

# LUXURY GOLF TOURS

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## NEW ZEALAND



### *Sample North & South Island Itinerary*

*20 day/19 night*

*Bay of Islands – Auckland – Rotorua – Taupo – Napier  
– Wellington – Christchurch – Queenstown*



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**Day 1** – Welcome to New Zealand! Upon clearing customs at Auckland International Airport you will board a domestic flight to the Bay of Islands where you pick up your rental car, before heading to your accommodation in the Bay of Islands. The white sand beaches and the rich history of this beautiful area can keep you busy for days.

**Stay: Bay of Islands**

**Day 2** – This morning you have the chance for your first round of golf on the tour at the amazing Kauri Cliffs Golf Course – one of New Zealand's and the world's premier courses! The par 72, 6510 meter course was named as one of the top 50 golf courses in the world by Golf Magazine. Once you have finished your round you have the rest of the day to relax and take in the surroundings of the Bay of Islands.

**Play: Kauri Cliffs Golf Course**

**Stay: Bay of Islands**

**Day 3** – On day 3 you'll board a catamaran for a cruise around the Bay of Islands. On this cruise you'll have the chance to view dolphins and other marine life in their natural habitat as you make your way out to the 'Hole in the Rock'. The afternoon presents an opportunity to take in any number of activities – a visit to Waitangi, the birthplace of New Zealand, or to the historic township of Russell; sea kayaking the beautiful blue waters; perhaps another round of golf at a local course; or simply exploring the amazing white sand beaches armed with your sunscreen!

**Do: Dolphin Cruise including Hole in the Rock**

**Stay: Bay of Islands**

**Day 4** – This morning you'll head south, stopping in for your second round on tour. Spectacular finishing holes, ocean views and rolling terrain make Gulf Harbour Country Club one of the best golfing experiences in New Zealand. After golf you'll head into the city and check into your accommodation before enjoying your evening in the 'City of Sails'.

**Play: Gulf Harbour Golf Course**

**Stay: Auckland**

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**Day 5** – Bright and early is the order of the day as this morning we head off early to Rotorua, which has the perfect blend of natural, cultural and adventure-based activities, making it one of New Zealand's top destinations. Here you will meet a helicopter and be flown to White Island – an active volcanic island. When you land you will be given a guided tour of the island before being flown back to Rotorua. The views that you'll get from the air and the tour on the island combine to provide you with one of the most amazing experiences you'll have.

**Do:** *White Island helicopter tour*

**Stay:** *Rotorua*

**Day 6** – On the morning of day 6 you'll have the morning to explore more of Rotorua's attractions before making the short drive to the city of Taupo, situated by New Zealand's largest lake of the same name, and site of a former volcano. After you arrive and check in to your room the rest of the day is yours to explore Taupo which offers the opportunity for bungy jumping (possibly New Zealand's most well known invention!), jet boating, or sky diving – all hugely popular here!

**Stay:** *Taupo*

**Day 7** – Day 7 starts with a tee off at Wairakei Golf Course, New Zealand's finest inland course. Immaculate presentation, undulating fairways and beautiful scenery make this one of New Zealand's best. After golf and an action packed previous few days you can relax by the lake and re-coup from the day's golf.

**Play:** *Wairakei Golf Course*

**Stay:** *Taupo*

**Day 8** – Today you have a free day in Taupo where you have a wide range of activities to suit any tastes. Fishing the Tongariro River, jet-boating up to Huka Falls, taking a free-fall in the skydiving capital of the world, day walks in amongst volcanoes, or just relaxing lakeside, you'll bound to be kept busy.

**Stay:** *Taupo*

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**Day 9** – This morning you'll get a chance to play the Jack Nicklaus designed Kinloch golf course. Rated as one of the top 10 new golf courses in the world for 2007 by the prestigious U.S. Travel and Leisure golf magazine – the only course outside of North America to be included in that Top 10 – this course is sure to challenge even the best golfers.

**Play:** *Kinloch Golf Course*

**Stay:** *Taupo*

**Day 10** – Today you'll take a 2 hour drive through the central North Island to the Hawkes Bay region which is famed for its wines. You'll arrive in the art-deco city of Napier and have the afternoon to explore the compact city, wander the beautiful pine-lined Marine Parade, or even take in a vineyard tour to sample some of the local drops.

**Stay:** *Napier*

**Day 11** – Your final day in the North Island is a golfing highlight of any trip to New Zealand as it is your opportunity to play the picturesque Cape Kidnappers Golf Course, rated the top course in the world by the Telegraph Newspaper in the UK. Completed in 2004, Cape Kidnappers has been hailed as one of the great modern marvels and compared to Pebble Beach Golf Course in the USA.

**Play:** *Cape Kidnappers Golf Course*

**Stay:** *Napier*

**Day 12** – After a morning flight from Napier to Christchurch you'll have the chance to rest up in the 'Garden City'. Take this opportunity to acquaint yourself with the city by riding the tramway or even by taking a punt along the Avon. End the day with a meal and drink along Oxford Street.

**Stay:** *Christchurch*

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**Day 13** – Today you'll take in your round of golf at a NZ PGA Championship course, Clearwater Golf Course. Afterwards the city is yours to take in anything you didn't get a chance to do the day before. You could wander the botanical gardens, check out one of the galleries or museums, or simply take in some people watching at Cathedral Square.

**Play:** *Clearwater Golf Course*

**Stay:** *Christchurch*

**Day 14** – This morning you start with a round at Terrace Downs Golf Course. With its location in the shadow of New Zealand's most prominent mountain range, there are few scenic alpine courses like it. After golf you'll start to make your way to Queenstown, stopping for the night at Tekapo. Make sure you have your cameras ready, as you're going to need them here!

**Play:** *Terrace Downs Golf Course*

**Stay:** *Lake Tekapo*

**Day 15** – The start of week 3 begins with you making your way onward to Queenstown, New Zealand's most recognised tourism based city. On the way there you'll stop in at Twizel for a scenic helicopter flight around New Zealand's tallest mountain, Aoraki/Mt Cook. Here you'll view spectacular hanging glaciers and rivers of moving ice, promising you a flight you will never forget. Once in Queenstown the evening is yours to divulge in the spectacular culinary and liquid delights of the city centre.

**Do:** *Aoraki/Mt Cook scenic helicopter flight*

**Stay:** *Queenstown*

**Day 16** – Day 16 brings with it your third round of golf, this time at the Millbrook Golf Course. Set in a natural, alpine amphitheatre against the backdrop of the Remarkables Mountain Range, the golf course at Millbrook exploits the dramatic terrain fully, delivering world class golf. After golf you can take in any number of adrenaline activities, nature walks, shopping or just sit lakeside enjoying the amazing views.

**Play:** *Millbrook Golf Course*

**Stay:** *Queenstown*

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**Day 17** – Day 17 will be one to remember as stunning nature and beauty combine in the Milford Sounds. Today you will fly there from Queenstown to enjoy the views of mountains, lakes and fiords of the Fiordland National Park. The fiords, glaciers, waterfalls and breathtaking views will make you the envy of all your friends back home. The flight will drop you off to connect with a relaxing cruise around the sounds before the return flight to Queenstown.

**Do:** *Milford Sounds guided tour*  
**Stay:** *Queenstown*

**Day 18** – This morning we make the short drive to one of New Zealand's newest and most exciting golf courses, Jacks Point. After golf you'll get an adrenaline kick in the form of the Shotover Jet. This jet boat ride takes you along the Shotover River and into the Shotover River Canyons with amazing speed and 360 degree spins. You'll experience nothing like it again! After the thrills of the jet boat trip you can relax in the tranquillity that Queenstown provides.

**Play:** *Jacks Point Golf Course*  
**Do:** *Shotover Jet*  
**Stay:** *Queenstown*

**Day 19** – On day 19 you will head to New Zealand's newest and most exclusive golf course, The Hills. This perfectly situated course, set under the backdrop of the Southern Alps Mountain Range, is the current home to the New Zealand Golf Open and will no doubt feature highly in world rankings in years to come. The afternoon could comprise of a gondola ride to give you an amazing view of the city of Queenstown, a truly breathtaking sight, before enjoying your final night in the New Zealand.

**Play:** *The Hills Golf Course*  
**Stay:** *Queenstown*

**Day 20** – Today we bid you farewell as you drop your rental car at Queenstown Airport and catch a flight to connect with your international flight home. We trust that you have had an excellent time with us and wish you a safe journey home.

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### **Inclusions**

- 19 nights accommodation
- 10 rounds of golf with carts
- 'Hole in the Rock' cruise with dolphin watching
- White Island helicopter tour
- Aoraki/Mount Cook scenic helicopter flight
- Milford Sounds guided tour
- Shotover Jet ride
- Auckland – Kerikeri domestic flight
- Napier – Christchurch domestic flight
- Queenstown – Auckland domestic flight
- 20 days late model car rental with unlimited kilometers and GPS system
- 24 hour on-call assistance
- Regional activity guides
- Luxury Golf Tours New Zealand welcome pack

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