



IRELAND'S 2022 SUMMER TOUR

NEW ZEALAND

ALL THREE TESTS

29TH JUNE - 18TH JULY 2022

Kia Ora!

(this means "welcome" in Maori)

Join **Donal Lenihan** and **Alan Quinlan** 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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Itinerary

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS

DAYS / NIGHTS	18 Days / 17 Nights in New Zealand
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS	Return International Flights with Qatar (or similar). Dublin - Auckland - Dublin. Have your own flights? No problem – simply reduce the tour cost by €1,000pp.
LOCAL FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS	Three domestic flight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auckland - Queenstown • Christchurch - Wellington • Wellington - Christchurch <p>Executive coach transfers throughout.</p>
HOTELS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 nights at the <u>4* Rydges Hotel, Auckland</u> (includes day of arrival as landing at 05.05) • 4 nights at the <u>4* Crowne Plaza, Queenstown or 4* Novotel, Queenstown</u> • 2 nights in Dunedin at the <u>4* Victoria Hotel, 3* Kingsgate Hotel or the 4* Commodore Motel.</u> • 2 nights at the <u>4* Crowne Plaza, Christchurch</u> • 5 nights at the <u>4* Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay</u>
MEALS & DRINKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast each day. • Welcome drinks reception in Auckland hosted by Donal Lenihan and Alan Quinlan. • Pre and post-match event close to Eden Park including a hot buffet and three drinks vouchers per person. • Pre and post-match event at <u>Alhambra Rugby Club</u> in Dunedin including a hot buffet and three drinks vouchers per person. • Pre and post-match event at the <u>Foxglove Waterfront Bar</u>, Wellington including a hot buffet and three drinks vouchers per person. • Casual evening at <u>Winnies</u>, the iconic gourmet pizza bar in Queenstown. Includes pizzas, garlic bread and a two hour drinks package per person.
MATCH TICKETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All three Test matches and the midweek match if in Wellington.
ALSO INCLUDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission to Auckland’s iconic <u>Sky Tower</u> (valid on your chosen day). • Admission to the <u>All Blacks Experience</u> in Auckland (valid on your chosen day). • An incredible jet boat ride through the spectacular Shotover Canyons. • Admission to the Queenstown <u>Skyline Gondola</u> (valid on your chosen day). • Scenic cruise around Lake Wakatipu on the <u>Spirit of Queenstown</u> 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 or equivalent). • Services on tour of our friendly & experienced Rugby Travel Ireland staff.

An optional list of activities that can booked in advance will be distributed after making a booking.

Wednesday 29th June | Dublin

Depart from Dublin airport with Qatar Airways (or similar) to Auckland.

Thursday 30th June | Transit.

Friday 1st July | Auckland

Land in Auckland, which is located on the North Island and is New Zealand's largest city. Executive coach transfer to the 4* Rydges Hotel in the heart of Auckland city centre and check in for four nights. Please note that the ETA of your flight is 05.05am so when you check in your room has been booked for that previous night, so it is ready for you on arrival. We know this is very important after your long flight.

We have arranged a complimentary drinks reception this evening, hosted by Donal Lenihan and Alan Quinlan. The ideal time to mingle and get to know each other.

Saturday 2nd July | Auckland

Match Day! New Zealand v Ireland in Eden Park, Auckland. Kick off 19.05. Private transfer to your private function. Pre-match food and three drinks per person are included. Post-match return to the bar and later you will be transferred back to the hotel.

Sunday 3rd 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.

Admission to the recently opened All Blacks Experience is also included and includes 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 | Queenstown

Check out of your hotel this morning and transfer to Auckland airport for your flight to Queenstown. On arrival check into the 4* Crowne Plaza or 4* Novotel for four nights. Both hotels are superbly located in the heart of Queenstown which is located 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 and the birthplace of bungee jumping!

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.

Tuesday 5th 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.

* This morning enjoy an exhilarating jet boat ride through the spectacular Shotover Canyons. The only way to experience the Canyons, see their beauty and feel their power, is to travel on the world's most exciting jet boat ride that blends pristine natural landscape with wall to wall canyon action from start to finish!

Wednesday 6th July | Queenstown

* At 1pm board the Spirit of Queenstown cruise that departs from St Omer Wharf (opposite your hotel) 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!

* Due to our group numbers, your finalised itinerary will either be the above on the 5th and 6th July or the cruise will be on the 5th and the jet boating on the 6th.

Thursday 7th July | Queenstown

Day at leisure. OPTIONAL HELICOPTER TRIPS TO MILFORD SOUND, THE REMARKABLES OR SCENIC QUEENSTOWN SNOW LANDING.



Friday 8th July | Dunedin

Check out of your hotel this morning and enjoy a stunning coach transfer across Central Otago to Dunedin (4 hours including a lunch stop at own expense). On arrival in Dunedin check in for three nights. Please note that due to our group size and the fact that Dunedin has limited accommodation, so we are utilising three accommodation providers, the Victoria Hotel, Kingsgate Hotel and Commodore Motel. Known as the Edinburgh of New Zealand, Dunedin wears its Scottish heritage with pride. Surrounded by dramatic hills and at the foot of a long, picturesque harbour, Dunedin is one of the best-preserved Victorian and Edwardian cities in the Southern Hemisphere. It is home to the world's only mainland-breeding albatross colony, the Royal Albatross Centre, where you'll also find sea lions, fur seals and rare penguins. If you are up to it, try walking up Baldwin Street, the World's steepest drivable residential street with a 35 per cent gradient, rising from 30 m to 100 m! We also suggest a visit to the Botanic Gardens, penguin watching, a tour of Speights Brewery or a trip to the stunning Lanarch castle (the only castle in New Zealand).

Saturday 9th July | Dunedin

Match Day! New Zealand v Ireland at the impressive, roofed Forsyth Barr Stadium. Kick off 19.05. Pre and post-match event with our friends at Alhambra Rugby Club that includes a hot buffet and three drinks vouchers per person. Return coach transfers from your hotels to the rugby club and then the stadium is included.

Sunday 10th July | Christchurch

Check out and depart for Christchurch. This journey includes a stop off to view the famous Moeraki Boulders; mysteriously spherical stones scattered across a beach. Each boulder weighs several tonnes and is up to two metres high. According to Maori legend, the boulders are fruits washed ashore from the great voyaging canoe Araiteuru when it was wrecked upon landfall in New Zealand hundreds of years ago. This is followed by a lunch stop (at own expense) in Timaru and on arrival into Christchurch, check into the 4* Crowne Plaza Hotel for two nights.

Christchurch is known internationally as the "Garden City" because of its spectacular gardens and its English heritage. Flat-bottomed punts glide on the Avon River, which meanders through the city centre. Christchurch is by far the largest city in the South Island and is home to several excellent cafes, bars and restaurants. After the devastating earthquakes in 2011, Christchurch was rebuilt as a more creative and funkier urban centre. Wander through the streets admiring the colourful murals that tell stories of the city's resilience and indomitable spirit.

Monday 11th July | Christchurch

Day at leisure.



Tuesday 12th July | Wellington

Check out of your hotel this morning and transfer to Christchurch airport for your flight to Wellington. On arrival check into the 4* Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay for four nights. 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!

Match Day! Maori All Blacks v Ireland in Wellington. Kick off 19.05. Return transfers included to the stadium.

*If this match takes place elsewhere or on another date, we will organise a day trip or one night trip but at an additional cost.

Wednesday 13th July | Wellington

Day at leisure. 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 six storeys of cutting-edge interactive exhibitions housed in an architectural wonder of a building. General admission is free.

Thursday 14th July | Wellington

Day at leisure. OPTIONAL WINE TOUR TO MARTINBOROUGH REGION.

Friday 15th July | Wellington

Day at leisure. OPTIONAL WINE TOUR TO MARTINBOROUGH REGION.

Saturday 16th July | Wellington

Match Day! New Zealand v Ireland in Sky Stadium, Wellington. Kick off 19.05. Private coach transfers are provided from your hotel to the Foxglove Bar and Restaurant on Queens Wharf 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 provide private transfers. Post-match transfer back to the bar and enjoy the rest of the night!

Sunday 17th July | Depart

Check out of your hotel. Transfer to Wellington airport for your flight to Auckland and onto Dublin.

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: €6,295 per person sharing.

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

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS

Single Supplement @ €1,595

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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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. 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/.

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.

[INSURANCE OPTIONS →](#)

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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

Very limited availability.

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.

