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PRICE ON REQUEST

Enjoy a spectacular golfing tour of New Zealand. Play some of New Zealand's most scenic and challenging premier courses, including: the links-like Kinloch Course, the only Jack Nicklaus designed golf course in New Zealand; the Cape Kidnappers Course, designed by American Tom Doak, located on the cliff tops overlooking the mighty Pacific Ocean; and the Millbrook Resort course, one of the most impressive international golf arenas in the world, surrounded by the alpine backdrop of the Remarkables Mountain Range.

Day 1 ARRIVE AUCKLAND

Welcome to New Zealand! Meet and greet on arrival at Auckland International Airport, before being transferred to your hotel.

Day 2 AUCKLAND – GOLF

This morning, transfer out to the Titirangi Golf Course – and enjoy a spectacular round of golf. Conceived in 1914, Titirangi was privileged, in 1926, to obtain the services of Dr. Alister MacKenzie (1870-1934) to redesign the course. Dr MacKenzie, designer of Augusta National, Royal Melbourne, Cypress Point, and many outstanding courses, liked what he saw. He described the ground as, 'exceptionally well adapted for golf, undulating, without being hilly'. Today, the course is consistently rated in New Zealand's top five courses.

Afternoon at leisure in downtown Auckland.

Day 3 AUCKLAND / ROTORUA

This morning, drive south over the Bombay Hills into the dairy rich Waikato Region, and onto the thermal wonderland of Rotorua. En route, you may wish to play at a typical New Zealand country golf course – options may include course near Ngaruawahia, Hamilton, or Rotorua.

Located in the heart of New Zealand's famous thermal region, Rotorua forms part of the geologically active 'Pacific Rim of Fire'. Situated on the shores of Lake Rotorua, it is also renowned for Maori cultural activities.

Day 4 ROTORUA

Today, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Rotorua. Visit Te Puia for a guided tour of the New Zealand Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, where young Maori learn the weaving and carving skills of their ancestors, and Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley to see bubbling mud pools, steaming terraces, and the famous Pohutu Geyser.

Travelling back into Rotorua, visit Rainbow Springs, which specialises in New Zealand flora and fauna – including the iconic Kiwi bird, the rare Tuatara lizard, plus Rainbow and Brown Trout.

This evening, visit Tamaki Maori Village for a Cultural Experience and Hangi Dinner. Experience the warmth of the Maori people during an evening of ceremonial rituals, powerful cultural performance, storytelling, and hangi feasting.

Day 5 ROTORUA / TAUPO – GOLF

This morning, depart Rotorua for Taupo via New Zealand's largest pine tree forests. En route, make a stop to see the mighty Huka Falls. This afternoon, enjoy a round of golf at a premier course near Taupo. The links-like Kinloch Golf Course is the only Jack Nicklaus designed golf course in New Zealand. The Golden Bear visited Kinloch to oversee construction of his signature Championship golf course, and returned to The Kinloch Club in February of 2008 to play the course for the first time since its completion. A stunning backdrop of Lake Taupo to the south, and the Kinloch hills to the east, creates a unique ambiance that is rarely experienced anywhere else in the world.

Day 6 TAUPO

Morning at leisure – for optional sightseeing. Lake Taupo is the largest lake in New Zealand, feeding the Waikato River – New Zealand's largest river, which flows north from the lake's northernmost outlet. Needless to say, a lot of the activities in Taupo revolve around this lake and the Waikato River. Optional activities may include: a ride on the Huka Falls Jet boat, taking you to the base of the spectacular Huka Falls; a lake cruise; or trout fishing.

This afternoon, golf is at the Wairakei International Golf Course, rated in the top twenty courses outside of the United States. Set amidst the Wairakei Geothermal Park, Wairakei is a place of majestic beauty – a stunning location only moments away from Taupo's geothermal activity and 10-kms / 6-miles north of Lake Taupo. Skirting the edges of active geothermal fields, course designer John Harris used the volcanic contours to sculpt fairways, elevate tees and greens, and bury hazards within the natural landscape. Set in 180 hectares of gently rolling countryside, it presents magnificent tree-lined fairways and large greens.



Day 7 TAUPO / NAPIER

Today, travel to Napier to the 'Fruit Bowl' of New Zealand, Hawkes Bay. Napier was devastated by an earthquake and ensuing fires in 1931, and was rebuilt during the period when Art Deco Architecture was fashionable. Within two years, the city was rebuilt, predominantly in Art Deco style, with Maori motifs and design elements incorporated. The area is also one of New Zealand's top grape growing regions, with some of the country's best-known wines coming from the Hawkes Bay.

On arrival enjoy a guided one-hour Art Deco Walk of central Napier. Take an entertaining look at the unique 1930s architecture as you wander through the streets with a local guide.

This evening, visit the Mission Estate Winery for dinner. Established in 1851 by the French Marist religious order, Mission Estate is New Zealand's oldest wine-maker. Housed in an elegantly restored historic seminary building, with sweeping views of Napier, the award-winning Mission Estate Restaurant serves exquisite cuisine influenced by seasonal produce.

Day 8 NAPIER – GOLF

This morning, head to Cape Kidnappers for a round of golf at the premier Cape Kidnappers Golf Course. Cape Kidnappers' par 71 golf course measures 7,119 yards (6,510 meters,) and will challenge your golfing skill levels. Designed by American Tom Doak, the Kauri Cliffs course is spectacularly located on the cliff tops overlooking the mighty Pacific Ocean, and is built around a natural topography of undulating fairways and ridges, and a rough of gullies, plants, and trees. Cape Kidnappers golf course is currently ranked the 41st best golf course in the world by Golf Magazine.

Afternoon at leisure.

Day 9 NAPIER / WELLINGTON

This morning, depart Napier, travelling south to Wellington. En route, perhaps stop at the settlement of Martinborough, to visit one of the excellent boutique wineries of the region.

On arrival in Wellington, enjoy a sightseeing tour of New Zealand's capital city, which is set around a spectacular natural harbour. Visit Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, which offers visitors a unique and authentic experience of New Zealand's treasures and stories. Time to explore Te Papa independently, to learn about the shaping of its land, the spirit of its diverse peoples, its unique wildlife and landscapes, and its distinctive popular culture.

Day 10 WELLINGTON – CHRISTCHURCH

Today, cruise the Cook Strait on board the Interislander Ferry, heading through the beautiful Queen Charlotte Sounds to the South Island. Following arrival in Picton, travel along the rugged coastline through to Kaikoura, a popular whalewatching area – keep an eye out for the seals sunning themselves on the coastal rocks. Continue south to Christchurch and, on arrival, enjoy the sights of the 'Garden City', also known as 'the most English city outside of England'. See the River Avon, Hagley Park, and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, plus learn about the effects that the 2011 earthquakes have had upon the city.

Day 11 CHRISTCHURCH – GOLF

This morning, enjoy a round of golf at the Clearwater Golf Course – one of New Zealand's finest. The par 72 course measures 6,526 metres from the championship tees. Five tee settings provide a challenge for players of all abilities. Clearwater is currently home to the NZ Open Championship. Designed by John Darby in consultation with New Zealand golfing legend, Sir Bob Charles, the course combines elements of links golf (inspired by the great Scottish courses), with parkland golf more reminiscent of Florida. Playable year-round, the course meanders around a succession of spring-fed lakes and trout-filled streams, with uninterrupted views of the spectacular Southern Alps.

Afternoon at leisure.

Day 12 CHRISTCHURCH / MT COOK / QUEENSTOWN

Head south today and cross through the Rakaia River Gorge to Geraldine, Fairlie and then over Burkes Pass, through the Southern Alps. From here, descend into Lake Tekapo for a visit to the Church of the Good Shepard and the Statue of the Collie Dog. Next stop is the Mount Cook National Park, home to New Zealand's tallest mountain. Time is available to enjoy an optional scenic flight (weather dependant) over the ancient rivers of ice and the West Coast Glaciers – a highly recommended option. Next, head through the Mackenzie Basin, over the Lindis Pass, south through Cromwell and the rugged Kawarau Gorge, before arriving into Queenstown. Nestled among glacier-rounded hills and dramatic rugged mountain peaks, Queenstown is New Zealand's premier year-round alpine resort.

Evening at leisure to sample some of Queenstown's vibrant cafés, restaurants, and bars.



Day 13 QUEENSTOWN – GOLF

This morning, head around Lake Wakatipu to play at Jack’s Point Golf Course. With a backdrop of 2300 vertical metres of the razorback Remarkables mountain range, and an armchair view of an outstanding lake and mountain panorama, Jack’s Point Golf Course is not only one of the most spectacular in the world, but, as an 18 hole par 72 championship course, it offers golfers of any calibre a challenging and unforgettable experience

After golf, return to Queenstown – remainder of afternoon at leisure.

Dinner tonight is at Queenstown’s most spectacular location. Ride the aerial gondola high above Queenstown to Bob’s Peak, where the Skyline Restaurant serves up a mouth-watering taste of New Zealand buffet. Feast on South Island salmon, seafood, salads, roast meats, and delicious desserts – and feast your eyes on the most spectacular scenery in the country.

Day 14 QUEENSTOWN / MILFORD SOUND / QUEENSTOWN

Depart early this morning and travel around Lake Wakatipu, and through Te Anau and the Fiordland National Park, to Milford Sound. Fiordland National Park, part of the UNESCO Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area is one of the great wilderness areas of the Southern Hemisphere. The scenery is spectacular, with lofty mountains and deep valleys carved out by Ice Age glaciers. There are clear rushing streams and leaping waterfalls set in magnificent native rainforest. Board a comfortable vessel for a scenic cruise down Milford Sound, past towering Mitre Peak to the Tasman Sea. Seals and dolphins are often seen in the clear waters of the fiord. Buffet lunch served on board.

At the conclusion of the cruise, retrace your journey back to Queenstown – travelling via the Cleddeau Gorge, Homer Tunnel, and the lovely Eglinton Valley. Arrive Queenstown at approximately 7.30pm.

Day 15 QUEENSTOWN

Today is a day of leisure. Visit the Remarkables or Coronet Peak. Experience the thrill of a jet-boat ride along the Shotover or Kawerau Rivers. Perhaps take a scenic 4-wheel drive excursion through Skippers Canyon ... It’s up to you. Your Optional Touring Booklet will give you plenty of options on how to spend your time. If you wish, you also have the option of playing a round of golf at the Queenstown Golf Course, which is across the lake from Queenstown Bay at Kelvin Heights – and is ranked among the world’s most beautiful. It’s a hilly layout, on a peninsular bounded by the lake. It becomes particularly challenging when the westerly blows through the Southern Alps and down the lake. Time tonight, for you to explore the local cafes and restaurants.

Day 16 QUEENSTOWN – GOLF

Today’s golf is at the famous Millbrook Resort, set amidst a spectacular alpine amphitheatre. Here, strategic use of water and sand traps ensures exciting and demanding golf. Measuring 6,412 metres (7,013 yards) from the back tees, the design emphasises the natural features of the site – each hole having its own particular identity in terms of both strategy and landscape setting. Featuring impeccably groomed fairways and greens, demanding hazards, and meandering water courses, and surrounded by the alpine backdrop of the Remarkables Mountain Range, golf at Millbrook Resort is an exhilarating experience.

Following golf, visit the nearby historic settlement of Arrowtown, set on the banks of the Arrow River. The quiet town now rests under shady trees, but was once a rip roaring gold rush town.

When returning to Queenstown, see the historic Edith Cavall Bridge spanning the narrow canyon of the Shotover River.

Day 17 DEPART QUEENSTOWN

Farewell from New Zealand. Today, transfer from your hotel to Queenstown Airport for your connecting flight home.

Important Note

The itinerary is just a guide and summarises our favourite places, sights and experiences. Any or all of them may be enjoyed as part of a tour.

Have a look at our recommendations, highlight places you wish to include and get in touch with us: together we can create a unique and unforgettable holiday experience.