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### Auckland 2019 – 2020

#### PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 6 rounds of golf (Windross Farm, Muriwai Links, Titirangi x 2, Wainui and Gulf Harbour)
- 7 night's accommodation in listed accommodation with breakfast.
- Electric carts at all courses.
- Airport and golf transfers in luxury touring vehicle with professional driver / guide.
- 24 hour on-call assistance from the Playing Around New Zealand tour office.
- New Zealand goods & services tax (GST) at 15%

#### OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Additional golf.
- Rental golf clubs.
- Activities on leisure day.

#### COSTS (Based on travel during October 2019 – May 2020)

- Based on 8 golfers staying in single room at the following properties during listed dates.

NZ\$3565 p/p

- Based on 8 golfers staying in twin room at the following properties during listed dates.

NZ\$2795 p/p

Please note that the Auckland Airport transfers are based on a minimum of 4 golfers per arrival / departure.

## Schedule

### **Day 1: Auckland**

**Morning:** Arrive at Auckland Airport off flight \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. We will meet your group at the airport and will transfer your group to central Auckland.

**Afternoon / Evening:** At leisure in Auckland. We can offer recommendations and bookings at Auckland's best restaurants.

**Accommodation:** Citylife Auckland – Superior Room x 7 nights

### **Day 2: Auckland**

**Morning:** Golf at Gulf Harbour. (50 minutes travel time from central Auckland) **Tee time: 12:30pm**

The group transport will depart the hotel at 10:30am and will return to the hotel by 6:30pm.

**Evening:** At leisure in Auckland.

### **Day 3: Auckland**

**Morning:** Golf at Titirangi (25 minutes travel time from central Auckland) **Tee time: 12:30pm**

The group transport will depart the hotel at 11:15am and will return to the hotel by 6:00pm.

**Evening:** At leisure in Auckland

### **Day 4: Auckland**

**Morning:** Golf at Windross Farm. (45 minutes travel time from central Auckland) **Tee time: 10:30am**

The group transport will depart the hotel at 09:00am and will return to the hotel by 4:30pm.

**Evening:** At leisure in Auckland.

### **Day 5: Auckland**

**Morning:** Golf at Muriwai Links (45 minutes travel time from central Auckland) **Tee time: 11:55am**

The group transport will depart the hotel at 10:15am and will return to the hotel by 6:30pm.

**Evening:** At leisure in Auckland

### **Day 6: Auckland**

**Morning:** Golf at Titirangi (25 minutes travel time from central Auckland) **Tee time: 11:55am**

The group transport will depart the hotel at 08:30am and will return to the hotel by 3:00pm.

**Evening:** At leisure in Auckland

### **Day 7: Auckland**

**Morning:** Golf at Wainui. (30 minutes travel time from central Auckland) **Tee time: 10:00am**

The group transport will depart the hotel at 09:00am and will return to the hotel by 4:00pm.

**Evening:** At leisure in Auckland.

### **Day 8: Auckland**

Transfer to Auckland Airport to meet International flight (35 minutes' drive). Flight \_\_\_\_\_ departs at \_\_\_\_\_.

The transport will depart the hotel 3 hours prior to your International flight departure.

## 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. 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.



### **Auckland Highlights:**

- Waiheke Island wine and food experience.
- Sky Tower & Harbour Bridge.
- Shopping in Parnell and Ponsonby.
- Americas Cup yacht sailing experience.
- Fishing for Snapper on the harbour.
- Take the ferry to Devonport.
- Enjoying the panoramic views from Mount Eden or exploring the black sandy beaches on the West Coast.

## Your Transport and Guide



### **Late Model Mercedes Vehicles**

Playing Around New Zealand owns and operates a fleet of 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.

### **Tolan Henderson**

Tolan is the company's leading Tour Director and will be the friendly face that guides you around New Zealand. After spending 18 years in the IT industry with Intel and Microsoft the lure of the golf course was too strong! Beginning with a 3 year stint as a club maker the fire was lit and with a desire to combine the love of golf, people and travel it was only a matter of time before Tolan joined the Playing Around New Zealand team. With a cheerful and humorous personality and a local golfing knowledge that is second to none, Tolan is the perfect tour manager and host. To say Tolan is an avid golfer is an understatement – when not touring you can pretty much be guaranteed that you will find Tolan on a golf course somewhere, not only has he played just under 300 of New Zealand's 404 golf courses he claims to have ticked off most of the courses in the South Pacific and Hawaii and is now threatening to start on mainland America.



## Accommodation

### **CityLife Auckland**

Whether you're visiting the City of Sails for the first time, or are a returning guest, CityLife Auckland offers truly memorable Auckland accommodation. Located on Queen St in the CBD, it's a short stroll to the city's best restaurants, bars and attractions like the Sky Tower, Ferry Terminal and Viaduct Harbour. This Auckland city hotel offers one, two or three bedroom suites, Superior Rooms, Directors Suites and for those looking to really indulge, a rooftop Penthouse Suite. Each offers the best in regards to comfort, space and facilities, with flat-screen televisions and SKY TV. You can expect great service too: CityLife Auckland was a finalist in the Hotel Club Hotel Awards 2010 for Outstanding Service. Not only that, our restaurant, Zest, has picked up its fair share of awards in its time, and our Zest Bar has become a popular nightspot for guests and locals alike.

## Golf Courses

### **Titirangi**

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.

### **Gulf Harbour**

This is a great layout to rival any international course. The resort hosted the prestigious World Cup in 1998. Designed by Robert Trent Jones, who likens it to the illustrious Pebble Beach in California, the course played host to the 2005 Holden New Zealand Open where Niclas Fasth of Sweden beat many of the world's top golfers. It also played host to the Blue Chip NZ Open in November 2006. The course is located 35kms north of central Auckland.

### **Windross Farm (South Auckland)**

Windross Farm is a new, spectacular golf course located only 30 minutes south of the Auckland CBD. It is easily reached from the airport via the motorway. Designed by Brett Thomson, of RBT Design, with course consultant, Phil Titirangi, the course is known for its challenging degrees of interest. The layout is a traditional par 72, with returning 9's of par 36. Both nines are of similar length but play quite differently with varying design elements and the influence of wind direction. Apart from the undulating greens, 38 bunkers and minimal tree presence, the major feature of the course is the water in its many forms with four large lakes interlaced with numerous burns (streams) threading their way in and out of impressive, yet imposing, wetland areas. It is a course that can be challenging or challenged by any level of player on every hole and every shot. The course will play host to the 2017 Ladies New Zealand Open which will be on the LPGA Tour!

### **Wainui Golf Club**

The 18-hole championship course is set in an iconic New Zealand rural back drop. The course is cut through rolling hills, natural water ways and is framed by 80-year-old statement pines and precise bunkering. This Puddicombe designed course offers golfers of all levels pristine golf surfaces, five tee deck options, varied shot options from the tee with multiple layup areas all on sand capped fairways. Wainui is a world class facility a world away and only 20 minutes from downtown Auckland.

## **Muriwai Links Golf Club**

To play Muriwai is to play the game of golf as nature intended, The Muriwai Golf Links is a true links course situated amidst the black sand dunes of Auckland's west coast, it offers year-round golf, dry underfoot in the winter & irrigated fairways for great summer conditions. The club offers 18-hole championship golf links along with multiple practice areas: putting green, short game driving range, which includes chipping green & practice bunkers complimented by a full length driving range. Muriwai is one of the leading links style courses in New Zealand and is home to a number of national events including the recent World Masters Golf tournament, this really is a world class course that always features high in most publications "top" courses list, it is handily located 45 minutes from downtown Auckland.

## **Playing Around New Zealand**

In the summer of 2003, a passion for golf and travel prompted Will Owen to buy a small minibus and begin offering a daily golf service for visitors to Christchurch, New Zealand. Through hotel and online marketing this service became popular and he expanded the tours to include other destinations on the South Island. In 2004, he conducted his first multi-day tour for a golf group from Australia along with several self-drive itineraries for visiting golfers from across the globe. By the summer of 2005, Playing Around New Zealand was firmly established and Will began employing the services of first class guides to assist him in making his tour service truly nationwide. Fast forward to 2017 and thousands of golfers from across the world have enjoyed the first-class itinerary planning and tour services from the team at Playing Around New Zealand, lifelong friendships have been formed and several visitors have returned to New Zealand for their second, third and even fourth golf trip! Will Owen now leads a small team of dedicated professionals from his Auckland office. During the past ten years, they have built superb relationships with the best New Zealand golf courses and accommodation providers to ensure that golf visitors who use their services have the best possible travel experience. The company also owns several Mercedes vehicles that are exclusively available for self-drive and guided golf tours. As members of the Tourism Industry Association of New Zealand (TIANZ) and the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) you are assured of the highest standards of service and integrity. Playing Around New Zealand were proud recipients of "Best New Zealand Inbound Golf Tour Operator" in both 2015 and 2017 courtesy of the World Golf Awards. You can also read reviews on TripAdvisor at [https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Attraction\\_Review-g255106-d5111714-Reviews-Playing\\_Around\\_New\\_Zealand-Auckland\\_North\\_Island.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/Attraction_Review-g255106-d5111714-Reviews-Playing_Around_New_Zealand-Auckland_North_Island.html)