



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## New Zealand – Port Waikato

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Wellington
- ✓ **Language:** English / Māori
- ✓ **Population:** ± 1000
- ✓ **Currency:** NZ Dollar (\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +64 (9)
- ✓ **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: 14m. Climate: Mediterranean Maritime (Cfb).

### Bucket List For Free

☺ **Nature:** Do the cliff trail, starting left of the beach entrance just before the gate (*look for sign, very hidden*). Climb any mountain around. Follow the dune trails.

☺ **Beaches:** Sunset Beach.

☺ **Outdoor sports:** Surfing, kayaking, snorkeling, quad-riding, jogging, boating.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥



**Nature:** [Nikau Cave](#).

*The Earth Becomes My Throne*

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Countdown & Pak 'n Save in Pukekohe. Port Waikato only has one dairy.
- ⌘ **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. The only bar in town, Sylvia's, has some vegan options.

## Mama Said

- ☠ New Zealand is generally safe, but use your common sense like everywhere. Don't leave valuables in the car or anywhere visible. Port Waikato had some break-ins and it takes about 45 minutes for the police to arrive.
- ☠ In Zealand they drive on the left side of the road, so everything is reversed. Pay attention when driving.
- ☠ Tap water is drinkable, but contains a high amount of chloride in Auckland. It can cause negative health effects, so it's better to drink it filtered.
- ☠ When flying into New Zealand, double-check border regulations. Clean all outdoor gear and don't bring food into the country.

## Next?

- ➔ In New Zealand: Raglan, Auckland, Waitakere Ranges, Hamilton, Coromandel.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Australia, Samoa, Fiji, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu.

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are not cheap in New Zealand, especially not in summer season, so keep that in mind.
- ❖ Wild camping is not allowed in New Zealand (*but you may be naughty*). Check out the [Port Waikato Holiday Park](#). Check this link for [huts](#). 'Baches' are popular as holiday homes and can be found here.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [housesitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

## Free-Riding?

- Everything within Port Waikato is walkable, as it's a tiny village. However, as it's rather stretched out, don't underestimate the distance from the beginning to the end of town.
- Port Waikato has good roads and biking is possible, but watch out: Traffic isn't very considerate of bikers at all and it can be quite hilly.
- There's only one bus a week going from Port Waikato to Pukekohe (route 399), leaving on Thursday. From the Pukekohe train station there are bus and train connections to other destinations within the Auckland region.
- Airport: Auckland Airport (AKL).
- Hitch-hiking is relatively safe in NZ. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) or one of the many rideshare Facebook-groups to share petrol costs with someone, although Port Waikato is rather off the grid.