



## **NORTH ISLAND BOLT ON TOUR**

### **NEW ZEALAND**

**17<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

Our North Island Bolt On Tour continues on from after the third Test match versus New Zealand.

It is a long way to go to New Zealand and we figure that people would like to extend their stay for an additional week to explore brand new destinations.

Our North Island Bolt On Tour includes Napier, Taupo, Rotorua and Auckland with a number of activities and events included plus plenty of free time.

# North Island Bolt On Tour

## Itinerary

### TOUR COST INCLUSIONS

<b>DAYS / NIGHTS</b>	9 Days / 8 Nights in New Zealand
<b>INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS</b>	Return International flights are included in your Three Test tour booking. Dublin - Auckland - Dublin.
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	Executive coach transfers throughout.
<b>HOTELS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 nights at the <a href="#">4* Art Deco Masonic Hotel, Napier</a></li><li>• 2 nights at the <a href="#">4* Suncourt Hotel, Taupo</a></li><li>• 2 nights at the <a href="#">4* Novotel Hotel, Rotorua</a></li><li>• 1 night at the <a href="#">4* Crowne Plaza, Auckland</a></li></ul>
<b>MEALS &amp; DRINKS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast each day.</li><li>• Wine tasting followed by lunch at <a href="#">Mission Estate, Napier</a>.</li><li>• Reception at Taupo RFC including a buffet and three drinks vouchers per person. Kurt McQuilkin, former Irish International and former Leinster defence coach in attendance.</li><li>• Interactive Maori evening at the <a href="#">Tamaki Maori Village</a>, Rotorua. Includes dinner.</li><li>• Informal get together at Rotorua's historic pub, the Pig &amp; Whistle. Platters and three drinks vouchers per person.</li><li>• End of tour dinner on the Viaduct in Auckland.</li></ul>
<b>ALSO INCLUDED</b> <i>An optional list of activities that can be booked in advance will be distributed after making a booking.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit to <a href="#">Te Puia</a>, one of New Zealand's most magnificent geothermal wonderlands.</li><li>• A purely optional half day trip to the <a href="#">Buried Village of Te Wairoa</a> (near Rotorua).</li><li>• Visit to the Huka Falls, Taupo.</li><li>• Services on tour of our friendly &amp; experienced Rugby Travel Ireland staff.</li></ul>

## Sunday 17th July | Napier

Check out of your hotel and then enjoy an executive coach transfer (5 hours) through the North Island and across to Napier. This journey includes a stop in Palmerston North for lunch (at own expense). On arrival in Napier, check in to the centrally located 4\* Art Deco Masonic Hotel for two nights.

Napier, a coastal city on New Zealand's North Island, is set amid the renowned wine-producing region of Hawke's Bay. Rebuilt after a 1931 earthquake, street after street of stunning and beautifully-restored Art Deco buildings have made Napier famous as one of the most complete collections of Art Deco buildings in the world.

## Monday 18th July | Napier

This morning transfer to the Mission Estate Winery (10 minutes) that was established in 1851 by pioneering French Missionaries and is New Zealand's oldest winery and the birthplace of New Zealand wine. On arrival enjoy a wine tasting that will consist of five top line Mission Estate Hawke's Bay wines and includes a commemorative glass to take home, a historical commentary on Mission Estate, overview of Hawke's Bay wine region and then a self-guide through the pictorial history including the replica underground cellar before heading to The Chapel for a three course lunch (included).

Rest of the day at leisure. Napier is often referred to as a 1930s film set, and one of the best ways to enjoy the streetscape is on a self-guided walk - ask for a map at the information centre or at the Art Deco Trust.

## Tuesday 19th July | Taupo

Check out and depart for Taupo (2 hours). On arrival on the outskirts of Taupo, you will get up close, via a footbridge, to the mind-blowing roar and rumble of the Huka Falls where New Zealand's longest river, the Waikato, is squeezed through a ravine of hard volcanic rock. Watch 220,000 litres of water blast by every second.

It is then onto Taupo centre for a lunch break followed by a 2pm Maori Rock Carvings Cruise. One of the world's largest freshwater volcanic craters, Lake Taupo is home to the famous Maori Rock Carvings, only accessible by boat. With comfortable seating inside and out, be sure to have your camera ready, and enjoy this piece of spiritual and cultural significance on board a luxury charter boat.

Then check in to the 4\* Suncourt Hotel, on the edge of Lake Taupo, for two nights.



## Wednesday 20th July | Taupo

Day at leisure. Taupo is a sanctuary for those who need a quiet spell. Its small town features give it a friendly character and scenic backdrops engulf the entire township, with lakes, mountains and clear skies adding to its peaceful nature.

This evening, Taupo Rugby Club are hosting us, like they did in 2011 and 2017 and they are great hosts, and the banter will be mighty! Former Ireland player and former Leinster defence coach, Kurt McQuilkin, will be joining us as well. Their players are providing a Traditional Hangi (food cooked in the ground with steam) and a local kapa kapa group will perform Maori songs and a Haka. Three drinks vouchers per person are also included.

## Thursday 21st July | Rotorua

Check out and depart for Rotorua (1 hour). On the way we stop at Te Puia is one of New Zealand's most magnificent geothermal wonderlands – featuring dramatic geysers, bubbling mud, and beautiful native bush. Come face to face with the biggest, naturally active geyser in the Southern Hemisphere, Pōhutu Geyser, plus jumping mud pools and see the famous kiwi in their Kiwi Conservation Centre.

Then 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 and Maori culture capital and has so much to offer from thermal spas through to the adrenaline-pumping action of the luge at Rotorua Skyline.

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 rewena bread before enjoying your hangi: succulent New Zealand meats and vegetables with their unique smokey 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.



## Friday 22nd July | Rotorua

Day at leisure.

We have included a purely optional 2.5 hour 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.

Informal get together this evening at Rotorua's Historic pub, the Pig & Whistle, which is just a short walk from your hotel. Platters and three drinks vouchers per person included.

## Saturday 23rd July | Auckland

Check out and depart for Auckland (4 hours including a lunch stop, at own expense, in Hamilton). On arrival into Auckland check into the centrally located 4\* Crowne Plaza for one night. Afternoon at leisure.

This is the last full day in New Zealand so we have arranged an end of tour dinner, including drinks, at a great restaurant on the waterfront. This will be a fun evening where everyone can simply relax and enjoy each others company.

## Sunday 24th July | Depart

Check out of your hotel and transfer to Auckland airport for your 18.25 flight back to Dublin.

## Monday 25th 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!





## NORTH ISLAND EXPLORER BOLT ON TOUR - COST & PAYMENT TERMS

**COST:** €1,895 per person sharing.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** Full payment is required to secure your booking.

## TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS

Single Supplement @ €595

Travel insurance, passports and visas if applicable.

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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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- 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](mailto:hello@rugbytravelireland.com) or call us directly on +353 61 624 734.

### FINANCIAL PROTECTION - BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

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### 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:

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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.

### 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.

