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*Sample Tour: New Zealand
Typical 13 Day Itinerary*

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An overseas Hockey Tour is an excellent way to build team camaraderie and to experience the excitement of exploring new places. Ben Lawries Travel arranges tailor made Hockey Tours with match fixtures against suitable opposition to both European and Worldwide destinations. Detailed below is just one example.

New Zealand: Hockey Tour – 13 days

The Kiwis are passionate about their sport, making New Zealand an excellent destination for a Hockey Tour. A once in a lifetime opportunity against some guaranteed tough opposition!

Day 1 – Tauranga

Arrive in Auckland International Airport. You will be met and transferred by coach to Tauranga, approx. 3 hours drive away.

With its white sand beaches and warm climate Tauranga is one of New Zealand's most popular holiday destinations and fastest growing regions. *Overnight in Tauranga.*

Day 2 – Dolphins / Surf / 1st Match

Take a boat cruise looking for the many Dolphins that habituate the area or alternatively check out the surf at Mt Maunganui beach.

In the afternoon play your 1st Match against local opposition. *Overnight in Tauranga.*

Day 3 – Rotorua Sightseeing

Transfer to Rotorua. With a strong Maori culture and landscape as dramatic as the regions volcanic history. Relax at the Polynesian Thermal Pools, take a scenic ride up the Mt Ngongotaha Skyline Gondola or take some free time to do your own sightseeing. *Overnight in Rotorua.*

In the evening enjoy a traditional Maori Culture show and "Hangi" meal.

Day 4 – Rotorua Sightseeing

A day at leisure for sightseeing. *Overnight in Rotorua.*

Day 5 – Napier / Taupo

After breakfast transfer to Napier via Taupo. Travel to Wai-O-Taupo Thermal Wonderland south of Rotorua to view the geothermal activity. Geysers of steaming water and geothermal pools create a kaleidoscope of colour and volcanic activity. Travel via the Huka Falls and Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake arriving Napier late afternoon. *Overnight in Napier.*

Day 6 – Napier / 2nd Match

Morning is free for sightseeing. In the afternoon play your 2nd match against local opposition. *Overnight in Napier.*

Day 7 – Wellington Sightseeing

Depart Napier for Wellington, New Zealand's vibrant capital city. Upon arrival in Wellington enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. *Overnight in Wellington.*

Day 8 – Wellington Sightseeing

A free day to explore the Capital City which has a reputation as the countries number one centre for arts, culture, fashion and food. Village like in nature it is possible to stroll from one attraction to another. Visit the interactive Te Papa Museum or take the cable car up to the Carter Observatory and Planetarium. *Overnight in Wellington.*

Day 9 – Hamilton / Glow-worms

This morning transfer to Hamilton via Waitomo to view the Glow-worm Caves. Discover the ancient underground labyrinth of limestone caves and grottos where for hundreds of years visitors have journeyed into this "starry wonderland" and been fascinated by the tiny insect that can perform such magic. Afterwards continue on to Hamilton, less than an hours drive from Waitomo. *Overnight in Hamilton.*

Day 10 – Hamilton / Lord of the Rings / 3rd Match

Hamilton serves the prime farming industry of the Waikoto region. Waikoto is New Zealand's longest river, which flows through the heart of the city. There is a multitude of options to explore from your Hamilton base: river cruises, a visit to the Lord of the Rings film set or thermal hot springs.

In the afternoon play your 3rd match against local opposition. *Overnight in Hamilton.*

Day 11 – Auckland Sightseeing

Transfer to Auckland. Upon arrival in Auckland enjoy a sightseeing tour of the main city sights. Visit Kelly Tarltons Underwater World, enjoy a harbour cruise or have a look round the "City of Sails" viaduct basin where the Americas Cup Village was based. *Overnight in Auckland.*

Day 12 – Auckland Sightseeing / 4th Match

Morning free for sightseeing.

Play your 4th match against local opposition. *Overnight in Auckland.*

Day 13 – Depart Auckland

Morning free for any last minute sightseeing or shopping. In the afternoon transfer to Auckland International Airport for your homeward flight to the UK.

Guide price £1,399 per person including flights ex Edinburgh based on 12 nights bed and breakfast in Group style accommodation. Destination coach transfers and excursions included as detailed above.

The above itinerary is for illustration purposes only. All tours are tailor made to the requirements of the individual client.

Other suggested Hockey Tours

Australia – 12 nights B&B from £1,449 per person.

Holland – 3 nights B&B from £375 per person.