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Wellington to Auckland - Group Tour (8 – 24 group members)



PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 6 rounds of golf (Paraparaumu, Royal Wellington, Cape Kidnappers, Wairakei, Kinloch and Titirangi) with electric carts.
- 10 night's accommodation as listed.
- Ground transfers and touring in a late model air-conditioned Mercedes minivan with local guide.
- 24 hour on-call assistance from your Playing Around New Zealand tour office.
- New Zealand goods & services tax (GST) at 15%

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Breakfast each morning: NZ\$240 p/p
- Electric carts at all courses: NZ\$155 p/p
- Caddies and rental clubs.
- Golf and activity bookings on leisure days.
- Set menu at Terroir Restaurant (Craggy Range Winery) in Hawke's Bay: \$85 p/p
- Bay of Islands add on including Kauri Cliffs (allow 3 – 5 additional days)

COSTS

- NZ\$3575 per person based on 8 - 24 golfers sharing listed accommodation on a twin share basis.
- Single supplement and self-drive options available.

****THIS PACKAGE CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO SUIT INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS****

Schedule

Day 1: Wellington

Morning / Afternoon: We will meet you off your inbound flight and transfer you to central Wellington.

Evening: We can recommend the perfect Wellington restaurant for your first night.

Accommodation: Museum Hotel, Wellington. Harbour View Room

Day 2: Wellington

Morning: Transfer to Heretaunga (25 minutes). Tee off at **Royal Wellington** during the late morning.

Evening: At leisure.

Accommodation: Museum Hotel, Wellington. Harbour View Room

Day 3: Wellington

Morning: Transfer to Paraparaumu (45 minutes). Tee off at **Paraparaumu Beach** during the late morning.

Evening: At leisure.

Accommodation: Museum Hotel, Wellington. Harbour View Room

Day 4: Wellington to Hawke's Bay

Morning: Travel to Hawke's Bay (3 ½ hours) with optional stops in Greytown and Martinborough.

Evening: At leisure in Hawke's Bay

Accommodation: Te Pania Hotel, Napier. Superior Room (Ocean view)

Day 5: Hawke's Bay

Morning: Golf at **Cape Kidnappers**. Tee time: 10:30am

Evening: I recommend a dinner at a leading Hawke's Bay vineyard restaurant.

Accommodation: Te Pania Hotel, Napier. Superior Room (Ocean view)

Day 6: Hawke's Bay to Taupo

Morning: Travel to Taupo (2 hours).

Afternoon: Play golf at **Wairakei Golf & Sanctuary**. Tee time: 1pm

Evening: At leisure in Taupo.

Accommodation: Hilton Hotel, Taupo. Guest Room

Day 7: Taupo

Morning: Golf at **The Kinloch Club**. Tee time: 10:30am

Evening: I recommend that the group spend the early evening relaxing in the Wairakei Terraces hotpools. One of New Zealand's best cultural shows will take place at the Terrace during the evening. Alternatively we can arrange a cruise on Lake Taupo with gourmet BBQ.

Accommodation: Hilton Hotel, Taupo. Guest Room

Day 8: Taupo to Auckland

Morning: Travel to Auckland with optional stops in Rotorua and its geothermal parks.

Afternoon / Evening: At leisure in Auckland.

Accommodation: Stamford Plaza, Auckland. Superior Room

Day 9: Auckland

Morning: Play golf at **Titirangi** (25 minutes from central Auckland). Tee time: 10:30am

Evening: At leisure in Auckland. We can recommend the perfect restaurant for your farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Stamford Plaza, Auckland. Superior Room

Day 10: Auckland

Departure Day: We will arrange an airport transfer to meet your departing flight from Auckland Airport.

Your Transport and Guide

Late Model Mercedes Vehicles

Playing Around New Zealand owns and operates several new and late model Mercedes group moving vehicles. We will supply you with a vehicle to suit your group size (and luggage) ensuring that you travel in style and comfort. We are confident that our vehicles are the very best available in New Zealand for group touring.

Peter Sisson

Peter is the company Tour Director and will be the friendly face that greets you at Auckland Airport. After 20 years importing and distributing golf equipment, Peter joined the Playing Around New Zealand team in 2010. With his experience and knowledge of just about every golf course in New Zealand, along with a friendly and humorous personality, Peter is the perfect tour manager and host. Peter is an avid golfer and has played Auckland inter club competition off a single figure handicap for over 35 years.



The Golf Courses

Paraparaumu Beach (Wellington)

Paraparaumu is located on the Kapiti Coast, 50 kilometres north of Wellington. The course has played host to 12 NZ Opens and has long been regarded by many as the spiritual home of New Zealand golf. Some of the biggest names in the sport have graced these fairways, from Gary Player and five-time Open Championship winner Peter Thompson through to Corey Pavin, Michael Campbell and in 2002 the world's number 1 golfer, Tiger Woods. Designed in 1949 by Alex Russell, Paraparaumu is a regular inside the World Top 100 Golf Course lists and is considered one of the best links courses in the Southern Hemisphere.

Royal Wellington

A newly designed (2013), Turner MacPherson championship course in a stunning parkland setting, arguably one of the finest club courses and club house in New Zealand. The Heretaunga course is, arguably, New Zealand's finest private members parkland course and certainly one of its most beautiful. Birdlife is abundant. Water in the form of several creeks and a large lake are all in play and present a true challenge for the adventurers and the unwary. Undulating greens complexes provide further challenge. Heretaunga is a true test of golf and the most beautiful walk in the park

Cape Kidnappers (Hawke's Bay)

The American designer of Cape Kidnappers, Tom Doak, who is also well known for his prize-winning courses in the US, has said that, 'If Cape Kidnappers were a book it would be an epic. Enjoy your game and enjoy the setting (because) you may never play golf somewhere like this again'. Like Kauri Cliffs, Cape Kidnappers plays above the ocean, atop dramatic cliffs, but unlike Kauri Cliffs, where the shape of the land dictates play along the shoreline, this course runs to and from the edge. Cape Kidnappers is built on a ridge-and-valley landscape with spectacular sea views.

Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary (Taupo)

The Wairakei golf course is located just 10 kilometres from Taupo town centre. Designed by Commander John Harris, Michael Wolveridge and Peter Thomson with the aim of producing New Zealand's first internationally recognised golf course, there is little doubt that this trio exceeded all expectations. The end result is a golf course that sprawls over 450 acres of natural countryside. In 2011 a project to build a two metre high fence around the perimeter of the property was completed. The new predator free sanctuary offers a safe haven to fallow deer and many birdlife including our nation's icon, the Kiwi.

Kinloch (Taupo)

The first Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course to be built in New Zealand has been created around the unique natural features of the site rather than transforming the landscape to meet a uniform golf course design. The course fits the landscape with ease, and the backdrop of Lake Taupo provides a magnificent setting. Jack Nicklaus on the Kinloch golf course development: "The Kinloch site has the views and all the elevation that you need for a great golf course. It will be a very special and enjoyable golf course."

Titirangi (Auckland)

This is a world-class golf course situated in a beautiful bushland setting between the lower slopes of the Waitakere Ranges and the Manukau Harbour. Founded in 1909, it is a private members club but offers limited playing opportunities for New Zealand and overseas visitors. Titirangi is ranked as one of New Zealand's top courses and is the only one in the country designed by Dr. Alister MacKenzie. After designing Titirangi in 1927, MacKenzie went on to design some of the world's top courses including Augusta, Cypress Point and Royal Melbourne.

Accommodation

Museum Hotel, Wellington

The Museum Art Hotel is a privately owned luxury boutique hotel opposite Te Papa and the waterfront and a short stroll to live theatres, designer shopping, city markets, Waitangi Park and Oriental Parade's promenade and beach. The hotel is included in Yahoo's list of ten of the best hotels with magnificent artwork of the world. On site facilities include a spacious and decadent lobby with bar/cafe, art gallery, fitness centre, sauna, swimming pool and spa pool, award winning French restaurant Hippopotamus, five beautiful function spaces and Cathy Davys Day Spa. The hotel doesn't hold a Qualmark rating but is considered a **4.5 star** option.

Te Pania Hotel, Napier (Hawke's Bay)

Hawkes Bay is one of the first places in the world to see the light each day, and Scenic Hotel Te Pania in Napier enjoys a premium waterfront location on Marine Parade. The hotel's slender curved form echoes the shape of the bay, and guests enjoy sweeping views out over the water. A fresh, contemporary style hotel, Scenic Hotel Te Pania is just a short stroll from Napier's main art deco style street. The hotel has a **Qualmark 4 star rating**.

Hilton Hotel, Taupo

The elegant Hilton Lake Taupo hotel is located on the Napier-Taupo Highway, just minutes from the town centre and 15 minutes from Taupo airport and features stunning views over the largest lake in New Zealand and the mountains of the Tongariro National Park. The onsite Bistro Lago restaurant is considered to be one of Taupo's finest. The hotel boasts a **Qualmark 5 star rating** as well as an Enviro-Gold rating, New Zealand's highest award for Environmental and Social Sustainability in Tourism.

Stamford Plaza, Auckland

Stamford Plaza Auckland has a superb CBD location and is within easy walking distance to the lively Viaduct restaurant precinct on Auckland's Waitemata Harbour, Vector Arena and close to all transport (ferry, train and buses). The recreation centre, located on Level 11, is complete with indoor heated swimming pool, whirlpool spa, sauna and state of the art gymnasium, plus, you will enjoy the stunning views over the cityscape and Waitemata Harbour. There are also four onsite restaurants. The hotel has a **Qualmark 5 star rating**.

Wellington



Wellington is New Zealand's capital city and one of the most picturesque. Wellington is known as New Zealand's arts and cultural capital and if you enjoy the arts this is the place to visit. Visit the galleries, go and see the world-class New Zealand Symphony Orchestra or the Royal New Zealand Ballet. Keep an eye out for the public sculpture - there are many interesting and contemporary pieces around the city – or follow the Writers' Walk along the waterfront. Here you will find Te Papa Tongarewa. Te Papa, as it's colloquially known, means 'our place' and it presents New Zealand's story through art and interactive display. Te Papa is a must visit. Wellington has a vibrant café scene and some

of the best restaurants in the country. It's a city that enjoys fine food and great coffee!

Wellington Highlights:

- Visit the Te Papa Museum followed by a tour of Parliament.
- Enjoy superb coffee and a relaxed vibe in the inner city cafes.
- Take the Wellington Cable Car to the Botanic Gardens and the Carter Observatory.
- Dine at Logan Brown, one of New Zealand's finest restaurants.

Hawke's Bay

There are two words that sit with Hawke's Bay and they are Wine Country. Hawke's Bay is one of New Zealand's warmest, driest regions and this has made it one of the country's leading producers of wine; notably red wines – cabernet sauvignon, merlot and latterly syrah – but also with some quite stunning whites. But there is much more than wine to this glorious place. It is New Zealand's Art Deco centre, rebuilt in the 1930's after a huge earthquake. It hosts the country's most elaborate celebrations of Matariki – the Maori New Year. It's a place where you can shop at the farmers market for locally grown delicacies, indulge in artisan gourmet food, and join the lunchers at Napier's Great Long Lunch. And it's a place where you can walk the forest trails of the Ruahine and Kaweka Forest Parks or the glorious beaches that stretch along the coast.



Activity recommendations:

- Take a tour of the world class wineries.
- Enjoy lunch/dinner at the Craggy Range or Elephant Hill wineries.
- Walk amongst the Art Deco buildings in Napier.
- Visit the largest mainland gannet colony in the world at Cape Kidnappers.
- Visit the national aquarium on Napier's seafront.

Rotorua & Lake Taupo



Rotorua is one place where the turbulent forces that formed New Zealand are most evident. This city, on the Volcanic Plateau, has one of the world's most lively fields of geothermal activity. Skyrocketing geysers, hot springs and boiling mud pools all tell you that this place sits squarely on the Pacific Rim of Fire. Rotorua is also the ancestral home of the Te Arawa people who settled here more than 600 years ago and their presence offers the visitor numerous cultural experiences. See the clear blue waters on a summer's day and Lake Taupo can appear the most beautiful and tranquil place in New Zealand. Appearances deceive. Taupo is more than a lake. It is a volcano with no top – a top that was blown off in one of the largest and most devastating eruptions ever seen on the planet. Visit the Craters of the Moon and you

will see evidence of its fiery birth in the geysers, steaming craters and boiling mud pools.

Activity recommendations:

- Visit Huka Falls and the geothermal parks at Wai O Tapu or Te Puia.
- Enjoy a relaxing massage or treatment at the world class Polynesian Spa.
- Visit a Maori village and experience a cultural show.
- Take a twilight cruise on Lake Taupo.
- Experience fly-fishing in the pristine rivers.

Auckland

Auckland's blend of harbour, islands, Polynesian culture and modern city environment has created a lifestyle ranked amongst the best in the world. The natural assets of Auckland have made it a dream destination for all kinds of travellers, from doing-it-on-the-cheap backpackers to cost-is-no-issue super yacht owners. Welcome to Auckland, our largest and most diverse city. Being at the narrowest point of the North Island it literally stretches itself from one side of the country to the other – from the Pacific Ocean to the Tasman Sea. This means, wherever you are in Auckland, you're never far from the water. From big wild rolling surf beaches to a beautiful gulf scattered with tranquil holiday islands, the sea and all its attractions are why this is known as the City of Sails. From some of New Zealand's best shopping and dining experiences to a cruise on the beautiful gulf harbour – a few days in Auckland is the perfect beginning or end to your vacation in New Zealand.



Activity recommendations:

- Waiheke Island wine and food experience.
- Harbour Bridge climb & bungee jump.
- Shopping in Parnell and Ponsonby.
- Americas yacht sailing experience.

