

Your Must-Pack List for Your New Zealand Holiday!

When you're going on a road trip around New Zealand, you want to make sure you pack the essentials. Not only does it make your holiday more enjoyable, it's just best practice to be prepared for no matter what adventures you have!

While there are plenty of metropolitan centres and thoroughly modern facilities right across the country, every so often you may find yourself 'off the beaten track'. And for those very occasions, we've got you covered with a packing list below.

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Gumboots

Whether you know them as gumboots, wellingtons, galoshes or something else – gumboots are super handy wherever you're travelling. No one wants nice shoes to get muddy, and as you're likely to find yourself a puddle or two at some point during your travels, they are ideal footwear to have on hand (or well, foot).



A Travel Playlist

No road trip is ever complete without a music playlist that has everyone's favourites on it. Make sure you set it up before you hit the road, as it's a great way to pass the time. Put it on random and let each song surprise you!



Insect Repellant

There's no dangerous animals in New Zealand, but there's a few pesky bugs around the place. Keep the mosquitos and sand flies at bay with some insect repellant – a must-have if you're here in the summer or spending time around rivers and lakes.



Glove-box Lollies

Whether you stock up at the petrol station or corner dairy, a packet (or five) of lollies are essential to keep in the glove box of the rental car. And don't forget, because of the front seat passengers' proximity to the glove box, it's also their job to evenly distribute the lollies to the driver and those in the back seats. It's a hard job, but somebody has to do it.

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Layered Clothing

While New Zealand has the typical four seasons on the 12month calendar, mother nature isn't always so reliable. Which is why it's important to bring warm, layered clothing, even if you're travelling during summer. Weather can be extremely changeable, especially in remote locations (like up the side of a mountain, or deep in the bush), and layers are best because you can adjust them to the temperature throughout the day.

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Sun Protection

The New Zealand sun is harsh, so follow the rules of 'slip, slop, slap and wrap'. Slip on a shirt, slop on some sunscreen, slap on a hat and wrap on some sunglasses. Even if you don't feel like you're burning, you most likely are, so limit sun exposure where possible, and if you are out and about - protect your skin.



Paper Maps

There's some areas in New Zealand where cell phone coverage is average, and even non-existent. So if you're planning on travelling anywhere that could put your mobile out of range, take a map book or paper maps. It'll be just like the good ol' days!

Rubbish and Reusable Bags

If you're stopping off at one of the many gorgeous parks, reserves or beaches around the country, then it's a good idea to have a rubbish bag in the car. This means you can take it with you, and pop it in the first rubbish bin you see. And reusable bags are important too – supermarkets and most retailers don't provide plastic bags anymore.

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Slip-on Shoes

A road trip usually involves many stops on your journey, and it can be a pain to take your shoes on and off every time you get in and out of the car (especially if you're needing to make a dash to the bathroom!). So have shoes in the car that are easy to slip on.

Reusable Coffee Mug

Most cafes across New Zealand will be super happy to make your morning coffee in a reusable coffee travel mug. Pop it in your luggage so you can sip from your favourite cup everyday - it always tastes better that way.

Emergency Kit

We can try our best to ensure nothing bad happens while on holiday, but just in case it does, it's good to have a basic first aid kit in the car. As well as a torch/flashlight – you never know when that could come in handy! Probably right when the phone battery dies.

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