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New Zealand

Sports Tour

Auckland, Taupo & Rotorua

12 Day / 9 Night Program

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **USA – AUCKLAND**

Afternoon Fly to Auckland via major international scheduled airline with possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 **FLIGHT**

Day lost crossing International Dateline.

Day 3 **AUCKLAND**

Morning Arrive at Auckland International Airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Auckland, New Zealand's largest city, is often referred to as the "City of Sails". It is surrounded by lots of waterways and sailing is a favorite past time.



Auckland Skyline



Marina in Auckland



Eastern Beach

Transfer to your Accommodation.

Morning

Auckland City Tour

Cross the **Harbour Bridge** to the summit of **Mount Eden**, a dormant volcano that offers great views of the surrounding city and waterways all the way to **Rangitoto Island** at the entrance to **Waitemata Harbour**. Visit the Auckland Domain, the city's oldest park located on a 62,000 year old volcano, continuing on to **Parnell Village** with historic buildings that have been converted into boutiques, antique shops, and specialty stores. Travel along the scenic waterfront on **Tamaki Drive** to conclude your tour before returning downtown.

Afternoon

PRACTICE SESSION.

Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

Day 4

AUCKLAND

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.

Rangitoto Island Tour



This morning you will catch a ferry over to Rangitoto Island and journey to the summit of a dormant 7,000 year old volcano for amazing 360-degree views including the volcanic cone. Return by ferry to Auckland.

Afternoon

Free time in Auckland.

Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

Evening

MATCH # 1 vs. a NEW ZEALAND TEAM

Day 5

AUCKLAND

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning

Waiwera Thermal Pools

This morning you will travel by bus, 30 miles north to the coastal village of Waiwera, which is an indigenous Maori name meaning "Warm Waters". There is a series of hot pools and water slides, which you will be able to relax in, that are heated by volcanic thermal activity.

Afternoon

Lunch by the thermal pools before returning to Auckland (included in tour program)

Evening

MATCH # 2 vs. a NEW ZEALAND TEAM

Day 6

AUCKLAND – TAUPO

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program and check out from your accommodation.

Morning

Waitomo Glowworm Caves

This morning you will transfer by bus from Auckland to Taupo. Along the way visit **Waitomo Glowworm Caves** for a guided tour through the caves which finishes with a **short boat trip** through the glowworm grotto. The world-famous Waitomo Glowworm Caves are one of New Zealand's most celebrated tourist attractions. Find out about their colorful history and the tiny glow worms that have made the name synonymous with the region.

Afternoon

Tongariro National Park



Travelling on, you will visit the Tongariro National Park. This area is listed as a World Heritage Site for its natural landscape values. The three cone-shaped volcanoes of Mt. Tongariro, Mt. Ruapehu and Mt. Ngauruhoe are a distinct feature in a remarkable backdrop of natural beauty. The trilogy of "Lord of the Rings" was filmed throughout the national park.

Check in to your accommodation.

With the powerful beauty of the volcanic landscape and being set on the shores of Lake Taupo, Taupo is one of New Zealand's most beautiful centers.

Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

Day 7

TAUPO

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program.



Huka Falls



Lake Taupo



Deer Herd

Morning &
Afternoon

Today enjoy an **optional activity** of your own choice:
(All of the below activities are optional extras)

- Whitewater Rafting
- Bungee Jumping
- Snow skiing or snowboarding (snow dependant)
- Taupo Volcanic Activity Centre. Exhibits on the regions volcanic and geothermal activity
- Trout fishing on Lake Taupo
- Jet Boating

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 8 **TAUPO – ROTORUA**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program. Check out from your accommodation.

Transfer to Rotorua by private motorcoach. On the way you will visit:

Morning **Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve**



This morning you will visit Rotorua’s largest thermal reserve called “Whakarewarewa”. **Here you can see a spectacular geyser called “Pohutu” erupt, shooting hot water more than 20 feet into the air!**

Visit to Whaka Thermal Village & Maori Concert

Later you will visit the **Whaka Thermal Village**, where you will experience a **Maori concert** and be taken on a guided tour of the village. Take part in cooking your own Hangi Feast for lunch. Hangi simply means, “Food cooked in the ground or an earth oven”. **Lunch is included in this activity.**

Afternoon Check in to your accommodation.

Rotorua is located on the shores of Lake Rotorua and is 280 meters above sea level. There is more thermal activity in Rotorua than anywhere else in New Zealand. It has hot thermal springs, gushing geysers and bubbling mud pools. Rotorua is also a great place to experience Maori culture (Maori’s are New Zealand’s indigenous people).

Evening **MATCH # 3 vs. a NEW ZEALAND TEAM**

Day 9 **ROTORUA**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.



Sulphur Lake



Wai-o-Tapu Geothermal



Maori Face Carvings

Morning

Paddle a Waka (Traditional Maori 16-berth Canoe)

You will be taught by your Maori instructor the traditional methods of paddling a "Waka" canoe.

Afternoon

Free afternoon to explore Rotorua. There are many options for exciting activities:
(All of the below activities are optional extra's)

- **Visit the Polynesian Spa.** Take a swim in the thermal pools. People have been swimming in these waters since the late 1800's, for the alleged health-giving properties of the water.
- **Go Zorbing.** Climb into an inflated sphere and roll 150 meters down a hill!
- **White Water Rafting.** Grade 3 – 4 white water down the Rangitaiki River.
- **White Water Sledging.** Zoom down the Rangitaiki River on a specially designed sledge!

Evening

Dinner included in tour program.

Evening

MATCH # 4 vs. a NEW ZEALAND TEAM

Day 10

ROTORUA – COROMANDEL PENINSULA - AUCKLAND

Morning

Breakfast included in tour program. Check out of your accommodation.

Morning &
Afternoon

Coromandel Peninsula Tour



Hahei Beach



Mercury Bay



Cathedral Cove

This morning you will transfer by bus from Rotorua to the Coromandel Peninsula. We will explore this beautiful coastline that consists of scenic bays, hidden coves and golden sandy beaches.

Visit "Hot Water Beach"

We will visit **Cathedral Cove** at **Hahei** which is like a scene from "Blue Lagoon" and then travel to "Hot Water Beach". This is where hot thermal springs bubble up through the sand and you will dig a hole in the sand and bathe in the hot water!

Drive to Auckland and check into Auckland accommodation.

Evening Dinner included in tour program.

Day 11 **AUCKLAND**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Free day to explore Auckland and do that last minute shopping.

Evening **Final Night Presentation Dinner**

A farewell presentation dinner will be held tonight at a fine restaurant.

Day 12 **AUCKLAND – USA**

Morning Breakfast included in tour program.

Morning Check out of hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Auckland International Airport for your return flight home.

Afternoon Rest and relax during your flight.

Arrive back in the USA.

Your New Zealand Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation New York – Auckland – New York (via Los Angeles)
- Accommodation: five nights in Auckland, two nights in Taupo, two nights in Rotorua. All accommodation is in 3-4 star comfortable apartments or hotel rooms. Standard configuration of apartments is 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and lounge room. Typically, there are 4-5 athletes, each with their own bed, per apartment.
- All Breakfasts are included daily.
- Either Lunch or Dinner is provided each day of the tour.
- Farewell Dinner.
- Private transfers based on the present itinerary with one coordinator throughout the tour.
- Auckland City Tour
- Rangitoto Island visit, including round-trip ferry
- Waiwera Thermal Pools visit
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves Tour
- Tongariro National Park visit
- Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve visit
- Whaka Thermal Village & Maori Concert, including Hangi feast for lunch
- Paddle a Waka Maori Canoe Tour
- Coromandel Peninsula Tour
- "Hot Water Beach" visit
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office.

Sports Program:

- ***Four Games with clubs / universities at your level.***
- ***One Practice Session.***
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 9 Lunches or Dinners (one or the other each day)

Tour Price:

- Approx. \$ 3700 – 3900 year-round from New York, per person, 4-5 sharing a 2 bedroom apartment.
- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share a bedroom with a paying traveler and pay **only taxes/fees**.

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar / foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.