

A wide-angle photograph of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a dirt path winds along a grassy ridge. Two people are visible on the path: one is standing and the other is on a bicycle. The middle ground shows a deep valley with steep, rocky slopes. In the background, more mountain ranges are visible under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is rugged and scenic.

Presentation of:

N E W Z E A L A N D

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Geographical location



- New Zealand is an independent island country in the Southwest Pacific Ocean.
- Its area is about 269 000 km² (75-th).
- New Zealand belongs to a large island group called Polynesia.

- It's a country consisting of two large islands and several dozen smaller islands, that can be far away from the main ones.



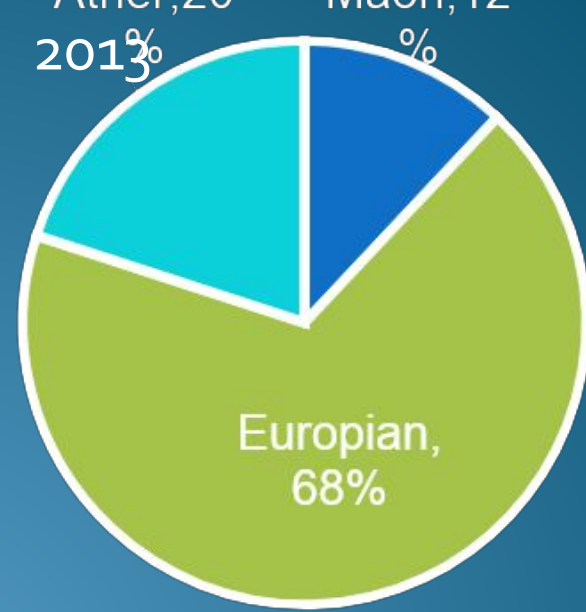
Climate

- New Zealand has a mild and temperate climate. It never gets too hot in summer and there are not too cold in winter.
- Feature of New Zealand is that summer months are December, January and February.
- The average temperatures is – (from 10 °C to 16 °C).
- Also, Smoke and steam are characteristic features of New Zealand (they come from volcanoes and geysers). That's why the Maoris called it the country of long white clouds.
- Because of the mild climate there are a lot of green forests and walleys.



Population

- The first people who settled in New Zealand were a brown-skinned people called Maoris. They came from Polynesian islands located northeast of New Zealand.
- The country was discovered by Europeans in 1642, but they did not start to settle in the islands until the late 1700's.
- Maoris make up about 12 % of the country's population.
- Today, most New Zealanders are descendants of the early European settlers.



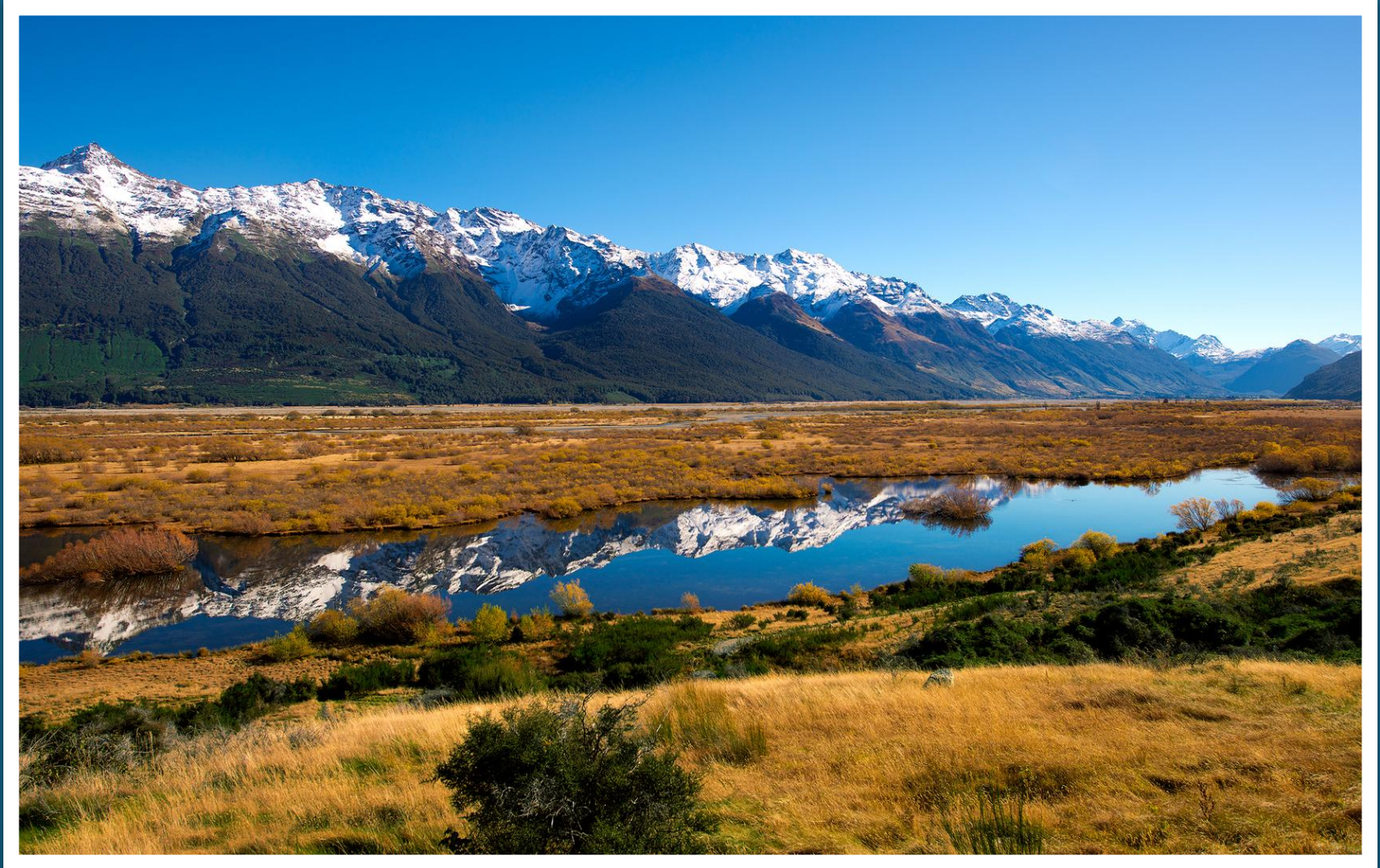
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