

Blenheim Tour with Kaye Maxwell

Departure Dates: 27 February – 5 March 27 March – 2 April

Day 1:

Flight details: Depart Auckland on Air New Zealand flight NZ8203 at 9.30am, arrive Blenheim at 11.00am. We will leave Auckland this morning on your flight to Blenheim with Air New Zealand. On arrival, you will be picked up by your coach and taken to **Marlborough Golf Course**, for your first round of golf. Founded in 1900, it's one of New Zealand's oldest courses. Trundlers included. Each golf day, Kaye will accompany the groups and provide advice and tips and tricks along the way. After golf you will continue to Picton to check in at Jasmine Court Motel. Located in the heart of Picton, easy walking distance to cafes and the waterfront. In the afternoon you will *cruise the calm sheltered Water of Queen Charlotte Sound* with experienced Captains with fun and informative commentary and be *treated to a sample of the local wines and nibbles*. Rest of the evening at your leisure.

Day 2:

Breakfast at your leisure and meet in reception for your transfer to **Rarangi Golf Club**, situated between the surf of Cloudy Bay and bush clad hills dominated by Mount Robertson. Trundlers included. Enjoy a light lunch at the Club House, then transfer to the Picton Train Station to board *the scenic Coastal Pacific train* to travel along the Pacific coast to Kaikoura. Check in at your Kaikoura hotel, and this evening it is optional to meet up for wine and nibbles.

Day 3:

Breakfast at your leisure and meet in reception to transfer to **Kaikoura Golf Club**, nestled between the magnificent vista of the Seaward Kaikoura Mountains and the ocean waters of the Pacific Ocean. Trundlers included. After golf the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. This evening we will meet to enjoy a local restaurant.

Day 4:

Breakfast at your leisure. This morning check-out of your room, and reboard the coach to drive down through the Waipara Valley. With an ideal climate, there are 90 vineyards through the Waipara Valley. We will stop here at the *Waipara Springs Vineyard for wine tasting and enjoy a platter of local cheeses and produce*. After lunch, continue on to the resort town of Hanmer Springs, known for Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa, with its mineral waters, boutique shops and cafes, and a range of easy forest walks. Check in to the Hanmer Springs Retreat, located a 10-minute stroll from the village of Hanmer. This afternoon at your leisure. This evening we will meet to enjoy a local restaurant.

Day 5:

Breakfast at your leisure, then transfer to **Hanmer Springs Golf Club**, described as "Heaven's Golf Course" and as you walk the beautiful fairways take in the stunning Alpine surroundings and views. Trundlers included. This afternoon at your leisure to explore the shops, or take a walk up Conical Hill or through the Dog Stream Reserve and spot the sculptures. Finish off with a soak or spa treatment at the Hanmer Springs pools. This evening meet with the group for dinner.

Day 6:

Breakfast at your leisure. This morning, check-out of the hotel and more time to explore Hanmer Springs before heading on to Christchurch, stopping for lunch enroute. Check in at your accommodation, Pavilions Hotel. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool, spa and sauna and fully licensed on-site Restaurant and Bar. Afternoon at leisure to explore the city, take a tram tour or wander through the botanic gardens. In the evening meet up with the group for a farewell dinner.

Day 7:

Flight details: Depart Christchurch on Air New Zealand flight NZ540 at 11.30am. Breakfast at your leisure and check out of the hotel. Transfer to Christchurch Airport for your return flight to Auckland, arriving back around at 12.55pm.

