



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

New Zealand – Cromwell

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Wellington
- ✓ **Language:** English / Māori
- ✓ **Population:** ± 5,000
- ✓ **Sq km:** 9959 (Otago Region)
- ✓ **Currency:** NZ Dollar (\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +64 (445)
- ✓ **Visa:** Yes, check the various visas [here!](#)
- ✓ **Emergency phone:** 111
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A & Hep-B



History Recap Over 1 Drink

1200-1300AD: Ancestors of Māori arrive by canoe from Polynesia. Country name: Aotearoa (*land of long white cloud*). 1642: Dutch Abel Tasman sights South Island, calls it Nieuw Zeeland (*after Dutch province*). 1769: British James Cook explores coastline. 1815: First British missionaries arrive. '40: Treaty of Waitangi between British and Māori tribes: protection Māori land and establishes British law. '45-'72: NZ Wars, Māori resistance against colonial rule. '93: NZ 1st country of women vote. '98: Introduction old-age pensions. 1907: NZ dominion within British Empire. '14: WWI→NZ troops to help British. '39-'45: WWII→again. '47: Full independence. '50-'53: NZ troops serve with UN in Korean War. '51: Anzus Pacific security treaty NZ-Aus-US. '60s: Small troops sent to Vietnam War to support US. '84: Labour government (*Lange*). '85: NZ refuses US nuclear-powered/armed ships to enter ports→Greenpeace ship blown up, Anzus obligations suspended. '89: Palmer, then Bolger Prime Minister (*PM*). '93: Proportional representation government →more Māori. '97: Shipley 1st female PM. '99: Peacekeeping force in East Timor. Clark PM. '01: Government rescues Air NZ. '02: PM apologizes to Samoa (colonial). '08: Economic recession. Key PM. '09: Troops to Afghanistan for US. '11: Earthquake Christchurch. '13: Gay marriage legal. '16: Bill English PM. '17: Jacinda Adern PM.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring									Summer&	Spring=	Hiking	Season
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter						Winter	=Ski	Season				
Budget												

Altitude: 200m. Climate: Marine West Coast Climate (Cfb)

Bucket List For Free

☺ **Hikes:** [Old Reservoir](#), [Quartz Reef Point Walk](#), [Bannockburn Sluicings](#), [Long Gully Loop Track](#), [Pisa Range](#), [45th Parallel](#), North Lakeside, South Lakeside & [Kawarau Trail](#), [Northburn Tailings](#), [Carricktown Track](#), [Young Australian](#), [Bendigo](#), [Aurora Creek](#), [Cairnmuir Track](#). See all hikes in the area in this [flyer](#).

☺ **Free wine tastings:** [Domain Road](#), [Gate 20 Two](#), [Ceres](#), [Felton Road](#) (appointment), [Akarua](#), [Quartz Reef](#), [Bannock Brae](#), [Bald Hills](#), [Burn Cottage](#) (appointment).

More wine areas: [Gibbston](#), [Pisa](#), [Bendigo](#), [Alexandra](#).

Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 **Museums/Activities** [Goldfields Mining Centre](#), [Highlands Motorsports Park](#).

👍 **Cheap wine tastings:** [Scott Base](#), [Misha's](#), [Wooing Tree](#), [Aurum](#) (4Barrels Wine Trail), [Mt. Difficulty](#), [Wild Earth](#), [Desert Heart](#), [Terra Sancta](#) (appointment), [Pisa Range Estate](#) (appointment). Usually fee is waived if bottle is purchased.

☺ **Free museums:** [Cromwell Museum](#).

☺ **Sights:** [Cromwell Heritage Precinct](#) & its art galleries

Budget Bites

- ⌘ **Big supermarkets:** New World, Fresh Choice.
- ⌘ **Markets:** Cromwell Farmers Market (*every Sun 9AM -1PM; Labour Weekend until Easter*). Fresh fruit and vegetables can be purchased at orchards: Jackson / Freeway / Mrs. Jones Orchards & Webbs Fruit Stall.
- ⌘ **Local food:** Meat Pie, Fish & Chips, Hangi (*vegetables & meat*), Crayfish, Kina (*sea urchin*), Pavlova (*desert*), Honey, Jaffas (*sugarcoated chocolate balls*), Kumara (*sweet potato*), Paua Fritters (*seafood*), Marmite (*only if you're brave*).
- ⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in New Zealand. Every supermarket has a wide array of vegan products. Cromwell has quite a small restaurant selection, however, and has therefore very little for vegans too. Check out what they have: [Happy Cow - Cromwell](#).

Festivals

- ⊗ Cromwell Wine and Food Festival: Jan.
- ⊗ Cromwell Half Marathon: Oct.
- ⊗ Cherry Festival: Dec.

Mama Said

- 💀 New Zealand is generally safe, but use your common sense like everywhere. Don't leave valuables in the car or anywhere visible.
- 💀 In New Zealand they drive on the left side of the road, so everything is reversed. Pay attention!
- 💀 When going on a hike, inform someone about your whereabouts and expected return time. Bring extra food and inform about weather conditions. Take clothes for all climates, but here especially rain and mud! Stay on the tracks to preserve nature.
- 💀 Tap water is drinkable.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are not cheap in New Zealand, so keep that in mind. There's 1 hostel in Cromwell: Cromwell Backpackers. Book via [this Booking.com link](#) and receive a \$15 discount.
- ❖ Freedom camping is generally not allowed in New Zealand (*but you may be naughty*), unless you own a self-contained vehicle (*with proof*). Check [Cromwell freedom camping](#). Check [this link](#) for Cromwell campsites. 'Batches' are popular as holiday homes. Trail huts and campsites can be booked at the [Department of Conversation website](#) or at the i-Site Visitor Center.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or Housesitting ([Kiwi Housesitters](#)). Also check [WorkAway](#).

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ **Nightlife:** There isn't any in Cromwell, besides some restaurants. Parties can be found in Queenstown.
- ◆ **Movie Theaters:** [Arthur's Cinema](#).

Free-Riding?

- Cromwell is compact, but bigger than you think. Not everything is at walking distance.
- Biking is possible and is especially interesting at the [mountainbike trails in Cromwell](#).
- Buses serve the surrounding cities. [Intercity buses](#) depart from Lode Lane, off Barry Avenue next to the Mall. Tickets must be bought in advance.
- Airport: Queenstown Airport (ZQN)
- Hitch-hiking is relatively safe in NZ and very easy.

Next?

- ➔ In New Zealand: Queenstown, Wanaka, Alexandra, Pisa Moorings, Bannockburn.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Australia, the Pacific Islands.

The Earth Becomes My Throne