



New Zealand Culture

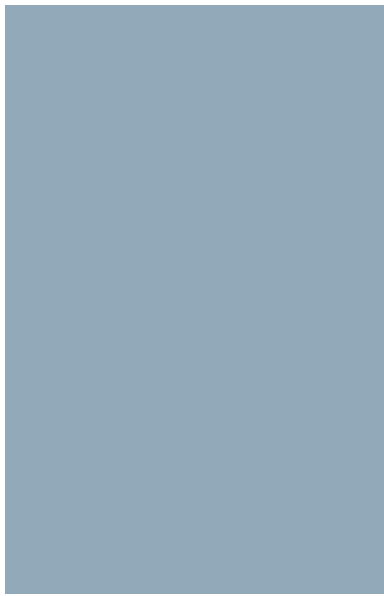


- For most travelers, the journey to New Zealand seems too long and expensive, and therefore this tourist destination is not even considered a vacation destination. However, the culture of New Zealand, its magnificent natural parks and reserves are excellent arguments in favor of buying airline tickets to these islands remote from the center of world civilization.



Maori and their heritage

- The heritage and traditions of the Māori played a huge role in shaping New Zealand culture. The indigenous population of the islands for many centuries did not even have a written language, but thanks to this fact, the art of carving in bone or wood has received extraordinary development. With the help of these crafts, the Maori transmitted information to their descendants and retained their skills and traditions. Carved reading today is an integral part of the culture of New Zealand and its indigenous peoples.

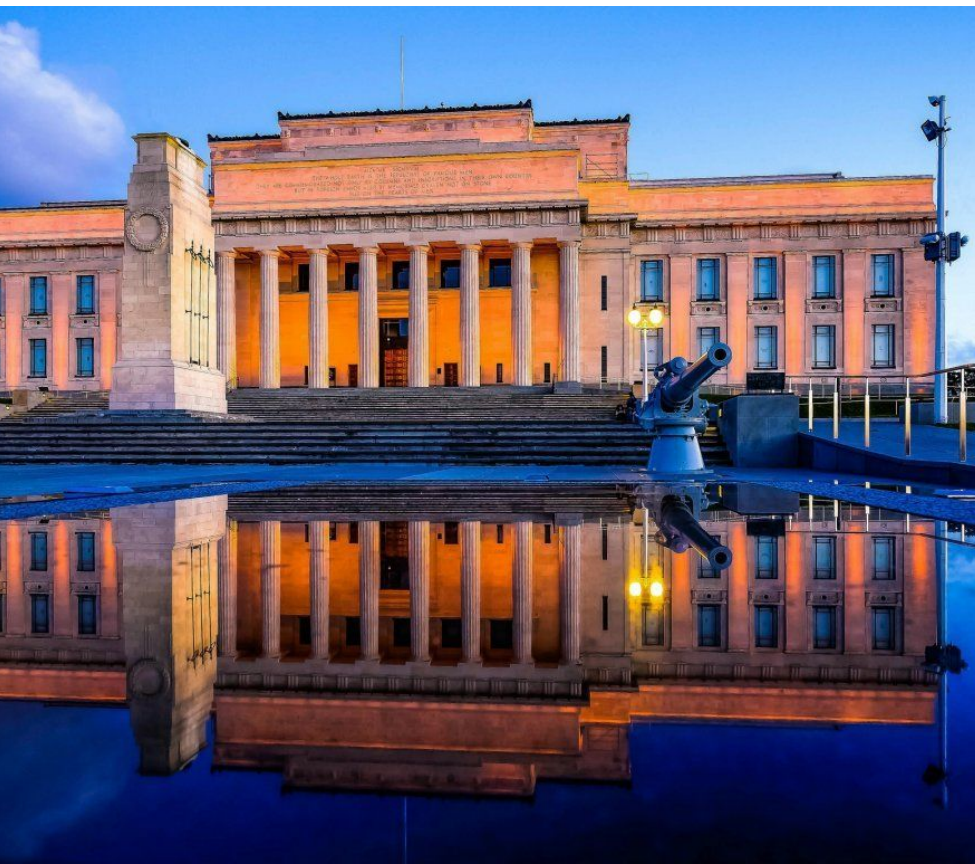


- **An ancient Maori cultural tradition is tattooing, which was a symbol of a certain position in society and social status. No less important were the ritual dances of the haka. The modern interpretation of dance movements is accepted as symbols in the armed forces and naval units of New Zealand.**



Museums at the End of the World

- The history and development of the culture of New Zealand are reflected in the expositions of the country's main museums:
- The exposition of the The Papa Museum, known as the Museum of New Zealand, includes several hundred thousand exhibits. More than one and a half million visitors who visit it every year are invited to get acquainted with the history and culture of the country, its geographical and climatic features.
- The Auckland Military History Museum was founded in the mid-19th century and has since become one of the most respected and beloved New Zealanders.



Famous citizens of the country

- A significant contribution to the establishment and development of the culture of New Zealand was made by its famous natives. The whole world knows about the achievements of the "father of nuclear physics" Ernest Rutherford and the record of Edmund Hillary, who first conquered Everest. Residents of the islands are proud of Bruce McLaren, the legendary Formula 1 pilot and film director of the Lord of the Rings trilogy, Peter Jackson, filmed in the vast expanses of New Zealand's national parks. Actor Russell Crowe received an Oscar for his role as a gladiator, and literary critic Brian Boyd became famous for writing the most detailed biography of Vladimir Nabokov.

