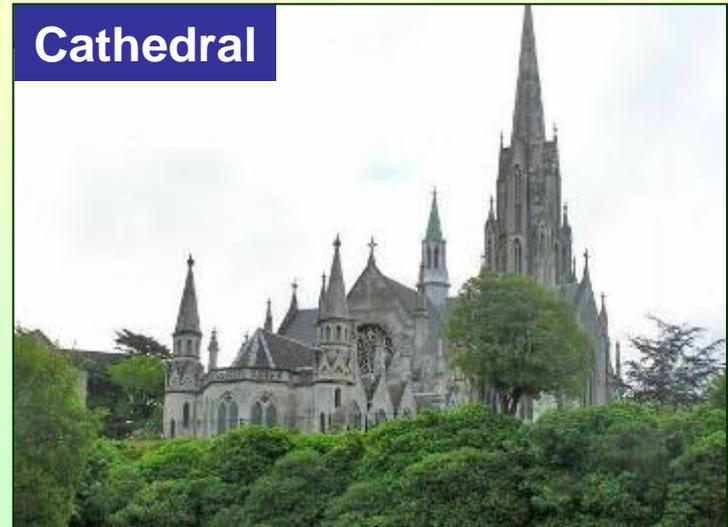


Dunedin is the second-largest city in the South Island, and the principal city of the region of Otago. The population is about 114,700 people. It is New Zealand's fifth largest city in terms of population. For historical and cultural reasons, Dunedin is considered one of the country's four main centres. The city stands on the hills and valleys surrounding the head of Otago Harbour. The harbour and hills are the remnants of an extinct volcano. It is the home of the University of Otago.

Railway Station



Cathedral



Cathedral Step

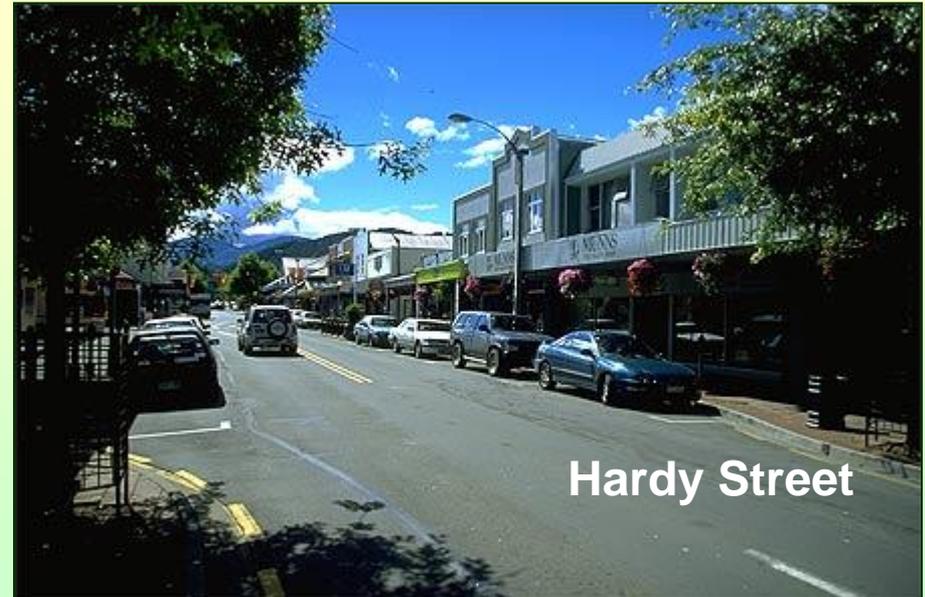


Nelson

The City of **Nelson** is the administrative centre of the Nelson region. The population is about **60,500** people. Nelson received its name in honour of the Admiral Nelson. Nelson is a centre for arts and crafts, and each year hosts popular events such as the Nelson Arts Festival.

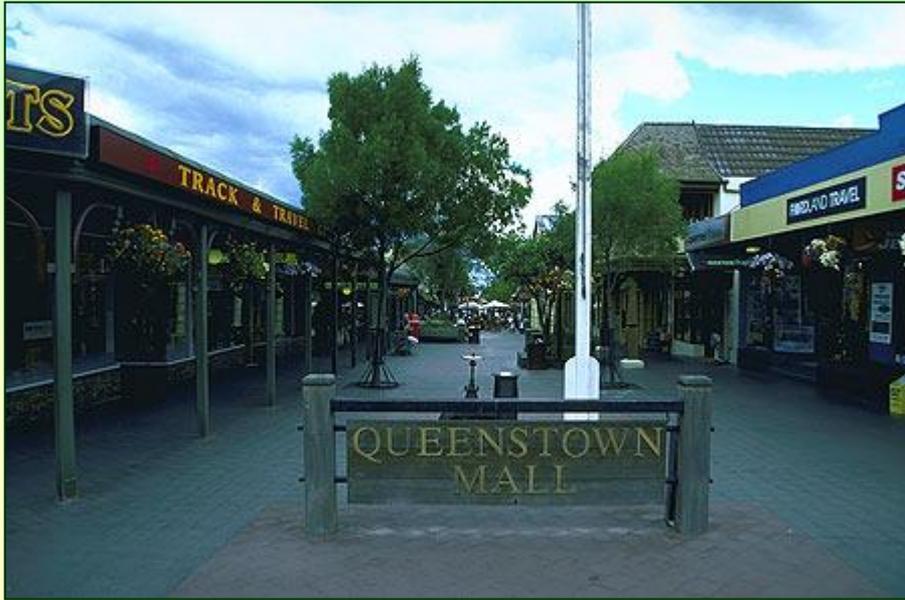


Trafalgar Street



Hardy Street

Queenstown



Queenstown is a picturesque tourist destination located in the South Island. The population of the Queenstown is 9,251. The town is built around an inlet on Lake Wakatipu. Queenstown is the adventure capital of the world. Many tourists flock to the area year round to indulge in activities such as white water rafting, kayaking, jet boating, tandem sky-driving.



Picton

High Street



Picton is the gateway to the South Island. The town's main purpose is to cater for the travellers who arrive or depart the ferry service that runs between both the North and South islands. Picton is a small town, but is busy as travellers prepare to explore the area or strike out further a field to the nearby Nelson or Canterbury regions. The population is about 4,200 people.

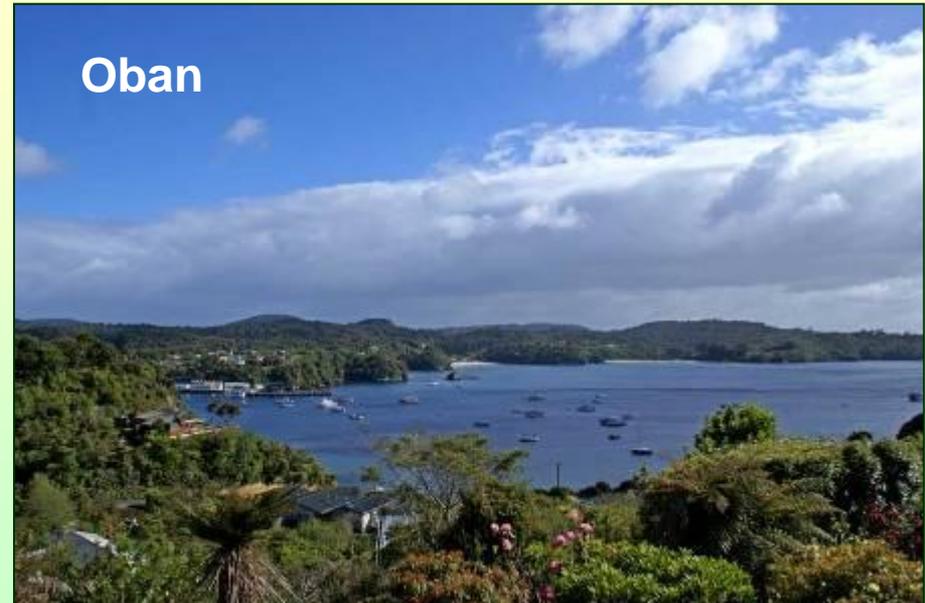
Queen Charlotte Sound



STEWART ISLAND



New Zealand's 3rd largest island, **Stewart Island** is a very special place. The only town is **Oban** with population about **400** people. It is a heaven for native birds' life. The kiwi, rare in both the North and the South Island, is common over much of the island, particularly around beaches. The weather is changeable on the island. Tramping the many tracks, see kayaking, fishing, walking on the bird sanctuary, Ulva Island is some of the exiting things people can do on this island.



Birds

There are some 70 species of **birds** found nowhere else in the world, more than a third of them are flightless, and almost a quarter of them nocturnal. Notable New Zealand birds include the Tui, Bellbird, Kiwi, Kakapo, Takahe, and Weka. New Zealand is also home to many seabirds including the Albatross, which has the longest wing span of any bird in the world. The most spectacular of all New Zealand birds was the Moa. Some Moa's reached heights of 15 feet, making them the tallest bird in the world.



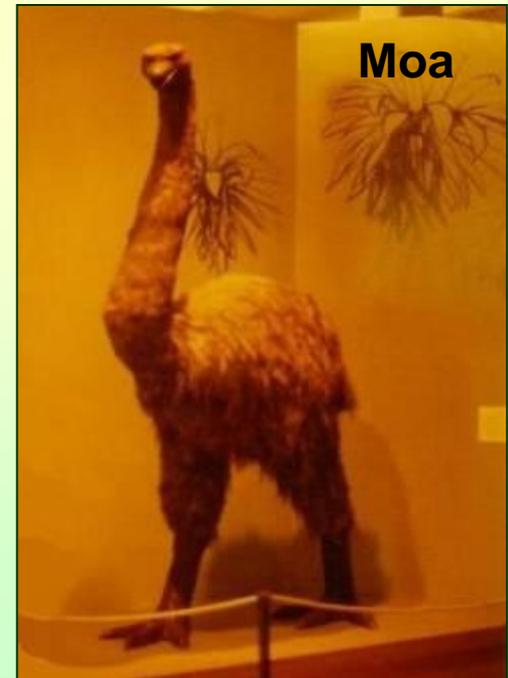
Takahe



Weka

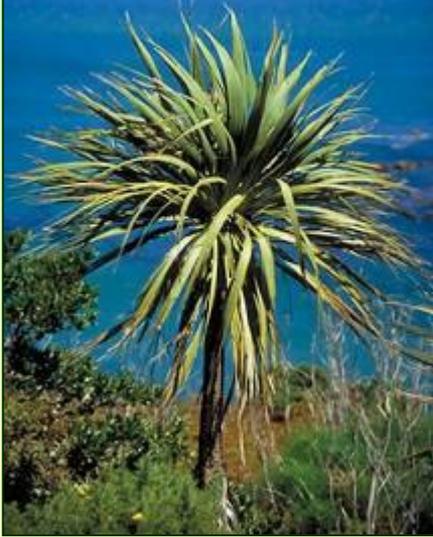


Kakapo



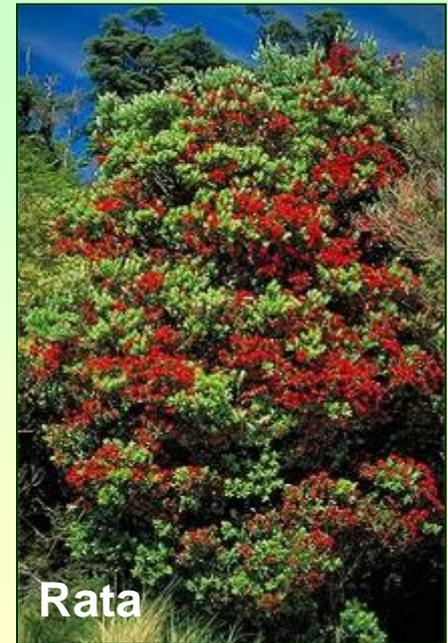
Moa

Cabbage Tree



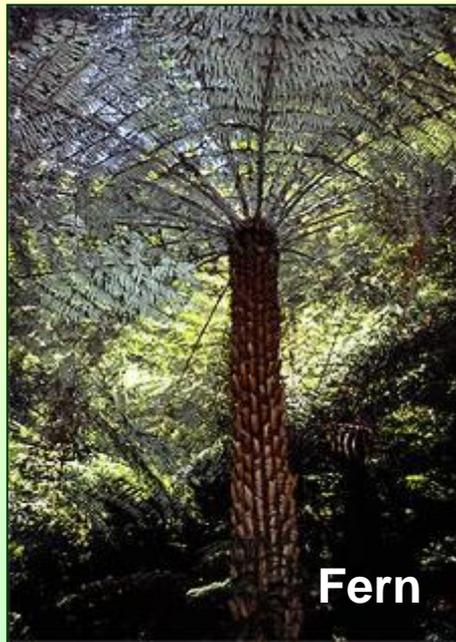
Plants

New Zealand is one of the world's richest bio-diverse **flora** areas on earth. It is endemic and its extent is enormous. Native trees include Rimu, Totara, Matai, Kahikatea, Rata, Tawa and many species of ferns including some giant tree ferns. Other notable trees include the Cabbage Tree, the Nikau Palm which is New Zealand's only palm tree, and the Giant Kauri, which hold the record for the greatest timber volume of any tree. One of the most noticeable plants is the Pohutukawa which detonates with brilliant red flowers around December.



Rata

Nikau Palm



Fern



Pohutukawa

Animals



With the exception of two species of bat, no indigenous mammals are native to New Zealand. Wild mammals include deer, goats, pigs, rabbits, weasels, ferrets. Marine mammals are dolphins, seals and whales. New Zealand contains no snakes and has only one poisonous spider called the Katipo. Other insects include the Weta one species of which may grow as large as a house mouse and is the heaviest insect in the world.

New Zealand's most unique animal is the Tuatara, which is a lizard-like reptile that predates the Dinosaur and is considered a living fossil.

Tuatara



Katipo

National Parks

Abel Tasman NP



Whanganui NP



Mount Aspiring NP



Paparoa NP





People, Places, Dates



Why are these people, dates and places important in New Zealand?

Abel Tasman, 1642

Mount Cook

Maori

kiwi

4,182,000

Queen/King of Britain

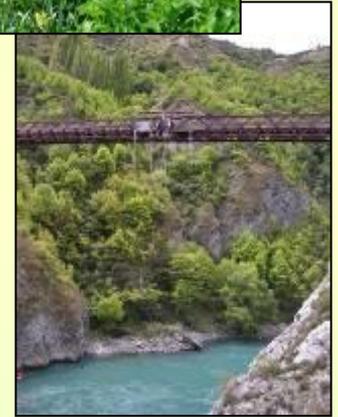
James Cook, 1768

South Island

250,000

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Tell about New Zealand using the chart

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- **First settlers:** ...
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- **Head of State** ... Queen ... represented by ...
- **Birds:** ...
- **Animals:** ...
- **National emblems:** ...

The End

