

# *A Custom Designed Itinerary to*

## *New Zealand*

### *By*

## ***IN QUEST OF THE CLASSICS***

**Day 1: AUCKLAND.** Upon arrival in Auckland you will be met by an IQOTC representative and transferred privately to the **Hilton Hotel Auckland** for a two night stay. The Auckland Hilton is one of Auckland's newest luxury hotels and enjoys a unique location downtown on Princes Wharf. The hotel has been designed to look like a cruise ship from a distance. The rest of the day is free for you to explore New Zealand's largest city. Passes have been included for you to visit Auckland's Sky Tower. At 328 meters the Sky Tower is the tallest tower in the Southern Hemisphere and offers breathtaking views for more than 80km in every direction. Auckland offers a variety of things to do, from museums and art galleries, to shopping and public parks.



**Day 2: GOLF AT GULF HARBOR.** Today you will be met and privately transferred to Gulf Harbor for a day of golf. Gulf Harbor was the venue for the President's Cup tournament between the USA and the rest of the world in 1998. It is a par 72, 6400 meter Robert Trent Jones Jr. designed resort-style course, superbly located on a peninsula with stunning views out over the Pacific Ocean. The course is beautifully groomed with undulating fairways, large target greens and lots of bunkers. The course has also been the venue for the New Zealand Open – a good introduction to golfing in New Zealand with 4 sets of tee options on each hole.

**Day 3: AUCKLAND / BAY OF ISLANDS.** After breakfast this morning you will be privately transferred to Auckland Airport for your flight to Kerikeri in the Bay Of Islands. Upon arrival in Kerikeri you will be met and privately transferred north to lovely Matauri Bay and the **Lodge at Kauri Cliffs** for your two night stay. The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs is set on 6,000 acres of land and offers guests wonderful views over the golf course and the Pacific Ocean to the Cavalli Islands and Cape Brett. The Lodge offers a very challenging international golf course as well as two spa treatment rooms, astro turf tennis courts, an infinity pool with spa and three secluded swimming beaches. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to relax and rest.



**Day 4: GOLF AT KAURI CLIFFS.** Enjoy a round of golf today on the Kauri Cliffs Course. You are sure to enjoy the challenge and the scenery. You may also like to explore the resort and try swimming at one of the secluded beaches where you can arrange for a picnic or a barbeque.

**Day 5: BAY OF ISLANDS / ROTORUA / TAUPO.** Today you will be privately transferred back to the airport for your flight to Auckland and then a connecting flight to Rotorua. Upon arrival in Rotorua you will be met by your driver who will take you on a sightseeing tour of Rotorua.

This includes a guided tour of Te Puia, the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve to see the geysers and other weird thermal activity plus the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, where you can see young Maori being taught traditional carving and weaving skills. Next drive south through forests and farmlands to Taupo and the **Huka Lodge** for your two night stay. Huka Lodge is consistently ranked as one of the top lodges in the world and is situated on 7 hectares of park-like grounds on the banks of the Waikato River, a short distance upstream from Huka Falls. There are only 20 guest suites set amongst mature trees only 20 meters from the Waikato River.



**Day 6: GOLF AT WAIRAKEL.** After breakfast enjoy a day of golf at the Wairakei International Golf Course. The Wairakei Golf Course has long been one of New Zealand's top layouts. This visually-stunning course, built on free draining pumice soils with lots of trees and bunkers, provides an awesome test off the back trees, 6,414 meters, par 72. The "Rogue", a long par 5 to an elevated kidney shaped green, regularly features on books about the top golf holes in the world. Return to the Lodge for dinner.



**Day 7: TAUPO / ROTORUA / QUEENSTOWN.** This morning you will be privately transferred to Rotorua Airport for your flight to Queenstown (included). On arrival in Queenstown you will be met and transferred to the **Millbrook Resort** for a three night stay. Millbrook Resort is located in the countryside 19 kms from Queenstown near the historic gold mining town of Arrowtown. The resort is also where former US President Bill Clinton stayed and played golf for two days on a 1999 visit to New Zealand. The international standard 18-hole championship golf course, designed by veteran leftie Sir Bob Charles, is one of the finest in New Zealand.

**Day 8: GOLF AT MILLBROOK.** Enjoy a round of golf on the Millbrook Resort Golf Course. This par 72 championship course is an exceptional golfing experience at 6,400 meters in the most picturesque setting, with Coronet Peak ski field in the background.



**Day 9: MILFORD SOUND.** Today enjoy a helicopter tour over Milford Sound! Imagine mountains gliding by below you as your helicopter winds its way through the Southern Alps on an unforgettable flight to Milford Sound. Land, take a stroll and absorb the natural beauty of Fiordland. Your flight then sweeps the full length of the fiord until you reach the rugged West Coast, offering a unique opportunity to view the seals in their natural colonies. Experience a glacier landing before touching down in one of our secret wilderness sites

for some "over the top" hospitality including champagne and a cheese board.

**Day 10: QUEENSTOWN / CHRISTCHURCH.** After breakfast you will be privately transferred to Queenstown Airport for your flight to Christchurch (included). On arrival in Christchurch take a sightseeing tour of the town with a private car and driver. During the tour visit the very interesting International Arctic Center, where you can experience real Arctic Weather conditions, including snow, and it is from this center where real Arctic missions are launched. Be sure to watch the feeding of the Little Blue Penguins in New Zealand's first combined indoor/outdoor penguin viewing area. With its centerpiece being a penguin life support area and 80,000 liter pool, the Encounter allows you to view Little Blue penguins in a Banks Peninsula natural-themed environment. You will also visit the lovely Gardens in Mona Vale Estate, where you can enjoy punting on the River Avon, and the Botanic Gardens and city center with its Gothic style Cathedral. In Christchurch you will be staying at the **Pepper's Clearwater Resort** for two nights. The resort is only a 15 minute drive outside of Christchurch city and features an 18-hole championship golf course where a number of professional tournaments have been held. Here you can also try fly fishing in the lakes and streams around the resort as well as extensive walking and cycle trails. The Lakes Restaurant offers gourmet dining and brilliant lake and fairway views.

**Day 11: GOLF AT CLEARWATER.** Today play a round of golf on the Clearwater Course. Clearwater is another Bob Charles-designed course set in 485 acres of rural tranquility, a par 72, and 6,526 meters from the back trees. It has been the venue for several international tournaments and is a real challenge with lots of water.



**Day 12: DEPART.** Today you will be privately transferred to Christchurch Airport for your return flight home. At this time IQOTC services will end.