

# PĀNUI 2



## Waka Ama World Distance Championships

Wednesday 13 - Thursday 21 August 2025  
Niterói, Brazil



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Aotearoa New Zealand

# 2025 IVF Va'a World Distance Championships Brazil

## *Aotearoa New Zealand Contingent - Pānui 2 - May 2025*

### KEY DATES

<b>2 May 2025</b>	Club/team/V1 paddler confirms taking up their position <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If a team withdraws now and 5 April club will received 100% of the teams intent fee (\$1800)</li><li>• If a team withdraws after 5 April there will be no refund of the intent fee.</li></ul>
<b>5 May 2025</b>	No refund if you withdraw your team from this date
<b>9 May 2025</b>	Clubs must contact Waka Ama NZ to make any changes to the paddlers in the team (max two changes from qualifying team) or to include a 7th reserve paddler by 12 noon today.
<b>10 May 2025</b>	IVF Paddler Roster Closed - \$150 USD for any roster changes after this date.
<b>20 May 2025</b>	TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemptions) applications need to be received by WANZ - Applicable to all paddlers 18 and over.
<b>24 May 2025</b>	IVF TUE Applications close today.
<b>12 - 13 July 2025</b>	<b>Compulsory Combined Camp, Hyundai Marine Centre, Auckland for all paddlers representing Aotearoa NZ. Further details to come. - Uniform presentation Saturday evening for all V1 &amp; V6 paddlers</b>
<b>13 -21 August 2025</b>	4th IVF Va'a World Distance Championships - Brazil Sao Francisco Beach, Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro

## LOCATION OF EVENT

The race venue in Brazil is Sao Francisco Beach, Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro.



You would want accommodation on the Niteroi side of Guanabara Bay. Hotels seem to all have breakfast included. **Please note there will be some travel packages available - details to come.**

They have a great public transport system along with Uber. The travel advisory to Rio de Janeiro recommends you do not drive in Rio de Janeiro and use the public transport, taxis/Ubers/ or private hire Vehicle and driver.

## TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

House of Travel has partnered with Waka Ama NZ to assist in travel and accommodation to any international events. Details from David at House of Travel are below:

“I am Dave from House of Travel and we have partnered with Waka Ama to assist you with your travel to tournaments. We specialise in sports travel so have a great understanding of the challenges and requirements that come with travelling to major sporting events.

My team was lucky to have spent a couple of years travelling to Rio for the NZ Olympic program as we do the travel for the New Zealand Olympic Committee. We have actually been to Niteroi and used Hotels over there for Olympic followers. Along with a Team of great TravelAgents we have the first-hand knowledge to assist you and your team with getting to your event. Rio also offers great sightseeing opportunities and South America as an area is rich with sightseeing possibilities as well as carrying on and heading to North America. The Choices are endless, and we would love to assist you with any travel arrangements.

### Flights



With the schedule in August there are familiarisation days 13,14 and morning of 15th August so our suggestion with getting there is travelling with Latam out of Auckland via Santiago to Rio. They fly out on the 11th August or 13th August. There are other ways of getting there via North America on other airlines and would love the opportunity to chat through these options with you.

If you were going over there for the competition only then our suggested flights could be :-

Date	Airline	Flight No	Operated By	Cabin	Depart	from	Arrive	at	Duration	Transit
Wed, 13 Aug	LATAM	800	LATAM	Economy	7:10 pm	Auckland Airport (AKL)	2:20 pm	Santiago Intl Airport (SCL)	11h 10m	1h 43m
Wed, 13 Aug	LATAM	772	LATAM	Economy	4:03 pm	Santiago Intl Airport (SCL)	9:05 pm	Rio De Janeiro Galeao Intl Airport, (GIG)	4h 2m	-
Sat, 23 Aug	LATAM	771	LATAM	Economy	6:05 pm	Rio De Janeiro Galeao Intl Airport, (GIG)	9:56 pm	Santiago Intl Airport (SCL)	4h 51m	2h 44m
Sun, 24 Aug	LATAM	801	LATAM	Economy	12:40 am	Santiago Intl Airport (SCL)	5:15 am (on the 25 Aug)	Auckland Airport (AKL)	12h 35m	-

*Current cost for these flights including 1 piece of luggage is around \$2980 per person*

*All subject to availability and what flexibility you need on the ticket*

Additional Luggage can be pre-paid.

## Accommodation

Niteroi is the best option to stay, typically it is a basic 3 star standard. There are areas that are better to be staying in for safety and we can identify these for you and find solutions for what you are looking for. A price indication would be around \$120-\$150NZD per night for a room that sleeps 2, so is very good value and there are options that might come in cheaper than this. It is already quite booked up but we can access properties currently that would work for a team and in a good area that you can walk to the even and have amenities close by like a supermarket etc. We would need to know the requirements as soon as possible so we can ensure we are getting you the best value as well as a good location.

## Transport

We strongly discourage you hiring a car in Rio. The parking is very limited and it is stressful. We recommend that you pre arrange transfer from the Airport to your accommodation and return so that it

is seamless if you are carrying excess luggage in the way of paddles etc. While in Rio taxi's are easy and cheap. Also a Bus service but is limited.

## Sightseeing

There are many sightseeing and cultural experiences to have in Rio. You will definitely want to leave 1-2 days minimum to check these out. Christ the Redeemer hike, Delaron Steps and Sugarloaf, these can all be done by using taxis as your transport requirement. There is cooking classes, night shows and amazing beaches that you can check-out.

South America also has a smorgasbord of experiences and adventures on offer and we are able to assist you with and pre/post travel that you have on your bucket list.

Please let us know if we can assist and any questions or queries you can come through to us Email: [wakaamatravel@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:wakaamatravel@hotmail.co.nz) or call the office 03 365 7687."

## INSURANCE

Travel Insurance including medical cover is **REQUIRED**. All club managers should ensure each paddler has supplied them with insurance details and that it includes cover of on water competition.

**Travel Insurance Brokers have agreed to provide travel insurance that covers racing on water again through TAI.** Information on how to purchase will be released after LDN's

Contact [worlds@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:worlds@wakaama.co.nz) for guidance.

## PASSPORTS, VISAS AND GENERAL TRAVEL GUIDANCE

### What you should be doing right now

- Check passports are valid for at least 6 months after arrival date in Brazil
- If you are traveling on an Aotearoa NZ passport you do not need a visa. If you are traveling on any other passports check to see if you do require a visa, as many countries do need them to get into Brazil.
- Organise flights and accommodation - information above.
- **Send through your Manager/In Brazil persons contact details to waka ama, this way we can ensure you get all relevant information in a timely manner.** Email [worlds@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:worlds@wakaama.co.nz)
- Check the safe travel website and remember to log register your travel before departing NZ <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/destinations/Brazil>

## THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION (TUE)

If you are 18 years or over and take any medication check out this web page <https://www.globaldro.com/Home> to check if your medications are on the banned or restricted list. If they are, you need to fill in a TUE. TUE forms can be found in the attachments on the [Information](#)

[hub page](#) and require a doctor's appointment . If you fill one of these in please return to [worlds@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:worlds@wakaama.co.nz) by 20 May 2025.

## HELPFUL LINKS

- IVF Sprint Rules: <https://www.ivfiv.org/race-rules--progressions.html>
- Travel safe: <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/destinations/Brazil>
- Link to Integrity Sport NZ: <https://sportintegrity.nz/integrity/anti-doping>
- IVF Website: <https://www.ivfiv.org/world-distance-brazil-2025.html>
- IVF Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalVaaFederation>
- Molokabra Event start 22 August 2025:  
<https://www.realtiming.com.br/evento/molokabra-%20downwind-2025>  
<https://www.instagram.com/molokabra/>

## BRAZIL EVENT SCHEDULE

Race Schedule can be found [here](#) along with canoe specifications

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 13 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canoe/Course Familiarisation</li></ul>
Thursday 14 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canoe/Course Familiarisation</li></ul>
Friday 15 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canoe/Course Familiarisation</li><li>• Opening Ceremony</li></ul>
Saturday 16 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day</li></ul>
Sunday 17 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day</li></ul>
Monday 18 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day</li></ul>
Tuesday 19 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day</li></ul>
Wednesday 20 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Day</li></ul>
Thursday 21 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Race Saver Day (only if required)</li></ul>