





- The kea, a bird native to New Zealand, is known for pulling windscreen wipers off cars and eating the strips of rubber from windows. In fact, many tourists suffer damages on their car rentals thanks to this little bird.

- More penguin species are found in New Zealand than in any other country

- New Zealand is

home to the giant weta, the heaviest insect in the world. It is heavier than a sparrow and looks like a giant cockroach.



## Sports

Most of the major sporting codes played in New Zealand have British origins. Golf, netball, tennis and cricket have the highest rates of adult participation, while netball, rugby union and football (soccer) is popular among young people. New Zealand has competitive international teams in rugby union, netball, cricket, rugby league, and softball and has traditionally done well in triathlons, rowing, yachting and cycling.

## New Zealand cuisine

Present day Māori cuisine is a mixture of Māori tradition, old-fashioned English cookery, and contemporary dishes.

- Succulent and tender, roast lamb is a Kiwi favourite. New Zealand lamb is held in high esteem throughout the world and is one of the country's top export meats. Best enjoyed flavoured with rosemary and plenty of seasonal veggies, roast lamb is a meal that is sure to impress.



- The hangi was the most widely used method of cooking by Maori for more than 2000 years. Now saved mainly for special occasions, foods cooked in a hangi include chicken, pork and mutton, as well as various vegetables.

- For those with a sweet tooth, the indigenous chocolate fish has been a long-time favourite. The

chocolate-coated marshmallow fish comes individually wrapped.

- The Pineapple Lump is another favourite New Zealand treat. A square pineapple candy coated in chocolate, the Pineapple Lump has been on sale since 1935.



- The Jaffa, a hard coated orange flavoured candy with a chocolate centre, is a must for every Kiwi. We even celebrate this unique Kiwi treat each year when thousands of Jaffas are raced down Dunedin's Baldwin St, the steepest street in the world, as part of the annual Cadbury Chocolate Carnival.

