

New Zealand

The Māori name for New Zealand is *Aotearoa*, meaning 'land of the long white cloud'.



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The national symbols of New Zealand are the silver fern and the kiwi.



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Aoraki is New Zealand's tallest mountain. Its summit is 3,724 metres above sea level.



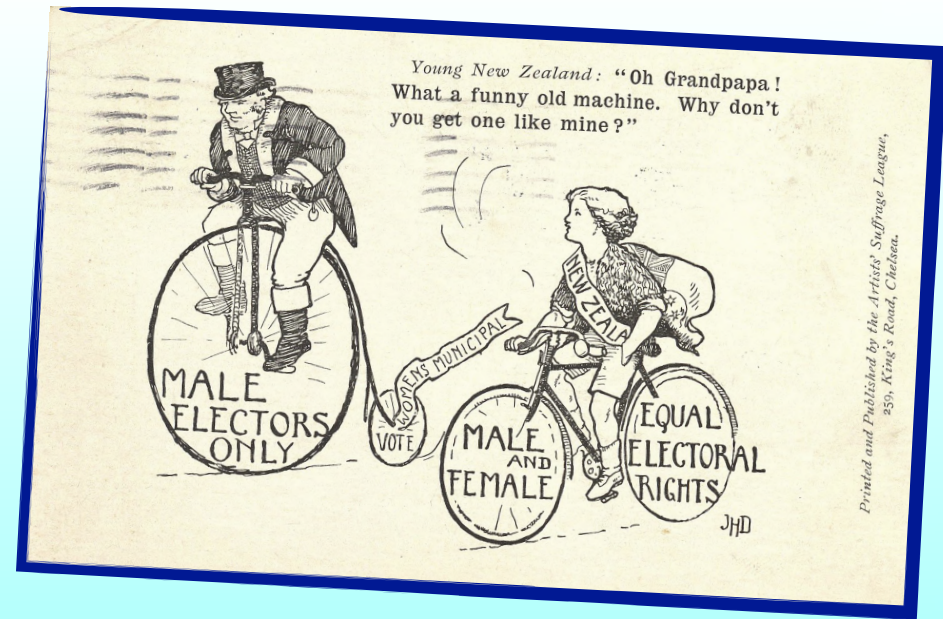
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Pōhutu is the largest active geyser in the Southern Hemisphere. On average it explodes 30 metre high sulphurous streams every 20 - 30 minutes.



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In 1893, New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.



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New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary was the first mountaineer to climb Mount Everest.



New Zealand

Only 5% of New Zealand's population are human. The rest is made up of animals.



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Rotorua is the heartland for Māori tourism, with geysers, boiling mud pools and many Māori cultural experiences.



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The Lord of the Rings saga was filmed in New Zealand. Tourists can visit Hobbiton and tour the film sets.



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One third of New Zealand's land is protected national parks.



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*Taumatawhakatangihangakoaua
uotamateaturipukakapikimaunga
horonukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu*
is the longest place name in
the world, belonging to a hill
in New Zealand.



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There are more
sheep than people in
New Zealand.



New Zealand

According to *The Guinness Book of World Records*, Baldwin Street in Dunedin is the steepest street in the world.



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There are three official languages in New Zealand;

- ◆ English
- ◆ Maori
- ◆ Sign Language



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New Zealand was the last country in the world to be inhabited by humans. The Maori people arrived there from Polynesia only 800 years ago.



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No part of New Zealand is more than 128km from the ocean.



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Wellington is the southernmost capital city in the world.



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Waitomo Glow Worm Cave (on the North Island) is the only glow worm cave in the world.



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New Zealand is home to more species of penguin than any other country.



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The famous Moeraki Boulders can be found on the Otago coast. Each boulder weighs several tons and is up to 2 metres high.



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