



## GOLF – ROTORUA TO AUCKLAND

Day 1

Rotorua – Taupo (L/D)

This morning you will be picked up from your hotel or the airport by luxury coach or limousine and travel north to Taupo and taken directly to **Wairakei International Golf Course**.

Here you will play 18 holes on this par 72 championship golf course.

*Wairakei International Golf Course is the original New Zealand golf resort and, though it has changed owners since then, the course has aged beautifully and recent upgrades have maintained its status of one of New Zealand's finest places to play. The course lies on 450 acres of natural rolling countryside and was developed to meet the rigorous design standards required for world class championship competition. US Golf digest has rated Wairakei International in the top twenty courses outside of the U.S.A.*

After lunch you will reboard your luxury coach or limousine and travel to your accommodation **Lake Taupo Lodge**.

Later, you will be transferred to a local restaurant for dinner.

**Accommodation: Lake Taupo Lodge (Executive Suite)**

Upon waking you have the choice of a full continental or cooked breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

This morning you will travel north via the townships of Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tirau (which is known for its variety of antique stores) and then Cambridge.

Here a stop will be made at the **GPO restaurant**, for morning tea.

*The GPO stands proudly in the centre of Cambridge and has a very colourful history dating back to 1906 when King Edward VII was on the throne. It was purpose built as Cambridge's new Cambridge Post Office complete with town clock tower. In 1936 when Edward VIII abdicated to marry Mrs Wallis Simpson, it was extended with the grill put over the archway. A clock originally took pride of place on the 53ft high tower but unfortunately during the 1931 earthquake it cracked and was re housed three years later in a newly built tower which can be seen in the Jubilee Gardens. The Cambridge Post Office changed its name to NZ Post in 1987. In November 2004, NZ Post moved its premises to Duke Street and the historic building was put up for lease. 12 months later, after much research and effort, The GPO vision was turned into a reality as the building was lovingly and thoughtfully restored into a sophisticated bar and brassiere now known as The GPO (short for the General Post Office). The bar and restaurant was opened to the public in October 2005 and has been a great success due to the growing population of Cambridge and the more sophisticated and international presence that is now being incorporated into the town.*

After morning tea you will reboard the luxury coach or limousine and continue your journey travelling via the city of Hamilton and the towns of Ngaruawahia and Huntly before reaching **The Grange Golf Club** in south Auckland.

*The Grange Golf Course is always immaculately presented in all weathers and is an excellent test of golf. Visitors from around the world are made welcome, and the course has hosted every major New Zealand tournament, both amateur and professional. The New Zealand Open Championship has often been held on the course, most recently in January 2004.*

Here you will enjoy 18 holes on this par 70 championship course.

Later, you will reboard your luxury coach or limousine and travel into Auckland City 'The City of Sails'.

In the early evening you will be transferred from the hotel to a well known inner city restaurant the **O'Connell St Bistro**. Here you will enjoy a 3

course set menu style dinner. The Driver Guide will transfer you in your luxury coach to the Westin Hotel at the end of the evening.

*O'Connell St Bistro is located on the corner of Shortland and O'Connell Streets in central Auckland. O'Connell Street Bistro is a small intimate dining room of twelve tables, created in the theme of a modern European back street bistro, with a cosy and well-stocked bar. In its nine years of operation, it has been recommended by many publications and won the NZ Beef & Lamb Hallmark of Excellence Award many times. The restaurant has also been awarded an Award of Excellence by the prestigious New York wine magazine, Wine Spectator, for the last six years running, and joins only seven other restaurants in New Zealand to be recognised by this award. O'Connell Street Bistro is currently the only restaurant in Auckland city with this award. Most recently, the restaurant was awarded Best Wine List in the 2006 Metro Corbans Restaurant of the Year awards.*

**Accommodation: The Westin Hotel (Harbour View rooms)**

Upon waking you have the choice of a full continental or cooked breakfast at the hotel restaurant.

Today you will board your luxury coach or limousine and travel north to **Gulf Harbour Country Club**.

Here you will play 18 holes on this par 72 course.

*Gulf Harbour is the only golf course in New Zealand designed by the esteemed American designer Robert Trent Jones Jr. The course was the site of the 1998 World Cup of Golf, it hosted the 2005 and 2006 NZ Open's and is the home course of Michael Campbell, winner of the 2005 US Open. Gulf Harbour is a 6,400 metre, par 72 golf course located 40 minutes north of Auckland City on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. It meanders through native grasses and vegetation and has a natural look and feel from start to finish. Four sets of tees assure playability for every calibre of golfer, from beginners to professionals. Like all great courses, Gulf Harbour tantalises players with a variety of exciting holes. Several feature risk and reward opportunities, and none are tricked-up or artificial.*

After your game enjoy lunch in the Clubhouse.

You will then return to Auckland via your luxury coach or limousine.

On arrival into Auckland, you will either be transferred to your hotel or to the airport.

**END OF SERVICES**



- ❖ The tour price is NZD\$4,370.00 based on a per person, TWIN share basis, in New Zealand dollars, including GST of 12.5%
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- ❖ Valid for travel from 01 May 2008 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009
- ❖ Transportation : by Luxury European mini-van or Luxury Coach
- ❖ Accommodation has been quoted on the room type as indicated in this itinerary – different or more superior room type/configuration can be priced on application.
- ❖ Prices include green fees and other associated fees at all golf courses in this itinerary – unless indicated, equipment hireage fees (golf clubs/carts/caddies) are at an additional cost and can be priced on application.
- ❖ Minimum group size is 4 people to a maximum of 18 people if single Coach Transportation is a requirement.
- ❖ Otherwise group size is subject only to availability and capacity of the hotels, golf courses and restaurants as specified in the itinerary.
- ❖ Prices are quoted in New Zealand dollars, including GST Tax of 12.5%
- ❖ Surcharges may apply over public holiday and special event dates.

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- ✚ ACCOMMODATION: as specified in the itinerary
- ✚ MEALS: as specified in the itinerary
- ✚ GREEN FEES: as per courses specified in the itinerary
- ✚ GST: Government Goods & Services Tax of 12.5%. Subject to change.
- ✚ HOTEL PORTERAGE
- ✚ AIRPORT TRANSFERS: Private transfer service for pickup and return from/to Airports or Hotels: as specified in the itinerary

### **WHAT'S EXCLUDED**

- ✚ DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES
- ✚ GOLF EQUIPMENT HIREAGE
- ✚ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES
- ✚ ADDITIONAL BEVERAGES with meals, such as wine, beers, fruit juices
- ✚ TIPS AND GRATUITIES
- ✚ ITEMS OF A PERSONAL NATURE such as telephone calls, laundry etc
- ✚ AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX: Currently NZ\$25.00 per person if departing from Auckland, Christchurch or Wellington, payable in cash in New Zealand Dollars.

### **GREEN REALM TRAVEL**

Reserves the right to amend certain components of a touring day to enhance the experience of the guest and if it is operationally necessary.