



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## New Zealand – Kinloch / Glenorchy

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Wellington
- ✓ **Language:** English / Māori
- ✓ **Population:** ± 400 (Glenorchy)
- ✓ **Currency:** NZ Dollar (\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +64 (03)
- ✓ **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 318m. Climate: Maritime (Cfb).

### Bucket List For Free

☺ **Day Hikes:** [Earnslaw Burn Track](#) (8-12 hrs), [Glacier Burn Track](#), [Glenorchy Walkway](#), [Mt. Judah & Heather Jock Track](#), [Lake Sylvan Track](#), [Diamond Creek Track](#), [Mount Alfred / Forest Track](#) (5-6 hrs), [Invincible Gold Mine Track](#), [Scott Creek Track](#) (5-7 hrs), [Sugarloaf-Rockburn Track](#), [Lake Rere](#), [Mount Macintosh Loop Track](#) (8-10 hrs), [Kea Basin Track](#) (8-10 hrs).

☺ **Sights:** Glenorchy Waterfront Reserve, Lake Face Creek Falls.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 **Multi-day Hikes:** Mount Aspiring NP / Fiordland NP: [Routeburn Track](#) (2-4 days), Huts must be pre-booked far in advance in summer and are VERY expensive. Limited accessibility in winter. Other: [Rees-Dart Track](#) (4-5 days), [Greenstone & Caples Track](#) (3-4 days).

👍 **Skiing / Snowboarding June-Oct:** [Remarkables](#), [Coronet Peak](#), [Cardrona](#), [Treble Cone](#) (Wanaka).

👍 **Adventure Sports:** Canyoning, Jetboating, Kayaking, Horseback Riding, Mountainbiking etc.

## Budget Bites

⌘ **Big supermarkets:** None, bring all your food from Queenstown.

⌘ **Local food:** Meat Pie, Fish & Chips, Hangi (*vegetables & meat*), Crayfish, Kina (*sea urchin*), Pavlova (*dessert*), Honey, Jaffa's (*sugarcoated chocolate balls*), Kumara (*sweet potato*), Paua Fritters (*seafood*), Marmite (*only if you're brave*).

⌘ **Go vegan:** Don't expect any vegan food in Kinloch or Glenorchy. Be prepared to cook the food you brought from Queenstown.

## Festivals

⚙ Harvest Festival: April.

⚙ Great Glenorchy Getaway Day: Scottish, May.

## 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! The roads have only two lanes, give way when possible to faster vehicles.

☠ Tap water is drinkable.

☠ Avoid places like Glenorchy Animal Experience where animals are held in captivity.

☠ 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.

## Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are not cheap in New Zealand, so keep that in mind. Book via [this Booking.com link](#) and receive a \$15 discount and check low-season discounts on Kinloch Lodge's [website](#).

❖ Wild camping is possible with a self-contained vehicle (*with proof*). There's a free-camping strip in Kinloch, as well as a [DOC-campsite](#). '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](#).

## Free-Riding?

■ The centres of both Kinloch and Glenorchy are very compact and walkable.

■ Biking is possible, especially mountainbiking is spectacular. Be careful with biking at the main roads, as they're narrow and cars aren't very considerate of cyclists.

■ One bus service operated by [Glenorchy Journeys](#) connects Queenstown with Glenorchy, Kinloch and the multi-day trails.

■ There is no train transport in this area.

■ Airport: Queenstown Airport (ZQN).

■ Hitch-hiking is relatively safe in NZ and very easy.

## Next?

➔ In New Zealand: Queenstown, Wanaka, Cromwell, Te Anau, Milford Sound.

➔ International destinations close by: Australia, the Pacific Islands.

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