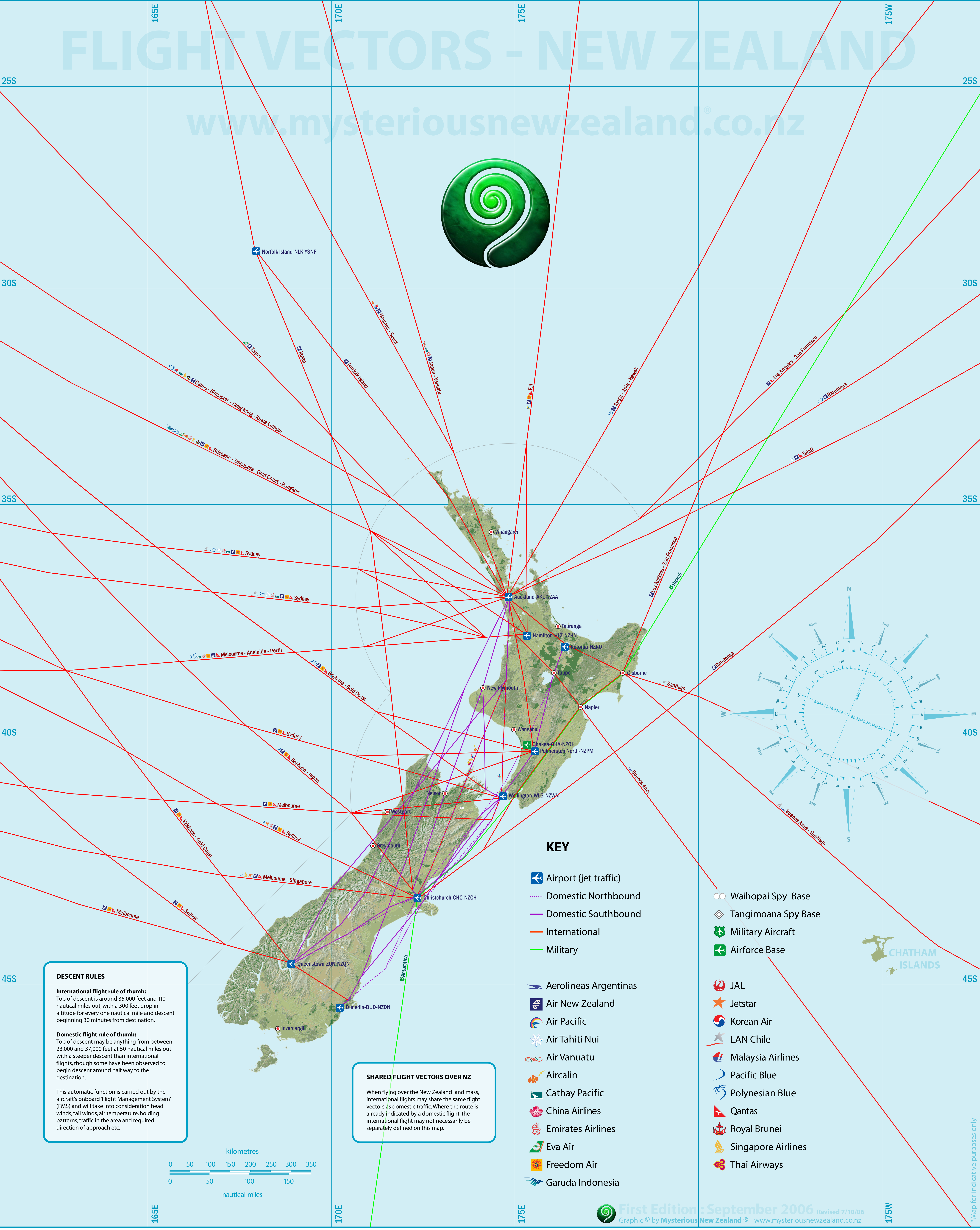


# FLIGHT VECTORS - NEW ZEALAND

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## DESCENT RULES

**International flight rule of thumb:**  
Top of descent is around 35,000 feet and 110 nautical miles out, with a 300 feet drop in altitude for every one nautical mile and descent beginning 30 minutes from destination.

**Domestic flight rule of thumb:**  
Top of descent may be anything from between 23,000 and 37,000 feet at 50 nautical miles out with a steeper descent than international flights, though some have been observed to begin descent around half way to the destination.

This automatic function is carried out by the aircraft's onboard 'Flight Management System' (FMS) and will take into consideration head winds, tail winds, air temperature, holding patterns, traffic in the area and required direction of approach etc.

## SHARED FLIGHT VECTORS OVER NZ

When flying over the New Zealand land mass, international flights may share the same flight vectors as domestic traffic. Where the route is already indicated by a domestic flight, the international flight may not necessarily be separately defined on this map.

## KEY

- Airport (jet traffic)
- Domestic Northbound
- Domestic Southbound
- International
- Military

- Aerolineas Argentinas
- Air New Zealand
- Air Pacific
- Air Tahiti Nui
- Air Vanuatu
- Aircalin
- Cathay Pacific
- China Airlines
- Emirates Airlines
- Eva Air
- Freedom Air
- Garuda Indonesia

- Waihopai Spy Base
- Tangimoana Spy Base
- Military Aircraft
- Airforce Base

- JAL
- Jetstar
- Korean Air
- LAN Chile
- Malaysia Airlines
- Pacific Blue
- Polynesian Blue
- Qantas
- Royal Brunei
- Singapore Airlines
- Thai Airways

