



LIVING WITH THE LIONS SPORTS TRAVEL

SAMPLE ITINERARY NEW ZEALAND

Day 1 – AUCKLAND

Arrive Auckland international airport where you will be met and transferred to your hotel for two nights accommodation. This afternoon take a boat trip around Auckland harbour, followed by a trip up the Sky Tower for fantastic views of the harbour & 'City of Sails' followed by a sumptuous buffet in the Observatory Restaurant.

Day 2 – AUCKLAND

Morning free before transferring out to your first match in New Zealand.

Match day 1 v local school/club. Aftermatch function

Day 3 –HAMILTON

This morning depart Auckland for your journey south to Hamilton. The journey takes you through the farming heartland of the north island through scenery made famous in the Lord of the Rings Trilogy. After lunch join your host school for a traditional Maori welcome before departing for a two night stay with your host family.

DAY 4 – HAMILTON

Match day 2 v local school/club. Aftermatch function

DAY 5 – ROTORUA

This morning bid farewell to your hosts and continue on to Rotorua which is packed with fun, Maori culture and sightseeing! Visit Wai-o-Tapo thermal wonderland for a guided tour through the world famous bubbling mud pools and geysers before checking in to your hotel for an overnight stay. Late afternoon we recommend a long soak in the Hot Pools on the edge of Lake Rotorua followed by a Maori Cultural Hangi and Show. An unforgettable experience giving an insight into Maori culture to include a fabulous Hangi dinner.

DAY 6 – TAUPO

This morning visit Agrodome for a farm tour and sheep show to experience some of New Zealand's farming culture, followed by some adrenaline activities such as Bungy or Zorbing. The adventures continue in the afternoon with a stop at the exhilarating Huka Falls for a white water jet boat ride, before checking in to your hotel on the edge of the spectacular Lake Taupo for an overnight stay.

DAY 7 – WELLINGTON

A full day spent travelling south to the compact capital city of New Zealand. The journey will take you through Palmerston North, a real kiwi rugby town and home to the New Zealand Rugby Museum. On arrival check into your central hotel for two nights.

DAY 8 – WELLINGTON

Morning at leisure to stroll into town along the picturesque harbourside and take the cable car up to the Botanic Garden for superb views across the city and, on a good day, see the South Island beckoning across the Cook Straits.

Match day 3 v local school/club. Aftermatch function



DAY 9 - NELSON

Bid farewell to the North Island and take the 3 hr 10 min ferry journey across the Cook Straits to Picton. The scenery coming into Picton is spectacular and dolphins are often seen swimming alongside the ferry. On arrival transfer to Nelson, home to many famous wines and known for its temperate climate. Two nights in billets with local families.

DAY 10 – NELSON

Spend the morning exploring the magnificent beaches, mountains, forests and lakes, of the region.
Match day 4 v local school/club. Aftermatch function

DAY 11 – KAIKOURA

A real tour highlight. This morning depart Nelson and travel south to the beautiful coastal town of Kaikoura. After lunch depart on an afternoon's Whale Watch to spot Giant Sperm whale, Dusky Dolphins, seabirds and fur Seals. Overnight accommodation in Kaikoura.

DAY 12 – CHRISTCHURCH

This morning continue your journey south to Christchurch. The City feels very British and on arrival take a quick tour round the centre on the free tram trip.
Afternoon free to relax or maybe complete a light training session.

DAY 13 – CHRISTCHURCH

Morning at leisure to explore the city. Climb to the top of the Cathedral or visit the Botanical Gardens in Hagley Park.
Match day 5 v local school/club. Aftermatch function

DAY 14 - CHRISTCHURCH

Check out of the hotel this morning and visit the world famous Antarctic Centre for presentation about Antarctica and penguins followed by a Hagglund ride, which simulates riding across the icepacks of Antarctica.
This afternoon transfer out to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

OPTIONS TO EXTEND TRIP DOWN TO QUEENSTOWN FOR A FEW NIGHTS OR STOP OFF IN FIJI, THE COOK ISLAND OR LA ON THE WAY HOME.

