

When Larry D Curtis landed in Auckland, he faced the same obstacle that untold travelers before him have had to face: get through immigration and get a stamp in your passport. And Larry's not like the rest of us. He's the senior contributor to

'theonering.net' the world's most influential site devoted to all things LOTR, and the Hobbit.

He's an uber-geek. A Gandalf-groupie. A 'legal alien', if you like. And he's been on the road for nearly 20 hours.

A poker-faced, and straight-laced, homeland security officer looked him up and down.

Then studied Larrie's 'occupation', shaking his head in disbelief.

Then stamped his passport. Larry looked at it: once, twice, pinched himself... it's real! The stamp reads: Welcome to Middle-earth'.





Larry rushed through customs so he could safely photograph his passport and post the shot on Facebook. Almost immediately, 3,763 people around the world 'liked' it.

It's not every day you get an idea through the layer cake of a bureaucratic and security conscious machine like the DIA (Dept Internal Affairs). But we did. And from Nov 22nd all international passengers to New Zealand could get a real Middle-earth stamp in their passport.

That's something to write home about.

Arrived in New Zealand and got my official Middle-earth stamp. Too cool! - LC



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