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CHAMPIONSHIP
2026

IRELAND V NEW ZEALAND + NZ BOLT ON TOUR



9th July - 28th July, 2026

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS/NIGHTS	19 Days / 15 Nights
INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC FLIGHTS	Economy flights (Dublin-Queenstown-Auckland-Taupō-Wellington-Dublin)
HOTELS	<u>4* Novotel Queenstown Lakeside</u> <u>4* Rydges Auckland</u> <u>5* Regent of Rotorua</u> <u>4* Millennium Hotel Taupō</u> <u>5* InterContinental Wellington</u>
MEALS	Breakfast each day with Lunch & Dinner Events included throughout
MATCH TICKETS	Official match tickets.
COST	€5,750* PER PERSON (<i>Prices were correct at printing but may change. Please check our website for the latest prices.</i>)
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	€1,245
ALTERNATIVE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS	If you wish to book your own flights, you can deduct €1,755 off PPS at stage 2 of your booking.
TOUR EXCLUSIONS	Travel Insurance, 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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Thursday 9th July – Departure Day, Dublin

Begin your adventure as you depart Dublin flying with Emirates (or similar) to Queenstown, New Zealand. Sit back, relax, and get ready for an unforgettable sporting and cultural experience.

Friday 10th July – Transit

Land and transfer onto your connecting flight to Queenstown, New Zealand.

Saturday 11th July – Transit

Land in Queenstown and transfer to the 4* Novotel Hotel Queenstown for 5 nights B&B. Rest of day at leisure.

Sunday 12th July – Day at Leisure, Queenstown

Check out of your hotel and depart for Gold Coast Airport for your flight to Queenstown, New Zealand. Land in Queenstown and check into the scenic 4* Novotel Queenstown Lakeside. The resort town of Queenstown is sophisticated and fantastically scenic. Its lake and mountain landscape is suited to almost any kind of adventure; but Queenstown is just as well known as a place for indulgence. It is a mecca for adventure activities and at this time of year this includes snow sports as well as bungy jumping, jet boating, helicopter trips and river rafting. Indulgent experiences include exceptional food and wine, lake cruises, spa treatments, boutique shopping and leisurely games of golf.

Monday 13th July – Day at Leisure, Queenstown

Day at leisure. Enjoy a scenic cruise aboard Queenstown's best-kept secret and take in the remarkable, uninterrupted views that make this region world-famous. From the moment our classic 1975 Ford lander departs the Main Queenstown Jetty, Lake Wakatipu opens up before you – the Remarkables towering above, tranquil willow islands, lakeside homes, golf course, and the historic Kawarau Falls Dam. This evening, enjoy a social get-together at the iconic gourmet pizza bar, Winnies. Food and drinks included.

Tuesday 14th July – Day at Leisure, Queenstown

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the adventure capital of Queenstown, where towering mountains, crystal-clear lakes and a lively alpine atmosphere set the scene for endless possibilities. Spend your day browsing boutique shops, relaxing by the shores of Lake Wakatipu, or simply soaking in the breathtaking scenery that surrounds this remarkable town.



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Wednesday 15th July – Day at Leisure, Queenstown

This morning brush off the cobwebs with an exhilarating jet boat ride (included) 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! Afternoon at leisure.

Thursday 16th July – Transfer Day, Auckland

Check out of your hotel and transfer for your flight to Auckland. Check in to the 4* Rydges Hotel Auckland for 3 nights B&B. Rest of day at leisure.

Friday 17th July – Day at Leisure, Auckland

This morning ascend to new heights with a captivating visit to Auckland's iconic Sky Tower – SkyDeck (included), where floor-to-ceiling glass and panoramic views reveal the city in all its brilliance. The only way to truly appreciate Auckland from above, feel its energy and admire its dazzling harbour, is to rise to the SkyDeck and take in the breathtaking 360-degree vistas from the top! At 12pm, take part in the immersive All Blacks Experience, a thrilling, interactive journey into the heart of New Zealand's most legendary team. Rest of day at leisure.

Saturday 18th July – Match Day, Auckland

Match Day! New Zealand v Ireland in Eden Park, Auckland. Transfer to a private function. Pre-match food and three drinks per person are included. Return coach transfer from Eden Park back to the hotel post match.

Sunday 19th July – Transfer Day, Rotorua

Check out of your hotel and transfer to Rotorua (2h 40m) and check into the 5* Regent of Rotorua for three nights. Later that evening, it's time for a bit of craic and entertainment with food and drinks (included) in the famous 'Pig & Whistle' Rotorua, which is famous for its hearty portions and local craft beers.



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Monday 20th July – Day at Leisure, Wellington

Enjoy a day at leisure in Rotorua. Optional Extras will be available to book at a later date. 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. *Optional Extras will be available to book at a later date.*

Tuesday 21st July – Transfer Day, Taupo

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. After, check into the 4* Millennium Hotel (or similar) for two nights B&B and enjoy the rest of day at leisure.

Wednesday 22nd July – Day at Leisure, Taupo

Enjoy a day at leisure discovering the vibrant lakeside town of Taupō, a hub of natural beauty and geothermal wonders in the heart of the North Island. Spend your time strolling along the sparkling lakefront, browsing boutique shops and cafés, or taking in the dramatic landscapes shaped by ancient volcanic activity. *Optional Extras will be available to book at a later date.*



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Thursday 23rd July – Transfer Day, Wellington

Check out this morning and transfer to Taupō Airport for your flight to the capital of New Zealand, Wellington (1 hour). Land in Wellington and transfer to the superb 5* InterContinental Wellington and check in for three nights B&B. Rest of the day at leisure.

Friday 24th July – Day at Leisure, Wellington

Enjoy a day at leisure exploring the capital city of New Zealand, Wellington. We've also included entrance to the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, which 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. *Optional Extras will be available to book at a later date.*

Saturday 25th July – Day at Leisure, Wellington

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the dynamic capital city of Wellington, renowned for its vibrant waterfront, eclectic arts scene and charming blend of culture and cuisine. Wander through boutique-lined streets, visit world-class museums, or simply soak up the lively atmosphere of this compact and captivating city. This evening, gather for a memorable end-of-tour dinner to celebrate your unforgettable journey. *Optional Extras will be available to book at a later date.*

Sunday 26th July – Transfer Home, Wellington

Check out of your hotel and transfer to Wellington International Airport for your flight home.

Monday 27th July – Home

Land back in Dublin after an incredible tour in Australia & New Zealand. Thank you for travelling with Rugby Travel Ireland we hope you've enjoyed every step of the experience and we look forward to welcoming you on another incredible tour soon.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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. Rugby Travel Ireland is bonded and licensed with the Irish Aviation Authority, 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 the link 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.

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 (not 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 and minimum numbers.

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 terms are as follows: Deposit Non-Refundable. 12 weeks prior to the departure, 50% of the total costs. 8-12 weeks prior to the departure, 75% of the total costs. 4-8 weeks prior to the departure, 90% of the total costs. Within 4 weeks of the date of departure, 100% of the total costs

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