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Kiwi Specials, June - October 2020
Wellington to Auckland – 5 Days

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- 5 rounds of golf (Royal Wellington, Paraparaumu, Manawatu, Rangatira and Wairakei Golf and Sanctuary)
- 4 night's accommodation in listed accommodation with breakfast.
- Electric carts at Wairakei.
- Trundlers at other courses (carts available on request).
- Late model Mercedes Sprinter 12 seat rental vehicle with insurance (\$1250 damage excess).
- 24 hour on-call assistance from the Playing Around New Zealand tour office.
- New Zealand goods & services tax (GST) at 15%

COSTS (Based on a group of 8 New Zealand based golfers)

NZ\$1200 per person (own room throughout trip / own room in 2 bedroom apartment in Taupo)
NZ\$1050 per person (twin share at 3 properties / own room in 2 bedroom apartment in Taupo)

Schedule

Day 1: Wellington

Morning: Arrive at Wellington Airport off flight__ at _____. We will meet your group at the airport and provide you with your 12-seat rental vehicle. This vehicle can also be delivered to the city centre. Once the formalities have been completed you will drive to Royal Wellington GC.

Afternoon: Play golf at Royal Wellington. Tee time: 12:30pm

Evening: At leisure in Wellington. We can offer recommendations and bookings at Wellington's best restaurants.

Accommodation: Ibis Hotel Wellington, Superior Room x 1 night

Day 2: Wellington to Paraparaumu

Morning: Travel to Paraparaumu (allow 50 minutes' drive).

Afternoon: Play golf at Paraparaumu. **Tee time: 12:15pm.**

Evening: We can book a table at a local bar / restaurant.

Accommodation: Wrights by the Sea, Paraparaumu, Executive Room x 1 night

Day 3: Paraparaumu to Palmerston North

Morning: Travel to Manawatu GC (allow 90 minutes' drive)

Afternoon: Golf at Manawatu GC. **Tee time: 12:15pm**

Evening: We can book a table at a local bar / restaurant.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Palmerston North, Superior Room x 1 night

Day 4: Palmerston North to Taupo

Morning: Travel to Rangatira GC (allow 60 minutes' drive). Play golf at Rangatira. **Tee time: 10:30am**

Afternoon: Following golf the group will travel to Taupo (2 hours).

Evening: We can book a table at a local bar / restaurant.

Accommodation: Voyager Apartments, Two Bedroom Apartment x 1 night

Day 5: Taupo to Auckland

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

Following golf, the group will travel back to Auckland.

You can choose to return the vehicle on the evening that you return to Auckland or the following morning.

The Golf Courses

Royal Wellington

Royal Wellington is located in Heretaunga, 25 minutes drive from central Wellington. A newly designed (2013), Turner MacPherson championship golf course in a stunning parkland setting, arguably one of the finest club golf courses and club house in New Zealand. The Heretaunga golf course is, arguably, New Zealand's finest private members parkland course and certainly one of its most beautiful. Sited on an ancient river bed it weaves its way over crumpled ground through cultivated parkland hosting thousands of mature native and exotic trees. Birdlife is abundant. Water in the form of several creeks and a large lake are all in play and present a true challenge for the adventurers and the unwary. Undulating greens complexes provide further challenge. Heretaunga is a true test of golf and the most beautiful walk in the park.

Paraparaumu Beach (North of Wellington)

Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club is located on the Kapiti Coast, 50 kilometres north of Wellington city centre. The course has played host to 12 New Zealand Opens and has long been regarded by many as the spiritual home of New Zealand Golf. Some of the biggest names in the sport have graced these fairways, from Gary Player and five-time Open Championship winner Peter Thompson through to Corey Pavin, Michael Campbell and in 2002 the world's number 1 golfer, Tiger Woods. Designed in 1949 by Alex Russell, whose design credits include the world-famous Royal Melbourne golf course, Paraparaumu Beach is a regular inside the World Top 100 Golf Course lists and is considered one of the best links courses in the Southern Hemisphere. Modelled on some of the best links golf courses of Britain and Ireland, the challenging layout threads its way through magnificent links land just north of Wellington, and once you've experienced it, you'll understand just why golf played at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Course is golf at its purest.

Manawatu Golf Club

The Manawatu Golf Club is situated in Palmerston North's suburb of Hokowhitu, bordering the banks of the Manawatu River and the city's Centennial Lagoon. The Club claims the title of the oldest golf course in New Zealand and has a proud history of hosting New Zealand's top Professional and Amateur events including the 2017 and 2018 NZPGA Championships, 5 NZ Open Championships, 8 NZ Amateur Championships and various other national championships. The course is regarded as Manawatu's premier 18 hole layout, and provides a challenging yet fair test for golfers of all abilities. Tree-lined, beautifully manicured fairways, fast rolling greens and over 50 challenging white sand bunkers feature throughout the parklike course.

Rangitira Golf Club

Join us for golf at this unique 18 hole course situated in the heart of the Rangitikei. What gives Rangitira that uniqueness; the course is built on three levels, stunning views of the Rangitikei River, and a ride in the Electric Cable Car, the only one of its kind in New Zealand. There are no bunkers. We are on State Highway One 12km North of Hunterville. Rangitira is arguably one of the best golf courses in the lower North Island as featured on Sky TV's "The Golf Club" November 2009. We were also the winner Golf Rankings 'Hidden Gem' award.

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

Ibis Hotel, Wellington

Ibis Wellington, a 3.5 star hotel with 200 contemporary guest rooms, is in the heart of the city near the bustle of Lambton Quay and walking distance to Parliament, TSB Arena, Westpac Stadium and Te Papa. Visit Vivant Restaurant and Bar for breakfast, lunch and dinner; situated on the ground floor. The perfect inner-city base for your Wellington holiday and just 20-minutes from Wellington Airport, ibis Wellington is centrally located within easy walking distance of popular attractions, city waterfront, fine dining options, and exceptional shopping.

Wrights by the Sea, Paraparaumu

Motel Wrights by the Sea Kapiti is a 6-minute drive from Paraparaumu town centre and a minute's walk from Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club. This stylish property offers free parking and unlimited WiFi access. The heated rooms are serviced daily. Amenities include kitchenware, a microwave and a flat-screen TV with 50+ satellite channels. Free toiletries and a hairdryer are a standard in the en suite bathrooms.

Copthorne Hotel, Palmerston North

Located just off The Square, Copthorne Hotel Palmerston North is ideal for explorers and business travellers alike. The main roads of Palmy, the locals' affectionate name for Palmerston North, radiate from The Square, so our guests are perfectly placed to sample all the city has to offer. With 89 contemporary guest rooms and suites, our hotel in Palmerston North is ready to welcome you.

Voyager Apartments, Taupo (2 Bedroom Apartments)

Voyager Apartments offers accommodation for both the business traveller or family looking for spacious, great value, self contained and optionally serviced Taupo accommodation. Close to all amenities and easy access from the main highways in and out of Taupo, Voyager Apartments are located with Lake Taupo at your doorstep and the main shopping strip, restaurants, cafes and bars only a brisk walk away. All apartments have fully equipped kitchens laundry facilities, air-conditioning heat pumps, private spa baths, Sky TV 51+ channels, Free Wi-Fi internet, DVD, stereos, making Voyager Apartments Taupo your perfect North Island base camp.

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