



# KILLESTER TRAVEL

CUSTOMISED RUGBY TRAVEL SPECIALISTS

## IRISH RUGBY SUPPORTERS NEW ZEALAND TOUR

### FRIDAY 1 JULY AUCKLAND

0550 Arrive in Auckland. You will be met by your Killester Travel Tour Representative.

0700 Coach transfer to your hotel.

0800 Check in. Rooms ready (held from the night before).

**Breakfast:** Enjoy Breakfast while the porters handle your baggage. Your rooms will be ready as they have held them from the night before so you may choose to catch up on some sleep when you arrive. Lunch at own cost.

1500 Board your coach travel to explore Auckland's North Shore.

1700 Visit a Rugby Club to drink with the locals.

1830 Travel back to town to Princes Wharf. We will take you to a Brazilian Restaurant for your welcome dinner.

### 'WildFire'- A Steak House Redefined:

Established 20 years, they provide extraordinary hospitality and service. The flamed atmosphere and the smell of Steak cooking are magnificent. They are served at the table on swords in traditional Brazilian Churrasco style. **We will include one glass one wine** with your meal. The pure excellence of this place on Auckland's beautiful waterfront provides relaxation that will exceed your expectations. Welcome to New Zealand.

2030 You are back at the Viaduct Basin. You might care to stay here and catch your own taxi home or the coach will drop you back at your hotel.

**Accommodations: Grand Millennium Auckland - 2 Nights**

**SATURDAY 2 JULY TEST DAY****AUCKLAND**0800 **Breakfast**

0900 Transfer to The All Black Experience.

**The All Black Experience:**

Your Oceania Coachlines Coach Captain will pick you up Opposite the Waiheke Ferry at the corner Bus stop. You will go directly to the ALL BLACK Experience. Here, you will learn about the New Zealand economy and the value the All Blacks and the Haka bring to New Zealand.



1030 Re-board your coach and make your way to ExploreNZ.

Check in for your trip 15 minutes before departure.

**ExploreNZ Sailing Experience: Auckland Harbour Sailing**

Discover Auckland's picture-perfect harbour on a relaxed sailing experience. Take in the fresh sea air and the stunning Scenery while you travel down the harbour under the power of wind and sail.

- Sit back and relax as you depart the bustling Viaduct and head for the open harbour
- Enjoy a drink, complimentary hot beverage
- Engage with the friendly local crew and learn more about Auckland harbour and its great sailing past.

Enjoy the unique Auckland landscape from the water on this peaceful cruise. Feel the wind fill the sails and guide you under the harbour bridge and back past Auckland's landmarks.

Help the crew sail this harbour cruising yacht.

Sit back in the open cockpit with a drink for expansive views of the bustling city from the best perspective in town.



Enjoy the 'City of Sails' as you join the yachts on the harbour and the relaxed pace of harbour sailing.

1230 Come ashore and board your coach will drop you back to your hotel. Or stay Downtown and explore the shopping here at the Downtown Shopping Centre and the Britomart, behind the Central Railway Station. Enjoy your free time to explore. Lunch at own cost.

**Late in the day, transfer to Eden Park for a Pre-Test Hospitality Event**

1930 **TEST COMMENCES: IRELAND VS NEW ZEALAND – ALL BLACKS**

2145 Return transfer to your hotel.

## **SUNDAY 3 JULY**

### **AUCKLAND / INVERCARGILL / TE ANAU**

0700 **Breakfast**

Morning Transfer to Auckland Domestic Airport for your onward flight to Invercargill.

Arrive and travel into the City and do a city sights tour. Stop at “**The World's Fastest Indian**” Motorcycle museum displaying one of the World’s most legendary bikes, before travelling north to Te Anau.

Arrive at Te Anau. On arrival, stop for lunch— at own cost.

1700 **Fiordland Cinema:** View A Film which will show you what you will not see tomorrow, but you will see some fantastic scenery. You will view the Mountain scenery driving to Fiordland. The film shows you what happens within the depths of Fiordland wilderness.

1730 Early **dinner** at your hotel.

TBA **OPTIONAL** - Walk the short distance to the Real NZ Jetty. Take a launch trip to Caves House and discover the **Te Anau Caves**, part of the depths of this wonderful World. See the glowworms and the crashing, thunderous sound of the waterfalls.



**Accommodations: Distinction Luxmore Hotel Te Anau– 1 Night**

**MONDAY 4 JULY**

**TE ANAU/ MILFORD SOUND /QUEENSTOWN**

0730 **Breakfast**

0845 Board your coach and travel The Road to Milford.

***The Road to Milford***

The Road to Milford (between Te Anau and Milford Sound) is one of the most spectacular alpine drives in the World. The Scenery is exceptional and ranges from broad grassy flats, dense rainforests, and towering mountains to glacial lakes.

Relax on board the coach and enjoy the breathtaking views without the hassle of driving. Pray today for rain. They only have 32 fine days annually. The waterfalls fill and gush wildly when it rains, and the mist swirls through the snow caps and glaciers. The trip is genuinely more magnificent than ever when it rains!

**The Chasm** – An impressive rock chasm formed by the rushing waters of the Cleddau River. The loop forest walk offers views of waterfalls and sculptured rock formations – please stay behind safety bars.

### **Mitre Peak - Milford Sound Scenic Cruise:**

1100 Your intimate Cruise vessel makes its way out past the iconic Mitre Peak. Cruise the length of the 16km fiord. Listen to an informative commentary from the skipper highlighting points of interest along the way. Pass St Annes Point Lighthouse, including the mighty Lady Bowen Falls, Lion Mountain, Copper Point, Seal Rock, and Stirling Falls. Complimentary tea/coffee seated inside our lounge or sit outside and breathe in the pristine sea air. Be inspired by the majesty of the region. Enjoy an intimate experience of Milford Sound while allowing for non-obstructed photo opportunities from the outdoor viewing decks. Be sure to keep an eye out for seals basking in the sun, pods of dolphins or rare Fiordland Crested Penguins that can be found seasonally within the region.

**Lunch:** We will arrange a **Picnic lunch** during the relaxing cruise.

1300 Come ashore. Board your coach and travel to Queenstown.



1700 Arrive at your hotel.

Dinner – Dine around town (Own cost).

**Accommodations: Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown Lakefront – 3 Nights**

### **TUESDAY 5 JULY QUEENSTOWN**

0730 **Breakfast**

0845 Board your coach and travel to the **Shotover Jet** for the perfect introduction to the adventure and snow capital of New Zealand.

1000 Travel out to **Arrowtown** and discover what an original old Mining town looks like. We will return via the Kawarau Gorge and the wine growing district. We will stop at **A. J. Hackett** to watch any of you who would like to Bungee Jump the original Bungee Jump.

(**This is optional** and should be booked when booking your trip so we can buy a slot and save the waiting around. Others will take photos and drink coffee etc., while they watch.

1230 We will take you to **Gibbston Valley Winery to taste the wine and the cheese and have lunch** in their fine Restaurant.

1400 Return back to town and free time to explore. It is snowing here so bring some warm clothes. There is a lot of downtown activity. Get down there and enjoy the fun that can be had.

1530 **OPTIONAL** - Your **Wine tour** Driver will pick you up at the hotel for a tour of Queenstown's Vineyards.

**This tour has been awarded the best wine tour in the World.** Trip adviser rates it as Number one! You will taste the wines and the platters that go with the tastes. This is a 3.5-hour tour, and you will be dropped back at your hotel or Downtown.

Tonight will be a free night to visit downtown Queenstown, and you will be able to try the local Cuisine. There are plenty of choices here. (Dinner Own Cost).

**WEDNESDAY 6 JULY**  
**QUEENSTOWN / WANAKA/ QUEENSTOWN**  
**Breakfast**

0900 **OPTIONAL** - Arrive at the Helicopter port. You will do a 25 min flight out of Queenstown Airport with an extended mountain landing.

This flight would depart from Queenstown Airport and land high above Lake Wakatipu to take in views from 5000 Ft over Queenstown. On the landing site, they will serve glasses of champagne or Guinness. (The coach will return to pick up the rest of the group and come back to pick up.)



1030 Return to the helicopter pad. Re-board your coach for a trip to the Remarkables shopping centre.

1115 Re-board your coach and travel to the **TSS Earnslaw** Jetty to join the 110 year old Steamer.

1200 You will commence a cruise on Lake Wakatipu and visit **Walter Peak Farm**. Have **lunch** at the Colonel's House. Have a look at some activity on the farm and then return to Queenstown.



- 1500 Arrive back at the jetty. Travel back to your hotel. The rest of the day is Free time to enjoy this lovely tourist town.
- 1900 **OPTIONAL** - Re-board your coach, travel to **Skyline**, ride the Gondola to Skyline, and visit Stratosfare Restaurant. Enjoy your Dinner and your view as day turns to night.
- Dinner – Dine around town (Own cost).
- 2100 Your coach will return you to your hotel. Maybe visit the Casino down near the ferry Wharf, those who are staying downtown walk home at leisure.

## THURSDAY 7 JULY QUEENSTOWN / ALEXANDRA / ROXBURGH / DUNEDIN

- 0700 **Breakfast**
- 0800 Board, your coach and travel across the South Island through Central Otago en route to Dunedin, said to be the Edinburgh of the South.
- 1200 Do a city Sights tour on arrival. Lunch own cost.
- 1400 Check in at your Hotel.
- 1500 Board your coach and travel to **Natures Wonders**.  
Travel on an 8 x 8 wheel drive all-terrain vehicle for an exhilarating cross country tour.  
Enjoy an exhilarating ride on an Argo taking in panoramic views and rugged coast. See spectacular wildlife, cormorants, and little blue penguins during nesting season: fur seals and the World's rarest penguin – the yellow eyed. Cameras are a must.
- 1800 Re-board your coach and return to your hotel for the evening.
- 1900 **Dinner** at your hotel.



**Accommodations: Dunedin Leisure Lodge - A Distinction Hotel – 3 Nights**

**FRIDAY 8 JULY****DUNEDIN**0700 **Breakfast**

Board your coach and get the feel of the city today. Your local agent will make some suggestions for your free afternoon. — lunch own cost. We suggest that you visit **Toitū Otago Settlers Museum**.

1745 Board your coach and transfer to **Speight's Brewery** to inspect this fine establishment. You will get to taste a few different Beers here. Continue to the **Speight's Alehouse** next door, where **Dinner** will be served.

Take a stroll back to your hotel. Get a feel for the pre-test atmosphere in the City.

**SATURDAY 9 JULY****TEST DAY**0700 **Breakfast**

1400 We will **arrange for you to watch a home team play today as part of their Club competition**.

You will have an **early dinner** before going to the TEST.

Transfers to/ from Match.

**TEST IRELAND VS NEW ZEALAND ALL BLACKS**

Transfer back to your hotel or make your way and stop along the way.

**SUNDAY 10 JULY****DUNEDIN / CHRISTCHURCH**0700 **Breakfast**

0830 Depart your hotel and coach to Christchurch. Travel out to Cromwell and Twizel. Omarama and **Mt Cook**. Today will provide you with memories forever. You will need your camera. Continue to Christchurch. Lunch at own cost.

1700 Arrive at your Christchurch hotel and check in.

1900 **Dinner:** Dine together in the Hotel.



**Accommodations: Distinction Hotel Christchurch – 1 Night**



**MONDAY 11 JULY**  
**CHRISTCHURCH / ROTORUA**

0730 **Breakfast**

Morning Transfer to Christchurch Airport for your onward flight to Rotorua.

On Arrival in Rotorua, board your new coach and travel to the City to do an orientation and check in.

Visit **Whakarewarewa Māori Village:**

A Guide will meet you at the Memorial Bridge.

***Cross the bridge and look for the Penny Divers. Today the kids who often should be at school will only dive for gold coins.***

For over 200 years, the Tuhourangi/Ngati Wahiao tribe has welcomed visitors into their different backyard, opening the doors to their way of life and sharing the geothermal treasures they long ago harnessed to provide energy in the village used for many purposes. It is quick, always available and costs nothing. See their boiling hot pools and bubbling mud and learn how the residents utilise and respect the ever-changing forces beneath their land.



Be their Guest and take part in village traditions as an honoured guest of Whakarewarewa Living Māori Village. Discover the unique geothermal landscape of Te Whakarewarewa Valley. The friendly, local guides are the direct descendants of early Māori guides who have shaped Tourism in New Zealand for generations. Join them as they guide you through the Living Māori Village. Enjoy a **corn cob** cooked in the Māori way in a crystal clear boiling hot pool among their houses. Discover their bathrooms too, and their bathing policy that is alive and well and still practised daily. Included **Whaka pie.**

1700

Visit **Tamaki Māori Visit for a Māori cultural Show and Dinner.**



Board your Tamaki coach and transfer back to your hotel.

### Accommodations: Sudima Hotel Rotorua 3 Night

#### TUESDAY 12 JULY ROTORUA

0830 Travel to The Agrodome farm

0930 **The Agrodome Sheep show. Showtime:** Here, you will see a unique farm with an exhibition of sheep breeds. Get ready for a fun-packed hour of entertainment and education for the whole family at the legendary Agrodome Farm Show!

You'll hear amazing facts and have a few laughs while being introduced to 19 breeds of sheep. Then, witness a live sheep shearing demonstration and a fun sheep auction with bidding from the floor and audience participation.



But our animal stars are not just sheep. Our remarkable farm dogs will amaze you as they demonstrate their ability to respond to commands and keep those sheep (and ducks!) in line!

If a hands-on experience is what you want, jump up on stage for the opportunity to feed the baby lambs or even hand-milk a cow!

1040 **Farm Tour:** The Agrodome is in the heart of a real 350-acre working farm. Join us for a guided tour of the farm animals and view their orchard.

Climb aboard the all-weather, all-terrain vehicle as we begin the tour. There are fascinating things to learn along the way - and a few laughs too!

You'll get to hand-feed and take photos with friendly animals, including Romney sheep, cattle, deer, llamas, ostrich, pigs, and alpacas.

1145 Re-board your coach and travel back to the city for shopping time. Lunch at own cost.

A time will be agreed to travel back to your hotel.

Dine around town (Own cost).

### WEDNESDAY 13 JULY

#### ROTORUA

0800 **Breakfast**

0915 Board your coach and travel to the Redwoods.

0930 **Redwoods Tree Walk:** "Walk high amongst the majestic redwood trees. Feel the spirit of Rotorua's iconic Redwood Forest from above and up close to the 117-year-old gentle giants. This suspended 40-minute ecological walk captures the beauty and ambience of the forest from a bird's eye perspective. Day or night, this is a Rotorua must do. Learn about the history of the redwoods, the people (iwi) and the land (Whenua)."



1100 Travel out to the Rotorua Skyline. Begin with a quiet gondola ride up Mt Ngongotaha overlooking Lake Rotorua.

1230 **LUNCH** Go to the Restaurant and enjoy **lunch at the Stratosfare Restaurant.** Great Views from here.

1400 Travel out to **Hells Gate** and experience New Zealand's biggest Geothermal Park. Rotorua is home to a mix of strong earth forces and a rich cultural background; this is none more obvious at Rotorua's most active geothermal Park - Hells Gate. The 2.5 km walkway features a unique array of landscape features that allow students to investigate and understand the processes that have influenced the area and led to the formation of today's environment.

Your group will be guided through the area, past violently boiling mud and exploding hot water pools, the largest hot waterfall in the Southern Hemisphere, land coral formations and an active mud volcano. Get hands-on with the three types of unique geothermal mud found at Hells Gate and learn why this mud is so crucial to the functioning of the geothermal Park and its uses in many different industries.



- 1600 Return to your Hotel.  
Dinner – Dine around town (Own cost).

**THURSDAY 14 JULY**  
**ROTORUA / WELLINGTON**

- 0700 **Breakfast**
- 0800 Board your coach for Huka Falls and Lake Taupo.
- 0945 Continue around Lake Taupo (The size of Singapore).
- 1030 We will stop at **Chris Jolly's fishing** and cruising jetty to join a **special cruise for morning tea/ lunch**. Cruise out on the lake, see the iconic Māori Carvings, set a few lines on the back, and see if you can catch a trout or two. They will cook your catch for Brunch.



- 1230 Re-board your coach, travel around the lake to Turangi, and cross the Desert Road passing through the Tongariro National Park. View the mountains close up Mt Ngaruahoe, Mt Tongariro and Mt Ruapehu. Pass Waiouru and Gumboot City, Taihape, en route to Palmerston North.
- 1630 Arrive at the **NZ Rugby Museum**. Arrive at the new venue for this fine sporting Museum. Over 50 Years old, it is the official Museum for |New Zealand rugby. They are the only people allowed to use the official New Zealand Rugby Logo, The silver fern. They are the keepers of all records re individual All Blacks and hold copies and written reports on most rugby Matters. There are lots of Rugby bric-a-brac and a merchandise shop. There is plenty of coverage on the 2011 Rugby World Cup and matches.
- They also have a popular interactive area here where you can test your skills. A volunteer host will be there to assist. They have 50 eager hosts already to talk rugby.
- 1730 Travel south to Wellington.
- 1900 Arrive at your Hotel.
- Dinner – dine around town (Own cost).

### Accommodations: Grand Mercure Wellington – 3 Nights

#### FRIDAY 15 JULY WELLINGTON

0800 **Breakfast**

0900 Commence a City Sights tour, including Mt Victoria, to view the South Island, Oriental Bay en route to Weta Studios.

#### 1030 **Weta Studios Tour**

Board your coach for Wētā Studios and some exciting movie magic. There is *COOL STUFF* Here.

They make People, Armies, Cities, Robots and more. If you imagine it, they can design it, and they can build it too. This place is fantastic.

Dive headfirst into the World of creativity, physical effects and movie making at Wētā Workshops. Artisans who've brought life to such films as *The Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit Trilogies, King Kong, The Chronicles of Narnia, Avatar*, and many others. Wētā Workshop is your gateway to filmmaking creativity. Join our guided tours and learn about the making of movie effects, from armour to weapons, creatures to costumes, make-up to miniatures, and more!

1200 We will take you to a **unique Restaurant for lunch** at your own cost. **PK Eatery & Bar** in Miramar.

1400 Travel to Downtown Wellington. You should take the **Cable Car up to Kelburn** for an overview of the city. (**low-cost tickets available for purchase**). Your coach will meet you up at the top.

The coach will set you down in the Lambton Quarter to explore the boutique-type shops in the side streets and Lambton Quay. Your Coach Captain will drop you back at your hotel.

Wellington has 1000 restaurants and Cafes. Tonight, is the night to try some of them.  
(Own cost)

## **SATURDAY 16 JULY TEST DAY WELLINGTON**

0800 **Breakfast**

1000 Visit **Te Papa New Zealand's National Museum.**  
This is a free exhibit, but we have chosen to employ a **specialist guide** for you to get the best out of this fine establishment; discover a multitude of different sections, effects, and events.

A museum-like no other. There is a section, ' Gallipoli -The Scale of Our War'. A Māori History - Cultural and Pacific Treasure section. Learn of Manna Whenua (The indigenous people), Aotearoa, and New Zealand.

Visit Te Marae (Communal meeting place) and see The Treaty of Waitangi. It has shaped relationships between the peoples of New Zealand. Understand the Garden in the Sky - and the Māori calendar. There are more visiting collections from museums worldwide. There is so much more to see here.

1200 Free Day to get the rugby feeling of the City. Lunch own cost.

Dinner – Dine around town (Own cost).

1800 Transfer to your test.

1935 **TEST IRELAND VS NEW ZEALAND ALL BLACKS**

2130 Transfer back to your hotel

## **SUNDAY 17 JULY WELLINGTON / AUCKLAND / DUBLIN**

0800 **Breakfast.**

Time to say farewell as we transfer to Wellington Airport for your flight to Auckland to connect with your international flight home.

1825 Your Qatar Flight departs for Dublin. Arrive back in Dublin 13.30 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**Thanks for travelling in New Zealand with Killester Travel.  
Ka kite anō – until we see you again!**



**Inclusions:**

<b>Tour Length</b>	<b>16 nights / 17 Days</b>
<b>Hotels (4 star / 4 star plus)</b> 2 nights Auckland 1 night Te Anau 3 nights Queenstown 3 nights Dunedin 1 night Christchurch 3 nights Rotorua 3 nights Wellington	Grand Millennium Distinction Luxmore Hotel Copthorne Hotel and Resort Queenstown Lakefront Distinction Hotel Distinction Hotel Sudima Hotel Grand Mercure
<b>Transport</b> International Flights – Qatar Airlines Coaching: Oceania Coachlines Domestic Flights	Ireland to New Zealand Private luxury coach for all transfers, sightseeing and touring Auckland to Invercargill Christchurch to Rotorua Wellington to Auckland
<b>Meals</b>	17 full breakfasts at hotel (Including arrival day) 6 Lunches listed as per Itinerary 8 Dinners listed as per Itinerary
<b>Activities</b>	Visit the All Black Experience Experience sailing on Auckland Harbour Pre-Test Hospitality Event Fiordland Cinema Experience Mitre Peak - Milford Sound Scenic Cruise Includes Picnic lunch Experience the Shotover Jet Gibbston Valley Winery to taste the wine and the cheese incl lunch Experience a cruise on the TSS Earnslaw steamship, including lunch Experience Natures Wonders. Experience the guided tour of Speight's Brewery and Dinner Visit a local rugby club that includes drinks and early Dinner Experience Whakarewarewa Māori Village Experience Tamaki Māori Visit for a Māori cultural Show and Dinner. Experience The Agrodome Sheep show. Experience The Farm Tour includes lunch Experience Skyline Stratosfare Restaurant Experience Redwoods Tree Walk Experience Hells Gate New Zealand's biggest geothermal Park. Experience Chris Jolly's fishing special cruise for morning tea/ lunch. Experience NZ Rugby Museum Experience Weta Studios Experience Te Papa New Zealand's National Museum
<b>Match Tickets</b>	<i>All Three Test Matches</i> New Zealand V Ireland (3 Tests)
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Services of Killester Travel Rep Local Agent Support

**NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR COST:**

Travel Insurance

Items marked as Option, Optional, Own cost etc.

Excess baggage costs. This is stringently applied by all airlines.

**Package Price: €6,195 Per Person Sharing****Single Occupancy Supplement: €1,500*****\*Please Note tour itinerary and price may be subject to change – please see terms and conditions on booking form attached***