New Zealand consists of two islands that are located south-east of Australia in the South Pacific. Both islands are well known for their beautiful scenery. There are active volcanoes, caves, deep glacial lakes, amazing fjords, and long sandy beaches.

The majority of the people live on the North Island, mainly for its mild climate and economic potential, since the capital city, Wellington, as well as the largest city, Auckland, are also situated here. New Zealand’s largest natural lake, the Taupo, is also to be found on the North Island.

On the South Island you can find the Southern Alps, a 300-mile long mountain range, with the highest peak Mount Cook (3,754 metres). There are more than 360 glaciers in the Southern Alps.

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New Zealand's largest natural lake, the Taupo

Māori people performing their traditional dances.

Holidays

Since 1960, February 6 is celebrated by New Zealanders as Waitangi Day. It is an occasion for thanksgiving, and for remembering the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Some recognise Anzac Day, a public holiday held on 25 April each year. This is a holiday to honour those New Zealanders who were killed in the two world wars. The holiday celebrates those values admirable about this nation - comradeship, unity, courage, self-sacrifice, and loyalty.

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