



ULTIMATE NEW ZEALAND EXPERIENCE

21 Days | 9 Destinations | 10 Rounds of Golf

From the breathtaking coastline and relaxed lifestyle of the North Island beaches to the stunning mountainous ranges and adventure activities on offer in the South Island, the Ultimate New Zealand Experience has something for everyone to enjoy.

This special itinerary takes you to all of the flagship golf courses in the country, but it isn't purely about playing golf. We've ensured it combines many of the wonderful sight seeing, cultural and food & wine experiences that New Zealand has to offer.





Day 1: Arrive Auckland – Travel to Bay of Islands

Kia Ora and welcome to New Zealand.

After arriving in Auckland, you'll take a connecting domestic flight from Auckland to Kerikeri and the majestic Bay of Islands.

Set in the beautiful Northland area, the Bay Of Islands is an aquatic playground adorned with over 140 islands and a myriad of unspoiled beaches.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands, Superior Seaview, 3 Nights

Day 2: Kauri Cliffs

Today you'll play the stunning Kauri Cliffs, a par 72 championship golf course which PGA Tour star Brandt Snedeker called "Pebble Beach on steroids". Kauri Cliffs features spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean and the course has received numerous accolades and awards including being ranked among the Top 100 Golf Courses in the World.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands, Superior Seaview

Day 3: Explore the Bay of Islands

Today you'll take in the best the Bay of Islands has to offer

Salt Air – Hole in the Rock scenic flight (Note: this is a suggested optional activity, not included in costing NZD225.00 per person)

For many years visitors have come to the Bay of Islands to venture through this top New Zealand icon the Hole in the Rock on boats.

Now it can be experienced up close and on foot, landing by helicopter on our newly built helipad on top of the island.

Day 4: Travel from Paihia to Auckland

Make the scenic drive back to Auckland, New Zealand's largest city.

Auckland is an exciting, sporting and cultural city, sprawled on a narrow isthmus between two harbours. The Waitemata and Manukau Harbours are a main feature of the city, along with numerous volcanic cones such as Mount Eden and Rangitoto Island. The city's many beaches, marinas and parks make it ideal for outdoor pursuits or a day at the beach.

Accommodation: The Heritage Auckland, Superior Room, 3 Nights

Day 5: Titirangi Golf Club

Today make your way to play Titirangi Golf Club, New Zealand's only Alister MacKenzie-designed golf course. The par 70 course features elevated tees and greens, challenging bunkers and slick greens with pronounced undulations. Its par 3's face the four points of the compass so no matter what the

weather conditions; you experience a different test on each hole

Accommodation: The Heritage Auckland, Superior Room

Day 6: Auckland – Waiheke Island

A day on the harbour, enjoying the Auckland waterfront playground at its very best.

This morning make your way to the Fullers ferry terminal where you'll be taken to Waiheke Island. The island has 92 square kilometres of sandy beaches, vineyards, native bush settings pristine coastline, olive groves and laid back seaside villages' only 35 minutes cruise from downtown Auckland.

Ananda Tours - Gourmet Food & Wine Tour - Enjoy succulent fresh oysters, award-winning olive oil and other locally-produced specialty foods accompanied by wines from some of the Island's top boutique vineyards. Your guide will provide an entertaining and informative commentary along the way. You will visit an award-winning olive oil mill, followed by two vineyards, each offering a range of gourmet tastes to accompany their wines. Afterwards, enjoy a platter lunch at one of our top vineyard restaurants.

Accommodation: The Heritage Auckland, Superior Room

Day 7: Depart Auckland / Matamata / Rotorua

Depart Auckland and travel south over the Bombay Hills, through the Hauraki Plains to Matamata – "Hobbiton".

Experience the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set, the setting for The Shire that featured in the Peter Jackson directed films, The Lord of the Rings.

Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Your guide will escort you through the ten-acre site recounting fascinating details of how the Hobbiton set was created.

Travel across to Rotorua, the cultural heartland of New Zealand and enjoy the Te Po Hangi & Concert at Te Puia. Te Pō is an intimate time for sharing knowledge. Te Pō is also Te Puia's authentic evening cultural experience – a feast of food, culture and friendship. Hear the stories of the past and see how these traditions live on today. Feeding guests is regarded by Māori as an honour and a sign of a tribe's mana (standing), so a sumptuous banquet is provided during the evening.

Accommodation: Regent of Rotorua Boutique Hotel, Studio Room, 1 Nigh

Day 8: Travel from Rotorua to Taupo

Enjoy the short journey from Rotorua to Taupo, en route we recommend a stop at one of the Geothermal Parks of Waimangu or Wai-o-tapu where visitors can walk at their own pace and absorb the unique features including the world famous geysers, bubbling mud, steaming ground, huge volcanic craters and sinter terrace formations.

With the serenity of Lake Taupo and the immensity of the surrounding mountains, New Zealand's volcanic heartland is truly captivating and home to two of New Zealand's most deftly designed golf courses, Wairakei and The Kinloch Club.

Accommodation: Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels Taupo, Superior Lakeview Room, 3 Nights

Day 9: Wairakei International Golf Course

This morning make your way to play Wairakei International Golf Course, which has been skilfully 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 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, pecking ducks and our nation's icon, the kiwi, which are all free to roam around the course.

Accommodation: Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels Taupo, Superior Lakeview Room

Day 10: The Kinloch Club

Golf at the Jack Nicklaus designed The Kinloch Club is often compared to the classic link courses in Scotland and Ireland. However, instead of traditional sea views, this world-class championship Par 72 course is positioned between panoramic views of Lake Taupo. Ranked as New Zealand's number one golf course in 2014 by a select team of New Zealand Golf Professionals the Kinloch Club is also rated 76th of the top 100 golf courses outside of America by Golf Digest Magazine.

Accommodation: Millennium Hotel & Resort Manuels Taupo, Superior Lakeview Room

Day 11: Travel from Taupo to Napier

The Hawke's Bay is considered by many as New Zealand's premier food and wine region. It also has sensational beaches, forested ranges, a sunny climate and an eclectic array of activities.

Experience Napier's Art Deco Trust Art Deco 2 Hour Guided Walk - Napier was a city destroyed by the earthquake and fire of 1931, and was rebuilt in the styles of the times - Spanish Mission, Stripped Classical and above all, Art Deco, the style that expressed the confidence, optimism and vigour of the early 20th century.

Accommodation: The Crown Hotel, Studio Premium, 2 nights

Day 12: Cape Kidnappers

Cape Kidnappers has stunning sea views, playing high above the ocean atop dramatic cliffs. It is built on a ridge-and-valley landscape and has been hailed as one of the great modern marvels in golf. The course played host to the PGA TOUR's Kiwi Challenge in 2008 and 2009, and has received numerous accolades and awards including its current ranking among the Top 100 Golf Courses in the World. The accompanying Farm at Cape Kidnappers offers spectacular accommodation and is considered to be among the nicest hotels in the world.

Accommodation: The Crown Hotel, Studio Premium

Day 13: Travel form Napier to Wellington

Make the drive from Napier to Wellington, where we suggest a stop at the winery village of Martinborough and perhaps experience a meal or taste some of the famous Pinot Noir the area is now famous for.

Wellington is the Capital city of New Zealand and is situated around Wellington harbour. It's houses clinging precipitously to the steep hillsides. Wellington is renowned for its wind, which is channelled through the Cook Strait, and causes the wind to blow most days. A clever blend of buildings, old and

new, beautiful vistas of the city and harbour, and a cosmopolitan mix of culture and arts give Wellington its heart, and vibrant atmosphere.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay, Standard Room, 3 Nights

Day 14: Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club

Today make your way to Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club.

The host of 12 New Zealand Opens, Paraparaumu Beach Golf Course has long been regarded by many as the spiritual home of New Zealand Golf.

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 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.

Accommodation: Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay, Standard Room

Day 15: Discover Wellington

Wander the city and take in the sights and sounds of New Zealand's Capital City.

Suggested optional activity, not included in costing: Zest Wellington - Capital Tastes Tour
Personal sightseeing with food. Discover fresh tastes in new Zealand's cafe capital, as we introduce you to the city, its local tastes, products and people on this popular tour. Stroll behind the scenes at some of our favourite Wellington food places with a personal guide, to taste hidden culinary treasures and meet some of the people behind some of the city's best food.

Day 16: Fly from Wellington to Christchurch

Today return your car to Wellington Airport and fly from Wellington to Christchurch (flight not included in quotation).

Christchurch is the Garden City, lies on the level plains that initially attracted the closely-knit Church of England settlers that settled the area. The largest of the South Island cities, Christchurch retains something of the English nature of its origins - the willow and oak-lined River Avon and clustered mediaeval stone buildings.

Accommodation: Peppers Clearwater Resort, Quay Room, 2 Nights

Day 17: Clearwater Golf Club

The Clearwater Golf Course has proven itself as a venue for international professional golf over 13 consecutive years, yet it offers a fair challenge to all visitors from the six tee choices. The resort offers

fishing, walking and cycling options.

Walk in the footsteps of Clearwater graduates such as Jason Dufner, Bubba Watson and New Zealand's own World Number 1 Lydia Ko on our manicured fairways and greens surrounded by natural spring-fed lakes.

Accommodation: Peppers Clearwater Resort, Quay Room

Day 18: Travel for Christchurch to Queenstown

Take the scenic route to Queenstown via Lake Tekapo.

Surrounded by majestic mountains and nestled on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown has some of the most scenic golf courses in the world, with 3 championship courses within a 15 minute drive and 6 in the wider area.

Home to some of the best vineyards in the world, the wider Queenstown region is wine tasting and culinary paradise to be enjoyed after a spectacular round of golf.

Take a Skyline Return Gondola Ride to Bob's Peak with spectacular views over Lake Wakitipu and wider Queenstown area.

Accommodation: The Heritage Queenstown, Deluxe Lakeview, 3 Nights

Day 19: Queenstown

Today you'll play Jack's Point, there are few courses in the world with more dramatic surroundings than Jack's Point. Set between Lake Wakatipu and the majestic Remarkables mountains there are stunning views in every direction. Unquestionably a must play if you are in Queenstown.

Accommodation: The Heritage Queenstown, Deluxe Lakeview

Day 20: Explore the Milford Sound

Today, you will be collected from your accommodation by Real Journeys and travel from Queenstown along the shores of Lake Wakatipu, and through rolling countryside to Te Anau. After a short break at Te Anau, continue via the spectacular Milford Road, to Milford Sound. Board your real Journeys vessel for a relaxing cruise of Milford Sound. The cruise provides excellent viewing opportunities and plenty of time is available to enjoy waterfalls, rainforest, mountains and wildlife. Following the cruise there is a coach transfer to the Milford airport to board a twin engine aircraft for the return flight to Queenstown (weather permitting). During the 35min scenic flight, there are panoramic views of the spectacular alpine scenery including glaciers, rivers, lakes and rainforest.

Accommodation: The Heritage Queenstown, Deluxe Lakeview

Day 21: Play Millbrook Resort - Depart

This morning make your way to Millbrook Resort, one of the most scenic golf courses in the world, Millbrook is simply an unforgettable Queenstown golfing experience. With extraordinary photo opportunities at every turn, the championship course offers three fabulous nine hole courses, each named after local prominent Queenstown landmarks- The Remarkables, The Arrow and The Coronet Nine.

This afternoon return your car to Budget Queenstown Airport.

For a tailored quote, email us today – golf@nzgolfandtravel.co.nz