



KIWI TOUR - ALL TEN MATCHES

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.

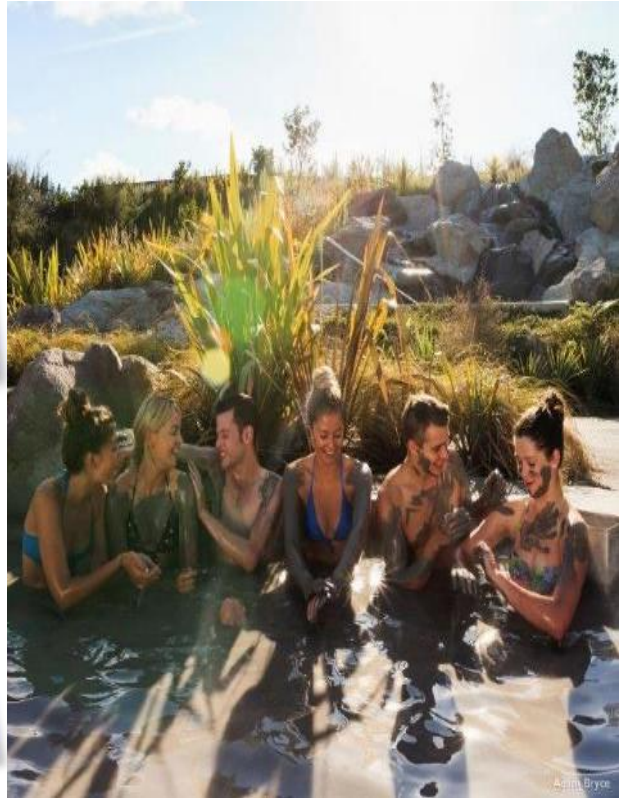


"I wanted to say a big huge massive thank you for everything on the Tour. I appreciate how much effort you all went to to make everyone welcome and I cannot thank you enough as it was particularly relevant to those of us travelling solo."
Siofra, Dublin
Three Test Tour, Lions 2013

"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 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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KIWI TOUR: ALL 10 MATCHES

The Kiwi Tour (30 May to 12 July) is the ultimate tour for those who do not want to miss a single match! This truly amazing tour includes everything that New Zealand is rightly proud of, including incredible scenery, friendly people, great wines, stunning food, and a huge array of adrenaline activities!

MATCHES ON TOUR

- ✓ PU Team, Toll Stadium, Whangarei
- ✓ Blues, Eden Park, Auckland
- ✓ Crusaders, AMI Stadium, Christchurch
- ✓ Highlanders, Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin
- ✓ Maori All Blacks, Rotorua Stadium
- ✓ Chiefs, Waikato Stadium, Hamilton
- ✓ FIRST TEST, Eden Park, Auckland
- ✓ Hurricanes, Westpac Stadium, Wellington
- ✓ SECOND TEST, Westpac Stadium, Wellington
- ✓ THIRD TEST, Eden Park, Auckland

KIWI TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Return economy flights from Dublin with Emirates
- ✓ Forty nights in 3 & 4 star accommodation with breakfast
- ✓ Guaranteed official match tickets to all ten matches
- ✓ Executive coach transfers throughout
- ✓ Hobbiton Tour to discover the real Middle-Earth!
- ✓ Ten lunches / dinners with drinks included
- ✓ Three internal flights
- ✓ Rugby legends on tour
- ✓ Official Lions Tour 2017 merchandise
- ✓ Our very own experienced and friendly staff on tour

KIWI TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Auckland, Wellington, Queenstown, Whangarei, Oamaru, Christchurch, Dunedin, Blenheim, Taupo, Picton, Rotorua, Hamilton, Tauranga & Ohakune
- ✓ Wine tasting in Blenheim and beer testing in Dunedin
- ✓ A visit to the New Zealand Rugby Museum
- ✓ 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!

KIWI TOUR EXCLUDES

- X Single Supplement @ €3,950
- 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 30 May – Depart Dublin

Day 2 – Wed 31 May – In Transit

Day 3 – Thurs 1 June – Arrive Auckland

Check into the [4* Crowne Plaza Hotel](#). From the iconic Sky Tower to the trendy Waterfront, the “City of Sails” is a vibrant city. [Click here](#) for a great overview of Auckland.

Day 4 – Fri 2 June – Whangarei

We depart late this morning to Whangarei (2 hours) in the Northland Region, the birthplace of New Zealand. Check into the Qualmark 4* Plus [Whangarei TOP 10 Holiday Park](#) for three nights. There is so much to see and do - [click here](#) for details. This evening we have arranged a Welcome Dinner including a few drinks!

Day 5 – Sat 3 June – Match Day! The British & Irish Lions v Provincial Union XV, Toll Stadium

This is it – the first match on tour. This could be a typical first match bruiser!

Day 6 – Sun 4 June – Whangarei

Day at leisure. Whangarei District boasts 100 beaches and bays!

Day 7 – Mon 5 June - Auckland

We depart to Auckland for three nights at the [4* Crowne Plaza Hotel](#). We will soon have a wide variety of optional activities for you to book with us should you so wish.

Day 8 – Tues 6 June - Auckland

Day at leisure. This evening we have arranged a Tour Dinner including a few drinks!

Day 9 – Weds 7 June – Match Day! The British & Irish Lions v Blues, Eden Park

The first serious match on tour versus Super XV side, The Blues. It takes place at the iconic Eden Park where New Zealand won the RWC 2011.

Day 10 – Thurs 8 June - Christchurch

It's time to head for the South Island! Today we take a flight from Auckland to Christchurch. On arrival we check into the [4* Pavilions Hotel](#) for three nights.

Day 11 – Fri 9 June - Christchurch

Day at leisure. Christchurch is a lovely garden city with flat bottomed boats that glide on the Avon River. The famous TranzAlpine Express runs a day trip from Christchurch over the mighty Southern Alps to Greymouth and is highly recommended. Tour Dinner tonight included.

Day 12 – Sat 10 June – Match Day! The British & Irish Lions v Crusaders, AMI Stadium. A very tough match against one of the best clubs on the planet. We can't wait! Lions Lions Lions!

Day 13 – Sun 11 June – Dunedin

This morning we transfer to Dunedin. On the way we have organised lunch (at own expense) at the picturesque [Portside Restaurant](#) in Oamaru where you may even get to see some penguins! Check into the [4* Commodore Motel](#) for three nights. Our RWC 2011 tour stayed here and the friendly owners ensured that we had a great time!

Day 14 – Mon 12 June – Dunedin

Day at leisure. This evening we have organised a brewery tour followed by dinner at Speights Brewery (included in tour price) which is one of the most popular beers in NZ. We then meet up with a local rugby club for a social event. It is located just a five minute walk from your accommodation.

Day 15 – Tues 13 June – Match Day! The British & Irish Lions v Highlanders

The Highlanders won the Super XV in 2015. The fully covered Forsyth Barr Stadium will generate an incredible atmosphere for The Lions 4th match.

Day 16 – Weds 14 June – Christchurch

Depart this morning for one night Christchurch and at the [4* Pavilions Hotel](#).

Day 17 – Thurs 15 June – Picton

We continue our journey up the coast of the South Island and stop for lunch (at own expense) in Kaikoura, famed for its tasty crayfish. Then it's onto [Wither Hills Winery](#) in Blenheim for a Cellar Tour with tastings of course! A short transfer and check into the [3* Picton Beachcomber Inn](#) for one night.

Day 18 – Fri 16 June - Ohakune

This morning we cross the Cook Strait to reach Wellington on the southern tip of the North Island. In our opinion, this is one of the most scenic ferry journeys in the world! We continue our travels northwards to the stunning [4* Powderhorn Chateau](#) in Ohakune for one night. Tour Dinner is included.

Day 19 – Sat 17 June – Rotorua – Match Day! The British & Irish Lions v Maori All Blacks.

We depart for Rotorua to watch the British & Irish Lions take on the Maori All Blacks. It doesn't get any easier! The huge Maori population will ensure a cracking atmosphere. Expect our Test team to play. Post-match we transfer (less than one hour) to the [4* Wairakei Resort](#), Taupo famed for its geothermal grounds. Check in for four relaxing nights.



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Day 20 – Sun 18 June – Taupo

Day at leisure. Taupo is a lovely town on the shores of Lake Taupo. Snow capped mountains, crystal clear waters, raging rapids, thermal hot springs and lush greenery are just some of the incredible natural attributes on offer here. A day trip to Rotorua is included and we will soon have some optional activities for you to book should you so wish.

Day 21 – Mon 19 June – Taupo. Day at leisure with a Tour Dinner tonight including some drinks!

Day 22 – Tues 20 June - Match Day! The British & Irish Lions v Chiefs, Waikato Stadium. Today we take a day trip to Hamilton for another tough match. Players will want to perform and force their way into the weekends Test squad. Return to Taupo post match.

Day 23 – Weds 21 June – Tauranga, Bay of Plenty

After a late check out we transfer (1 hour) to the Bay of Plenty on the East Coast of the North Island. Check into the [3* Hotel Armitage](#) for one night. We then have an optional free trip (10 mins) to the famous beach town of Mount Maunganui to chill out and relax!

Day 24 – Thurs 22 June – Auckland. We depart this morning for the 2.5 hour transfer to Auckland and check into the very centrally located [4* SkyCity Hotel](#) for three nights. This is a superb hotel and there will be a great buzz in town as thousands of people arrive into Auckland ready for the 1st Test!

Day 25 – Fri 23 June – Auckland. Day at leisure with a Tour Dinner tonight including some drinks!

Day 26 – Sat 24 June – Auckland – Match Day. FIRST TEST! The British & Irish Lions v New Zealand, Eden Park.

Days like these don't come round very often. A very special atmosphere is assured. Who will lay down a marker for this test series?

Day 27 – Sun 25 June – Taupo. After a late check out we head for Middle Earth! On the way to Taupo we stop at the Hobbiton™ Movie Set, the setting for The Shire™ that featured in the Peter Jackson directed films, The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Trilogies. Your tour starts with a drive through the picturesque 1,250 acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Your guide will escort you through the twelve acre site with fascinating details of how the Hobbiton Movie set was created. We then continue onto the [4* Wairakei Resort](#), and check in for one night.

Day 28 – Mon 26 June – Wellington

We depart this morning for Wellington, the "Windy City", and on the way we stop in Palmerston North and visit (included) the [New Zealand Rugby Museum](#). We then check into the [3* Brentwood Hotel](#), Wellington for six nights. Tour dinner included tonight including some drinks!

Day 29 – Tues 27 June – Wellington. Match Day. The British & Irish Lions v Hurricanes, Westpac Stadium. Day at leisure followed by a transfer to the Westpac Stadium for the Hurricanes match. Players will want to perform and prove themselves worthy of a Test place.

Day 30 – Weds 28 June – Wellington. Day at leisure. 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 RTI 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 31 – Thurs 29 June – Wellington. Day at leisure.

Day 32 – Fri 30 June – Wellington. Day at leisure with a Tour Dinner tonight including some drinks!

Day 33 – 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 it! A very special atmosphere in the Westpac Stadium aka the "Cake Tin" assured.

Day 34 – 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* Crowne Plaza 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!



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Day 35 – Mon 3 July – Queenstown

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

Day 36 – Tues 4 July – Queenstown

Day at leisure.

Day 37 – Weds 5 July – Queenstown

Day at leisure.

Day 38 – Thurs 6 July – Queenstown

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

Day 39 – Fri 7 July – Auckland

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

Day 40 – 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.

Day 41 – Sun 9 July – Auckland

Day at leisure.

Day 42 – Mon 10 July – Auckland

Day at leisure.

Day 43 – Tues 11 July – Transit

Today we depart Auckland for our flight back to Dublin.

Day 44 – Weds 12 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.



Miles Holden





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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.



Welcome to a World of Rugby

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.

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: RTI 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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