

# Guide for Visitors Arriving by Yacht

## General requirements

- A passport, certificate of identity or other travel document.
- A visa (if required).
- Evidence of funds of NZ\$400 per month, if living on board a yacht.
- An outward ticket (or evidence of sufficient funds to buy an outward ticket) if departing by commercial transport.

## Visas

You will need to obtain a visitor visa before travelling to New Zealand, unless you are an Australian citizen or a national of one of the countries listed below.

Ordinarily, owners and crew of **yachts** will be granted a multiple entry visitor visa enabling an initial stay of up to **three months**.

Ordinarily, owners and crew of **super yachts** will be granted a multiple entry visitor visa enabling an initial stay of up to **six months**.

### Nationals exempt from the requirement to obtain a temporary visa (list is subject to change)

- For visits of up to six months - British citizens and other British passport holders who produce evidence of the right to reside permanently in the United Kingdom.
- For visits of up to three months -

#### Citizens of the following countries (travelling on a passport of that nationality):

Andorra	Chile	Greece	Korea (South)	Mexico	San Marino	Switzerland
Argentina	Cyprus	Hong Kong***	Kuwait	Monaco	Saudi Arabia	United Arab Emirates
Austria	Czech Republic	Hungary	Latvia****	Netherlands	Singapore	United States of America**
Bahrain	Denmark	Iceland	Liechtenstein	Norway	Slovak Republic	Uruguay
Belgium	Estonia****	Ireland	Lithuania****	Oman	Slovenia	Vatican City
Brazil	Finland	Israel	Luxembourg	Poland	South Africa	
Brunei	France	Italy	Malaysia	Portugal*	Spain	
Canada	Germany	Japan	Malta	Qatar	Sweden	

\* Portuguese passport holders must have the right to live permanently in Portugal

\*\* Including nationals of the USA

\*\*\* Residents of Hong Kong travelling on Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or British National (Overseas) passports.

\*\*\*\* Visa waiver does not apply to people travelling on alien's (non-citizen's) passports issued by these countries.

- People travelling on a United Nations (UN) laissez-passers.

## Visas: yachts

For those owners and crew of yachts who must obtain a visitor visa, you may remain in New Zealand for the length of time specified on the visa (usually three months initially).

If you are not required to hold a visa you may, on arrival in New Zealand, be granted an initial visitor visa valid for three months, or six months if you are a British national.

You may be granted further visas allowing a total stay in New Zealand of up to nine months.

In **special circumstances** you may be granted further visas allowing a total stay in New Zealand of **up to twelve months** (eg if a yacht needs to undergo refitting or major repairs, or yacht crews wish to wait out the South Pacific hurricane season (October to April)).

## Visas: super yachts

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A super yacht is considered to be any privately owned yacht over 20 metres in length powered by motor and/or sail.

For those owners and crew of super yachts who must obtain a visitor visa, on arrival in New Zealand, you may be granted permission to stay for the period specified by your visa (usually six months).

If you are not required to hold a visa you may, on arrival in New Zealand, be granted an initial visitor visa valid for three months, or six months if you are a British national.

Persons may be granted further visas allowing a total stay in New Zealand of **up to twelve months**.

## Other requirements

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All persons who arrive on a private craft and are not departing by commercial transport must provide:

- **owners and their dependants:** evidence of ownership of the craft and adequate insurance against major damage, or
- **crew and passengers:** a letter from the craft's owner or captain confirming that they will be departing on that craft.

## For more information

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If you have questions about any of the information in this guide:

- see our website [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)
- telephone our call centre on 0508 558 855 (within New Zealand)
- contact one of Immigration New Zealand's offices.

Immigration New Zealand has offices in Apia, Bangkok, Beijing, Dubai, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Jakarta, London, Manila, Moscow, Mumbai, New Delhi, Nuku'alofa, Pretoria, Shanghai, Singapore, Suva, Sydney and Taipei.

Our New Zealand offices are located in Auckland, Henderson, Manukau, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Queenstown and Dunedin.

You can also contact your nearest New Zealand Embassy or New Zealand High Commission.

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