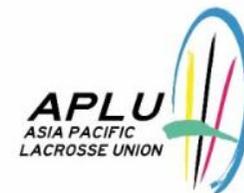


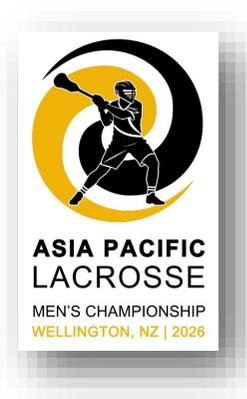


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**ASIA PACIFIC
LACROSSE**
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
WELLINGTON, NZ | 2026



1.0 Tournament Details



20 Somme Road
Trentham, Upper Hutt

www.aplacrosse2026.com

Kia ora, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

Greetings, greetings, greetings to you all

Welcome to Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Wellington and Te Awa Kairangi ki

In association with the New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport, NZ Lacrosse is proud to present the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Men's Championship 2026 and welcomes you to Aotearoa New Zealand, Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Wellington and Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta, Upper Hutt.

Outlined in this guide is important information to assist in your preparations for visiting New Zealand to support your team at this tournament.

Dr Catriona McBean
Event Manager

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2.0 Key dates

2026

Thurs 1 January

Public Holiday

Fri 2 January

Public Holiday

Mon 5 January

Last day for officials and teams to arrive

Tue 6 January

Pōwhiri (welcome)

Competition - Day 1

Wed 7 January

Competition - Day 2

Thur 8 January

Competition - Day 3

Fri 9 January

Quarter Finals

Sat 10 January

Semi-Finals

Sun 11 January

Finals

Awards & closing ceremony

Mon 12 January

Teams and officials depart

Sat 17- Mon 19 January

Wellington Anniversary Weekend Public Holiday

If officials wish to stay onsite because they arrive early (from 2 January) or depart later, this can be organised but it will be on a user-pays basis.

For more information on the tournament schedule and draw check out our website

3.0 Competition Venue



New Zealand Campus of Innovation and Sport (NZCIS), Trentham, Upper Hutt is an innovative opportunity to locate this lacrosse tournament at the new home of high performance sport in Wellington.

Set in park like grounds, NZCIS is a world class facility for athletes, providing a wide range of state -of-the-art facilities.

The campus has been used as the home-base for the Swedish Women’s National team at the FIFA Women’s World Cup 2023; the English Rugby, Welsh Rugby, and Adelaide Football teams when visiting New Zealand; as well as the New Zealand All Blacks and Black Ferns Rugby teams.

On site facilities

Cafe

There is a public café onsite which will be open during the tournament.

Parking

There is **LIMITED** parking onsite for official’s vehicles. Off site parking is available on nearby streets.

4.0 Accommodation



**Additional nights
before 5 January
NZ\$320/person/night**

Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner
Twin Share. No single occupancy

Village Apartments

The Village apartments will be arranged for 2-persons - 2 king beds, bathroom, kitchenette, TV, WIFI, comfortable seating and small washing machine.

3 daily meals will be provided in the dining hall. Meals will be scheduled to align competition timings. Some dietary requirements will be accommodated.

Supplementary beverages and snacks will be available for officials.



5.0 Getting to Aotearoa New Zealand

Land Travel

Wellington is located 650km south of Auckland. This is a 1-day drive. We do not recommend international visitors drive unless they plan on taking a leisurely sightseeing trip on the way.

Driving between Christchurch and Wellington is also a 1-day drive and includes a 4-hour ferry crossing.

Please note, in New Zealand we drive on the left-hand side of the road.

FLIGHT ROUTE	DURATION
London to Auckland/Christchurch (multiple stops)	25+ hours
Munich to Auckland/Christchurch (multiple stops)	25+ hours
Los Angeles/San Francisco to Auckland	15-18 hours
Beijing / Hong Kong / Seoul / Taipei /Tokyo to Auckland	11 hours
Singapore to Auckland/Christchurch	9.5 hours
Sydney / Brisbane / Melbourne to Wellington	3 - 4 hours
Auckland / Christchurch to Wellington	1 hour / 45mins

Air Travel

Auckland is the main international gateway to New Zealand.

Wellington is New Zealand's third largest airport, handling more than 4.6 million passengers per annum.

The airport is the major domestic hub in the national air transport system, as well as providing direct international services to Australia.

Wellington International Airport is located 7km southeast of central Wellington, 45 mins from the competition venue.



International Airlines

The following international carriers fly to Wellington either directly, via international transit through Australia or via New Zealand domestic connection.

Please refer Section 6.0 Visiting New Zealand for visa information.

Air New Zealand

International from Beijing, Hong Kong, New York, Singapore and Tokyo to Auckland with connection to Wellington.

Direct flights from Australia (Sydney & Brisbane).

Air China/China Eastern/Hainan

International connections from various China cities to Auckland with domestic connection to Wellington.

Cathay Pacific

International from Hong Kong to Auckland with domestic connection to Wellington.

Emirates

International from London to Auckland via Dubai and Australia with connection to Wellington.

Jetstar

Flights from Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne to Auckland with connection to Wellington. Note direct flights from Sydney and Gold Coast only.

Korean Air

International from South Korea to Auckland and Christchurch with domestic connection to Wellington.

Lufthansa

International to Auckland via Houston, TX with connection to Wellington.

Singapore Airlines

International from Singapore to Auckland with domestic connection to Wellington.

Qantas

Direct flights from Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne.

Qatar

International to Auckland via Doha with connection to Wellington.

United Airlines

International to Auckland from Los Angeles or San Francisco with domestic connection to Wellington.

Please note travel during January is in the peak summer period. We recommend you secure your air travel as soon as practicable.

Officials' Arrivals/Departures in Wellington

Officials are requested to book their Wellington flights on the following dates and times.

Last arrival day:

5 January

Arrival times:

9am - 12noon

Departure day:

12 January

Departure times:

10am - 1pm

Arrivals and departures outside of these days/times must be notified and approved by the Event Manager prior to flights being booked to ensure Officials' transport can be provided.

6.0 Visas and Immigration

NZ Visa Information

You may not need to apply for a Visitor Visa if you are from a visa waiver country.

Visa waiver countries and territories include:

- Germany
- Hong Kong (residents with HKSAR or British National–Overseas passports only)
- Japan
- South Korea
- United Kingdom
- United States

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/visit/what-you-need-to-visit-new-zealand/visa-waiver-countries-and-territories/>

If you are travelling on a passport from a country not on the waiver list, you will need to apply for a visa online. A Tourment Visa Guide Information has been provided to assist you in completing the application. This is also available on the tournament website.

Applications should be made as soon as possible but no later than 3 months before travel. NZD \$100.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/visas/visa/visitor-visa>

Cost: From NZ\$441/person

NZeTA

You must request an NZeTA before you travel if you travel on a passport from a country on the list of visa waiver countries and territories.

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/visas/new-zealand-electronic-travel-authority-nzeta/>

Cost: NZ\$17/person

Australian permanent residents normally only need a NZeTA.

Transit Visas for other countries

You may need to apply for a Transit Visa from other countries if you are transiting through on your flights.

Australia

If you are not from an eligible transit without a visa (TWOV) country you will have to apply for a Transit Visa.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/transit-771#Overview>

Cost: Free

New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Everyone entering New Zealand needs to submit a declaration.

- It is free and takes about 10 minutes.
- You can do it on the NZTD app or online form, using your phone or computer.

The earliest you can submit your declaration is 24 hours before you start your trip to New Zealand. It needs to be submitted by the time you reach passport control in New Zealand.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration collects travel, customs, immigration and biosecurity information. It aims to improve the safety and security of New Zealand.

<https://www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz/>



Please ensure your Passport does not expire within 6-months of your intended arrival date in New Zealand

Liability and Travel insurance

When coming to New Zealand, Officials must ensure that all of their members are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability, accidents, and repatriation.

Some visa categories require you to hold insurance as a condition of your visa.

The LOC will provide only basic first-aid medical services at the venue.

Before you buy travel insurance, check what cover it provides. New Zealand has reciprocal health agreements with Australia.

[Reciprocal health agreements](#) – Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand.

If you have an accident while in New Zealand The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) covers everyone, including visitors while in New Zealand, who are injured in an accident in New Zealand.

[Find out what injuries are covered | ACC](#)

Check COVID-19 cover

Before you buy travel insurance, we recommend you check what cover it provides for COVID-19-related events, including medical treatment, the cost of changing your travel arrangements or paying for accommodation if you need to isolate.

Insurance

All Officials must have appropriate accident and health insurance cover in order to officiate at the championships.

Currency & paying

New Zealand's unit of currency is the dollar (NZD\$). All major credit cards are accepted in New Zealand, with Visa and Mastercard the most widely used. Many retailers in main centres also have Apple Pay.

Currency exchange

You can exchange foreign currency for New Zealand currency at banks, some hotels and Bureau de Change kiosks, which are in international airports and most city centres.

Banking

Bank opening hours in New Zealand vary, but branches are generally open from 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Some are also open during weekends. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are available at bank branches, along main shopping streets and in malls. International credit cards and ATM cards will work as long as they have a four-digit PIN encoded. Check with your bank before leaving home.

7.0 Local Transport



Public Transport

Bus

Wellington City is served by Metlink buses. Buses will replace the usual trains between Wellington to Upper Hutt, for the duration of the tournament.

Route 83 from Wellington to Lower Hutt and then a Route 110 to Fergusson Drive, approximately 1km (15 mins) from NZCIS.



Snapper is an electronic payment card that provides public transport customers with a faster, cheaper, and more flexible payment and travel option.

Snapper cards can be purchased from many locations.

<https://www.metlink.org.nz/getting-started/>

Official Transport

Transport will be provided for officials on arrival to and departure from Wellington Airport to NZCIS.

Vans will be available for use during the tournament on a booking system.

Private Transport

Taxis

There are several taxi companies which service the area.

<https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/transport/taxis-shuttles/>

Rental Cars

Rental cars are available at Wellington Airport.

<https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/transport/rental-cars/>



App-based

Both Uber and Didi, app-based ride-hailing services, are available in the Wellington region.



**Wellington - the
“coolest little capital in
the world”**

Wellington is the capital city of New Zealand, located at the southern-most end of the North Island which has many cultural



Public holidays

New Year

New Year’s Eve is celebrated in Wellington, often with fireworks at the waterfront. 1 & 2 January are public holidays so there will be few restaurants and cafes open.

Wellington Anniversary Day

Wellington Anniversary Day commemorates the arrival of the first settler ship, the Aurora, to Petone Beach.

In 2026, this falls on Monday 19 January.

Weather

While January in Wellington is officially the middle of summer, our weather can change rapidly, with four seasons in one day being common.

Wellington is renown for it’s wind. The region experiences frequent gusty northerlies, which gives Wellington a reputation for being one of the windiest cities in the world.

- Daily average temperature: 20°C
- Average monthly rainfall: 59mm

Pack layers, a waterproof jacket, and warm clothing.



What to see and do



Weta Workshop - Wellington City

Academy Award–winning special-effects and props company Weta Workshop has been responsible for bringing the likes of The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, King Kong, District 9 and Thor:Ragnarok to life. Learn how they do it on entertaining 45-minute guided tours, starting every half-hour; bookings recommended. There's also a tour to see the Thunderbirds Are Go miniatures stage. Weta Workshop is 36km from NZCIS.

<https://www.wetanz.com/>



Te Papa - Wellington City

New Zealand's national museum reflects the country's identity, history, and culture. It takes pride of place on Wellington's waterfront. The largest museum in the country takes pride of place on Wellington's waterfront. At 36,000 square metres and six stories high, it contains a vast repository of collections. It's home to more than 800,000 artworks, objects, and specimens. It curates cutting-edge interactive exhibitions with a contemporary, and bicultural approach. Te Papa is a museum experience that's accessible to all.

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/>



Zealandia - Wellington City

This groundbreaking ecosanctuary is nooked into a valley in the hills about 2km west of downtown Wellington. Living wild within the fenced, predator-free habitat are more than 30 native bird species, including rare little spotted kiwi, takahe, saddleback, hihi and kaka, as well as NZ's little dinosaur, the tuatara. An excellent exhibition relays NZ's natural history and world-renowned conservation story.

<https://www.visitzealandia.com/>



Brewtown - Upper Hutt

Brewtown is a one-stop for lovers of craft beer, hearty food, and entertainment. Spread across 6,000 sqm of Upper Hutt's former Dunlop Tyres site, Brewtown brings together some of the region's top breweries. Along with great eateries, there's a 4,500 sqm entertainment centre offering mini golf, ice skating, paintball, ten-pin bowling, cart racing, and a trampoline park.

<https://www.brewtown.co.nz/>



White Water Rafting - Upper Hutt

Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt river River Grade 3 Wilderness Rafting. A world class experience, the closest wilderness river tour to any city in New Zealand. You will be astonished with the wild and rugged breathtaking scenery of the ancient untouched native forest throughout the 10.5 kilometer stretch of Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River.

<https://www.wellingtonrafting.nz/tours/white-water-rafting/>



Kaitoke Regional Park - Upper Hutt

Explore this magic regional park, cross the swing bridge and see why Peter Jackson chose to film part of Lord of the Rings here. Kaitoke Regional Park is one of the region's most visited parks and is popular for picnics, camping, swimming and tramping.

There are walks for all ages and abilities, from hiking the hills of the Ridge Track to meandering to the weir with a pram. The trail to the location of Rivendell, home of the elves, is an easy 15-minute walk. The Swing Bridge Track is one hour long, journeying through rimu and rata forests and offering great views of the Hutt River Gorge.

For more information on what to see and do in the Wellington region <https://www.wellingtonnz.com/>



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