



Ireland's 2022 Summer Tour

New Zealand

All Three Tests

28th June - 18th July 2022

Kia Ora!

(this means “welcome” in Maori)

Join **Donal Lenihan** and meet other rugby legends on our amazing three Test tour versus the All Blacks. As well as brilliant rugby, we have also included a large number of social events, activities, excursions, meals and drinks, leaving you to relax and enjoy this amazing country!

Our most recent tour to New Zealand was our highly successful British & Irish Lions 2017 tour with hundreds of supporters. Coupled with our RWC 2011 tour we know New Zealand and it's people, hotels, restaurants, coach companies and activity providers better than anyone.

We are also offering an additional one week **Bolt On Tour** to see more of this fab country.

We are certain that when you read this brochure you will want to book with RTI!

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Provisional Tour Itinerary

Please note that match locations are subject to final confirmation. Should they change from the below itinerary then we guarantee 100% that your tour will still include Auckland, Wellington and Queenstown. If a match is played in Dunedin or Christchurch then these two locations will replace Rotorua and Taupo. Prices quoted will not change if a match location changes.

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS

DAYS / NIGHTS	18 Days / 17 Nights in New Zealand
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS	<p>Return International Flights with Qatar or Emirates. Dublin - Auckland - Dublin.</p> <p>Have your own flights? No problem – simply reduce the tour cost by €1,000pp.</p>
LOCAL FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS	<p>Two domestic flights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington - Queenstown • Queenstown - Auckland <p>Executive coach transfers throughout.</p>
HOTELS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 nights at the 4* Crowne Plaza, Auckland • 2 nights at the 4* Novotel, Rotorua • 2 nights at the 4* Waireke Resort, Taupo • 3 nights at the 4* Rydges Hotel, Wellington • 4 nights at the 4* Crowne Plaza, Queenstown • 2 nights at the 4* Rydges Hotel, Auckland
MEALS & DRINKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast each day. • Welcome drinks reception in Auckland hosted by Donal Lenihan. • Pre and post-match events at the Clare Inn (5 mins walk to Eden Park) including a hot buffet and three drinks vouchers per person. • Local Maori welcome plus lunch at King Country Rugby hosted by their CEO Kurt McQuilkin, former Irish International and former Leinster defence coach. • Interactive Maori evening at the Tamaki Maori Village, Rotorua. Includes dinner. • Social evening hosted by Taupo Rugby Club including a buffet and three drinks vouchers per person. • Pre and post-match event at the Foxglove waterfront bar, Wellington including a hot buffet and three drinks vouchers per person. • Casual evening at Winnies, the iconic gourmet pizza bar in Queenstown. Includes pizzas, garlic bread and a two hours drinks package per person.
MATCH TICKETS	Guaranteed match tickets to all Test matches.
ALSO INCLUDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to Auckland's iconic Sky Tower (valid on your chosen day). • Admission to the All Blacks Experience in Auckland (valid on your chosen day). • A half day trip to the Buried Village of Te Wairoa (near Rotorua). • Visit to the Waiotapu Thermal Park (between Rotorua and Taupo). • An exhilarating jet boat ride to the incredible Huka Falls, Taupo. • Admission to the Queenstown Skyline Gondola (valid on your chosen day). • Scenic cruise around Lake Wakatipu on the Spirit of Queenstown including a glass of wine and a Gibbston Valley cheeseboard. • Exclusive RTI discount negotiated at ten of the best bars and restaurants in Queenstown. • Tour merchandise (Irish Rugby Jacket and Bobble Hat). • Services of our friendly & experienced Rugby Travel Ireland staff.
<i>An optional list of activities that can booked in advance will be distributed after making a booking.</i>	

Tuesday 28th June | Dublin

Depart from Dublin airport with Qatar Airways or Emirates to Auckland.

Thursday 30th June | Auckland

Land in Auckland, which is located on the North Island and is New Zealand's largest city. Executive coach transfer to the 4* Crowne Plaza Auckland and check in for four nights. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located in the heart of the city centre. We have arranged a complimentary drinks reception this evening, hosted by Donal Lenihan, for guests to mingle and get to know each other.

Friday 1st July | Auckland

Day at leisure. Admission to the adjacent Sky Tower is included for one of the days that you are in Auckland. See the sights of Auckland from 220m above street level and enjoy panoramic 360 degree views up to 80 kilometres in every direction.

Saturday 2nd July | Auckland

Match Day! New Zealand v Ireland in Eden Park, Auckland. Private transfer to the Clare Inn for a private function. Ideally located, just a 5-minute walk from Eden Park. Pre-match food and three drinks per person are included. Post-match return to the bar and later on you will be transferred back to the hotel.

Sunday 3rd July | Auckland

Day at leisure. Admission to the recently opened All Blacks Experience is included for one of the days that you are in Auckland. Your time at the All Blacks Experience will include a 45 minute guided tour where you learn what it takes to make, shape and be an All Black. This will include learning the story and feeling the passion behind the All Blacks haka, up close and personal. You can then test your rugby skills against All Blacks and Black Ferns in their hands on, interactive zone.

Monday 4th July | Rotorua

Time to check out and transfer (2.5 hours) to King Country rugby club and enjoy an awesome local school Maori welcome followed by lunch with club members. Kurt McQuilkin (Ireland and Leinster) is the clubs CEO and will be your host. They hosted us both at RWC 2011 and for the Lions 2017 and a warm welcome is assured! Then onto Rotorua (2 hours) and check into the 4* Novotel hotel for two nights. The hotel is centrally located on the shores of Lake Rotorua. Rotorua is New Zealand's geothermal capital and has so much to offer from thermal spas through to the adrenaline-pumping action of the luge at Rotorua Skyline.



Tuesday 5th July | Rotorua

Day at leisure. We have included a purely optional morning trip to the Buried Village of Te Wairoa. The volcanic eruption of Mt Tarawera on 10 June 1886 bombarded the peaceful village of Te Wairoa. Stories of survival and resilience are told throughout museum exhibits and in over 1km of heritage excavations. Wander through the beautiful park, which includes the Te Wairoa Stream and waterfall walk, where the people of Te Wairoa lived before the eruption. Often described as peaceful and tranquil, the regeneration hides the scars of one of New Zealand's deadliest disasters.

This evening you will be collected and transferred to experience Maori culture with traditional ceremonies, cultural performances and an authentic hangi dinner. As you travel by coach deep into the heart of an ancient tawa forest, your driver guide will explain the protocol for entering a Maori village as manuhiri (visitors). Upon arrival, experience a powhiri (formal welcome ceremony) before entering the village. After a fearsome challenge by a group of warriors and the exchange of a peace offering, you will be warmly greeted and brought onto the marae (meeting house area) with songs and dance. After the performance, enjoy a three-course buffet feast. Start with Maori rewana bread before enjoying your hangi: succulent New Zealand meats and vegetables with their unique smoky earth-cooked flavour, accompanied by fresh salads and seafood and a range of authentic Kiwi desserts. Vegetarian and other dietary options are catered for upon request.

Wednesday 6th July | Taupo

Check out and depart for Taupo (1 hour). On the way stop at Waiotapu Thermal Park, New Zealand's most colourful geothermal attraction. Named as "One of the 20 Most Surreal Places in the World" unique features include the world famous Champagne Pool, naturally coloured springs, bubbling mud, steaming ground, expansive vistas, huge volcanic craters and sinister terrace formations. Then continue onto Taupo and check into the 4* Waireke Resort for two nights. You can enjoy golf on their 9-hole course, play tennis on floodlit courts and visit the fitness centre for a game of squash. Two geothermally heated swimming pools and 6 outdoor hot tubs are complemented by an on-site spa.

Thursday 7th July | Taupo

You are jet boating this morning! Just a 5-minute transfer from the hotel are the Huka Falls. This half hour of thrills, fun and excitement takes you along a beautiful river environment, lined with native bush, sheer rock cliff face and hot water streams. Hold on tight as you'll be travelling in a state of the art jet boat at an incredible 80km an hour! Along the way the trademark 360-degree spins will leave you with a beaming smile and a heart pumping with adrenaline. Waterproofs are provided!



Thursday 7th July (cont)

The rest of day is free to explore the lovely town of Taupo. We are providing shuttles for the 5-7 minute journey into town.

This evening, Taupo Rugby Club are hosting our tour party, and this includes a buffet and three drinks vouchers person. They are great hosts, and the banter will be mighty!

Friday 8th July | Wellington

Check out and transfer (6 hours to include a lunch stop at own expense) to Wellington. Wellington is New Zealand's capital and one of the smallest capital cities in the world. With a powerful mix of culture, history, nature and cuisine, you'll have no problem keeping yourself entertained! Check into the centrally located 4* Rydges Wellington hotel for three nights.

Saturday 9th July | Wellington

Match Day! New Zealand v Ireland in Sky Stadium, Wellington. We will meet at the Foxglove bar and restaurant on Queens Wharf (5 minute walk from your hotel) where we have hired the entire top floor. Pre-match food and three drinks per person are included. The stadium is less than a 20 minute walk away but we will also have private return transfers. Post-match transfer back to the bar and enjoy the rest of the night!

Sunday 10th July | Wellington

A day at leisure in Wellington. A trip to the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa is an absolute must. Rated by Lonely Planet as one of their top 500 places on earth, New Zealand's interactive national museum is a must-visit with six storeys of cutting-edge interactive exhibitions housed in an architectural wonder of a building. General admission is free.

Monday 11th July | Queenstown

Check out this morning and transfer to Wellington airport for your flight to Queenstown, on New Zealand's South Island. On arrival, executive coach transfer (15 mins approx.) to the 4* Crowne Plaza, Queenstown and check in for four nights. This is a superb hotel located in the heart of Queenstown, nestled on the shores of the stunning Lake Wakatipu surrounded by majestic mountains and crystal clear waters. Activities range from adrenaline fuelled activities such as jet boating, bungee jumping and helicopter rides through to wandering the narrow streets and exploring the many shops, bars and restaurants. No wonder the British & Irish Lions came here to relax for a few days before the last Test match in 2017. In short, Queenstown is one of the most stunning towns in the world!



Tuesday 12th July | Queenstown

On one of your days in Queenstown you can avail of a ride on the iconic Skyline Gondola (included in your tour price). Sit back and relax as the best views in the region unfold before your eyes as the Gondola carries you 450 metres above Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu to the top of Bob's Peak.

We have also arranged an exclusive RTI discount deal with ten of the best bars and restaurants in Queenstown. Details to follow but show your tour ID and avail of numerous discounts and promotions during your stay in Queenstown.

Weds 13th July | Queenstown

Board the Spirit of Queenstown for an epic 1.5 hour cruise of discovery around Lake Wakatipu and explore secluded bays, historic landmarks and mountain views. We have pushed the boat out (excuse the pun!) and included a glass of Akarua wine and a Gibbston Valley Cheese board.

This evening we have hired out Winnies, the iconic gourmet pizza bar in Queenstown. Includes pizzas, garlic bread and a two hour drinks package per person. This is a very social event!

Thurs 14th July | Queenstown

Day at leisure.

Friday 15th July | Auckland

Check out and transfer to Queenstown Airport for your flight to Auckland. On arrival, transfer to the centrally located 4* Rydges Auckland Hotel and check in for three nights.

Saturday 16th July | Auckland

Match Day! New Zealand v Ireland in Eden Park, Auckland. Private transfer to the Clare Inn for a private function. Ideally located just a 5-minute walk from Eden Park. Pre-match food and three drinks per person are included. Post-match return to the bar to celebrate a historic series win (hopefully!) and later on you will be transferred back to the hotel.

Sunday 17th July | Depart

If you have not chosen our one week **Bolt On Tour** then the time has come to check out of your hotel and transfer to Auckland Airport where you will board your flight home.

Monday 18th July | Dublin

Land back in Dublin after an incredible tour to New Zealand. Thank you for travelling with Rugby Travel Ireland and we hope to see you again on another tour soon!





TOUR COST & PAYMENT TERMS

COST: €5,750 per person sharing.

PAYMENT TERMS: A €500 refundable deposit per person is required to secure your booking. A second payment of €1,500 is due by 30 November 2021 and the balance is due by 31st March 2022.

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS

Single Supplement @ €1,595

Travel insurance, passports and visas if applicable.

Upgrade to Business Class or First Class flights. Supplements apply and subject to availability.

Admission fees into sights of interest not included in the tour cost / itinerary. Personal expenses such as tips, telephone calls, beverages, all meals not mentioned under the inclusions and anything else of a personal nature.

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Some images from our 2017 B&I Lions Tour to New Zealand



Additional Information

CORONAVIRUS CUSTOMER CHARTER

We truly appreciate that these are uncertain times when it comes to rugby and travel. No one knows what the future holds for sure, but we want to reassure you that all of us at Rugby Travel Ireland are ready and waiting to provide you with a trip of a lifetime. We will always do so with the health and safety of both our clients and staff at the very forefront of everything that we do. We are very conscious that you may have questions or reservations about travelling at this point in time, so we hope the following information and FAQs are of assistance and gives you peace of mind when booking with Rugby Travel Ireland. We'd like to reassure you that should the tour not proceed for the following reasons, you are entitled to a full refund (less €50 admin fee per person):

- If government advice changes and it becomes illegal to travel abroad.
- If the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in Ireland / FCDO in the UK advises against non-essential travel abroad.
- If the government for the destination you're travelling to decides to enforce quarantine on arrival and there isn't the option to forgo this quarantine period by providing evidence of a negative COVID-19 test.
- If you have a booking to any destination that requires you to quarantine in a hotel on your return.

FAQs: A full list of our Frequently Asked questions can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#) and this will hopefully answer any queries that you may have. If not, please contact us by email at hello@rugbytravelireland.com or call us directly on +353 61 624 734.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION - BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

OTP Travel Services Ltd T/A Rugby Travel Ireland (RTI) is fully bonded assuring you that your monies are secure at all times. If your tour package includes flights ex Ireland then we are bonded and licensed with the Commission for Aviation Regulation, Tour Operators Licence No. T.O. 260. Further details are available at www.aviationreg.ie. If your package flights are ex UK or it excludes flights, then in compliance with The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, an insurance policy has been arranged with Travel & General Insurance Services Limited (T&G), to protect customers' prepayments in the unlikely event of our financial failure and paid in respect of non-ATOL flight inclusive packages sold to customers. This license and bond give you the financial security you require, along with that all important peace of mind.

INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking with Rugby Travel Ireland that you and any fellow travellers MUST have travel insurance in place. Your travel insurance should cover the cost of cancellation, medical expenses, loss of luggage or money, personal liability claims, participation in activities and costs of assistance (including repatriation) in the event of accident, injury, illness or death. You should check any exclusions and, in particular, that your policy covers you for the activities you want to undertake. We strongly recommend that you are covered from the time of booking as this may assist you in recovering monies paid in the unfortunate event of you having to cancel your trip. We recommend the services of our preferred travel insurance partner, Blue Insurance, and you can get a quotation directly from them as below:

Important Notice for ROI Residents: Blue Insurance travel insurance policy covers cancellation as a result of a positive diagnosis of Covid-19 and also cover medical expenses abroad as a result of Covid-19, provided that you are not travelling against DFA advice. All other claims relating to Covid-19 or Government Restrictions on travel are excluded.

Important Notice for UK Residents: Blue Insurance policy will not cover any claims caused by or relating to Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) apart from; Section A - Where You, Your Travelling Companion or Close Business Associate are diagnosed with Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and meet the conditions outlined in Section A or Section B - Emergency Medical and other Expenses, provided that you are not travelling against FCDO advice.

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HOTELS

Prices are based on twin/double rooms with two people sharing. Triple/Family rooms can be quoted subject to availability. Single occupancy incurs a single room supplement as outlined in our costs. This is because we are charged on a per room basis, but we cost the package based on two people sharing that cost. Should we change your hotel we will advise you at the earliest opportunity, but we will always endeavour to offer a hotel of the same standard. If this is not possible, an alternative will be provided, and a credit note will be applied. All accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis.

FLIGHT UPGRADES

Although the comfort and service offered by the airlines we use is excellent, you may wish to upgrade your flight to Business Class or First Class (neither are available for internal flights). You can request a quotation during the booking process.

CHANGES TO YOUR TOUR

RTI reserve the right to change / readjust the tour schedule, transportation, hotel accommodation and services indicated in the package. Promotions may end without notice. All tours are subject to availability. Please note that as with all our tours, this tour is subject to minimum numbers. Should these not be achieved you will be refunded in full and notified at least 12 weeks in advance.

IF YOU WISH TO CANCEL

Should you wish to cancel your booking, we will require notification in writing. Cancellation charges will be levied in accordance with the scale set out in our full set of [Terms and Conditions](#). A summary of our cancellation provisions are as below:

More than 100 days Deposit(s) - Between 99 and 70 days 50% of total booking cost - Between 69 and 56 days 60% of total booking cost - Between 55 and 43 days 70% of total booking cost - Between 42 and 15 days 90% of total booking cost - 14 days or less 100% of total booking cost.

