National holidays

The anniversary of the landing of New Zealand troops at Gallipoli is commemorated as Anzac Day on 25 April. Everyone is welcome to attend the events, often with a military flavour, held at dawn and later in the morning. The afternoons of Anzac Day are traditionally given over to relaxation.

New Zealand marks the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on 6 February. There are many local events held on the day, and national commemorations at Waitangi itself.

Although church and state are separate in New Zealand, Easter and Christmas are observed as holidays, as is New Year.

There is also a holiday to celebrate the monarch’s birthday, and Labour Day is marked by a holiday. ‘Provincial’ holidays are held at different times, marking anniversaries associated with the long-abolished provinces.