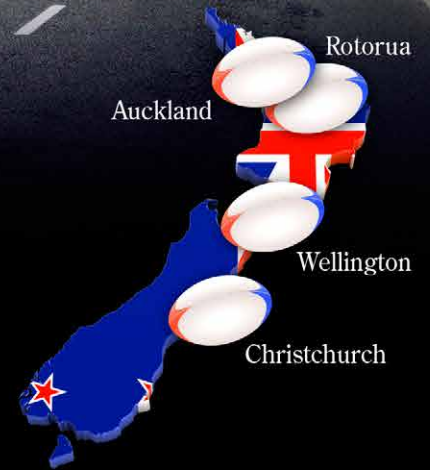




Discover New Zealand

Discover New Zealand through a rugby tour with England Rugby Travel. For great life experiences, friendships, memories and much more stretch your horizons on the ultimate rugby tour.



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TOUR NEW ZEALAND

“The land of the long white cloud” offers something to every visitor. New Zealand is blessed with natural beauty throughout from spectacular glaciers and soaring mountains to miles of sandy beaches, stunning national parks and wondrous geothermal pools.

You'll be sure to receive a warm welcome from the kind hearted and friendly Kiwis.

NORTH ISLAND - AUCKLAND

The 'City of Sails', Auckland has more boats per capita than anywhere else in the world. With so many bays, beaches and islands, glistening waters seem to beckon from every point. Auckland is New Zealand's centre of commerce and industry, and is perhaps the most vibrant, bustling and multicultural city in New Zealand.

Sky Tower

At 328m Auckland's sky tower is the tallest man-made structure in New Zealand and offers breathtaking views for up to 80 kilometres in every direction.

Eden Park

Visit the home of the All Blacks and the host stadium to the Rugby World Cup final 2011 with a guided tour and a visit to the stadium museum.

WELLINGTON

Wellington is the southernmost city in the North Islands. Home to Parliament, the Museum of New Zealand - Te Papa, a thriving film industry and the gateway to the South Island.

ROTORUA

Whether you are seeking to experience Maori culture, geothermal earth forces or thrills and adventure Rotorua has them all. Along with other natural assets, some of the world's best mountain biking trails, fantastic trout fishing and forest walking tracks, Rotorua caters for every tourist.

Lake Taupo

Created nearly two thousand years ago by a volcanic eruption Lake Taupo is now the setting of a stunning location for you to enjoy activities such as fishing, water-skiing, sailing and kayaking.

SOUTH ISLAND - QUEENSTOWN

Queenstown doesn't earn its nickname, the adventure capital of the world, for nothing. It's natural beauty changes with the seasons, the lake glistens in the summer sun and snow clad mountains tower above the town in winter. Queenstown is a great place to visit all year round and offers limitless adventure.

Jet Boating and Rafting

New Zealand is famous for its Jet Boating rides and White Water Rafting and it's easy to see why the thrill seekers love these attractions.

CHRISTCHURCH

There is nowhere else in the world where you can ski at a world-class alpine resort, play golf, bungee jump, raft, mountain bike, hot-air balloon, wind surf, whale watch and visit internationally-acclaimed wineries and gardens within two hours of an international airport. Christchurch could just be the perfect touring location.



Sport in New Zealand

New Zealanders are obsessed with rugby and after winning the Rugby World Cup 2011 in their own backyard the whole country was brought to a standstill.

The All Blacks are an international brand and are recognised worldwide but you'll be sure to meet tough opposition here.

Rugby is played from April to September.

Flight times (approximate)

London Heathrow Airport to Auckland 23 hours

Currency New Zealand Dollars (NZD)

Weather in New Zealand

New Zealand weather can change unexpectedly. Be prepared for sudden changes in weather and temperature. New Zealand has a largely temperate climate. While the far north has subtropical weather during summer, and inland alpine areas of the South Island can be as cold as -10°C in winter, most of the country lies close to the coast, which means mild temperatures.

The average New Zealand temperature decreases as you travel south. January and February are the warmest months, and July is the coldest month of the year.

Summer December - February
Autumn March - May
Winter June - August
Spring September - November

Time Difference GMT +13 hours

Main Language(s) English

Visas

If you are from a visa-waiver country, and intending to visit for no more than your allotted time of three months (or six months if you are from the United Kingdom) you will not require a visa to enter New Zealand.



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Nowhere on the planet does rugby like New Zealand. From the traditional Maori welcome to great opposition, wonderful scenery and a huge range of attractions, it really is something to behold.



DAY 1 DEPARTURE

An England Rugby Travel representative will meet you at the airport to oversee check in for your flight to Auckland.

DAY 2 IN FLIGHT / AUCKLAND

A quick refuelling stop and depart for Auckland.

DAY 3 AUCKLAND

On arrival in Auckland, transfer to your accommodation for a one night stay. This evening you will enjoy your first Maori cultural experience.

DAY 4 AUCKLAND / HAMILTON

This morning you will visit Eden Park stadium, the venue of the RWC 2011 Final. After lunch transfer to Hamilton and check in to your accommodation for a two night stay.



Unspoilt wilderness and incredible surroundings

DAY 5 HAMILTON MATCH DAY ONE

After breakfast discover the meaning and have a try at the Kapa Haka. After lunch you will play your first match against local opposition followed by post match function.

DAY 6 HAMILTON / ROTORUA

This morning visit the Waikato Stadium and Hobbiton, the famous The Lord of the Rings film trilogy set. Then transfer to Rotorua and check in to your accommodation for a five night stay. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

DAY 7 ROTORUA

Today you will visit Haka World and enjoy the cultural Tamaki Tour, an authentic Maori village nestled in Rotorua forest.

DAY 8 ROTORUA

Enjoy a full day's activity of rafting, zorbing and skyline.

DAY 9 ROTORUA MATCH DAY TWO

Play your second match against local opposition followed by post match function.



Zorbing in Rotorua



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DAY 10 ROTORUA
Transfer to Rainbow Springs, New Zealand's largest and most successful kiwi conservation centre, home to a huge variety of New Zealand's most precious inhabitants including the Kiwi. After lunch explore the Te Puia cultural centre for an informative insight into Maori traditions and heritage.



Traditional Maori culture

DAY 11 ROTORUA / PALMERSTON NORTH
Transfer to Palmerston North for a one night stay. Enjoy a visit to the New Zealand Rugby Museum, home to the first museum devoted to rugby and a must see for any fan. This evening you can try your hand at the famous Kapa Haka.

DAY 12 PALMERSTON NORTH / WELLINGTON MATCH DAY THREE
Play your third match against local opposition followed by post match function. Transfer to Wellington for a two night stay and spend the rest of the day exploring 'New Zealand's capital of cool'.

DAY 13 WELLINGTON
Visit to the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa for an educational insight into New Zealand's history.

DAY 14 WELLINGTON / CHRISTCHURCH
Transfer to Wellington airport for your flight to Christchurch. Arrive at your accommodation for a two night stay and spend the rest of the day familiarising yourself with the city. Within two hours of the city you can ski at a world-class alpine resort, play golf, bungee jump, raft, mountain bike, hot-air balloon, windsurf and whale watch.

DAY 15 CHRISTCHURCH MATCH DAY FOUR
Play your fourth match against local opposition followed by post match function.

DAY 16 CHRISTCHURCH / QUEENSTOWN
This morning you will relax at Hanmer Springs hot pools before enjoying lunch and transferring to Queenstown to check in to your accommodation for a three night stay.

DAY 17 QUEENSTOWN
A full day to explore the spectacular Milford Sound and Lake Wanaka.

DAY 18 QUEENSTOWN
A full day's activity including rafting and Shotover Canyon speed boat trips.



Adrenaline fueled fun in Queenstown

DAY 19 QUEENSTOWN / CHRISTCHURCH
After breakfast transfer to Christchurch and check in to your accommodation for a one night stay. Enjoy your last full day to sightsee or grab some last minute shopping.

DAY 20 CHRISTCHURCH
Depart for your flight back to the UK

DAY 21 ARRIVE UK
Arrive back in the UK and depart for home.