

Journey Overview

This journey is a golf enthusiast's dream travelling from the North Island to the South playing four of the country's finest courses plus the chance for a high altitude hole-in-one at New Zealand's most picturesque hole. After energetic days on the course, your nights are spent in elegant style at three of the country's most outstanding lodges - The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, the Farm at Cape Kidnappers and Queenstown's Azur Lodge. Test your skill on clifftop fairways, high-rise tees, deep bunkers and lightning-fast greens and immerse yourself in the country's finest fresh produce and epicurean delights.

Journey Highlights

Be challenged to cliff-top golf with spectacular coastal views at Cape Kidnappers
Soak up spectacular coastlines, marine reserves and kauri forests in the Northland
Play a memorable round with breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean at Kauri Cliffs
Fly in, drive, chip, and putt out on New Zealand's only high-altitude helicopter accessed golf hole
Travel at your own pace in each location with your own rental vehicle



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bay of Islands, North Island

On arrival into the Bay of Islands airport (Kerikeri), collect your rental vehicle and make your way to your luxurious home away from home, The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs in the spectacular Northland region. This spectacular area is your playground for the next two days.

The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs | D

Day 2: Bay of Islands

Today enjoy playing 18 holes on the par 72 championship golf course that offers five sets of tees to challenge every skill level. 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.

The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs | BLD

Day 3: Cape Kidnappers

Savour a delicious breakfast before continuing your journey. Drive back to the Bay of Islands airport (Kerikeri), return your hire car and fly south to Napier*. Collect another hire car and drive to your rustic-luxe accommodation, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers.

The Farm at Cape Kidnappers | BD

Day 4: Cape Kidnappers

More golf on the agenda today with a round of 18 on the par 71 golf course. With cliff-edge fairways perched 140 metres above sea level, and a surface that is firm and fast, this spectacular golf course, designed by legendary golf architect Tom Doak, has been hailed as one of golf's great modern marvels. Built on a ridge-and-valley landscape and with stunning sea views, Cape Kidnappers Golf Course has some of the world's most unique holes, some play cautiously alongside deep ravines as others intimidate golfers with deep cliff top bunkers and sheer drops off the very edge of the earth.

In addition to boasting one of the world's top golf courses, this unique property is also a sanctuary for some of New Zealand's most precious flora and fauna, and a working farm.

The Farm at Cape Kidnappers | BLD

Day 5: Queenstown

Today return to Napier airport and return your hire car before flying on to Queenstown*. Collect your rental vehicle and make your way to your contemporary luxury accommodation, Azur Lodge, where floor to ceiling windows reveal breathtaking views of Lake Wakatipu and the surrounding mountain ranges.

Azur / B

Day 6: Queenstown

Today's golfing destination is Jack's Point situated on the edge of Lake Wakatipu and in the shadow of the Remarkables mountain range. The 18-hole par 72 championship course, with five tee positions, weaves through native tussock grasslands to the lake's edge and is ranked number one in the South Island. Its demanding layout is ruggedly natural and demands a degree of accuracy but will reward all players with its incredible scenery and the unforgettable experience.

Azur / B

Day 7: Queenstown

Another round today, this time at Millbrook Resort which is set in a natural alpine amphitheatre against the backdrop of the Remarkables. Originally designed by Sir Bob Charles, the original 18-hole course is in immaculate condition with lush fairways and large greens. With the inclusion of The Coronet Nine, Millbrook offers three options for 18-hole rounds and has firmly established itself as one of the finest golf resorts in New Zealand.

Azur / B

Day 8: Queenstown

An unforgettable experience in store this morning as you play New Zealand's most picturesque golf hole, accessible only by chopper. Make your way to the helipad and lift off for your high altitude shared heli-golf experience. Nestled at an elevation of 1370 metres on top of Cecil Peak in the Southern Alps, this extraordinary par 3 golf experience overlooking Queenstown has four tee boxes for you to attempt a hole in one! Return to the hotel and the afternoon is at your leisure.

Azur / B

Day 9: Depart Queenstown

After a final breakfast, drive to Queenstown Airport for your departure flight*.

B

Note

*Flights not included.

Accommodation

The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, Hawkes Bay



Set on a 6,000 acre sheep and cattle farm, The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, in the Hawke's Bay wine region, is spectacularly situated with breathtaking views over the Pacific. A member of Relais & Châteaux, this stylish property built from river stone and wood exudes character and comfort with 24 ultra-cosy and spacious cottage suites and a four-bedroom Owner's Cottage - all with spectacular ocean views. Impressive works of art adorn the walls and service is seamless.

Each suite has room-controlled air conditioning, high-speed wireless internet, remote control flat screen LCD TV, DVD, CD player with iPod connection, security safe, fully stocked complimentary mini-bar (excluding liquor & wines), walk-in closet, spacious bathroom with heated towel rack, separate WC and shower stalls, oversized bathtub and twin vanities.

Amenities include an isolated and private infinity pool, spa, fitness centre and wine cellar. Beyond the lodge there is plenty to do with farm visits, local excursions, walks, wildlife experiences or a round of golf on the par 71 course.

Why we like it

- Set atop 6,000 rolling acres on stunning farmland in Hawke's Bay
- Spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean
- Farm luxe at its best
- A kiwi protection programme is operated on the property

The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, Bay of Islands



Set on 6,000 acres near Matauri Bay, Northland, The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs affords spectacular 180-degree views of the Pacific Ocean. Cape Brett and the offshore Cavalli Islands are part of the panorama which can be viewed from the verandas, living room and card room. Outlying guest cottages, each with two guest suites, provide accommodation at Kauri Cliffs with 'the owner's cottage' and 2 'caddies' rooms complementing the suites. Every suite offers its own private porch, comfortable bedroom with sitting area and open fireplace, walk-in wardrobe and bathroom.

The par 72 championship golf course measures 7,125 yards (6,412m) and offers four sets of tees to challenge every skill level. Fifteen holes view the Pacific Ocean - six are played alongside cliffs which plunge to the sea. The beautiful inland holes wind through marsh, forest and farmland. The golf complex includes a world class practice range, putting and chipping greens, a well stocked golf shop, and ladies' and mens' locker rooms. Callaway ladies' and mens' rental clubs are available.

Why we like it

- Award winning international golf course
- Amazing views of the Pacific Ocean
- Wonderful scenic attractions and activities in the area

Azur Lodge, Queenstown



Azur is a contemporary luxury lodge overlooking some of the most spectacular scenery in New Zealand, and consists of nine private villas, with open plan living. The bathtub is set in a bay window allowing an indoor/outdoor experience. The floor to ceiling windows frame the uninterrupted views of Lake Wakatipu and the mountain ranges. Rates include a private transfer to/from the airport and transportation to the local downtown area; only a 5min drive from Azur. Full breakfast, afternoon tea and pre-dinner drinks and canapés are also included. Queenstown has a wide range of dining experiences and the Azur team will assist with recommendations, alternatively, guests can dine in fine style in the privacy of their own villa, ordering from an extensive list of local restaurants. Azur is known for its privacy and discretion. The Azur team prides themselves in personalised, friendly service, sharing their local knowledge with guests to ensure a memorable, unique experience.

Why we like it

- Located on a hilltop with spectacular vistas of The Remarkables, Walter Peak Station and Lake Wahtipu.
- 9 stand-alone villas offering complete privacy and chic luxury.
- Just a short 4 minute drive away from the cafes, shops and sights of bustling Queenstown.

Extraordinary Experiences

Our in-country presence allows our Journey Designers to include exceptional activities and experiences that are beyond the reach of the average traveller. Here are just a few examples.



Admire Magnificent Milford Sound

Deep within Fiordland National Park lies Milford Sound, New Zealand's most stunning natural attraction. With its magical combination of mountain peaks, ink-dark waters, gushing waterfalls and superb dramatic forest-clad cliffs, Milford Sound captivates even the most experienced traveller with its beauty.



Go Behind the Scenes at Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

The Taonga Maori Tour takes you to the heart of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa. Your hosted cultural tour will weave you through the Maori exhibition spaces displaying New Zealand's unique history through stories and objects, as well as provide behind-the-scenes access to Maori taonga (treasures) close up.



Admire majestic New Zealand glaciers on a helicopter adventure

Drink in the spectacular landscapes of the South Island's West Coast on a private helicopter adventure over snow capped mountains, glaciers, lakes, and ancient river valleys. Stand atop a remote glacier, and fly the length of majestic Milford Sound before descending into Fiordland Lodge for your delicious lunch of crayfish, freshly caught by hand during a stop on a remote beach en route.



Explore the Beauty of the Otago Peninsula

Enjoy a full day discovering the beautiful scenery of the Otago Peninsula on the southern edge of Dunedin's harbour. Hike to clifftop viewpoints, marvel at extraordinary rock formations and get up close to the yellow-eyed penguin, Hooker's sea lion, fur seals and the royal albatross.



Tramp the Tongariro Alpine Crossing

For some of the most dramatic landscapes you will ever see, lace up your walking shoes for a privately guided hike on The Tongariro Alpine Crossing in Tongariro National Park. This walk is renowned for its beautiful 'moon like' volcanic landscape, unusual geological features, and panoramic views.



Meet The Endangered Kiwi Bird, Aotearoa

Gain a fascinating insight into New Zealand's iconic endangered kiwi at the Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy supported National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa. See the incubation room, hatchery and nursery where this extraordinary project is increasing the kiwi count.



Indulge in a South Island Wine Experience, Gibbston Valley

Take a private tour of Gibbston Valley Wines in one of the world's southernmost wine-growing regions. You will be guided around the country's largest wine cave and enjoy private tasting sessions, as well as a delicious two-course lunch accompanied by expertly paired wines.



Crew an America's Cup Superyacht, Auckland

Take the helm of an America's Cup superyacht on an exhilarating sailing adventure in Auckland's beautiful Waitemata Harbour. Trim the sails, work the grinders or simply sit back and marvel at the capability of your sleek vessel and the yachties who crew it.



Walk the Magnificent Routeburn Track, South Island

Experience one of New Zealand's great walks on a guided hike to the Routeburn Falls Hut. Walk alongside magnificent Routeburn River, and through a beech forest rich in birdlife, with soaring mountain peaks, huge valleys, waterfalls and jewel-like lakes.