

### WHAT DOES ONE WAY QUARANTINE FREE TRAVEL (QFT) MEAN?

All travellers originating from Niue can now travel to New Zealand without the need to enter a managed isolation and quarantine facility for two weeks as previously required by the New Zealand government.

This enables the resumption of access for travellers from Niue to New Zealand for varied reasons such as, to receive essential healthcare, access education and economic opportunities, and reconnect with families in New Zealand.

Premier Dalton Tagelagi said, "Niue welcomes being able to travel to New Zealand without the need to quarantine. Niue is one of the few countries in the world that is completely free of COVID-19 and we pride ourselves on protecting our people through maintaining our borders and health system."

### AIR NEW ZEALAND SCHEDULE

DATE	FLIGHT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> March	NZ936 from Auckland		11:15am
	NZ937 from Niue	7:30pm	
DATE	FLIGHT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	NZ936 from Auckland	2:45pm	
	NZ937 from Niue		3:50pm

Air New Zealand continues to have one scheduled passenger flight every fortnight out of Niue.

Departing New Zealand on a Wednesday and arriving in Niue on a Tuesday.

For the full schedule visit [www.airnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.airnewzealand.co.nz)

## TRAVELING TO NEW ZEALAND?

## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### 1. To be eligible to enter New Zealand, people in Niue must meet particular conditions, including:

- Not having been overseas outside Niue or New Zealand in the past 14 days;
- Not having had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case within the past 14 days;
- Having maintained physical distancing (to the greatest extent practicable) from any person, at the airport at which they arrive, who did not arrive from Niue;
- Having worn a face covering while in the airport at which they arrived in New Zealand; and

- There are no reasonable grounds (as determined by a suitably qualified health practitioner) to suspect that the person may have COVID-19. That might include, among other things:
  - having had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case within the past 14 days;
  - having any COVID-19 symptoms; and
  - be awaiting a COVID-19 test result
- For non-New Zealand passport holders, you must meet the criteria in accordance with Immigration New Zealand (INZ).

## 2. Do I need to do any health checks in Niue before traveling to NZ?

- This will be carried out by Niue Health staff at the check in and departures area of Niue International Airport
- This will include a series of COVID-19 related questions/temperature checks physical observations by the Niue Health Officials
- Clearance for travel will be authorized by Niue Health based on these checks
- The Airline has the authority not to board any person who does not comply with these requirements.



## 3. Will health checks be completed when Niuean travellers arrive in NZ?

Yes. New Zealand public health officials will be undertaking random temperature checks of passengers on all flights arriving from Niue into New Zealand.

## 4. On arrival how will travellers from Niue be separated from travellers arriving from countries with COVID-19?

Auckland Airport will use a streamlined Safe Travel Path to process passengers arriving quarantine-free from Niue. The Safe Travel Path creates separation from other arriving passengers by giving quarantine-free travel zone flights exclusive use of the international terminal for arrivals processing – with no other arriving flights within 90 minutes either side of the scheduled arrival time.

## 5. The Safe Travel Path is created by:

- Using flight scheduling to ensure no other international flights from outside a quarantine-free travel zone to arrive within 90 minutes either side of an arriving Niue flight
- Rigorous cleaning of terminal areas along the Safe Travel Path between flights
  - Escorting passengers off Niue flights when terminal cleaning has concluded and following an arrivals path through the terminal marked out with stanchions and barriers
  - Dedicated border processing lanes and facilities, which will be blocked off when not in use by Niue passengers
  - A baggage reclaim carousel and baggage trolleys used exclusively by travellers arriving quarantine-free. When not in use the carousel will be blocked off and trolleys will be sanitised and stored ready for the next quarantine-free flight
- A double-layer physical barrier in the public area of the arrivals hall blocking access to the terminal exit path used by travellers going into managed isolation or quarantine.
- Customs and Biosecurity will continue supporting the disembarkation process.



## 6. How many flights are there a week to NZ?

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 is the next passenger flight from Niue to New Zealand, and will continue on a fortnightly basis, every alternative week are cargo only flights. Cargo flights will not carry passengers.

## 7. What if there is a resurgence of COVID-19 in NZ?

Travel advice from both Governments is that travel is undertaken at the person's own risk. Travellers should be prepared for material changes to Niue's border restrictions as may arise, which may include additional costs for quarantine on re-entry if determined by the Ministry of Social Services.

## 8. Can I take food to my family and friends in a chilly bin etc?

You will be permitted to check in either cooked or raw food just as you did before COVID travel restrictions began. However, you must ensure you get a Phyto-Sanitary Certificate from the biosecurity desk at the Airport and you must declare all these food items on your arrival card in NZ.

## 9. NZ Contact Tracing App

It is recommended that you download and use the New Zealand contact tracing app "NZ COVID Tracer" developed by the New Zealand Ministry of Health. The app is available in the in all App Stores and if you don't have a smartphone you can register online to share your latest contact information. For more information please visit <https://tracing.covid19.govt.nz>

# TRAVELING FROM

# NZ TO NIUE

# HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



## 1. Who is allowed to travel?

Entry criteria into Niue, subject to approval:

- Niue's returning residents and students,
- Niue work or resident permit holders
- Niueans or Niue descendants
- Essential workers, i.e. Diplomats, skilled workers and special cases such as the immediate family of members of residents and those travelling under urgent or emergency circumstances

See *Travel Advisory #10*

## 2. What steps do I need to take to secure entry into Niue?

All requests for entry into Niue must be sought from the Office of the Secretary of Government on email: [niue.secgov@niue.gov.nu](mailto:niue.secgov@niue.gov.nu). Please provide your passport bearing Niue Status Stamp/Sticker and or valid permit and your intended travel dates.

Public servants are to obtain prior approval from the Niue Public Service Commission prior to booking their flights and travel in order to secure a place in quarantine on your return.

**NOTE: Registration for entry to Niue closes 48 hours before departure of your flight from New Zealand. You will need to re-book for the next available flight should you miss this deadline. This is due to the limited number of passengers permitted in to Niue.**

### **3. Do I need to do any health checks in New Zealand before travelling back to Niue?**

It is your responsibility to get COVID-19 tested and obtain a negative COVID-19 test result within 4 working days prior to departure from New Zealand. All costs for testing are at your own expense.

For a full list of testing sites please visit: <https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/covid-19>.



For passengers who apply for Home Quarantine. You must provide two negative COVID-19 test which are required to be taken 9 days apart, the second test taken within 4 working days prior to your departure e.g. intended date of travel 24 March 2021 (first test to be completed on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and second test either on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021).

To obtain a copy of the Home Quarantine application please contact [niue.secgov@mail.gov.nu](mailto:niue.secgov@mail.gov.nu).

You must provide your negative COVID-19 test result taken within 4 working days prior to departure to the Office of the Secretary of Government on email: [niue.secgov@niue.gov.nu](mailto:niue.secgov@niue.gov.nu). Official verification of test result is provided by the Office of the Secretary of Government to Niue Health and Immigration Niue, who issue final approval for entry to Niue.

### **4. Niue Contact Tracing App - RockSafe**

All passengers disembarking in Niue will be required to register for RockSafe, Niue's contact tracing app. A unique and personal QR code will be issued to you at the airport arrivals hall.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE FROM AIR NEW ZEALAND**

It is mandatory for all passengers to wear face masks at all times while inflight. Face masks will be provided by flight attendants.

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