

# TOP GOLF COURSES OF NEW ZEALAND

"New Zealand is simply an amazing golf destination. It has some of the best golf courses I have ever played. It should be a must-visit place for golfers from all over the world. You won't be disappointed." Lydia Ko

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"No country has seen its golf courses improve more over the past 20 years than New Zealand." Tom Doαk, Renowned Golf Course Architect



# **INTRODUCTION TO** NEW ZEALAND GOLF

New Zealand is a compact country of two main islands stretching 1600 km/990 miles (north to south) and up to 400 km/250 miles (east to west). With a relatively small population of just over 4.5 million people, there's plenty of room in this natural and spectacular land for fairways and greens.

All told, New Zealand has almost 400 golf courses, spread evenly from one end of the country to the other, and the second highest number of courses per capita in the world.

The thin coastal topography of the land coupled with its hilly interior has produced a rich legacy of varied courses from classical seaside links to the more traditional parkland courses further inland and the dramatic alpine courses.

Over the past 20 years, the New Zealand golfing landscape has been greatly enhanced by the work of world-class architects such as Tom Doak, Robert Trent Jones Jnr, Jack Nicklaus and David Harman who have designed at least 12 courses (complete with five-star accommodation and cuisine).

Strategically located near either snow capped mountains or isolated coastal stretches (and in some cases both) these locations provide not only superb natural backdrops for playing golf but the added bonus of breathtaking scenery.

**COURSE FACILITIES KEY** 





Clubhouse



On-site Accommodation



Driving Range



Caddies available on request

## **MARQUEE COURSES**

A Marquee Course is of high quality, is aspirational with inherent international interest, has history and/or a particular identity, and is accessible for visitor play. There are 14 Marquee Courses throughout New Zealand.

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- 1. Kauri Cliffs Golf Course
- 2. Wainui Golf Club
- 3. Gulf Harbour Country Club
- 4. Windross Farm Golf Course
- 5. Titirangi Golf Club
- 6. The Kinloch Club
- 7. Wairakei Golf + Sancturary
- 8. Cape Kidnappers Golf Course
- 9. Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club
- 10. Royal Wellington Golf Club
- 11. Clearwater Golf Club
- 12. The Hills
- 13. Millbrook Resort
- 14. Jack's Point



## **EXPERIENCE COURSES**

An Experience Course showcases local culture, community spirit, country charm, and value for money. Additionally, they help form clusters around the Marquee Courses and form part of the New Zealand golf trails. There are 24 Experience Courses throughout New Zealand.

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- 1. 90 MIle Beach Golf Links
- 2. Bay of Islands Golf Club
- 3. Waitangi Golf Club
- 4. Waipu Golf Club
- 5. Mangawhai Golf Club
- 6. Omaha Beach Golf Club
- 7. Muriwai Golf Links
- 8. Remuera Golf Club
- 9. Ohope International Golf Club
- 10. Rotorua Golf Club
- Taupō Golf Club
- 12. Hastings Golf Club

- 13. New Plymouth Golf Club
- 14. Manawatu Golf Club
- 15. Pegasus Golf and Sport Club
- 16. Harewood Golf Club
- 17. Terrace Downs
- 18. Arrowtown Golf Club
- 19. Queenstown Golf Club
- 20. Cromwell Golf Club
- 21. Otago Golf Club
- 22. Chisholm Links Golf Club
- 23. Southland Golf Club/Oreti Sands
- Invercargill Golf Club











## 12 DAY BEST OF NEW ZEALAND GOLF ITINERARY

## Experience the very best of golf in New Zealand on this exceptional 12 day itinerary travelling from Auckland to Queenstown.

In the North Island, play the world ranked courses of Cape Kidnappers and Kauri Cliffs set in breathtaking clifftop locations. In the central North Island, visit the Jack Nicklaus Signature course, The Kinloch Club, and the must-play Wairakei course.

Continue on to the South Island and linger for a while in the Queenstown region. The Hills and Jack's Point are expertly designed courses set in stunning locations.



Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay

#### Day 1: Auckland to Kauri Cliffs

Heading north from Auckland, you will find Kauri Cliffs Golf Course and luxury lodge. Perched on a cliff top with incredible views, it's not to be missed.

## Day 2: Kauri Cliffs

Kauri Cliffs offers sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and is currently ranked by Golf Digest as the 49th best course in the world.

## Day 3: Kauri Cliffs to Auckland

Start your day by travelling south back to Auckland, a vibrant city with many scenic coastal spots. Along the way, enjoy a round at one of the Experience Courses located along the east coast.

## Day 4: Auckland

Spend a day in Auckland and play one of the four Marquee Courses. Windross Farm plays host to the LPGA Tour's New Zealand Women's Open; or try your luck at Titirangi Golf Club, a course designed by Dr Alister McKenzie.

## Day 5: Auckland to Taupō

Continue south through rolling dairy country until you reach Taupō, home to Australasia's largest freshwater lake. Play a round at Wairakei Golf & Sanctuary where you will be surrounded by native birds and bush.

#### Day 6: Taupō to Napier

Play a round at the Jack Nicklaus designed Kinloch Club, then, travel to Napier, an Art-Deco era city in the Hawke's Bay region.

## **Day 7: Cape Kidnappers**

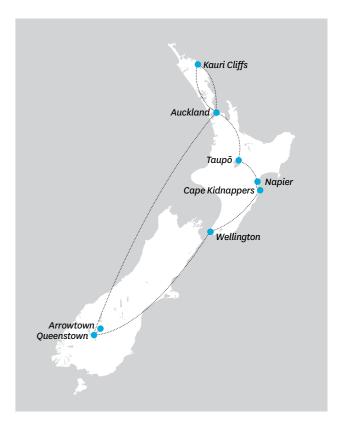
Spend a day in one of the most unique locations in New Zealand - Cape Kidnappers Golf Course. Perched on a cliff top, it offers sweeping coastline views and dramatic landscapes.

#### **Day 8 Napier to Wellington**

A love of fine wine will drive you to travel this sign-posted journey through the first leg of the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail. Depart Napier and finish the trip by immersing yourself in coffee, cuisine and the buzzing nightlife of Wellington.

## **Day 9: Wellington**

Wellington is home of two Marquee Courses – The Royal Wellington Golf Club, host of the 2017 Asia Pacific Amateur Championship; and Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club, the 'Spiritual Home of New Zealand Golf'.



#### Day 10: Wellington to Queenstown

Fly to Queenstown. The resort town is earning a deserved reputation as a golf haven and is high on the list of best places to play golf worldwide. Tee off at Jack's Point in the afternoon, a golf course with minimal earth movement and set against a stunning backdrop of mountain range and alpine lake.

#### Day 11: Arrowtown

Twenty minutes from Queenstown, you will arrive at the courses that play co-hosts of the New Zealand Open – The Millbrook Resort and The Hills.

#### Day 12: Queenstown to Auckland

On the final day of this itinerary, hop into a helicopter with Over The Top Helicopters and tee off from the side of Cecil Peak overlooking Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown. 8 DAY NORTH ISLAND GOLF HIGHLIGHTS

Tour the North Island and visit a multitude of stunning golf courses on this 8 day itinerary from Auckland to Wellington.

Begin with Kauri Cliffs in the north – the views are spellbinding. Travel through the central North Island and play the deftly designed courses of Wairakei and The Kinloch Club. Visit the Hawke's Bay region, a gem of the North Island with its world famous wines, mild temperatures and equally enjoyable Cape Kidnappers. Finish in style in Wellington, home to the Royal Wellington Golf Club and Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club, host of 12 New Zealand Opens.



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## Day 1: Auckland to Kauri Cliffs

Heading north, travel from Auckland to the Bay of Islands. In Matauri Bay you will find Kauri Cliffs Golf Course and Luxury Lodge. Paihia and Kerikeri are close by, offering a wide choice of accommodation, delicious dining and activities.

## Day 2: Kauri Cliffs

Today at the cliff side Kauri Cliffs you will experience sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. Ranked 49th by Golf Digest, it has hosted the 'Shell's Wonderful World of Golf' match between Fred Couples and Michael Campbell, and the PGA Tour's Kiwi Challenge.

### Day 3: Kauri Cliffs to Auckland

Return to Auckland and visit one of the four Marquee Courses in New Zealand. Windross Farm plays host to the LPGA New Zealand Womens Open; or try your luck at Titirangi Golf Club, a course designed by Dr Alister McKenzie.

### Day 4: Auckland to Taupō

Travel from Auckland to Taupō, passing through the rolling dairy country of the Waikato. If you're golf ready, visit Wairakei Golf & Sanctuary. Surrounded by native bush, it's a great place to unwind and relax.

## Day 5: Explore Taupō and Kinloch

Travel a short distance from Taupō to Kinloch to play The Kinloch Club, New Zealand's only Jack Nicklaus Signature design. The links style course spans across volcanic terrain and has views of Lake Taupō.

#### Day 6: Taupō to Napier

Begin the short road trip from Taupō to Napier, our Art Deco city on the east coast. The Hawke's Bay region is home to a number of award-winning wineries. It's also home to the Tom Doak designed Cape Kidnappers Golf Course, ranked 16th the world by Golf Digest. With its cliffside location and sweeping views, Cape Kidnappers is a must-play.

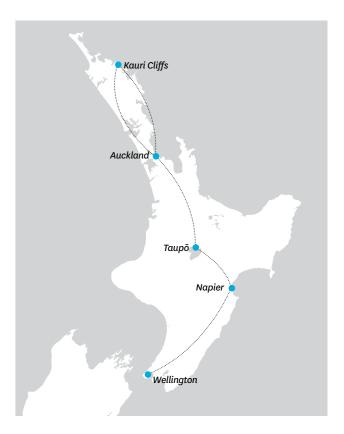
## **Day 7: Napier to Wellington**

Next stop is Wellington, our cool little capital famous for its vibrant arts scene, world class café and restaurant culture. To get in some golf, stop in at the Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club. One of the most respected links-style courses in the Southern Hemisphere.

#### Day 8: Wellington

While in Wellington, the classic Royal Wellington Golf Club is not to be missed. Rich with history, it was the first club to be royally endorsed in New Zealand and will also host the 2017 Asia Pacific Amateur Championship.

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## 6 DAY SOUTH ISLAND GOLF HIGHLIGHTS

## Follow this itinerary as it takes you to the best golf locations in the South Island on this 6 day journey from Auckland to Queenstown

Begin your journey in Christchurch at the classic Clearwater Golf Club and continue on to the golf haven of Queenstown. Here you can visit an impressive line up of courses including Jack's Point, Millbrook and The Hills. The South Island is known for its soaring mountains and untouched landscapes. Discover courses that have been expertly designed to show off the best of their surroundings.



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#### **Day 1: Auckland to Christchurch**

Fly from Auckland to picturesque Christchurch, the South Island's main international gateway. Set aside a few hours or a day to play Clearwater, a short drive from the airport. The championship course has hosted a number of professional events on the PGA tour, Australasian PGA Tour and Ladies European Tour.

## **Day 2: Christchurch to Queenstown**

Start your day with a short flight from Christchurch to Queenstown. As you approach Queenstown you'll fly over several of the golf courses that have transformed the area into a golf haven. Sample some delicious food and wine over lunch or dinner or try an adventure activity.

## Day 3: Jack's Point

Spend the day at Jack's Point, a breath taking golf course set in a glacial valley. Designed with minimal earth movement, you'll experience amazing views of the Remarkables mountain range and Lake Wakatipu.

### Day 4: The Hills

Travel a short distance from Queenstown to Arrowtown to play The Hills golf course. The vision of owner Sir Michael Hill has ensured The Hills stands out from the rest with its challenging holes and impressive sculptures. These are complemented by various lakes, waterways and wetland areas. The award winning clubhouse is a triumph too.

## Day 5: Millbrook Resort

Spend the day at Millbrook Resort near Queenstown. Set in a natural alpine environment against a backdrop of mountains, the immaculate fairways navigate natural hazards such as tussock, streams, schist stone and trees. The 27 holes offer a variety of playing options and the full service spa and lush accommodation are a short stroll away.

### Day 6: Queenstown to Auckland

On the final day of this itinerary, hop into a helicopter with Over The Top Helicopters and tee off from the side of Cecil Peak overlooking Lake Wakatipu and Queenstown.











# NORTHLAND & AUCKLAND

When you combine the vibrant city of Auckland with the subtropical region of Northland, the result is an amazing itinerary for starting your New Zealand holiday. With five Marquee Courses and even more Experience Courses, the golf here is both beautiful and abundant.

The region is a story of two coastlines. The west coast is rugged and soulful, resulting in two of our finest links courses at 90-Mile Beach Golf Links and Muriwai. The east coast is sophisticated and urbane, providing jaw-dropping scenery at the likes of Kauri Cliffs, Waitangi, and Waipu.

Northland is a place of deep significance for New Zealanders, where historical sights sit alongside some of the best sailing, diving, and deep sea fishing in the country.

As New Zealand's largest city and international gateway, Auckland has something for everyone - relaxing or invigorating. Take in the sun at one of the many restaurants, cafés or bars; savour some of New Zealand's best wine at a vineyard, or take a short ferry ride to explore the islands of the surrounding Hauraki Gulf.





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## Considered by many to be New Zealand's finest all-round golf course, Kauri Cliffs is part of a 6,000 acre working farm in the Bay of Islands.

Ranked 49th in the world, the Kauri Cliffs course is perched on a clifftop with sweeping views out to Matauri Bay and beyond to the Pacific Ocean, with the offshore Cavalli Islands and Cape Brett providing additional backdrop. Designed by David Harman, fifteen holes have spectacular views of the ocean, six of which are played alongside cliffs that plunge to the sea. The remaining holes work their way through natural farmland, often played alongside sheep and cattle grazing in the nearby paddocks.

## www.kauricliffs.com

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	135 – 144	115 - 137
Course rating	69.7 - 74.8	67.4 - 73.2
Course length (meters)	5560 - 6510	4476 - 5261
Course length (yards)	6081 - 7220	5223 - 5754
Designer	David Harman	
Sets of Tees	Six	
Par	72	

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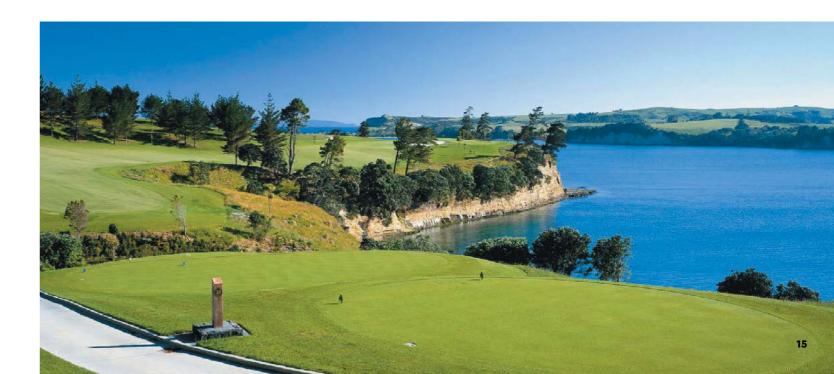
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On the Whangaparaoa Peninsula – 40 minutes drive from downtown Auckland – Gulf Harbour was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jnr and opened in 1998.

With many outstanding sea views, Gulf Harbour has a links-style feel. Trent Jones Jnr kept this course mostly open to the elements so that when the wind blows, par or a score anywhere near that represents a fine day's golf.

The signature hole is the 16th – a 460 yard par 4 dogleg along the cliff tops. John Daly took the short cut across the sea during the 1998 World Cup of Golf, and on one occasion nearly drove the green.

gulfharbourcountryclub.co.nz



## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland CBD to Gulf Harbour – 50 minutes

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## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	124 - 136	114 - 123
Course rating	69.9 - 75.1	65.8 - 68.7
Course length (meters)	5498 - 6409	4712 - 5305
Course length (yards)	6012 - 7009	5153 - 5801
Designer	Robert Trent Jones	Jnr
Sets of Tees	Five	
Par	72	



## TITIRANGI GOLF CLUB | 🚯 🔿 🚱 🔂

Titirangi Golf Club, New Zealand's only Dr. Alister MacKenzie designed golf course, is just a 15 minute drive from downtown Auckland situated in a beautiful bushland setting between the lower slopes of the Waitakere Ranges and the Manukau Harbour.

Founded in 1909, it is a private members club but offers playing opportunities for New Zealand and overseas visitors. Titirangi is regarded as one of New Zealand's top courses and is a product of one of golf's all-time best course designers.

www.titirangigolf.co.nz

## WAINUI GOLF CLUB | 🚯 🔿 🚱 🔂 🔁 🔁

## Just 30 minutes north of Auckland's CBD lies one of the country's newest golf experiences.

Wainui features an 18 hole championship course with five sets of tees, as well as a nine-hole short course, which plays through the property's feijoa orchard with holes ranging from 70 - 150 yards in length. Although close to the city, the property still captures the rugged beauty of Kiwi landscapes. The course is cut through rolling hills, natural water ways, and is framed by 80-year-old statement pines and precise bunkering. With a full service clubhouse, driving range, and golf carts equipped with GPS, Wainui is quickly becoming a "must play" course in New Zealand.

## www.wainui.online

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland CBD to Wainui – 30 minutes

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	117 – 141	121 - 148
Course rating	65.1 - 76.0	70.4 - 76.6
Course length (meters)	4532 - 6485	4532 - 5519
Course length (yards)	4956 - 7092	4956 - 6036
Designer	Sid Puddicombe and	d Associates
Sets of Tees	Five	
Par	72	





## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland CBD to Titirangi – 15 minutes

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## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	124 - 128	127 - 131
Course rating	69.7 - 71.8	70.2 - 72.8
Course length (meters)	5672 - 6026	4843 - 5185
Course length (yards)	6203 - 6590	5296 - 5670
Designer	Dr Alister MacKenz	ie
Sets of Tees	Five	
Par	70	

## WINDROSS FARM GOLF COURSE | 🚯 🔿 🚱 🔂 🔁 🤁

Set amongst iconic New Zealand countryside and located within 30 minutes of Auckland city, Windross Farm is the site for the LPGA Tour's Mckayson New Zealand Women's Open.

The 18 hole championship course has been developed as a unique links-style course that offers fescue playing surfaces with bent grass greens and a mixture of flat and undulating ground, manmade lakes and strategically placed dramatic bunkers to offer the best of golf and the natural environment. Both the clubhouse and facilities have been designed with a minimalistic and understated philosophy and they truly complement the unique golf course. Windross is a course of strategy; about playing the right lines to the pin and then being tested by the undulating greens and surrounds.

## www.windrossfarm.co.nz

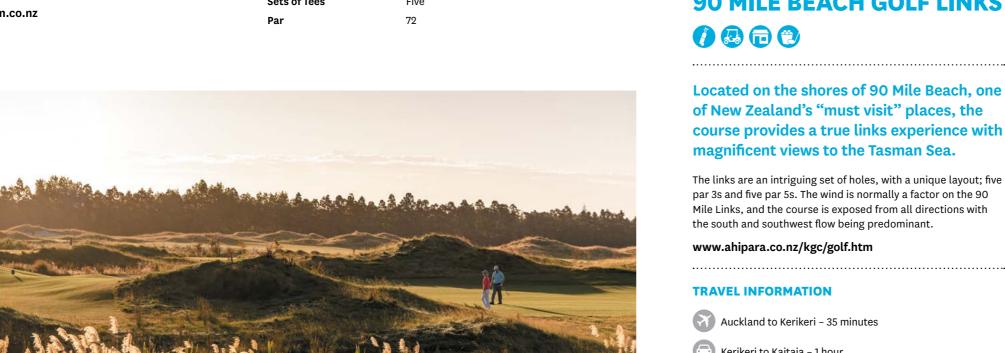
## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Windross - 30 minutes

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	99 - 113	118 - 126
Course rating	65.7 - 70.2	70.7 - 74.1
Course length (meters)	4777 - 6154	4777 - 5326
Course length (yards)	5224 - 6730	5224 - 5825
Designer	Brett Thomson with Consultant Phil Tat	
Sets of Tees	Five	
Par	72	

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## **90 MILE BEACH GOLF LINKS**

Located on the shores of 90 Mile Beach, one of New Zealand's "must visit" places, the course provides a true links experience with magnificent views to the Tasman Sea.

The links are an intriguing set of holes, with a unique layout; five par 3s and five par 5s. The wind is normally a factor on the 90 Mile Links, and the course is exposed from all directions with the south and southwest flow being predominant.

www.ahipara.co.nz/kgc/golf.htm

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



🕞 Kerikeri to Kaitaia – 1 hour



## WAITANGI GOLF CLUB

Offering beautiful views out to the Bay of Islands and Pacific Ocean, Waitangi is located in Paihia, the location of the first signing of the treaty between Māori chiefs and the British Crown in 1840.

The front nine is surrounded by natural bush and bird life, with a new third hole. The back nine has a magnificent view over the bay across to Russell, with a new green site for the 11th hole.

## www.waitangigolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



Auckland to Kerikeri – 35 minutes

Kerikeri to Waitangi – 20 minutes



# BAY OF ISLANDS GOLF CLUB

# This is a true all-weather, all-seasons course located in the beautiful town of Kerikeri.

It was built on rich free-draining volcanic soil with a variety of contour, each hole offering a unique challenge. The course features large greens with subtle rather than extreme breaks, significant bunkering and tree-lined fairways. The signature hole is the par 3 13th, with an elevated tee box providing an outlook over the green some 60 feet below, which is protected by water and bunkers.

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## www.bayofislandsgolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



## Kerikeri to Bay of Islands Golf Club – 5 minutes



WAIPU GOLF CLUB

Located on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, Waipu is a coastal links layout featuring natural, bumpy terrain.

It is one of the few courses in the country that offers water views from every hole, with beautiful Bream Bay just off the course's edge. With a reputation for some of the best greens in New Zealand, this naturally sand based course is unaffected by weather and all but ensures playable conditions year round.

## www.waipugolfclub.org.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**





# MANGAWHAI GOLF CLUB

# Mangawhai is a superb sand-based links course.

This wonderful natural layout has tight fairways that wind through a setting that was made for golf, leading to large undulating greens that possess consistently quick pace and are considered to be amongst the best in New Zealand. Mangawhai welcomes you to an always-playable layout at any time of the year with holes that are both unique and fun to play.

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## www.mangawhaigolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

🚯 Whangarei to Mangawhai – 1 hour

Auckland to Mangawhai – 1 hour 30 minutes



# OMAHA BEACH GOLF CLUB

Omaha Beach Golf Club is less than an hour's drive from central Auckland but a world away from the frenetic pace of the city.

It's a links style resort course, crafted by its designers to make the most of its location and the gentle, undulating roll of the rural landscape into which it neatly sits. Bordered by the sea on one side and a natural estuary on the other, it is a course that offers some unique and pleasant surprises as you travel around it.

## www.omahagolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



Auckland to Omaha – 1 hour



## **MURIWAI GOLF LINKS**

## Muriwai Golf Links is a true New Zealand links course, with great bumpy land on a sandy base.

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Located on the fabulous west coast of Auckland just metres from the crashing waves of the Tasman Sea, golfers experience a wide variety of influences, all making for a challenging round of golf. One of Muriwai Links' great strengths is that the course is playable in all weather conditions and all days in the year...no matter what the weather you can normally walk off "The Links" with dry feet.

www.muriwaigolfclub.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Muriwai - 40 minutes



## **REMUERA GOLF CLUB**

## Set in a graceful woodlands setting, Remuera Golf Club is within 15 minutes of the Auckland CBD.

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This 18 hole, par 72 course and accompanying practice facilities are among the best in the country since the recent opening of a new allweather full size driving range. With its lush 60-hectare parklands setting, the course provides a welcome greenbelt in the middle of sprawling suburbia.

## www.remueragolfclub.com

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland CBD to Remuera - 15 minutes

## NORTHLAND & AUCKLAND **GOLF OVERVIEW**

## **AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND COURSES**

- 1. 90 Mile Beach Golf Links 2. Kauri Cliffs Golf Course
- 3. Bay of Islands Golf Club
- 4. Waitangi Golf Club
- 5. Waipu Golf Club
- 6. Mangawhai Golf Club
- 7. Omaha Beach Golf Club

- 8. Wainui Golf Club
- 9. Gulf Harbour Country Club
- 10. Muriwai Golf Links
- 11. Titirangi Golf Club
- 12. Remuera Golf Club
- 13. Windross Farm Golf course





## **7 DAY NORTHLAND & AUCKLAND ITINERARY**

#### Dav 1: Auckland

As New Zealand's largest city and international gateway, there's something for everyone in Auckland - relaxing or invigorating.

## Day 2: Golf in Auckland

Spend a day in Auckland and play one of the four Marguee Courses. Windross Farm plays host to the LPGA New Zealand Womens Open; or try your luck at Titirangi Golf Club, a course designed by Dr Alister MacKenzie.

### Day 3: Auckland - Kauri Cliffs

Heading north, travel from Auckland to the Bay of Islands. In Matauri Bay you will find Kauri Cliffs Golf Course and Luxury Lodge.

#### Day 4: Kauri Cliffs

Kauri Cliffs offers sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and is currently ranked by Golf Digest as the 49th best course in the world.

### Day 5: Paihia or Kaitaia

Depart Kauri Cliffs and travel to Paihia in the Bay of Islands to play at one of the Experience Courses. Alternatively, travel to Kaitaia and play at 90 Mile Beach Golf Links.

## Day 6: Bay of Islands

In the beautiful Bay of Islands you can take a boat cruise, swim with dolphins, dive, fish or just relax in the sun.

#### Day 7: Bay of Islands to Auckland

Travel back to Auckland and play at one of the Experiences Courses en-route on the east coast.





# CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND

# The Central North Island golfing holiday will be enhanced by rich Māori cultural experiences, geothermal wonders and world-class fly fishing.

The Kinloch Club in the lakeside settlement of Kinloch near Lake Taupō is New Zealand's only Jack Nicklaus Signature Course. Wairakei + Golf Sanctuary is a parkland course with native plant and birdlife. Less than 30 minutes apart, the two courses provide a beautiful contrast to each other. With the 36-hole Taupō Golf Club close by, and easy day trips to geothermal Rotorua Golf Club and the seaside links of Ohope, the region offers fantastic variety.

The Lake Taupō region is also known for world-class fly fishing, geothermal experiences, Māori culture and one of the world's best one day walks – the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.



About 90 minutes southeast of Lake Taupō is Hawke's Bay. Known for its artisan food and world-renowned wineries, this coastal region offers superb cycling, art deco tours and a chance to see the largest gannet colony in the world.

The golf on offer in Hawke's Bay is equally stunning, with Cape Kidnappers – Tom Doak's cliff-top masterpiece (currently ranked #16 in the world by Golf Digest) – just 30 minutes from the centre of Napier. Hastings Golf Club serves as the region's Experience Course.



## WAIRAKEI GOLF + SANCTUARY | 1 C P C B C C P

## Wairakei - a golf course in a sanctuary has to be the quintessential New Zealand golf experience.

Only 10 minutes by road from the popular tourist mecca of Lake Taupō, Wairakei sits apart inside a predator-free sanctuary, located in an extraordinary geothermal area. This could be the quietest course ever with the only sounds from the protected native birds and the echo of club on ball.

Officially opened in 1970, the course lies on 180 hectares of natural terrain with a volcanic landscape. The combination of golf and sanctuary has created a property deserving of its acclaim.

www.wairakeigolfcourse.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



Taupō Airport to Wairakei – 10 minutes

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	110 – 130	128 - 139
Course rating	66.8 - 73.4	71.5 - 76.6
Course length (meters)	5084 - 6460	5084 - 5853
Course length (yards)	5560 - 7064	5560 - 6400
Designer	Commander John Ha	rris and Peter Thomson
Sets of Tees	Three	
Par	72	

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## THE KINLOCH CLUB | 🚯 🔿 🚱 🔂 🔁 🔁 🤁

## The Kinloch Club offers unique design features, with every hole requiring strategic thought and patience.

The course has been recognised worldwide with numerous accolades including being recognised as one of the top 10 new golf courses in the world by US Travel and Leisure golf magazine. Kinloch showcases a design philosophy that aims to enhance the natural environment - allowing the surroundings of the stunning Taupō region to shape each hole.

Although technically not a true links course, it cleverly merges aspects of both links and parkland course design. The new onsite luxury lodge provides exquisite accommodation, food, wine, and activities overlooking the course and Great Lake Taupo.

thekinlochclub.com





## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Taupō – 50 minutes

🚍 Taupō Airport to Kinloch – 20 minutes

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	135 - 139	125
Course rating	72.7 – 77.4	71.6
Course length (meters)	5961 - 6734	4640
Course length (yards)	6519 - 7364	5074
Designer	Jack Nicklaus (Sign	ature)
Sets of Tees	Three	
Par	72	

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## CAPE KIDNAPPERS | 🚯 🔿 🖗 🕲 🔞 🔁 😂 🔞

Cape Kidnappers brings together a worldclass golf course and five-star luxury lodge accommodation in a spectacular location – an iconic promontory of rugged cliffs and farmland overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

The Farm at Cape Kidnappers is the on-site, super luxury awardwinning lodge. Opened in 2007, it is one of New Zealand's most exclusive and highly acclaimed resort accommodations.

Cape Kidnappers is currently ranked 16th on Golf Digest's prestigious 'World Top 100' list.

## capekidnappers.com

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland/Wellington to Napier – 1 hour

Napier airport to Cape Kidnappers – 30 mins

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	134 - 145	125 - 139
Course rating	70.8 - 75.4	70.6 - 74
Course length (meters)	5708 - 6530	4739 - 5310
Course length (yards)	6242 - 7141	5182 - 5810
Designer	Tom Doak	
Sets of Tees	Six	
Par	72	

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# OHOPE INTERNATIONAL GOLF CLUB

## Ohope's 18 hole layout is one of the best examples of a "hidden gem" in New Zealand.

A gorgeous seaside links course, with bumpy terrain and incredible sea views, the course is natural, raw, and rustic. Golfers who can control their ball flight and deal with the changing wind conditions will score well at Ohope. On clear days, golfers are treated to a view of White Island, New Zealand's only active marine volcano.

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## www.ohopegolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Tauranga to Ohope – 1 hour 30 minutes

Rotorua to Ohope – 1 hour 20 minutes



# ROTORUA GOLF CLUB

One of the only geothermal golf courses in the world, its original name, Arikikapakapa, means "the gentle sound of plopping mud".

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Located in the popular tourist destination of Rotorua, many holes play over and around both dormant and active geothermal areas. This is an all-weather course that allows for easy walking and an excellent golfing layout. The reserve had been gifted to the Crown, along with other reserves in the growing town, by the representative of Ngati Whakaue, the local Iwi.

## www.rotoruagolfclub.kiwi.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

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Auckland to Rotorua – 45 minutes

Auckland to Rotorua – 3 hours 30 minutes



## **TAUPO GOLF CLUB**

Taupō's local course complements its famous near neighbours by offering the New Zealand version of Augusta's famous 'Amen Corner'.

The first 36 hole golf complex in New Zealand, Taupō Golf Club features two distinct courses. Tauhara is best described as an inland links. Centennial is more of a parklands style. These two great courses provide a thoroughly enjoyable golfing test for players of all abilities. One thing they do have in common is the breathtaking views, under the watchful eye of Mt. Tauhara.

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## www.taupogolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Taupō – 50 minutes

Auckland to Taupō – 3 hours 30 minutes



## **HASTINGS GOLF CLUB**

This beautiful parkland course presents a tree-lined challenge set in the food and wine region of Hawke's Bay.

The facility features an 18 hole championship course with wellmanicured fairways and evenly paced greens. A new driving range was opened in 2015, and there is a four hole "short course" for juniors and beginners. The Ruahine Ranges provide a beautiful backdrop. Hawke's Bay is known for having close to 100 wineries and beautiful cycle ways.

## www.hastingsgolfclub.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



Napier to Hastings - 25 minutes

## CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND **GOLF OVERVIEW**

## **CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND COURSES**

1. Ohope International 5. Taupō Golf Club Golf Club 6. Hastings Golf Club 2. Rotorua Golf Club 7. Cape Kidnappers Golf 3. The Kinloch Club Course 4. Wairakei Golf + Sancturary



## **7 DAY CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND GOLF ITINERARY**

#### **Day 1: Travel to Rotorua**

If departing from Auckland, ensure you stop over at either the magical Waitomo Glowworm Caves; or take a detour to Matamata and visit Hobbiton.

## Day 2: Golf in Rotorua

Start the day by playing a round at Rotorua Golf Club, the only golf course in New Zealand that has holes played over and around both dormant and active geothermal areas.

#### **Day 3: Explore Rotorua**

From crystal-clear streams and magical forests, to epic biking trails, explosive geysers, and fascinating Māori culture, Rotorua has it all.

### Day 4: Rotorua to Taupō

The town of Taupō is only an hour's drive from Rotorua. Play a round at either Marquee Courses - Wairakei Golf & Sanctuary, or New Zealand's only Jack Nicklaus designed course, The Kinloch Club.

#### Day 5: Taupō to Napier in Hawke's Bay

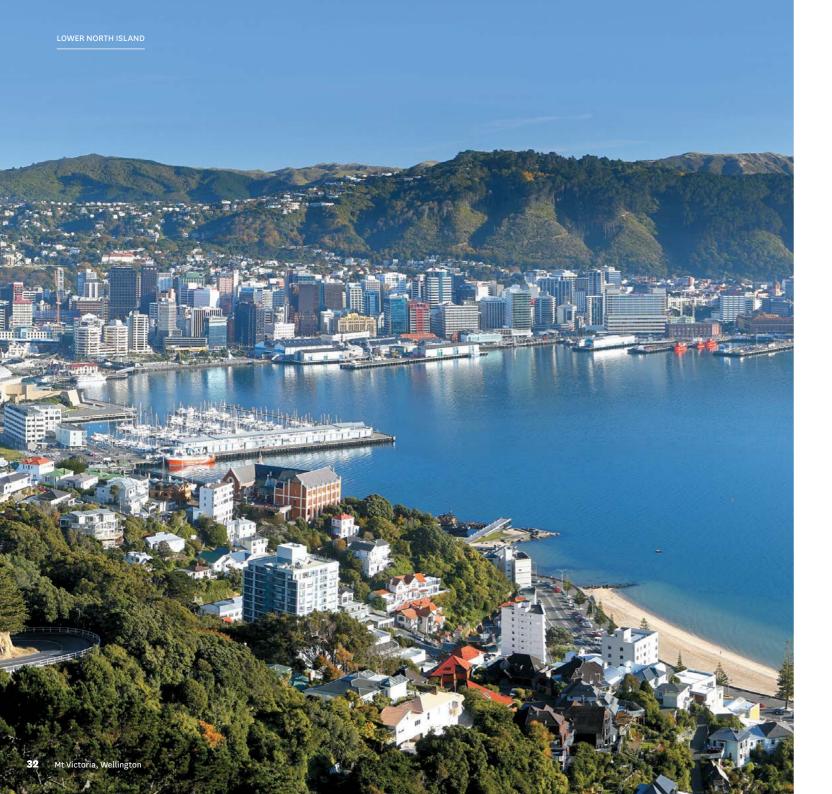
Enjoy a round of morning golf in Taupō. Travel to Napier and explore the Art Deco city.

## **Day 6: Cape Kidnappers**

Spend a day in one of the most unique locations in New Zealand - Cape Kidnappers Golf Course. Perched on a cliff top, it offers sweeping coastline views and dramatic landscapes.

#### Day 7

Alongside an outstanding natural environment, Hawke's Bay boasts some of New Zealand's finest seasonal produce and award-winning wine. Explore some of the region's finest wineries on a cycle tour.





## LOWER NORTH ISLAND

# Discover Wellington's capital sights and indulge in Wairarapa's fine wine on your golfing holiday in the Lower North Island.

Wellington, named by Lonely Planet as the "coolest little capital", is home to two Marquee Courses – Royal Wellington Golf Club and Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club. Recently renovated, the Royal Wellington Golf Club – host of the 2017 Asia Pacific Amateur – has a parkland setting beside the Hutt River. In stark contrast, Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club is considered by many as the best links course in the Southern Hemisphere.

Experience Courses like Manawatu Golf Club provide additional golf options while Wellington never fails to impress with its plethora of activities. Whether you're artistically inclined, enjoy



indulging in wine, food and craft brew, or an outdoor enthusiast, Wellington and its surrounding areas have something for you.

For those wishing to complete the North Island loop and return to Auckland, detour to the west coast of the North Island, and you will arrive at the coastal town of New Plymouth in Taranaki. One of the lower North Island's Experience Courses, New Plymouth Golf Club, is a seaside course with views of the Tasman Sea and the conical Mt. Taranaki. Wonderful cycle ways, beautiful beaches and excellent walks and hikes define the Taranaki region.



## PARAPARAUMU BEACH GOLF CLUB | 🚯 🔿 🚱 🔂 🚱

## New Zealand's "Spiritual Home of Golf", Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club is considered to be one of the best links courses in the Southern Hemisphere.

An hour by road north of the nation's capital city, Wellington, the course was designed just after World War II in 1949 by Australian Open winner Alex Russell, a one-time partner of famed architect Dr. Alister MacKenzie. Fellow Australian and five time British Open winner Peter Thompson described Paraparaumu as a "gem of enjoyment, a monument to the game and a gift to the future".

## www.paraparaumubeachgolfclub.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



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Wellington to Paraparaumu – 45 minutes

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	120 - 125	119 - 128
Course rating	69.8 - 72.4	70.9 - 75.8
Course length (meters)	5490 - 6014	4714 - 5482
Course length (yards)	6004 - 6577	5155 - 5995
Designer	Alex Russell	
Sets of Tees	Six	
Par	71	

## ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB | 🚯 🔿 🚱 🔂 🚱

## **Royal Wellington has undergone a** significant redevelopment resulting in a challenging new championship course.

Set in beautiful parklands, next to a river with dominant native trees and bush, the gentle contoured fairways are laced together by streams and lakes.

The course contains many distinctive holes, including the par 5 fourth, which sees the fairway split on either side of a stream. Designers Greg Turner and Scott Macpherson have succeeded in their desire to create New Zealand's finest private members course with an equally grand old club house to match.

As a testament to the calibre of the golf course, it will host the 2017 Asia Pacific Amateur.

www.royalwellington.com



## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Wellington – 1 hour

Wellington CBD to Upper Hutt – 35 minutes

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	129 – 131	129 - 133
Course rating	70.6 - 75.5	73 - 77.6
Course length (meters)	5780 - 6601	5123 - 5780
Course length (yards)	6321 - 7219	5602 - 6321
Designer	Redesigned by Turn	er Macpherson in 2013
Sets of Tees	Five	
Par	72	

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# MANAWATU GOLF CLUB

## Manawatu Golf Club is one of the oldest golf courses in New Zealand.

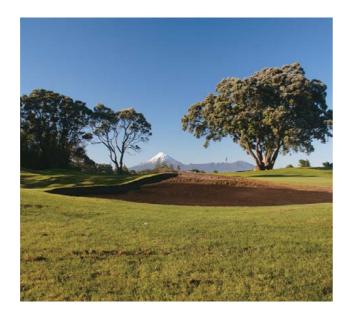
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The Club has a proud history of hosting New Zealand's top events including five New Zealand Opens and eight New Zealand Amateur Championships. The course is regarded as Manawatu's premier 18 hole layout with seven sets of tees, and provides tree-lined, beautifully manicured fairways, fast rolling greens and over 50 challenging white sand bunkers.

## www.manawatugolfclub.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Wellington to Palmerston North – 2 hours



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New Plymouth Golf Club incorporates a mix of parkland and links golf with beautiful views of the Tasman Sea on one side, and Mt. Taranaki on the other.

Ngamotu as the locals call it, is Māori for "The Islands", and refers to the islands which lie just off the New Plymouth shore. The course has been the venue of four New Zealand Opens and was built with great thought, with each par three playing different directions on the compass.

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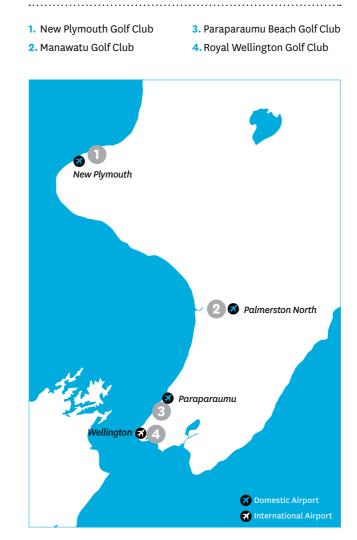
www.newplymouthgolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland/Wellington to New Plymouth – 50 minutes

# LOWER NORTH ISLAND GOLF OVERVIEW

## LOWER NORTH ISLAND COURSES





## **5 DAY LOWER NORTH ISLAND GOLF ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Wellington** 

Nestled between a sparkling harbour and rolling green hills, New Zealand's capital city is renowned for its arts, heritage, culture and native beauty.

## **Day 2: Golf in Wellington**

Play a round at Royal Wellington Golf Club, a parkland course and also the host of 2017 Asia Pacific Amateur Championship.

## Day 3: Wellington to Paraparaumu

Spend your morning exploring sights around Wellington. Travel to Paraparaumu and play a round at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club, a links style course.

### Day 4: Paraparaumu to Palmerston North

Travel to Palmerston North, a city that offers the sophistication and diversity of a major city, surrounded by an outdoor enthusiast's dream. Play at Manawatu Golf Club.

## Day 5: Palmerston North to New Plymouth

The city of New Plymouth is known for its sunny climate, art galleries and beautiful parks. Here, enjoy a round at the oceanfront New Plymouth Golf Club.





# CHRISTCHURCH AND CANTERBURY

## Along with great golf, journeying through Canterbury's abundant natural highlights is a breathtaking experience.

The Canterbury and Christchurch region boasts one Marquee Course and three Experience Courses.

Clearwater Golf Club, host of several New Zealand Women's Opens, is one of New Zealand's best examples of target golf, providing both scenery and challenge. Just down the road from Clearwater Golf Club, Pegasus Golf Club is an open parkland Experience Course and Canterbury's newest golfing addiction. Together the two courses have hosted a staggering 18 major tournaments!





Adding even more golf to Christchurch is the recently renovated Harewood Golf Club which has taken on an entirely new look and feel. About an hour from Christchurch Airport, Terrace Downs High Country Resort is located on the banks of the Rakaia River with Mt. Hutt in the distance.

Alongside the golf, the area offers jet boating, shooting, and horseback riding. It is also the gateway to Arthur's Pass National Park.



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## Clearwater is located 15 minutes from Christchurch city centre and only a few minutes from the city's international airport.

The designers Sir Bob Charles and John Darby have succeeded in developing an inland course which has a distinctive links feel about it. One of the benefits of the openness is to enable golfers during their rounds to enjoy the breathtaking views of the South Island's Southern Alps mountain range.

For over 10 years, Clearwater has featured as a popular stop on several different international professional golf tours – from the USPGA Nationwide (now web.com) tour to the Australasian Men's Tour and the European Ladies Tour.

## www.clearwatergolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Christchurch – 1 hour 25 minutes

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Christchurch to Clearwater – 15 minutes

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	89 - 137	93 - 137
Course rating	58.4 - 73.1	59.9 - 77.5
Course length (meters)	3000 - 6138	3000 - 5964
Course length (yards)	3280 - 6712	3280 - 6522
Designer	Sir Bob Charles and John Darby	
Sets of Tees	Six	
Par	72	

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# PEGASUS GOLF CLUB

This club's careful design includes water features, natural wetlands and views of the mountain ranges from almost every shot.

With four sets of tees at each hole, the design offers generous landing areas on open contoured fairways aimed at testing skill, strategy and execution. The parklands style course has hosted three New Zealand Women's Opens. Marquee Course Clearwater is less than 15 minutes away.

## www.pegasus-golfclub.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Christchurch – 1 hour 25 minutes

Christchurch Airport to Pegasus – 30 minutes



# HAREWOOD GOLF CLUB

The Woodlands Course at Harewood Golf Club boasts wonderful new holes after being remodelled by course architect Greg Turner in 2012.

With 18 newly built greens, 18 new tee boxes constructed, and several areas converted back to native grasses, the course was transformed. With deceptively undulating fairways, swaleprotected surrounds and excellent contoured greens, the new course is both fun to play and a great test of golf.

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## www.harewoodgolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Christchurch - 1 hour 25 minutes

Christchurch to Harewood – 15 minutes

#### CHRISTCHURCH & CANTERBURY EXPERIENCE COURSES



# TERRACE DOWNS

## Terrace Downs offers guests an 18 hole championship course set into the Canterbury high country.

Spectacular views can be found from every hole, but the signature hole is the par 3 16th. With Mt Hutt in the near distance and the Rakaia River hundreds of feet below, the setting oozes New Zealand's South Island.

Terrace Downs was voted the top golf resort in New Zealand in the 2015 World Travel Awards.

www.terracedowns.co.nz/golf

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Christchurch – 1 hour 25 minutes

Christchurch to Terrace Downs – 1 hour



## CHRISTCHURCH & CANTERBURY GOLF OVERVIEW

## CHRISTCHURCH & CANTERBURY COURSES







## 4 DAY CHRISTCHURCH & CANTERBURY GOLF ITINERARY

### **Day 1: Golf in Christchurch**

Warm up your game at one of the Experience Courses in Christchurch – Harewood Golf Club or at Pegasus Golf & Sports Club.

## Day 2: Golf in Christchurch

Play at the region's Marquee Course – Clearwater Golf Club. This is where Lydia Ko shot her impressive 61 at the 2015 New Zealand Women's Open.

### **Day 3: Christchurch - Methven**

An hour's drive from Christchurch, you will reach Terrace Downs – a golf resort nestled in the Canterbury high country with spectacular views from every hole.

#### **Day 4: Depart Methven**

Continue your journey from Methven. Either return to Christchurch or continue travelling south reaching Queenstown.





# QUEENSTOWN & LOWER SOUTH ISLAND

# One of New Zealand's premium tourist destinations, Queenstown offers three world-renowned championship golf courses and six Experience Courses.

Jack's Point, on the shores of Lake Wakitipu opposite The Remarkables mountain range encourages the debate as to whether golf or scenery is the hero. In Arrowtown, there are two Marquee Golf Courses sitting almost side by side. Millbrook Resort, co-host of the 2017 New Zealand Open is a resort with 27 holes that incorporates 360 degree views of the surrounding mountains. Another co-host of the event is The Hills, located on the doorstep of historic Arrowtown. The 18 holes play through native tussock and outcrops of schist. Millions of dollars of sculpture line the course providing one of the most unique golf experiences of the world.

Nearby you'll find two Experience Courses – Arrowtown Golf Club and Queenstown Golf Club. The former offers a rustic, rocky, mountainous setting while the latter is a peninsula course, jutting out onto Lake Wakitipu. Also in the region is the Cromwell Golf





Club, widely considered one of the best inland links courses in New Zealand.

All five courses are within 30 minutes of Queenstown, known for its plethora of activities, cuisine, wine, and the gateway to the breathtaking Milford Sound.

Two additional Experience Courses can be found in the coastal city of Dunedin, which is about a three and half hour scenic drive from Queenstown. Dunedin is home to Otago Golf Club, the oldest club in the Southern Hemisphere, and Chisholm Links Golf Club. Two more Experience Courses can be found in the coastal town of Invercargill – Southland Golf Club (Oreti Sands) and Invercargill Golf Club. Invercargill is south of Queenstown and is the gateway to Stewart Island.



## THE HILLS | 🚯 🔿 🚱 🔂 🔁 😂 🤁

One of the world's most unique golf experiences, The Hills blends a championship golf course, award winning facilities, and a multi-million dollar sculpture park into one of the most beautiful settings in the world.

Set over 500 acres of land across a glacial valley, the layout highlights the dramatic elevation changes and rocky schist outcrops, wetlands, and tussocks that are a feature of the area. This championship layout co-hosts the NZ Open and is equally enjoyable for golfers of all abilities. An incredible exclusive-use luxury lodge is on-site.

## www.thehills.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



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Queenstown Airport to The Hills - 20 minutes

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## **COURSE INFORMATION**

Mens tee	Womens tee
134 - 135	128
72.5 - 75.1	73.1
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## MILLBROOK RESORT | 🚯 🗘 🚱 🔂 🔁 🔁

Set in a dramatic natural amphitheatre of bare rock surrounded by the high snowcapped peaks of the Remarkables mountain range, a round of golf at Millbrook is both a test of golfing skills and an exploration of a unique natural environment.

Millbrook is a 27-hole facility with three different nines, offering a variety of natural hazards including tussocks, streams, schist stone, and trees. The wider resort offering at Millbrook features five types of superb onsite accommodation from hotel rooms to large fairway homes, multiple dining options, and activities including a spa. Millbrook is a co-host of the NZ Open.

www.millbrook.co.nz



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## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Queenstown – 2 hours

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## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	68.3 - 74.4	68.8 - 76
Course rating	124 - 138	112 - 136
Course length (meters)	5409 - 6560	4405 - 5707
Course length (yards)	5915 - 7174	4817 - 6241
Designer	John Darby, Sir Bob Charles, Greg Turner, Scott Macpherson	
Sets of Tees	Five	
Par	71/72	



## JACK'S POINT | 🚯 🔿 🔗 🕢 🕲

# Jack's Point is one of New Zealand's most exhilarating and scenic golf courses.

The striking natural setting allows for a course created through minimal earth movement to harmonise with nature. Just 15 minutes drive from downtown Queenstown, and located beneath the Remarkables mountain range on the edge of beautiful Lake Wakatipu, the course winds its way through a variety of schist outcrops, native wetland and bush areas filled with local wildlife which make Jack's Point their home. Seen from a distance, the first impression of Jack's Point is space, green and gold tussock grassland, massive areas of native vegetation and an undisturbed lake-front. In all, over 800 hectares has been incorporated into 'The Preserve'.

## www.jackspoint.com

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



Queenstown to Jack's Point – 15 minutes

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

	Mens tee	Womens tee
Slope rating	127 - 140	118 - 134
Course rating	70.9 - 73.5	71.1 - 76.2
Course length (meters)	5806 - 6388	4980 - 5806
Course length (yards)	6350 - 6986	5446 - 6350
Designer	John Darby	
Sets of Tees	Four	
Par	72	

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# ARROWTOWN GOLF CLUB

## The picturesque Arrowtown Golf Club is set in one of New Zealand's most historic and scenic regions.

Just minutes from Queenstown with views of the Remarkables and Coronet Peak to distract you from your game, the 18 hole course is largely considered to be the most fun course to play in the country. Hazards on this course don't come in the form of bunkers...there aren't any. Instead the course is protected by rocky outcrops jutting out of the earth.

#### www.arrowtowngolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Queenstown – 2 hours

Queenstown to Arrowtown – 20 minutes



# QUEENSTOWN GOLF CLUB

Queenstown Golf Club is situated in the amphitheatre of the Remarkable mountains and is internationally regarded as one of the most picturesque golf courses in the world.

Located on the Kelvin Heights peninsula, surrounded by the crystal clear waters of the Lake Wakatipu, the golf course is one of the most visible landmarks in Queenstown. The views from every hole are spectacular, with an alpine setting framing every shot.

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## www.queenstowngolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



Auckland to Queenstown – 2 hours



## **CROMWELL GOLF CLUB**

Situated in the heart of the fastest growing wine region in the country, Cromwell Golf Club is considered by many to be the finest inland links course in the country.

The Club has come a long way since its formation in 1903, when one of the hazards was an old mine shaft and has since had a \$1M upgrade performed in 2009 by architect Greg Turner. Cromwell's low rainfall, 2200 hours of sunshine per year and sand based fairways combine to guarantee year-round dry conditions underfoot.

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www.cromwellgolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Queenstown - 2 hours



Queenstown to Cromwell - 1 hour



## **OTAGO GOLF CLUB**

Bordered by native bush and Dunedin's tranguil suburbs, the Otago Golf Club also has views of the city of Dunedin, Otago Peninsula, and the South Pacific.

The Club was established in 1871 and is hailed today as New Zealand's oldest, as well as being one of the oldest in the Southern Hemisphere. It has hosted the New Zealand Open seven times, with many other golfing legends having graced the club's fairways over the years including Gene Sarazan, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player.

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## www.golfotago.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Dunedin – 2 hours

Queenstown to Dunedin - 3 hours 30 minutes



## **CHISHOLM LINKS GOLF CLUB**

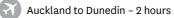
Chisholm Links is a classic Scottish style links course with amazing views of the South Pacific Ocean, neighbouring beaches and the local region.

Located in Dunedin, the "Edinburgh of the South", the natural features of the site have provided a beautiful piece of land for golf. Considered by many to be the second best links course in New Zealand behind Paraparaumu, the undulating terrain and its coastal climate offset the lack of length.

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## www.chisholmparkgolfclub.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**





## SOUTHLAND GOLF CLUB/ ORETI SANDS

## Oreti Sands is the southernmost links course in the world.

In the early 1960s an area of virgin links land, at that time covered in marram grass, lupins and elderberry trees, was set aside for an enthusiastic band of amateur golfers to develop a links golf course. The course was boosted with a redesign in 2006 by Greg Turner and Scott Macpherson. The ever-present breeze normally associated with seaside settings comes in from the west and gives a fair degree of difficulty to the most exposed fairways.

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## www.golfsouthland.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Auckland to Invercargill – 3 hours 30 minutes

Queenstown to Invercargill – 2 hours 30 minutes

QUEENSTOWN & LOWER SOUTH ISLAND EXPERIENCE COURSES



# INVERCARGILL GOLF CLUB

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Established in the early 1900s with design work completed in 1924, the Invercargill Golf Club features undulating terrain, tree lined fairways and well bunkered greens.

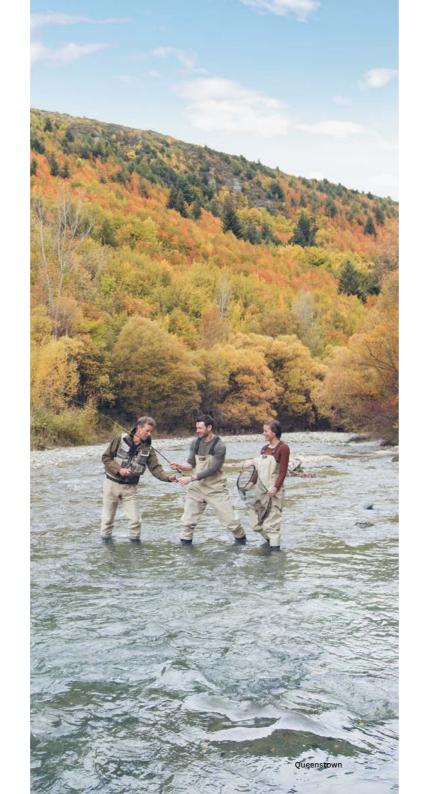
An enjoyable walking course, Invercargill Golf Club offers a parkland experience at the bottom tip of the South Island. It is a beautiful contrast to its neighbour, Oreti Sands, the world's southernmost links course.

www.invercargillgolf.co.nz

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**



Queenstown to Invercargill – 2 hours 30 minutes



# QUEENSTOWN & LOWER SOUTH ISLAND GOLF OVERVIEW

## QUEENSTOWN & LOWER SOUTH ISLAND COURSES

## 1. Arrowtown Golf Club

- 2. Millbrook Resort
- The Hills
- 4. Queenstown Golf Club
- 5. Jack's Point

## 6. Cromwell Golf Club

- Otago Golf Club
- 8. Chisholm Links Golf Club
- Southland Golf Club/ Oreti Sands
- Invercargill Golf Club



## 7 DAY QUEENSTOWN & LOWER SOUTH ISLAND GOLF ITINERARY

## **Day 1: Explore Queenstown**

Renowned for being a thrill seeker's paradise, Queenstown offers year-round experiences, utilising its heart-stopping surroundings to the maximum.

## Day 2: Golf in Queenstown

Start your golf experience in Jack's Point, a course renowned for its outstanding landscape and presentation.

## Day 3: Golf in Queenstown

There are two Marquee Courses within 20 minutes' drive of Queenstown. The Hills and The Millbrook Resort are co-hosts of the Men's New Zealand Golf Open.

## Day 4: Queenstown to Dunedin

Historic architecture and eco-adventures await in Dunedin. The city of Dunedin was built with the riches of the gold rush and therefore has one of the best collections of Edwardian and Victorian architecture in the Southern Hemisphere.

## Day 5: Golf in Dunedin

Dunedin boasts two Experience Courses – Chisholm Links and Otago Golf Club. Chisholm Links is one of the best links courses in the country, while Otago Golf Club is the oldest club in the Southern Hemisphere.

## Day 6: Dunedin to Invercargill

Travel to Invercargill; enjoy a round at either Oreti Sands or Invercargill Golf Club.

## Day 6: Invercargill to Queenstown

On the last day of this journey, choose to either fly out from Invercargill or return to Queenstown for more golfing experiences.

# NEW ZEALAND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## **NORTH ISLAND**



## DOLPHIN WATCHING

Northland is home to large populations of friendly, playful dolphins who flock to the region for its warm waters and sheltered coastline.



## FOOD AND WINE IN AUCKLAND

Auckland is home to awardwinning wineries, delicious local produce and buzzing restaurants in the inner-city precincts.



## VISIT HOBBITON IN WAIKATO

Experience the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set™, featured in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies.



## **GEOTHERMAL IN ROTORUA**

Get up close to spectacular geysers and colourful crater lakes, relax in a mud bath or enjoy a simple soak in a natural hot stream.









## FISHING IN LAKE TAUPŌ

Clear, fast rivers run throughout the volcanic Lake Taupō region, making the area an internationally renowned trout fishery.

## **HIKING IN RUAPEHU**

The Ruapehu region is home to many walking and hiking opportunities, including the spectacular Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

## **CYCLING IN HAWKE'S BAY**

Hawke's Bay's bike-friendly terrain, stable climate and stunning scenery make it a prime cycling destination.

## CULTURE IN WELLINGTON

Wellington is home to the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, as well as many other fascinating cultural attractions.

## **SOUTH ISLAND**







#### WINE TASTING

Marlborough is one of New Zealand's premier wine regions and is world-famous for its Sauvignon Blanc.

### **ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK**

Abel Tasman National Park is a paradise of white-sand beaches. Home to native seals, dolphins and sea birds, it's the perfect place for a kayak or hiking trip.

#### **HISTORY & WILDLIFE IN DUNEDIN**

Historic Dunedin is renowned for its Victorian and Edwardian architecture, and proximity to rare wildlife. Visit heritage buildings and spot unique wildlife including rare yellow-eyed penguins and the royal albatross.

#### JOURNEY THROUGH THE SOUTHERN ALPS

The TranzAlpine is one of the world's greatest train journeys, travelling coast to coast through forest and farmland and over the spectacular Southern Alps.









## HIKE THE WEST COAST GLACIERS

Witness the puzzle of huge valleys of ice that extend well below the snowline, almost to the sea. Here the ice age is still underway.

## CYCLING THE OTAGO CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL

Rich in history, the Otago Central Rail Trail is a 150km journey through charming Central Otago country. Explore 20 or more townships located near or on the trail and meet with pioneer spirited locals.

## **ADVENTURE IN QUEENSTOWN**

Queenstown is New Zealand's adventure capital, with a host of activities on land, water and in the air to thrill, challenge and inspire you.

## SCENIC FLIGHT OVER MILFORD SOUND

From the air, Fiordland's spectacular mountains, waterfalls and alpine lakes are breath-taking – a scenic flight over the area is unforgettable.

## **FOOD AND WINE**

## New Zealand's mild climate, fertile clean land and bountiful oceans are the source of world-class produce.

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It's never far from the farm, garden or sea to the table and New Zealand's talented and innovative chefs know how to inspire fine food memories with the freshest and best ingredients, infused with Pacific flavours and indigenous foods, and served with awardwinning wines.

Away from the dining table, there are many opportunities to experience New Zealand's best wine and food. Follow wine trails to vineyards and cellar doors, and meet the winemaker for an exclusive tasting; dine on oysters and mussels at the source; help a Māori chef forage for native herbs in the forest, catch a trout or salmon in the river, and take it home for dinner.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a float plane from Auckland to Waiheke Island for a private vineyard tasting.
- Cruise through the idyllic Marlborough Sounds to a salmon farm or a green lip mussel farm, learning about aquaculture and local history.
- Immerse yourself in the beautiful Nelson region on a heli flight with your personal chef sourcing wine from a vineyard, catching your lunch and dining on a secluded beach.
- Fly from Wanaka high into a hidden alpine valley for a three-course lunch among the mountain tussocks.



## LUXURY ACCOMMODATION

New Zealand has a wide range of luxury accommodation from award-winning luxury lodges, bespoke city hotels and fine boutique B&B's to stunning private homes.

Warm hospitable hosts will ensure outstanding experiences, delivered with the relaxed, genuine approach that New Zealand excels at.

## LODGES

Discover luxury lodges in spectacular landscapes on vast domains, preserved by owners keen to share their personal paradise.

- Enjoy fresh flavours from the garden and farm.
- Relax in expansive suites and villas.
- Experience exceptional recreational facilities and services.

- Tee-off on a magnificent golf course.
- Easy access to amazing adventures.

## RETREATS

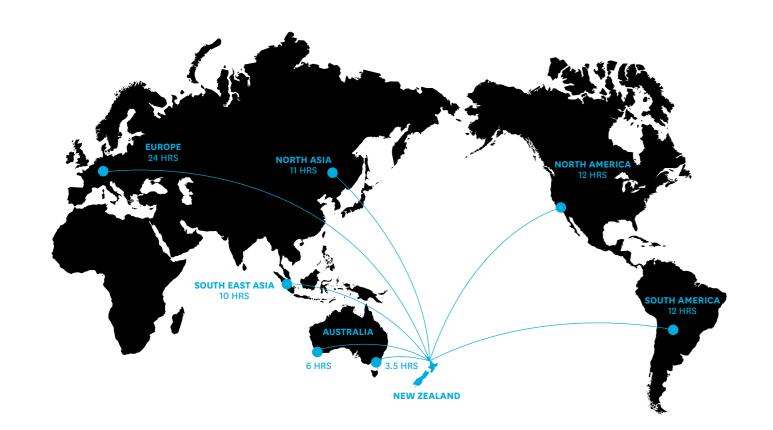
Luxurious boutique accommodations and retreats offer fine Kiwi hospitality with the personal touch.

- Choose a vineyard villa, a farm cottage or a wellness retreat.
- Meet genuine hosts who share local gems.
- Experience your hosts' passion for outstanding food and wine.



## GETTING TO NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a three hour flight from the eastern seaboard of Australia, and a ten hour direct flight from most places in the Pacific Rim, including; Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo and the west coast of the USA. Flights from UK and Europe to New Zealand will usually have one or more stopovers with the total flight time around 24 hours.



## **GETTING AROUND**

## AIR, ROAD & SEA

Air New Zealand serves more than 25 major domestic cities and towns, while smaller regional airlines service other, smaller destinations. By road, national coach services criss-cross the North and South Island daily, and frequent ferry services cross Cook Strait which lies between the two islands.

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## **REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Public transport services can be found in cities and most major towns, while Auckland and Wellington also boast regional train networks. Long-distance train travel is limited to the KiwiRail scenic journeys, counted amongst the world's most scenic rail journeys.

## **SELF-DRIVE**

New Zealand is one of the world's greatest road-tripping countries, with quiet highways and epic landscapes ensuring that the journeys really are as enjoyable as the destinations. However, driving in New Zealand has challenges, including long, winding, and frequently single-lane roads that usually take longer to drive than anticipated.

In advance of collecting a rental vehicle, visitors should familiarise with New Zealand driving rules and conditions and ensure they are well rested before getting behind the wheel.

A well-planned journey will maximise enjoyment of attractions along the way, as well as alleviate pressure on itineraries. For more information about driving in New Zealand, please visit the Drive Safe website: www.drivesafe.org.nz





# KEY INFORMATION

## VISAS

Visitors from more than 50 countries are eligible for a visa waiver and do not require a visa for stays of less than three months. Full details are provided on the Immigration New Zealand website (www.immigration.govt.nz).

## MONEY

New Zealand's currency is the dollar (NZ\$). Visa and MasterCard are the most widely accepted credit cards, although other major credit cards are also accepted. ATMs are widespread in cities and most towns, with currency exchange also available at international airports, as well as banks and exchange bureaux in major centres.

### BIOSECURITY

New Zealand's rural-based economy requires strict biosecurity, so it is important for golfers bringing their own gear to enter the country with clean golf clubs and clean golf shoes, or risk being diverted to quarantine inspection upon arrival in New Zealand.

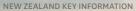
## **DRIVING IN NEW ZEALAND**

Driving in a new country can be challenging, especially if you are tired. Consider staying a night or two in your arrival city before collecting a rental vehicle.

- You must obey all road rules and signs at all times. Always drive on the left side of the road and do not exceed the speed limit.
- Always keep left. Every time you drive, keep left of the centre line.
- Driving in New Zealand can be challenging. Many roads are narrow, winding and there are lots of hills and sharp corners.



- Trips will take longer than you think. It may look close on the map, but allow plenty of time for travel.
- In New Zealand, it's illegal to break the road rules, and if you do, you will be fined.
- If you break the road rules or cause a crash, the police will get involved and you could be fined or prosecuted.
- Keep your eyes on the road, not the scenery.
- If you want to stop and look at the scenery, make sure you pull completely off the road in a place that is safe to stop.





## **CLIMATE & WHAT TO BRING**

The New Zealand sun is very strong. Always use a high SPF sunscreen and wear sunglasses and a sunhat when outside.

 Summer (Dec to Feb) 14°C - 28°C
 Autumn (Mar to May) 10°C - 24°C

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 Image: Shorts
 Jumper
 Image: Light Pants

 Winter (Jun to Aug) 9°C - 20°C
 Spring (Sep to Nov) 12°C - 22°C
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## HEALTHCARE

New Zealand's public and private medical and hospital facilities provide a high standard of treatment and care. While there are reciprocal health care arrangements with some countries, generally, medical services are not free to visitors, therefore travel and health insurance are recommended. No vaccination certificates are required. New Zealand has no snakes or dangerous wild animals.

### ELECTRICITY

New Zealand's electricity supply runs at 230/240 volts, 50Hz and uses angled, two or three pin plugs (the same as Australia).

## **TIPPING & SERVICE CHARGES**

Tipping in New Zealand is not obligatory, even in restaurants and bars, although is always appreciated for good service. On public holidays, restaurants and cafés may add service charges of up to 15% to your final bill.

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#### SHOPPING

Shopping is a real pleasure, with plenty of markets, gift stores and designer fashion boutiques, with a high number of unique, independent outlets. New Zealand-made specialties include: beautiful pounamu (jade) and paua shell (abalone) ornaments and jewellery, handcrafted glass and local wood products, luxurious merino or possum knitwear, sheepskin and leather goods.

## **LPGA TOUR**

The LPGA Tour is heading to New Zealand in 2017 for the MCKAYSON New Zealand Women's Open, which takes place from 28 September – 1 October at the Windross Farm Golf Course in Ardmore, Auckland.

The tournament, boasting a purse of US\$1.3 million, will mark the first LPGA or PGA Tour event to take place in New Zealand. World No.1 Lydia Ko will return to her hometown of Auckland



to compete and says she couldn't be more excited to host her LPGA Tour friends in New Zealand. The tournament will be played among panoramic landscapes just 30 minutes south of Auckland at Windross Farm, New Zealand's newest golf course, designed by Brett Thomson and Phil Tataurangi. It is a superb addition to the North Island's golf courses and a facility that promises a special golfing experience.

For more information see www.nzwomensopen.com



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