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## **Taupo Group Tour – 6 Days**

### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS**

- 5 night's accommodation as listed.
- 4 scheduled rounds of golf (2 x Wairakei, 2 x Kinloch).
- Electric carts for each round.
- Transport in 12 seat Mercedes minibus rental vehicle with unlimited kms and insurance (\$1250 excess).
- Air New Zealand flight from Taupo to Auckland (2 checked bags per person).

### **COSTS** (Based on a group of 8 Australian based golfers)

NZ\$2650 per person (approximately AU\$2475) staying in own room in 4 bedroom luxury apartment.

### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

- Additional nights.
- Extra rounds of golf including Cape Kidnappers.
- Caddies and rental clubs.
- Alternative accommodation including Hilton Hotel, Kinloch or Huka Lodge.
- Driver service.
- Kiwi Challenge against like minded New Zealand golfers.

## Schedule

### **Day 1: Auckland to Taupo**

Arrival at Auckland Airport off flight \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

We will meet you off your flight and provide you with your Mercedes Sprinter minibus, perfect for a group of 8 golfers with luggage and golf clubs.

**Accommodation:** Sacred Waters Luxury Apartments Taupo. 2 x 4 Bedroom Apartments x 5 nights  
Each guest will have their own room in a four-bedroom luxury apartment.

### **Day 2: Taupo**

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

I recommend that you depart your accommodation at 8:30am which will allow you to have breakfast at the golf course along with time on the superb practice facility.

You will return to your accommodation at your convenience.

**Evening:** Booking service at a recommended Taupo restaurant.

### **Day 3: Taupo**

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

### **Day 4: Taupo**

**Morning:** Golf at Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary. **Tee times: 10:30am onwards**

### **Day 5: Taupo**

**Morning:** Golf at Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary. **Tee times: 10:30am onwards**

### **Day 6: Taupo to Auckland**

At 8:30am you will drive to the nearby Taupo Airport for your 9:20am flight to Auckland (you will leave the rental minibus at Taupo Airport). On arrival in Auckland (10:15am) you will make your way to the international terminal (10-minute walk or free bus) and check in for your 12:30pm flight.

## The Golf Courses

### **The Kinloch Club**

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." Sir Bob Charles, on playing Kinloch for the first time, stated "Having just played Kinloch for the first time I can honestly say this is the # 1 golf course in New Zealand. For those unable to play the great links courses of Scotland, Kinloch compares with the best of them. A true links experience with Jack Nicklaus at his best."

### **Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary**

Wairakei lies on 180 hectares of natural rolling countryside, 6460 metres from championship tees with 108 large well placed bunkers and was developed to meet the rigorous design standards required for world-class championship competitions. Wairakei golf course has been skillfully designed to blend with the surrounding native bush. Prolific birdsong, picturesque scenery and a unique pest-proof sanctuary (the first of its kind) has led to Wairakei being recognised by many as New Zealand's number one golf course. The predator-free sanctuary offers a safe haven to fallow deer and many birdlife including mixed colour pheasants, guinea fowl, ducks, native kiwi and takahe, which are all free to roam around the course.

## Accommodation

### **Sacred Waters Luxury Apartments, Taupo**

On the shores of New Zealand's favorite lake sits Taupo's Number One luxury lakefront accommodation, Taupo Sacred Waters Luxury Lakefront Apartments. Overlooking Lake Taupo this stylish luxury apartment complex provides an outstanding experience for visitors to the lakeside City of Taupo New Zealand. Sacred Waters Luxury Lakefront apartments are Taupo's most central luxury accommodation choice. An easy walk to Central Taupo and a short drive to any Taupo tourist activity. Sacred Waters Taupo is Qualmark 5 Star internationally rated.

## Your Transport

### **Late Model Mercedes Vehicles**

Playing Around New Zealand owns and operates several late model Mercedes group moving vehicles with luxury leather seats, passenger step and large luggage compartments. 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.



## **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 2020 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 now leads a small team of dedicated professionals from his Auckland office. During the past fifteen 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 Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) 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 also the proud recipients of the World Golf Awards “Best New Zealand Inbound Golf Tour Operator” in 2015, 2017 and 2018. 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)