



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

New Zealand – Fox / Franz Josef Glacier

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Wellington
- ✓ **Language:** English / Māori
- ✓ **Population:** ± 300 (Fox) / 400 (Franz)
- ✓ **Currency:** NZ Dollar (\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +64 (0375)
- ✓ **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												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Climate: Marine West Coast Climate (Cfb).

Bucket List For Free

☺ **Hiking:** [Copland Track / Welcome Flat \(2d\)](#), [Roberts Point Track](#), [Minnehaha](#), [Moraine](#), [River Walk / Lookout Track](#), [Fox Glacier Valley](#), [Mount Fox](#), [Lake Matheson Walk](#), [Gillespies Beach Walk](#), [Franz Josef Glacier Valley](#), [Sentinel Rock](#), [Douglas Walk / Peters Pool](#), [Lake Wombat](#), [Alex Knob Track \(8hr\)](#), [Canavan's Knob](#), [Callery Gorge](#), [Tatare Tunnels](#), [Okarito Trig](#), [Pakihi Walk](#), [Terrace Walk](#).

☺ **Cycling:** [Te Weheka](#), [Te Ara a Waiau](#).

Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 **Adventure Sports:** Heli-hiking / Glacier Walks, Skydive Fox Glacier, Kayaking,

The Earth Becomes My Throne

Budget Bites

⌘ **Big supermarkets:** None. You have a minimarket in Fox and a Foursquare in Franz Josef.

⌘ **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:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in New Zealand. Every supermarket has a wide array of vegan products and there are many restaurants, even in remote places like here. There are few vegan restaurants though, check: [Happy Cow - Fox Glacier](#) & [Franz Josef](#).

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! Pull over to let faster traffic pass whenever possible, as all are 2-lane roads.

☠ Tap water is drinkable.

☠ Avoid places like West Coast Wildlife Centre 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, especially rain as that's never far away on the West Coast. 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.

❖ Wild camping is not allowed in New Zealand (*but you may be naughty*), unless you own a self-contained vehicle (*with proof*). Check the conservation campsites in [this brochure \(PDF\)](#). 'Batches' are popular as holiday homes. Trail huts and campsites can be booked at the [Department of Conservation website](#) or at the i-Site Visitor Center.

❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or Housesitting ([Kiwi Housesitters](#)). Also check [WorkAway](#).

Free-Riding?

■ The town centres of both Fox and Franz Josef are both very compact and walkable.

■ Biking is possible, especially mountainbiking in the region on designated biking trails. Be careful on the main roads as there's little space and cars have little regards for cyclists.

■ Bus services connect the main stops along the West Coast and are mainly operated by [Intercity](#).

■ Train Transport is mainly for tourist purposes and overpriced: [Tranzalpine](#).

■ Airport: Fox Glacier Airport (FGL).

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

Next?

➔ In New Zealand: Hokitika, Punakaiki, Haast, Wanaka, Arthur's Pass.

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