

Packing Checklist

What to pack for your campervan road trip



When deciding what to pack for your motorhome road trip, focus on essential light clothing that covers all kinds of weather. New Zealand is an outdoors-focused country — to get the most out of your adventure you'll want to enjoy the natural environment in comfort.

Health

Taking care of your travel party and staying healthy while road tripping by campervan is vital for enjoying your break away. Be sure to pack the health and personal care essentials you need before arriving to pick up your vehicle.

Protective items

- Personal medication
- Antiseptic cream
- Sunscreen SPF50+
- Lip balm
- Mosquito repellent
- Insect bite cream
- Antihistamine tablets
- Pain reliever (paracetamol)
- Rehydration sachets
- Anti-diarrhea tablets
- Thermometer
- Prescriptive glasses

Personal care items

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razor
- Shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Cosmetics
- Hair styling products
- Antibacterial sanitiser or wipes
- Travel laundry liquid
- Pegless clothesline
- Hanging toiletry bag

Clothing

New Zealand's weather can be unpredictable so it's important to be prepared for changeable conditions regardless of the season.

Summer clothing

- Shorts
- Skirts or summer dresses
- T-shirts
- Sunhat
- Sunglasses
- Sandals or jandals

Winter clothing

- Rain jacket
- Wind protective jacket (puffer or fleece)
- Thermal underwear (for snowsports)
- Long sleeve shirts
- Pants
- Beanie or woolley hat
- Gloves
- Scarf

All seasons clothing

- Underwear
- Socks
- Pyjamas
- Footwear (walking shoes or hiking boots)
- Swimwear (togs)

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Cooking

Most of these necessary kitchen items can be purchased on your first supermarket shop after you've collected your campervan. Though some, like tea and coffee, can be brought from home.

- Salt
- Pepper
- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Milk
- Tea
- Coffee
- Paper towels
- Rubbish bags
- Dishwashing liquid
- Kitchen cleaner
- Slider storage bags

Electronics

Be sure to pack the electronic items and accessories you'll need on your campervan adventure.

- Mobile phone
- Laptop or tablet
- Noise cancelling headphones
- SLR Camera
- Tripod
- Universal travel adapter
- Chargers
- USB cables
- Spare batteries

Entertainment

Expect to have some downtime in your motorhome — which is when your range of entertainment options will be tested. Prepare well so you can make the most of this time in between sightseeing.

- Music
- Downloaded movies (on your laptop or other device)
- Games console
- Books
- Board or card games
- Toys (for kids)
- Playing cards

Packing like a Kiwi

Blend in with the locals by adding a few of these items to your packlist.

- Packing cells
- Merino baselayers
- Head torch
- Foldable umbrella
- Daypack (for short walks)
- Refillable water bottle
- Coins (for camp showers)
- Dice or card games (like Yahtzee or 500)
- Marshmallows (for roasting)

While you're packing your essentials, plan your meals by downloading our [23 best recipes from the road](#).

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