



HOBBIT TOUR

The British & Irish Lions New Zealand 2017



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WELCOME



Rugby Travel Ireland (the new name for Trevor Brennan Rugby Tours) are delighted to confirm that we have been appointed as an **Official Sub-Agent of The British & Irish Lions New Zealand 2017 Travel Programme**. This prestigious appointment is made all the more special as we are the exclusive Irish Official Sub-Agent. Our official appointment **guarantees our guests official tickets** for every match that they attend. We also guarantee fantastic customer service; from your first enquiry and throughout your tour.

Rugby Travel Ireland has established ourselves, in just six years, as the Number 1 Irish Rugby Tour Operator and our official appointments include RWC 2011, The Lions 2013, RWC 2015 and now The Lions 2017.

We only specialise in rugby because it is what we love and what we are passionate about. Our tours are all about great craic and coupled with our high degree of planning, you can simply relax and enjoy your holiday. You are not simply a number with Rugby Travel Ireland: you are our guest.

Rugby Celebrities will join you on tour and they will be announced closer to the time. Previous tours have included Trevor Brennan, Alan Quinlan, Donal Lenihan, Peter Clohessy, Brent Pope and Liam Toland.

We have personally selected and vetted all of your accommodation and activities on tour. All our tours include stunning Queenstown. You can click and view all hotels on our tour itineraries. To put it simply, our tours have been created by us to be enjoyed by you and we know that you will love it!

We cannot wait to welcome you on tour to New Zealand in 2017. C'mon the Lions!



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MATCH TICKETS

Our official match tickets are based on Category D tickets. However, on our previous Lions Tours, we have been able to give our guests either complimentary upgrades or, when these are not available the opportunity to pay to upgrade their tickets closer to the event. We expect this to be the case in 2017 and guests with the earliest bookings will be given first priority.



"I wanted to say a big huge massive thank you for everything on the Tour. I appreciate how much effort you all went to to make everyone welcome and I cannot thank you enough as it was particularly relevant to those of us travelling solo."

Siofra, Dublin
Three Test Tour, Lions 2013

"The level of organisation was incredibly detailed and made a huge contribution to everyone's enjoyment. It was made so easy for us. The optional excursions were well researched and hit all the highlights in each location. The itinerary was great with flexibility to mix or do your own thing as people wanted."

Owen & Ginny, Co. Louth
Three Test Lions Tour 2013

"It was the greatest holiday I have ever gone on and I now fear that the benchmark for any other holiday in my life will be so high that I will never be satisfied again!! Thank you TBRT for an all round brilliant experience."

Neil, Co Clare
All 10 Matches, Lions Tour 2013

"The tour was outstanding, from start to finish. Our guides, Mark & Donal, were friendly, polite, courteous and went above and beyond what was expected of them!"

Sheran & Steve, South Wales
Three Test Tour, Lions 2013



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HOBBIT TOUR: 2ND & 3RD TESTS

The Hobbit Tour (27 June to 11 July) is the perfect tour for those that need some annual leave left for their family holiday! Witness the vital 2nd Test in Wellington followed by beautiful Queenstown and then the (hopefully) winner takes all decider in Auckland!

MATCHES ON TOUR

- ✓ SECOND TEST, Westpac Stadium, Wellington
- ✓ THIRD TEST, Eden Park, Auckland

HOBBIT TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Return economy flights from Dublin with Emirates
- ✓ Eleven nights in 3 & 4 star accommodation with breakfast
- ✓ Guaranteed official match tickets to the 2nd & 3rd Test Matches
- ✓ Executive coach transfers throughout
- ✓ Two lunches / dinners with drinks included
- ✓ Two internal flights
- ✓ Rugby legends on tour
- ✓ Official Lions Tour 2017 merchandise
- ✓ Our very own experienced and friendly staff on tour

HOBBIT TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Auckland, Wellington and Queenstown
- ✓ A number of inclusive lunches and dinners
- ✓ A wide variety of optional extras will be offered later in 2016. From helicopter flights to bungee jumping to walking tours - the choice is yours!

HOBBIT TOUR EXCLUDES

- X Single Supplement @ €1,395
- X Upgrade to Business Class flights available upon request
- X Travel Insurance. It is vital that you have travel insurance and 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
- X Excursions, meals & transfers not detailed



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TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 – Tues 27 June – Depart Dublin

Day 2 – Weds 28 June – In Transit

Day 3 – Thurs 29 June – Arrive Wellington

On arrival and check in for check into the [3* Angus Inn](#), Wellington for three nights. Wellington is our favourite Worlds Smallest City and there is so much to do and see. We will soon have a wide variety of optional activities for you to book should you so wish. We have secured an exclusive deal with Wellingtons leading venue, [The Establishment](#), on the iconic Courtney Place with a license till 4am. All TBRT guests will have a 20% discount on all Food & Beverages during their stay in Wellington. A brilliant deal so make sure to make this our Party HQ!

Day 4 – Fri 30 June – Wellington

Day at leisure with a Tour Dinner tonight including some drinks!

Day 5 – Sat 1 July – Wellington – Match Day! SECOND TEST. The British & Irish Lions v New Zealand, Westpac Stadium.

A chance to win the series or to stay in the series! A very special atmosphere in the “Cake Tin” stadium is assured.

Day 6 – Sun 2 July – Queenstown

Today we fly down to the adventure capital of New Zealand, Queenstown. Queenstown has retained its beauty and has superb restaurants and bars. We also happen to be staying in, what we think, is the best hotel we have stayed in during our rugby travels around the world! The [4* The Hermitage Queenstown](#) is perfectly located on the shores of Lake Wakatipu and overlooks The Remarkables mountain range. Check in for five nights and enjoy the soft duvets, concierge service and the cocktail bar! This is your time to do as much or as little as you want in one of the most stunning locations!

Day 7 – Mon 3 July – Queenstown

Day at leisure. We will soon have a wide variety of optional activities for you to book should you so wish. These will include jet boating, helicopter rides, parachuting, wine tours, Milford Sound trips etc.

Day 8 – Tues 4 July – Queenstown. Day at leisure.

Day 9 – Weds 5 July – Queenstown. Day at leisure.

Day 10 – Thurs 6 July – Queenstown

Day at leisure with a Tour Dinner tonight including some drinks!

Day 11 – Fri 7 July – Auckland

We fly up from Queenstown to Auckland today and check in for three nights at the centrally located [4* Crowne Plaza Hotel](#).

Day 12 – Sat 8 July – Auckland - Match Day! THIRD TEST. The British & Irish Lions v New Zealand, Eden Park

Hopefully, like Australia 2013, this will be a series decider. Either way, this will be an encounter that all us rugby fans dream of!

Day 13 – Sun 9 July – Auckland

Day at leisure.

Day 14 – Mon 10 July – Transit

Today we depart Auckland for our flight back to Dublin.

Day 15 – Tues 11 July – Dublin

What an incredible tour! Thank you so much for travelling with us and we hope to see you on another tour in the near future





Welcome to a World of Rugby

READY TO BOOK?

- [Click here](#) to log onto our website
 - Then choose your tour
- Then click the "book now" button!!

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We can process your booking there and then!

PAYMENT STAGES

FOUR EQUAL STAGE PAYMENTS REQUIRED:
25% at the time of booking, 25% by the end of October 2016, 25% balance by 28 February and 25% by 31 March 2017

More flexible terms required? Just ask!

*Credit card handling fee of 2% applies. We do not accept AmEx.
No handling fees on all other transaction types.*

TOUR ADD ONS



We are extremely flexible so if you are looking to extend your stay in NZ, visit Australia or chill out in Fiji then let us know. We would be delighted to quote for any additional requests that you may have.

TIME DIFFERENCE: During May, June and July New Zealand is +12 hours ahead of GMT.

CLIMATE: The average NZ temperature decreases as you travel south. July is the coldest month of the year with daytime temperatures between 10-15°C.

FLYING TIMES: The total flying and transfer time from Dublin to Auckland is 30 hours approx.

LOCAL CURRENCY: New Zealand's unit of currency is the dollar (NZ\$). All major credit cards can be used in New Zealand, with Visa and MasterCard accepted most widely.

HEALTH: No inoculations are required. We strongly advise you to arrange your own health insurance. New Zealand's public and private medical/hospital facilities provide a high standard of treatment and service, but it is important to note these services are not free to visitors, except as a result of an accident.

SECURITY: Visitors are advised to take the same care with your personal safety and your possessions as you would do at home. Take copies of your important documents (like your passport and credit cards) and keep them separate from the originals. You should also keep a record of the description and serial number of valuable items (like cameras, tablets and smart phones). And remember, in an emergency dial 111.

ACCOMMODATION: All accommodation is mainly 4 star on a bed and breakfast basis. Some 4* motels may be included and all are of a high standard.

FLIGHTS: International Flights are operated by Emirates but we reserve the right to change carrier.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: One suitcase check in (up to 23kg) and two pieces of hand luggage per person (1 handbag/laptop bag & 1 additional cabin bag). Upgraded seats have a greater allowance.



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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). Please ask for details as prices do fluctuate.

HOTELS: Prices are based on twin/double rooms with two people sharing. If a triple room is requested, this is likely to be a double bed plus a sofa bed and is subject to availability. Single occupancy incurs a single room supplement as outlined in our costs. Should we (through circumstances beyond our control) be forced to change your accommodation, we will advise you at the earliest opportunity. In these rare cases we will offer a hotel of the same standard or higher and any extra cost will be absorbed by us.

CHANGES TO YOUR HOLIDAY: It is unlikely that we will have to make changes to your travel arrangements but we do plan many years and months in advance and therefore occasionally we may have to make changes and we reserve the right to do so at any time.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Travel documents will be issued to you 14 days approx prior to departure.

PASSPORTS: All passengers travelling require a full passport. In the case of people coming to New Zealand temporarily, the passport must be valid either:

- For at least 3 months beyond the date you intend to depart NZ, or
- For one month beyond the date you intend to depart NZ, if the issuing government has consular representation in New Zealand that is able to issue and renew travel documents (you should check with your issuing authority before travelling).

VISAS: Visas are NOT required for travel to New Zealand from Ireland, UK and the EU.



YOU WILL FLY WITH THE SUPERB EMIRATES DIRECT FROM DUBLIN



TOUR MERCHANDISE: Official merchandise will be provided and details will be announced shortly.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: 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](#).

MATCH CANCELLATION: TBRT cannot be responsible for refunds of money due to cancellation of matches as a result of inclement weather, outbreak of disease, terrorism or events beyond our control.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of our tours that the Consumer is covered either by the travel insurance scheme arranged by the Organiser, or covered by another travel insurance scheme which furnishes the Consumer with at least the same level of cover as that afforded by the travel scheme arranged by the Organiser. In the event that the Consumer does not avail of the Organiser's travel insurance scheme, he must furnish details of the alternative travel insurance scheme which he has arranged at the time of booking. It is the responsibility of the Consumer to check that the insurance scheme provides the Consumer with his desired level of cover. In so arranging insurance cover for the Consumer the Organiser is acting as the agent of the relevant insurer and shall not be responsible to the Consumer for any default by the insurer under that policy. All claims made against the insurance policy shall be made directly to the insurer. The Consumer shall be responsible for making any special or increased insurance arrangements which he deems necessary

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