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## **New Zealand South Island Guided Tour 9 Days, March / April 2020**

### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS**

- 5 rounds of golf (Clearwater Resort, Terrace Downs, Arrowtown, Millbrook Resort and Jacks Point) with shared electric carts.
- 8 night's in 4 & 5 star hotel accommodation with breakfast.
- Welcome drinks in Christchurch on night of arrival.
- Three course dinner at Terrace Downs on the evening of day 3.
- Farewell dinner at one of Queenstown's top restaurants.
- Ground transfers and touring in a late model air-conditioned Mercedes minivan with local guide.
- Golf competitions with prizes and golfing merchandise.
- 24 hour on-call assistance from your Playing Around New Zealand tour office.
- New Zealand goods & services tax (GST) at 15%

### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

- Caddies and rental clubs.
- Golf and activity bookings on leisure days.
- Sightseeing and activity program for non-golfers.
- Hotel room upgrades.
- Pre and post tour accommodation including North Island locations.

### **COSTS**

- NZ\$4045 per person based on twin share. NZ\$5545 per person based on single occupancy.

## Schedule

### **Day 1: Christchurch (Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020)**

**Morning / Afternoon:** Our staff member will meet you at your Christchurch arrival point and transfer you to the centrally located Rendezvous Hotel.

**Evening:** Welcome drinks in Central Christchurch.

**Accommodation:** Rendezvous Hotel, Guest Room.

### **Day 2: Christchurch (Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**Morning:** Golf at Clearwater Resort. **Tee time: 10:00am**

Your transport will depart the hotel at 9am.

**Evening:** At leisure in Christchurch.

**Accommodation:** Rendezvous Hotel, Guest Room.

### **Day 3: Christchurch to Terrace Downs (Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**Morning:** At 8:45 your transport will depart the hotel and travel to Terrace Downs Resort.

Play golf at Terrace Downs. **Tee time: 10:30am.**

**Evening:** Enjoy a three-course dinner at Hunters Restaurant, Terrace Downs.

**Accommodation:** Terrace Downs Resort, Resort Villa.

### **Day 4: Terrace Downs to Queenstown (Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Morning:** At 9am you will depart Terrace Downs and take the five hour scenic drive to Queenstown, there will be plenty of photo and refreshment stops along the way.

**Evening:** At leisure in Queenstown

**Accommodation:** Heritage Hotel, Executive Room

### **Day 5: Queenstown (Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Morning:** Golf at Arrowtown GC. **Tee time: 10:30am**

Your transport will depart your hotel at 9.15am.

**Evening:** At leisure

**Accommodation:** Heritage Hotel, Executive Room

### **Day 6: Queenstown (Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Morning:** Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before playing golf at Millbrook Resort. **Tee time: 11:55am**

Your transport will depart your hotel at 11:00am.

**Evening:** At leisure

**Accommodation:** Heritage Hotel, Executive Room

### **Day 7: Queenstown (Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Leisure Day:** Today is your chance to explore Queenstown and the surrounding areas!

Your guide is on hand to assist with making activity arrangements or should you wish to make the most of the local vineyards, your guide can take you on a bespoke wine tour. Activity recommendations - Scenic helicopter trips, a day trip to Milford or Doubtful Sound, an additional game of golf at Jacks Point, The Hills or Queenstown GC

**Evening:** At leisure in Queenstown.

**Accommodation:** Heritage Hotel, Executive Room

**Day 8: Queenstown (Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>)**

**Morning:** Golf at Jacks Point. **Tee time: 10:30am**

Your transport will depart your hotel at 9:00am.

**Afternoon:** At leisure.

**Evening:** Enjoy a farewell dinner at one of Queenstown's top restaurants.

**Accommodation:** Heritage Hotel, Executive Room

**Day 9: Queenstown (Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>)**

**Departure Day:** Your guide will provide the airport road transfer arrangements in order to meet your departing flights. We can arrange flights to Christchurch, Auckland or any New Zealand destination to suit your travel plans\*.

\*Cost of domestic flight is additional and will be subject to Air New Zealand's best rate at time of booking

**Highlights of Itinerary**

- Play golf at the best golf courses that the South Island of New Zealand has to offer including Millbrook Resort, the co-host of the New Zealand Golf Open and the magnificent Jacks Point Course.
- Scenic touring through some of the most picturesque parts of New Zealand in a luxury air-conditioned Mercedes mini-coach with experienced driver / guide.
- Quality accommodation, conveniently located to golf courses and attractions.
- Friendly golf competition with daily prizes.
- Welcome drinks and a farewell dinner at top local establishments.

**Special Notes**

- This tour is open to a maximum of sixteen guests.
- These tours have guaranteed departures.
- Golfers of all abilities and ages are welcome.
- Additional sightseeing trips and rounds of golf are available on each day.
- Scenic touring is broken up with numerous photo and refreshment stops.

## Your Transport and Escort



### **Mercedes Sprinter**

You will be transported in one of our own luxury Mercedes Sprinter vehicles. They are all late model, air conditioned and very spacious. There will be complimentary refreshments on board and drive times will not exceed 90 minutes without a break.

### **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 2-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 director and host. To say Tolan is an avid golfer is an understatement – when not touring you can almost guarantee that you will find Tolan on a golf course somewhere! Not only has he played just under 300 of New Zealand's 407 golf courses he claims to have ticked off most of the courses in the South Pacific Islands and Hawaii and is now threatening to start on mainland America.



## The Golf Courses

### **Clearwater Resort (Christchurch)**

The Clearwater Golf Course has proven itself as a venue for international professional golf over 13 consecutive years, yet it offers a rewarding experience to all visitors from the six tee choices. Walk in the footsteps of Clearwater graduates such as Jason Dufner, Bubba Watson & Jason Day, with its glistening spring-fed lakes, Clearwater lives up to its name, providing a lush oasis close to the city and offers a golfing escape and a change of pace that few destinations can match. A magnificent 18-hole course awaits and is complemented by superb practice areas and impressive accompanying facilities including a fleet of modern electric golf carts equipped with GPS.



### **Terrace Downs (South of Christchurch)**

Terrace Downs is an 18 hole, par 72 championship course that features four different tee positions for the enjoyment of players of all abilities. At a length of 6,406 metres off the back tees, it includes 10 lakes and over 60 bunkers. Terrace Downs golf course has been rated by the New Zealand Golf magazine as one of the top five courses in the country.

### **Arrowtown GC (Queenstown)**

The picturesque Arrowtown Golf Club is set in one of New Zealand's most historic and scenic regions. This golf course is a must when playing golf in Queenstown. Surrounded by mountains, the 18 hole course has superb views from every fairway. Take time to play golf in this inspiring setting, each hole has its own attraction and the diverse and challenging course attracts players from all over the world. Historic stone cottage ruins nestle amongst towering trees. The golf course's link with its gold mining past is highlighted in the names of holes: Sons of Fortune and Golden Arrow, which border the once rich, gold bearing Arrow River.





### **Millbrook Resort (Queenstown)**

Designed by Sir Bob Charles and surrounded by the alpine backdrop of the Remarkables mountain range, the impeccably groomed fairways and greens of Millbrook provide an exhilarating experience. Situated a 20 minute drive from Queenstown the course provides a challenge for golfers of all abilities and is considered to be one of the most impressive international golf arenas in the world. Millbrook has recently added 9 new holes, under the Millbrook West title making 27 holes in total. These holes have boosted Millbrook's reputation as one of New Zealand's best resort courses.

### **Jacks Point (Queenstown)**

With a backdrop of 2300 vertical metres of the Remarkables mountain range and an armchair view of an outstanding lake panoramas, Jack's Point Golf course is one of the most visually spectacular in the world. As an 18 hole par 72 championship course it offers golfers an exciting challenge with five tee positions to choose from, providing all golfers an unforgettable golf experience. The course has been designed around the natural landscape, with minimal excavation. The course is built on the most spectacular of Jack's Point terrain. Designed in harmony with the natural environment, the course weaves through native tussock grasslands, dramatic rock outcrops, steep bluffs and swathes of native bush to the edge of Lake Wakatipu. The presentation of the course is second to none, which makes Jack's Point one of the world's great golfing experiences.



## Accommodation

### **Rendezvous Hotel, Christchurch**

Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch is located a short drive from the Christchurch International Airport, and close to major attractions including Cathedral Square, Christchurch Art Gallery, Christchurch Arts Centre, Canterbury Museum, Victoria Square and the famous Christchurch Botanic Gardens. The revitalised shopping precinct and a flurry of buzzing bars & restaurants such as Strangers Lane.

### **Terrace Downs Resort, Canterbury**

Perched on the edge of the spectacular Rakaia River boasting stunning views up to Mt Hutt, Terrace Downs offers a year-round NZ resort experience within an easy hour's drive of Christchurch International Airport. Winner of the 2010 World Travel Awards as NZ's leading golf resort, Terrace Downs caters to guests of all ages and offers two on-site dining options and a wide selection of leisure and adventure activities to choose from, activities include, but are not limited to, an 18-hole championship golf course, spa treatments, jet boating, horse treks, walking trails, mountain biking, clay pigeon shooting and archery through to salmon and trout fishing off the resort's beautiful river shores.

At Terrace Downs you can do as much as you want or as little as you want. The ever-changing landscape acts as the perfect playground for everyone and makes for an exciting and memorable day trip in to Canterbury's High Country; an all-seasons leisure retreat.

### **Heritage Hotel, Queenstown**

Queenstown, New Zealand's mountain playground, is one of the great alpine regions of the world and the charming Heritage Queenstown Hotel calls this place home - the resort offers a hotel experience that is certain to leave you breathless. The vistas from Heritage Queenstown are awe-inspiring - soak in the view of the towering Remarkables mountain range, rising from the rippling waters of Lake Wakatipu from the comfort of the hotel. Crafted from centuries-old schist stone and cedar, this comfortable and sophisticated Queenstown hotel is the perfect place to mix business and pleasure.

## Christchurch & Canterbury

Canterbury stretches from ocean to the Alps, a land of plains and peaks. It is a place of variety and innumerable attractions where, within two hours of an international airport, you can ski, play golf, bungee jump, go white-water rafting, mountain biking, wind surfing, whale watching, and visit world-class vineyards and gardens. Where else in the world can you do that?

A must-see is New Zealand's highest peak, Aoraki Mount Cook. Go hiking in Arthur's Pass National Park or just wander around the picturesque bays and villages of Banks Peninsula. And then there's New Zealand's second-largest city, Christchurch known as 'The Garden City'. In February 2011, Christchurch was hit by a huge earthquake. Much of the central city with its classic neo-gothic architecture was destroyed. But it remains a beautiful city, a city where you can cycle alongside the river, stay in good hotels and indulge in fine sophisticated dining, and a city where, just 15 minutes from the centre you can scramble up mountain bike tracks or ride a wave at a surf beach. The buildings may have been damaged but the soul of the city and the welcoming spirit of the people remains very much intact. Don't miss visiting Christchurch.

### **Christchurch Highlights:**

- Take a day trip to Kaikoura and go whale watching.
- Visit the seaside village of Akaroa and take a cruise on the harbour.
- Punt on the Avon River.
- Take a walk in the Botanic Gardens.
- Visit the Antarctic Centre.

## 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.

## **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 2018 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 also the proud recipients of the World Golf Awards “Best New Zealand Inbound Golf Tour Operator” in 2015, 2017 and 2018

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