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## January 2025: Website Example

## PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 9 rounds of golf (Royal Auckland, Te Arai South, Te Arai North, Kauri Cliffs, Cape Kidnappers, Kinloch, Wairakei, Jack's Point and The Hills)
- Carts at all courses except Te Arai.
- Pull carts at Te Arai.
- 19 night's accommodation with breakfast.
- Airport and golf transfers in Auckland, Te Arai and Kauri Cliffs in luxury vehicle with professional driver/guide.
- Helicopter transfer from Te Arai to Kauri Cliffs.
- Dinner on each day of your Kauri Cliffs, Huka Lodge and Cape Kidnappers stay.
- Hertz SUV rental vehicle with unlimited kms and zero deductible from Taupo to Hawke's Bay and duration of Queenstown stay.
- Day excursion on Waiheke Island.
- Day excursion on charter boat "Cool Change" in the Bay of Islands.
- Exclusive Milford Sound helicopter trip with cruise ex Queenstown.
- Air New Zealand flight between Bay of Islands and Taupo (2 checked bags per person)
- Air New Zealand flight between Hawke's Bay and Queenstown (2 checked bags per person)
- Air New Zealand flight between Queenstown and Auckland (2 checked bags per person)
- 24 hour on-call assistance from the Playing Around New Zealand tour office.
- New Zealand goods & services tax (GST) at 15%

## TBA

• Golf at Tara Iti – own arrangements.

## **OPTIONAL**

• Caddies at Te Arai, Cape Kidnappers and Kauri Cliffs.

### **Important Information:**

NZeTA: As \_\_\_\_\_\_ citizens you are in the Visa waiver category but you will need to obtain an NZeTA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority). Whilst obtaining this authority you will also pay for an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL). This can all be completed at <u>https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/</u>

Please also ensure that your golf clubs and equipment such as golf shoes are clean and free of grass etc. This will ensure that you avoid the Bio Security staff when coming through customs.

Cost Guide: From NZ\$99,950 total based on double/twin occupancy in January 2025

## **Schedule**

## Day 1: Auckland (January 2024)

We will meet you at Auckland Airport off flight \_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. You will then transfer to your hotel in central Auckland (30 minutes).
Evening: Dinner at Soul Bar. 7pm
Accommodation: Park Hyatt, King Bed Harbour View Rooftop with Balcony x 3 nights.

# Day 2: Auckland

## Waiheke Island Day Trip.

At 9:30am you will walk the short distance to the Auckland ferry terminal and take a trip across Auckland harbour to Waiheke Island (30 minutes). You will be met by a driver and transfer to Cable Bay followed by Stonyridge for wine tasting. At 12:45pm your driver will transfer you to Poderi Crisci for a 1:00pm "Long Lunch". Once you have finished lunch your driver will meet you and transfer you to Matiatia Wharf for the ferry ride to Auckland. Alternatively, you can return to Auckland at your leisure.

## Day 3: Auckland

**Morning**: Play golf at Royal Auckland. **Tee time: 10:30am** Royal Auckland is a 30 minute drive from central Auckland. Your transfer will depart the hotel at 9:15am. The driver will return to the course at 3:30pm. **Evening:** Dinner at The Grove. 7:30pm

## Day 4: Auckland to Te Arai

Morning: 10:00am transfer to Tara Iti (90 minutes) Afternoon: Play golf at Tara Iti (hosted by a member). Following golf you will transfer the short distance to Te Arai. Evening: At leisure on the Te Arai property. Accommodation: Te Arai, King Suite x 3 nights.

# Day 5: Te Arai

Play golf at the Te Arai South Course. Tee time: 9:50am

## Day 6: Te Arai

Play golf at Te Arai North Course. Tee time: 9:50am

## Day 7: Te Arai to Bay of Islands

**Morning**: Your helicopter will arrive at 10am and provide the scenic transfer to Kauri Cliffs (45 minutes).

Afternoon: I recommend that you enjoy the complimentary lunch and spend the afternoon taking advantage of the superb lodge facilities.

**Evening:** Dinner at Kauri Cliffs.

Accommodation: Kauri Cliffs Lodge, Deluxe Suite x 3 nights

# Day 8: Bay of Islands

**Morning**: Golf at Kauri Cliffs. **Tee off at 9:45am** (Please note that you are eligible for unlimited golf on this day, the only additional charges are for carts or caddies). **Evening:** Dinner at Kauri Cliffs.

## Day 9: Bay of Islands

Private cruise of the Bay of Islands on Cool Change. Departure from Waitangi Wharf at 10am for the 6hour trip at 10am (your transport will depart Kauri Cliffs at 9am) Trip Description:

Embark on a personalised journey as Cool Change picks you up from your preferred wharf, marking the beginning of your adventure. Whether you prefer relaxation, taking the helm, or exploring beautiful islands, the choice is yours. We customise all our cruises to match your preferences and adapt to the weather conditions. In a sheltered bay, drop anchor and indulge in activities like swimming, paddleboarding, and snorkeling in the crystal-clear turquoise waters, all while a delicious lunch is prepared. Following our stopover, we'll set sail back to your drop-off point, with the possibility of encountering dolphins or orcas along the way. While our charters typically last for 6 hours, additional time can be arranged. Don't forget to bring essentials like sunblock, swimming gear, a towel, hat, and a light jacket for an all-encompassing maritime experience.

**Evening:** Dinner at Kauri Cliffs.

### Day 10: Bay of Islands to Taupo

**Morning:** At 8:30am your Black Robin Transfers driver will provide the transfer from Kauri Cliffs to Kerikeri Airport (30 minutes) for your flight to Taupo (via Auckland). Flight NZ8267 departs Kerikeri at 9:50am and arrives in Auckland at 10:45am. Upon arrival in Auckland, you will switch planes and depart for Taupo on flight NZ8093 at 11:50am arriving at 12:40pm. Please note that your bags will be checked through from Kerikeri to Taupo.

On arrival in Taupo, you will collect your rental vehicle and drive to Huka Lodge (15 minutes). **Evening:** Dinner at Huka Lodge

Accommodation: Huka Lodge, Junior Suite x 3 nights

### Day 11: Taupo

**Morning**: Play golf at Kinloch. **Tee time: 10:30am** The drive to Kinloch will take 25 minutes. **Evening:** Dinner at Huka Lodge.

### Day 12: Taupo

**Morning**: Play golf at Wairakei Golf & Sanctuary. **Tee time: 10:30am** The drive to Wairakei will take 5 minutes. **Evening:** Dinner at Huka Lodge.

### Day 13: Taupo to Hawke's Bay

**Morning:** Drive to Hawke's Bay at your leisure (allow 2 ½ hours). On arrival at Cape Kidnappers, you will enjoy lunch.

**Evening:** Dinner at Cape Kidnappers.

Accommodation: The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, Hilltop Suite x 3 nights

### Day 14: Hawke's Bay

**Morning**: Golf at Cape Kidnappers. **Tee off at 10:00am** (Please note that you are eligible for unlimited golf on this day, the only additional charges are for carts or caddies). **Evening:** Dinner at Cape Kidnappers.

## Day 15: Hawke's Bay

At leisure on the Cape Kidnappers property. **Evening:** Dinner at Cape Kidnappers.

## Day 16: Hawke's Bay to Queenstown

At 10:45am you will drive from Cape Kidnappers to Napier Airport (allow 45 minutes). Flight NZ5014 departs Napier at 12:30pm and arrives in Auckland at 1:40pm. You will then change aircraft and depart for Queenstown on flight NZ623 at 2:40pm arriving in Queenstown at 4:35pm.

Please note that your bags will be checked through from Hawke's Bay to Queenstown. On arrival in Queenstown, you will collect another rental vehicle and travel to central Queenstown (25 minutes). Accommodation: Eichardts Private Hotel, Deluxe Lakeview Suite x 4 nights.

### Day 17: Queenstown

**Morning:** Golf at Jack's Point. **Tee time: 10:30am** Jack's Point is a 30-minute drive from Queenstown. **Evening:** At leisure in Queenstown.

### Day 18: Queenstown

Exclusive Milford Sound Helicopter trip with Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters.

Weather Check: 8:15am - please phone 0800 80 16 16 or 03 442 3016

The helicopter company will collect you from the Eichardt's at 9am.

### Trip Description:

The ideal way to get the full Milford Sound experience, this combination flight and boat cruise delivers the two best perspectives of this world-famous fiord.

Flying over the spectacular alpine scenery of the Southern Alps on your scenic helicopter flight before landing in Milford Sound to enjoy a leisurely boat cruise past sheer cliffs, cascading waterfalls and perhaps even spot dolphins on the water.

Following your cruise, you'll board your helicopter again to be whisked away for a remote alpine or glacier landing with magnificent views and plenty of time for photographs before returning to Queenstown.

**Evening:** Dinner at The Botswana Butchery. 7:30pm

### Day 19: Queenstown

### Golf at The Hills. Tee time: 9:30am

The Hills is a 30-minute drive from Queenstown.

### Day 20: Queenstown to Auckland (Sunday 4th February)

**Morning**: Drive to Queenstown Airport. I recommend that you depart Eichardt's at \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the 25 minute drive. You will leave your rental vehicle at the Hertz parking area at the airport.

Flight \_\_\_\_\_ departs Queenstown at \_\_\_\_\_ and arrives in Auckland at \_\_\_\_\_. Air NZ Ref#JVG4JH On arrival at Auckland Airport, you will transfer to the international airport. International flight \_\_\_\_\_ departs at \_\_\_\_\_.

# 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.
- Shopping in Parnell and Ponsonby.
- Americas Cup yacht sailing experience.
- Fishing for Snapper on the harbour.
- Take a ferry across the harbour to Devonport.
- Enjoying the panoramic views from Mount Eden or exploring the black sandy beaches on the West Coast.

# **Bay of Islands**

The Bay of Islands is one of New Zealand's great holiday destinations - enjoyed by 'Kiwis' and international visitors alike. This is authentic New Zealand - both stunningly beautiful and historically significant. With a sub-tropical climate, you can enjoy beach and water activities, go exploring one of the many nature walks, swim with dolphins, charter a boat to go fishing or to explore the 144 different islands in our bay. The Bay of Islands was where the first European settlers arrived, and where they forged the first relationships with local Maori - not always a friendly experience! The famous Treaty of Waitangi became the founding document for our new nation, and is celebrated every



year at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Each town in the Bay of Islands has its own unique culture and lifestyle from the more up-market lifestyle focus of Kerikeri, to bustling Paihia with its focus on providing a great visitor experience, to the calming historic atmosphere of Waitangi and the Haruru Falls, and the beautiful and sometimes quirky sea-side town of Russell.

### **Bay of Islands Highlights:**

- Explore the Islands by charter boat.
- A day trip to Ninety Mile Beach and Cape Reinga.
- Visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.
- A day trip to Hokianga and the Waipoua Kauri Forest.
- Visit the beautiful town of Russell.
- Diving, snorkelling and swimming with dolphins.

# Rotorua & Lake Taupo



Rotorua is one place where the turbulent forces that formed New Zealand are most evident. This city, on the Volcanic Plateau, has one of the world's most lively fields of geothermal activity. Skyrocketing geysers, hot springs and boiling mud pools all tell you that this place sits squarely on the Pacific Rim of Fire. Rotorua is also the ancestral home of the Te Arawa people who settled here more than 600 years ago and their presence offer the visitor numerous cultural experiences. See the clear blue waters on a summer's day and Lake Taupo can appear the most beautiful and tranquil place in New Zealand. Appearances deceive. Taupo is more than a lake. It is a volcano with no top – a top that was blown off in one of the largest and most devastating eruptions ever seen on the planet. Visit the Craters of the Moon and you will

see evidence of its fiery birth in the geysers, steaming craters and boiling mud pools.

#### Rotorua & Taupo Highlights:

- Visit Huka Falls and the geothermal parks at Wai O Tapu or Te Puia.
- Enjoy a relaxing massage or treatment at the world class Polynesian Spa.
- Visit a Maori village and experience a cultural show.
- Take a twilight cruise on Lake Taupo.
- Experience fly-fishing in the pristine rivers.
- Take a hike in the Tongariro National Park.

# Hawke's Bay

There are two words that sit with Hawke's Bay and they are Wine Country. Hawke's Bay is one of New Zealand's warmest, driest regions and this has made it one of the country's leading producers of wine; notably red wines – cabernet sauvignon, merlot and latterly syrah – but also with some quite stunning whites. But there is much more than wine to this glorious place. It is New Zealand's Art Deco centre, rebuilt in the 1930's after a huge earthquake. It hosts the country's most elaborate celebrations of Matariki – the Maori New Year. It's a place where you can shop at the farmers market for locally grown delicacies, indulge in artisan gourmet food, and join the lunchers at Napier's Great Long Lunch. And it's a place where you can walk the forest trails of the Ruahine and Kaweka Forest Parks or the glorious beaches that stretch along the coast.



#### Hawke's Bay Highlights:

- Take a Hawke's Bay food and wine tour.
- Enjoy lunch or dinner at the Craggy Range or Elephant Hill wineries.
- Walk amongst the Art Deco buildings in Napier.
- Visit the largest mainland gannet colony in the world at Cape Kidnappers.

# Queenstown



Queenstown is the New Zealand destination for international visitors. Its natural beauty changes with the seasons, the lake gleams in the summer sun, and snow clad mountains tower above the township in winter. Queenstown is a great place to visit all year round. Nestled in beside the mysterious Lake Wakatipu, in the Southern Lakes district of New Zealand, Queenstown is a cosmopolitan haven, offering a limitless adventure, southern wine and cuisine, and breath-taking alpine scenery.

### **Queenstown Highlights:**

- Take the gondola to the Bobs Peak and enjoy panoramic views of the region.
- Tour the Central Otago wineries where Pinot Noir is a speciality.
- Visit Arrowtown, a quaint village with a gold mining history.
- Partake in one of the several adrenalin adventures including bungee jumping, white water rafting, skydiving or jet boating.
- Trust the chef at Amisfield Winery.
- Take a scenic flight to Milford Sound or a nature cruise on Doubtful Sound.
- Visit Walter Peak Farm via the TSS Earnslaw. (See image above)

### **Golf Courses**

### Royal Auckland & Grange (Auckland)

The merging of New Zealand's neighbouring Royal Auckland and Grange Golf Club's was formalised in 2015, when members of the two clubs voted to join forces and consolidate their courses into one new 27-hole Nicklaus Design facility. Royal Auckland's history dates back as far as 1894, and The Grange to 1924. The value of their surplus land enabled the new club to pursue what from the outside seemed a rather ambitious project, that is to use a modern Nicklaus Design as a means of establishing this new entity as Auckland's premier private club facility. At a cost exceeding \$60 million, the newly merged club was able to build a contemporary Andrew Patterson designed clubhouse and to stage the opening of its three nines between 2019 and 2021. The 27 holes at Royal Auckland and Grange are spread almost equally across the two founding club properties, with the nines known as Grange, Tamaki and Middlemore. The Middlemore holes include the area closest to the former Royal Auckland clubhouse.

### Te Arai – South Course (Mangawhai)

Te Arai Links will encompass two pure links golf courses. The South Course design is by world renowned golf architects Coore & Crenshaw and is currently under construction. The North Course is designed by Tom Doak, whose skill and craftsmanship has been integral to the success of Tara Iti Golf Club, North of Te Arai Links. The North Course will begin construction in the third quarter of 2021. Te Arai Links is golf as it was destined to be. Te Arai which is just over an hour drive North of Auckland, is a place that is rich in cultural history and showcases extraordinary coastal beauty – think exposed sand, coupled with firm and fast fescue turf. Golfers will walk and marvel at the beauty of natural landscape and will feel the pull to return again and again to share this gem with family and friends. See and hear the sound of the waves crashing and smell the salt in the air as you traverse the course and enjoy all the special details and hospitality on offer.

### Te Arai North (Near Mangawhai)

Opening October 2023.

Course designer Tom Doak states:

"The North Course starts and finishes on the ocean, but for me the unique character of the course will be found inland. The green of the par-4 5th hole, and the next tee, sit high on a ridge adjacent to an ancient Māori Pa, or hill fortress, built from the largest dune on the property, while the 4th, 6th, 7th and 9th greens sit in a shared bowl amongst the dunes."

Possibly the most dramatic holes on the course will be the 11th and 13th. The former is a long par-5 with an elevated green and a 'whirlpool' hazard to the right, some seven meters below the green. The 13th is a long par-4 with its green at the edge of a huge natural bunker, so that second shots have to be played over the sand or safely around to the left. It's a hole very reminiscent of Pine Valley in New Jersey, and indeed so is much of the inland terrain at Te Arai. It is odd having to apologize for a golf course that 'only' features the ocean for seven of the 18 holes, but that is how spoiled golfers have become by the best of New Zealand's modern golf courses. The North Course promises to be near the head of the class.

### Kauri Cliffs (Bay of Islands)

Kauri Cliffs was designed and built by David Harman of Golf Course Consultants, Orlando, Florida. The par 72 championship golf course measures 7,119 yards/6,510 metres and offers five sets of tees to challenge every skill level. Fifteen holes view the Pacific Ocean, six of which are played alongside cliffs which plunge to the sea. The beautiful inland holes wind through marsh, forest and farmland. The golf complex includes a world-class practice range, putting and chipping greens, a well-stocked golf shop and ladies' and mens' locker rooms.

## The Kinloch Club (Taupo)

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."

### Wairakei Golf & Sanctuary (Taupo)

The Wairakei Golf & Sanctuary is set midway between Auckland and Wellington, in the heart of the spectacular scenery of the Lake Taupo region. Designed by Commander John Harris, Michael Wolveridge and Peter Thomson with the aim of producing New Zealand's first internationally recognised golf course, there is little doubt that this trio exceeded all expectations. The end result is a course that sprawls over 450 acres of natural countryside. This coupled with the 6429 metres from the championship tees and 108 large well placed bunkers has led Wairakei to receive worldwide acclaim.

### Cape Kidnappers (Hawke's Bay)

The American designer of Cape Kidnappers, Tom Doak, who is also well known for his prize-winning courses in the US, has said that, 'If Cape Kidnappers were a book it would be an epic. Enjoy your game and enjoy the setting (because) you may never play golf somewhere like this again'. Like Kauri Cliffs, Cape Kidnappers plays above the ocean, atop dramatic cliffs, but unlike Kauri Cliffs, where the shape of the land dictates play along the shoreline, this course runs to and from the edge. Cape Kidnappers is built on a ridge-and-valley landscape with spectacular sea views.

### Jack's Point (Queenstown)

Set within a 3,000 acre nature preserve on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, Jacks Point has sweeping lake and alpine vistas with a 360-degree mountainscape. The course is bounded by the Remarkables mountain range and Lake Wakatipu. It traverses through wetland to the lake edge encountering steep bluffs, indigenous vegetation and wildlife and is designed to work with nature, not against it. The fairways have been designed with minimal excavation and careful plantings to complement the natural environment.

### The Hills (Queenstown)

The Hills was designed by Darby Partners and opened in 2007 to host the New Zealand Open. This championship layout provides a serious challenge for accomplished golf players while thoughtful and considerate design means that the golf course is equally enjoyable for golfers of all abilities. Set over 500 acres of land across a glacial valley, The Hills is home to an incredible array of flora including native brown top grasses and wild native mountain tussocks. Sculptures crafted by New Zealand artists compliment the natural beauty of the course's lakes, waterways and wetland areas. Winter snow and frost conditions provide the ideal climate for the finest grasses suited to the modern-day game of golf. The course is the current home of the New Zealand Open.

## **Accommodation**

### Park Hyatt, Auckland (5 star hotel)

Park Hyatt Auckland is perfectly located on the water's edge and will offer expansive views across Wynyard Quarter's Lighter Basin and out to the Waitematā Harbour. The hotel will have 195 guestrooms, four restaurants and bars, versatile and boutique event spaces, a day spa, a 25-metre infinity pool, and a full fitness center.

### Te Arai Resort (5 star golf resort)

Positioned alongside a pristine New Zealand coastline, Te Arai Links promises to be a world class golf destination. Boasting two pure links golf courses designed by Tom Doak and the other by Bill Coore & Ben Crenshaw. Te Arai Links is a scenic 90-minute drive from the Auckland CBD, or 25 minutes by helicopter. While only a short trip north of New Zealand's largest city, you'll find yourself in another world - surrounded by trees, sand dunes and coastal views over one of the country's most stunning, white sand, surf beaches. The Suites at Te Arai Links are luxurious, offering 45m2 (484sf) of beautifully appointed space with contemporary details. The Suites overlook The South Course and in some instances provide views of the Pacific Ocean and islands beyond. Located just a short walk from the South Clubhouse, Pizza Barn and practice facilities, the Suites are located in the heart of the property. Architecturally designed by Studio John Irving, with interiors by Jenni Kayne, these well-proportioned rooms come in two layouts, one king size bed or two queen beds.

### Kauri Cliffs Lodge, Bay of Islands (5 star luxury lodge)

Located on 6,000 acres near Matauri Bay, the luxurious The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs offers 180-degree ocean views, 3 private beaches, an 18-hole golf course and 2 tennis courts. Guests also enjoy an infinity pool with a spa pool, a fitness centre, a day spa and an onsite restaurant. Your stay at The Lodge includes breakfast, pre-dinner drinks with hors d'oeuvres and gourmet dinner. A complimentary in-room minibar is provided, with domestic beer - liquor/wines are available for an extra charge.

### Huka Lodge, Taupo

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 attentiveness as palpable as the force of the Waikato River itself. Pre-dinner drinks and canapés, a five-course dinner daily (menu changes daily), full country breakfast and use of all lodge facilities are included in the package.

### The Farm at Cape Kidnappers (5 star 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 a luxury getaway, the cluster of 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 accommodation cost includes pre-dinner drinks with hors d'oeuvres, a la carte dinner, full breakfast and complimentary mini-bar including domestic beers. Spa treatments are also available.

### Eichardt's Private Hotel, Queenstown (5 star hotel)

Queenstown's most historic haven, Eichardt's Private Hotel has bagged the best spot on the lake for shoreside romance, offering super-chic interiors and no-holds barred luxe. Quintessentially boutique, there's an air of refined exclusivity here (thanks to the sumptuous interiors by Virginia Fisher, apartment-style boudoirs and cult-status Eichardt's Bar), yet this genteel cocoon is just a hop from the heart of the action.

### **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

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