New Zealand is home to a stunning range of golf courses set in incredible locations. Located near snow-capped mountains or isolated coastal stretches (and in some cases both), New Zealand’s courses provide not only superb natural backdrops for playing golf but the added bonus of breath-taking scenery.

**A COURSE TO SUIT EVERY PLAYER**

New Zealand has close to 400 golf courses.

A selection of these have been hand-picked by industry experts and categorised into Marquee Courses and Experience Courses.

Marquee golf courses are highly aspirational, with much international interest. Experience golf courses are clustered around the Marquee Courses and have a fantastic local vibe and charm.

**CLIMATE & WHAT TO BRING**

New Zealand enjoys a temperate climate with mild temperatures, moderate rainfall and many hours of sunshine.

- **Summer (Dec to Feb)** 14°C – 28°C
  - Tshirt
  - Shorts
  - Jumper

- **Winter (Jun to Aug)** 9°C – 20°C
  - Pants
  - Jacket
  - Gloves
  - Thermals

- **Autumn (Mar to May)** 10°C – 24°C
  - Jumper
  - Light Pants

- **Spring (Sep to Nov)** 12°C – 22°C
  - Layers
  - Jacket
  - Light Pants
A Marquee Course is of high quality, internationally known and accessible for visitor play. There are 14 Marquee Courses throughout New Zealand.

1. KAURI CLIFFS, NORTHLAND

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.

Designed by: David Harman and opened in 2000.

Holes: 18

Website: kauricliffs.com

Contact: Jon McCord | proshop@kauricliffs.com

2. WAINUI GOLF CLUB, AUCKLAND

The course, one of the country’s newest golf experiences, is cut through rolling hills, natural waterways, and is framed by 80-year-old statement pines and precise bunkering.


Holes: 18

Website: wainui.online

Contact: Mike Duncumb | hp@wainui.online

3. GULF HARBOUR COUNTRY CLUB, AUCKLAND

On the Whangaparaoa Peninsula – 40 minutes’ drive from downtown Auckland.

Designed by: Robert Trent Jones Jnr and opened in 1998.

Holes: 18

Website: gulfharbourcountryclub.co.nz

Contact: Frazer Bond | bond@ghcc.com

4. TITIRANGI GOLF CLUB, AUCKLAND

Titirangi Golf Club 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.

Designed by: Dr Alister Mackenzie and opened in 1909.

Holes: 18

Website: titirangigolf.co.nz

Contact: Doug White
golfdirector@titirangigolf.co.nz

5. WINDROSS FARM GOLF COURSE, AUCKLAND

This championship course has been developed as a unique links-style course with both the clubhouse and facilities having been designed with a minimalist philosophy.

Designed by: Brett Thompson and opened in 2016.

Holes: 18

Website: windrossfarm.co.nz

Contact: Antonie Els | gm@windrossfarm.co.nz

6. WAIRAKEI GOLF + SANCTUARY, TAUPŌ

Waiarakei – a golf course in a predator-free sanctuary, located in an extraordinary geothermal area – has to be the quintessential New Zealand golf experience.

Designed by: Commander John Harris and Peter Thomson and opened in 1970.

Holes: 18

Website: waiarakeigolfcourse.co.nz

Contact: David Park | info@waiarakeigolf.co.nz

7. THE KINLOCH CLUB, TAUPŌ

Kinloch showcases a design philosophy that aims to enhance the natural environment and offers unique design features, with every hole requiring strategic thought and patience.

Designed by: Jack Nicklaus (Signature) and opened in 2007.

Holes: 18

Website: thekinlochclub.com

Contact: Tom Long | tom@thekinlochclub.com

8. CAPE KIDNAPPERS, HAWKE’S BAY

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

Designed by: Tom Doak and opened in 2004.

Holes: 18

Website: capekidnappers.com

Contact: Jon McCord
proshop@capekidnappers.com

9. PARAPARAUMU BEACH GOLF CLUB, WELLINGTON

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.

Designed by: Alex Russell and opened in 1949.

Holes: 18

Website: paraparaumubeachgolfclub.co.nz

Contact: Leo Barber | manager@pbgc.co.nz

10. ROYAL WELLINGTON, WELLINGTON

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.

Redesigned by: Turner Macpherson in 2013.

Holes: 18

Website: royalwellington.com

Contact: Dylan Lindstrom
Dylan.lindstrom@royalwellington.com

11. CLEARWATER GOLF CLUB, CHRISTCHURCH

During their rounds golfers can enjoy breathtaking views of the South Island’s Southern Alps mountain range.

Designed by: Sir Bob Charles and John Darby and opened in 2002.

Holes: 18

Website: clearwatergolf.co.nz

Contact: Andrew Bell
abell@clearwatergolf.co.nz

12. MILLBROOK RESORT, QUEENSTOWN

Set in a dramatic natural amphitheatre of bare rock surrounded by the high snow-capped 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.

Designed by: Sir Bob Charles and renovated by Greg Turner in October 2010.

Holes: 27

Website: millbrook.co.nz

Contact: Peter Smith
proshop@millbrook.co.nz

13. THE HILLS, QUEENSTOWN

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.

Designed by: John Darby and opened in 2007.

Holes: 18

Website: thehills.co.nz

Contact: Craig Palmer | cпалmer@thehills.co.nz

14. JACK’S POINT, QUEENSTOWN

Set beneath the Remarkables mountain range on the edge of beautiful Lake Wakatipu, Jack’s Point is one of New Zealand’s most exhilarating and scenic golf courses.

Designed by: John Darby and opened in 2008.

Holes: 18

Website: jackspoint.com

Contact: John Griffin
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