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### **Best of the North Island – Group Tour (with driver)**

#### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS**

- 5 rounds of golf (Titirangi, Kauri Cliffs, Kinloch, Wairakei and Cape Kidnappers).
- 11 night's accommodation of choice.
- Transfers and touring with experienced driver guide in luxury Mercedes vehicle.
- Daily schedule for each member of the group.
- 24 hour on-call assistance from the Playing Around New Zealand tour office.
- New Zealand goods & services tax (GST) at 15%

#### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

- Additional rounds of golf as listed.
- Electric carts at golf courses (caddies are available at Kauri Cliffs and Cape Kidnappers).
- Breakfast and other meals.
- Domestic flights.
- Activity bookings and non-golfer program.

#### **Cost Guide 2015 - 2016**

Packages begin at NZ\$3,950p/p. Based on a minimum of 4 people travelling and staying in twin share accommodation.

#### **Schedule**

##### **Day 1: Auckland**

**Morning / Afternoon:** On arrival in Auckland you will be met by your driver who will provide a private transfer to central Auckland.

**Evening:** At leisure in central Auckland. We offer bookings at Auckland's best restaurants.

**Accommodation:** Central Auckland Hotel.

##### **Day 2: Auckland**

**Morning:** Travel to Titirangi (25 minutes from central Auckland) for a mid-morning tee time.

**Afternoon:** On the return journey to central Auckland your driver will show you some of Auckland's best sights including Mount Eden and Mission Bay.

**Evening:** At leisure in central Auckland.

**Accommodation:** Central Auckland Hotel.

##### **Day 3: Auckland to Bay of Islands**

**Morning:** This morning your driver will take you to the Bay of Islands. You will have the option of travelling directly to the Bay which will allow for another game of golf or an afternoon cruise. Alternatively your driver will take you on a tour of the region which will include Mangawhai Heads and Whangarei.

**Afternoon / Evening:** At leisure in the Bay of Islands.

**Accommodation:** Bay of Islands Hotel.

**Day 4: Bay of Islands**

**Morning:** This morning you will play the magnificent golf course at Kauri Cliffs.

**Evening:** At leisure in the Bay of Islands.

**Accommodation:** Bay of Islands Hotel.

**Day 5: Bay of Islands**

**At leisure:**

Options include additional golf, sailing, cultural tours, fishing, forest and beach tours.

**Accommodation:** Bay of Islands Hotel.

**Day 6: Bay of Islands to Auckland**

**Morning:** This morning you will return to Auckland (3 hours)

**Afternoon:** During the afternoon you have the option of playing golf at Gulf Harbour or Muriwai, Auckland's best links course.

**Evening:** At leisure in Auckland.

**Accommodation:** Auckland Hotel.

**Day 7: Auckland to Taupo**

**Morning:** You will depart Auckland and take a three hour road trip to Taupo. Sightseeing options along the way include Matamata (otherwise known as Hobbiton), Tirau and Rotorua.

**Afternoon:** At leisure in Rotorua. Golf options include the very unique Rotorua course otherwise known as Arikikapakapa. Alternatively you will travel to Taupo and play Wairakei or Kinloch.

**Evening:** At leisure in Taupo.

**Accommodation:** Taupo Hotel.

**Day 8: Taupo**

**Morning:** This morning you will play golf at Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary.

**Afternoon / Evening:** At leisure in Taupo. Your driver will offer you a tour of Taupo prior to transferring you to your hotel.

**Accommodation:** Taupo Hotel.

**Day 9: Taupo**

**Morning:** This morning you will play golf at Kinloch.

**Evening:** At leisure in Taupo.

**Accommodation:** Taupo Hotel.

**Day 10: Taupo to Hawke's Bay**

**Morning / Afternoon:** Your driver will transfer you to Hawke's Bay (2 hours). During the afternoon we recommend that your knowledgeable driver takes you on a tour of the Hawke's Bay wineries. The tour can include lunch at one of the finest winery restaurants.

**Evening:** At leisure in Hawke's Bay.

**Accommodation:** Hawke's Bay Hotel.

**Day 11: Hawke's Bay**

**Morning:** You will play the final round of the tour at Cape Kidnappers.

**Evening:** At leisure in Hawke's Bay.

**Accommodation:** Hawke's Bay Hotel.

## **Day 12: Hawke's Bay**

**Departure Day:** We will arrange an airport transfer and domestic flight to suit your travel plans. Alternatively your driver will offer a complimentary transfer to Auckland by road (5 ½ hours).

### **Accommodation Options**

#### **Auckland**

##### **Stamford Plaza Hotel, Auckland (4 Star Hotel)**

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.

##### **Sofitel Hotel, Auckland (5 Star Hotel)**

Located at the end of Princes Wharf and surrounded by the Waitemata Harbour, the Hilton Auckland hotel is a welcoming haven just a short walk from Auckland's CBD, the vibrant Viaduct and Britomart entertainment precincts and the new Viaduct Events Center. Visit top Auckland attractions with ease when you stay at this stylish Auckland hotel. Featuring sweeping views across the city's harbor, Hilton Auckland hotel offers dining by Shane Yardley, protégé of New Zealand master chef Simon Gault's, at the popular restaurant FISH and creative cocktails at Bellini Bar. Do business in one of the seven conference rooms, all with natural daylight, or enjoy an early morning dip in the heated lap pool featuring an underwater viewing window.

#### **Bay of Islands**

##### **Waterfront Suites, Paihia (4 Star Apartment Hotel)**

The Waterfront Suites Bay of Islands offers luxury apartments which are located only steps away from Paihia's restaurants and wharf, ideally situated to take advantage of all that the glorious Bay of Islands and Northland region has to offer. All these luxury Paihia apartments include full kitchens, laundry facilities, lounge & dining areas, mini bar and high speed internet access.

##### **Paihia Beach & Spa Resort (5 Star Hotel)**

This hotel redefines comfort and relaxation with a blend of, luxury accommodation, stylish amenities, superior service and stunning natural surroundings. The resort directly overlooks Paihia's most picturesque beach and is located within walking distance of Paihia Wharf, the departure point to discover the Bay of Islands, the scenic wonderland that forms the historical, cultural and natural heart of New Zealand. Soak up panoramic sea views from the comfort of the large outdoor pool and five different Jacuzzi's that offer relaxation at different temperatures. Relax in a private steam room or sauna. Enjoy the vista from the patio of your luxury accommodation and the floor to ceiling ocean views from within your hotel room.

### **Kauri Cliffs Lodge (Luxury Lodge)**

Kauri Cliffs is home to one of New Zealand's finest luxury lodges. Set on 6,000 acres near Matauri Bay, Northland, The Main Lodge at Kauri Cliffs affords spectacular 180-degree views of the Pacific Ocean. Cape Brett and the offshore Cavalli Islands are part of the panorama which can be viewed from the verandas, lounge, card and dining rooms. Facilities include two Astroturf tennis courts, an infinity swimming pool with spa and a fully equipped fitness centre. Kauri Cliffs has three secluded swimming beaches, which are also available for picnics and barbeques. The Lodge accommodation has 22 guest suites, and a Two Bedroom Owner's Cottage. Every suite offers its own private porch, bedroom with sitting area and open fireplace, walk-in wardrobe and bathroom. The cottages are nestled in a native forest overlooking the golf course and the Pacific Ocean. Dinner is included in the package.

### **Taupo**

#### **Beechtree Suites, Taupo (5 Star Motel)**

Experience unmatched service, comfort and privacy at one of Taupo's newest and most refreshingly stylish motels. 40" LCD TV's available in our Lakeview Studios. Luxury and flair in modern air-conditioned accommodation has never been more elegantly presented, with a location perfectly positioned to give you easy access to Taupo's lakefront (400m walk), restaurants, cafes, and shops. Beechtree Suites delivers all your requirements for stunningly modern accommodation with a level of personal service that promises to give you that added attention to detail that makes all the difference. Beechtree Suites offers modern and easily accessible facilities for you to use- free WiFi, guest laundry service, complimentary gym, BBQ area, ice and coffee machines, lockup garage, DVD player for hire, cafe style room service breakfast, 50 plus SKY TV Channels to choose from, 40 inch LCD TV's in most rooms and lots of extra parking. A room at Beechtree Suites, ensures a perfect day, a perfect night.

#### **Hilton Hotel (5 Star Hotel)**

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.

#### **Huka Lodge (Luxury Lodge)**

We invite you to enter a world where elegant and generous hospitality meets sophistication and style - creating a welcoming haven, whose reputation and awards are richly deserved. Founded in the 1920s, Huka Lodge is considered to be the iconic New Zealand retreat. Sought by the world's most discerning travellers – enjoying an unrivalled riverside location, offering superb hospitality and an attentiveness as palpable as the force of the Waikato River itself. Dinner is included in the package.

## **Hawke's Bay**

### **Te Pania Hotel, Napier (4 Star Hotel)**

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.

### **Crown Hotel, Napier (4 ½ Star Hotel)**

The Crown Hotel Napier overlooks the waterfront in the historical village of Ahuriri, Napier. The hotel offers luxury boutique accommodation and conference facilities in a picturesque seaside setting. The hotel has 43 stylish and unique guest suites, ranging from studios to two and three bedroom luxury apartments.

### **The Farm at Cape Kidnappers (Luxury Lodge)**

Set atop 6,000 rolling acres of stunning pasture-land in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers affords spectacular 180-degree views of the Pacific Ocean. The perfect setting for honeymoons and romantic breakaways, the cluster of luxury lodge buildings at Cape Kidnappers are suggestive of a working farm – a marriage of river stone and weathered wood, the buildings combine rustic and textured materials with comfortable modern furniture. The main lodge features many warm and welcoming common areas in which to relax, including lounge and dining spaces and 'outdoor rooms'. Roaring open fires, contemporary art and stylish interior design await you here. The main lodge also features a wine cellar with tasting room and a fully-equipped gymnasium. Dinner is included in the package.

## Your Transport and Guide



### **Late Model Mercedes Vehicles**

Playing Around New Zealand owns and operates several 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 when you arrive 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.



