



SPECIAL INTEREST

Itinerary Type: Self Drive touring itinerary for the independent traveller including golf at some of New Zealand's most beautiful courses.

North Island Golf Trail

NIGT

11 Days

Highlights:

- ❖ Rental car including Accident Excess Reduction, Airport/Ferry Collection Fees & GPS
- ❖ 10 night's accommodation including 2 Breakfasts
- ❖ Carrington Golf Club – Green Fees, Cart Hire & Clubs
- ❖ Kauri Cliffs Golf Club - Green Fees, Cart Hire & Clubs
- ❖ Wairakei Golf Club - Green Fees, Cart Hire & Clubs
- ❖ Cape Kidnappers Golf Club - Green Fees, Cart Hire & Clubs
- ❖ Paraparaumu Golf Club - Green Fees, Cart Hire & Clubs



Day 1 Arrive Auckland

Pick up your rental car at Auckland Airport depot and make your way into the city. Known as the "City of Sails", Auckland is situated between two harbours and dotted with extinct volcanoes.

Overnight: Sky City Hotel

Day 2 Auckland – Karikari Peninsula (330km)

The journey north will take you past a number of popular seaside spots to before reaching Karikari Peninsula with its most amazing beaches, varying from sheltered white sandy coves to rocky coastlines with pounding surf. Once covered in kauri forest, this area was scoured by gum diggers who drained Lake Ohia, and the 30,000-year-old kauri stumps, thus exposed, may be seen from a boardwalk

Overnight: Peppers Carrington Resort

Day 3 Karikari Peninsula

Golf today at Carrington Resort Golf Course. This par 72 championship, 6417 metre course is located between sweeping ocean views to the north and east, and hill side vineyards to the south. The course is designed to accommodate golfers of all abilities and offers a great variety of hole play with a terrain ranging from rolling vales to challenging water holes.

Overnight: Peppers Carrington Resort

Day 4 Karikari Peninsula – Matakana (280km)

Golf today at Kauri Cliffs Golf Course. This par 72 championship, 6510 metre course offers five sets of tees to challenge every skill level and is one of the most visually spectacular golf courses around. Fifteen holes view the Pacific Ocean, six of which are played alongside cliffs which plunge to the sea. The beautiful inland holes wind through marsh, forest and farmland.

Afterwards, return southwards to Matakana. The Matakana Coast offers quaint townships, rolling hills, pristine beaches, orchards, market gardens, unique arts and crafts and exquisite local wines.

Overnight: Takatu Lodge & Vineyard

Day 5 Matakana – Rotorua (300 km) B

Travel back through the Auckland region and on through farmland, lake land and forest until the distinctive smell of sulphur and constant steam drifts let you know you are in tempestuous, geothermal Rotorua. The afternoon is free to enjoy many of the sights and activities on offers. **Recommended Optional Tour:** Maori Hangi Dinner & Concert.

Overnight: Millennium Rotorua

Day 6 Rotorua – Taupo (80 km)

This morning is free for more optional sightseeing. Later, travel on to the lakeside resort town of Lake Taupo where the three volcanic mountains of Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe and Tongariro dominate the scenery.

Overnight: Wairakei Resort

Day 7 Taupo

Golf today at Wairakei Golf Course. This acclaimed 18-hole course is Par 72 and 6429 metres. Set in 450 acres of beautiful rolling countryside and has three water hazards and 108 bunkers. Developed to meet the rigorous design standards required for world class competition, the end result is a course that sprawls over the property using the natural contours to the fullest.

Recommended Optional Tour: Kinloch Golf Club – Designed by Jack Nicklaus, the Kinloch Club rumbles across a dramatically undulating landscape punctuated by exposed rock. Its fairways are contoured and conditioned for ground play and flecked with disheveled bunkers.

Overnight: Wairakei Resort

Day 8 Taupo – Napier (230km)

Enjoy the scenery as the road changes from forest to rugged mountain ranges and then to fertile vineyards as you continue on to the Hawke's Bay, known for its gourmet food and world-class wineries. Afternoon free to enjoy.

Overnight: Crown Hotel

Day 9 Napier

Golf today at Cape Kidnappers Golf Course. Cape Kidnappers is built on a ridge-and-valley landscape with spectacular sea views. The Par 71 course measures 6,510 metres and will challenge golfers of all skill levels. The spectacular course has been hailed as one of the great modern marvels in golf. Like Kauri Cliffs, Cape Kidnappers plays above the ocean, atop dramatic cliffs but unlike Kauri Cliffs, where the shape of the land dictates play along the shoreline, this course runs to and from the edge.

Overnight: Crown Hotel

Day 10 Napier – Kapiti Coast (265km)

Today's journey takes you from the east coast to the west with its spectacular sea vistas, glorious sunsets, untouched native forest and dramatic hillscapes.

Overnight: Vista Del Sol

Day 11 Kapiti Coast - Wellington (50km) B

Golf today at Paraparaumu Golf Course. A true Scottish links course and considered by many to be New Zealand's best. The undulating fairways, fierce rough, fast greens and intimidating bunkers at Paraparaumu Beach combine with the naturally windy coastal weather to create a truly challenging golfing experience.

Afterwards, take the short journey down the beautiful coastline to Wellington. New Zealand's capital city is sophisticated and stylish, offering cultural experiences in a beautiful harbor setting.

Your tour ends here with the return of your rental car to Wellington city or airport depot.