



TOUR ITINERARY
Prepared for
Australian Cricket Society
Wellington Vintage Cricket Carnival

Before departing home please ensure you have the following items using the following check list:

- Valid Passport (must have validity for 6 months)
 - Airline Ticket/s
 - Australian Visa
 - Travellers Cheques and any Credit Cards or Cash required
 - Do not pack scissors or any sharp objects in your hand luggage
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MARCH 2012

Sun 18th

MELBOURNE TO WELLINGTON

0845

Depart Melbourne on QF37.

Sun 18th

WELLINGTON

1425

Arrive at Wellington International Airport.

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation for the next seven nights.

Hotel: QUALITY INN APARTMENTS or similar

Mid- afternoon, Team Managers will meet at the host hotel for their Carnival briefing.

Early evening, teams will be transferred to the famed Te Papa National Museum of New Zealand for the Carnival Opening Welcome Party which will be a three hour function offering substantial finger foods and a selection of local beers, wines and juices. A chance to mix and mingle, greet old friends and make new ones. The evening will include light entertainment and a minimum of formalities. At the conclusion of the function, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation to enjoy the local restaurants or the extensive facilities available at their hotels.

Mon 19th**WELLINGTON**

Teams will transfer to local cricket grounds to enjoy their 1st round of games. Host clubs will offer tea on arrival, a light lunch during the game and the opportunity to enjoy some local hospitality following the game. Early evening teams will be transferred back to their accommodation.

Tue 20th**WELLINGTON**

At leisure and an opportunity to sample some of the delights that New Zealand's capital city has to offer. The organizers are preparing a range of tours and excursions that will be offered to visiting teams and supporters. Evening is at leisure with the opportunity to explore the world renowned Courtenay Place restaurant and cafe precinct.

Wed 21st**WELLINGTON**

Teams will transfer to local cricket grounds to enjoy their 2nd round of games. Host clubs will offer tea on arrival, a light lunch during the game and the opportunity to enjoy some local hospitality following the game. Early evening teams will be transferred back to their accommodation.

Thu 22nd**WELLINGTON**

A special day for those teams, players and supporters who elect to take up the option of the **'Vintage Cricket Big Day Out'**, featuring a superb train journey through the Hutt Valley and the Rimutuka Ranges to Featherston. Our option includes a tour to the Tui Brewery followed by lunch before returning to Featherston and catching the train back to Wellington. The evening is at your leisure.

Fri 23rd**WELLINGTON**

Teams will transfer to local cricket grounds to enjoy their 3rd round of games. Host clubs will offer tea on arrival, a light lunch during the game and the opportunity to enjoy some local hospitality following the game. Teams will be transferred back to their accommodation and will be transferred to a venue (to be advised) for a spectacular Finale Dinner and Dance featuring a three course meal, local beers, wines and juices, a range of entertainment and a minimum of formalities.

A relaxed and enjoyable way to end a wonderful week **"Celebrating the Great Game of Cricket"**. At the conclusion of a fun evening, teams will be transferred back to their accommodation.

Sat 24th**WELLINGTON – Cricket International**

At leisure and an opportunity to sample some of the delights that New Zealand's capital city has to offer.

Alternatively you can head for the Hawkins Basin Reserve for a day at the Cricket to see **New Zealand v the Proteas** on the second day of the 3rd Test Match. Tickets will be arranged locally.

Sun 25th**WELLINGTON TO MARTINBOROUGH**

Today we go on a tour of the highlights of the North Island with a mid morning departure from Wellington with your driver and our touring coach.

Travel via Upper Hutt and over Rimutaka Hill and the nearby Pakurataki Forest through Featherston. A coffee stop will be made at the highway town of Greytown which is a quaint village with some quirky shops.

Arrive in the town of Martinborough for lunch at the picturesque Martinborough Hotel (meal is included) After lunch we travel to a nearby Winery for a wine tasting. Martinborough is known for its high quality White and Pinot Noir varieties.

Overnight tonight is at The Claremont Martborough. Dinner tonight will be at Vineyard to enjoy a leisurely five course meal and sample some local wines.

Hotel: The Claremont in Martinborough or similar

Mon 26th**MARTINBOROUGH TO NAPIER**

After breakfast we head via Dannevirke and Waipukurau to Havelock North.

Havelock North is one of the nicest small towns in the region with an "upmarket" flavour. Here you will have time to wander around and find your own cafe for a morning coffee.

After coffee we head across the nearby hills to Craggy Range Winery. The set up here is truly amazing with spectacular views. The Winery itself is world class so after a look around we have arranged for a 2 course lunch (included) to soak up the atmosphere. After lunch we travel to the nearby coast and Hawkes Bay. Known for its good weather the drive along the bay is very scenic.

Mon 26th**MARTINBOROUGH TO NAPIER**

We arrive in Napier late afternoon at the Quest Hotel for an overnight stay.

Napier is a classic example of the Art Deco period and there are some interesting buildings and history here. Dinner can be taken in town nearby.

Hotel: Quest Hotel or similar

Tue 27th**NAPIER TO ROTORUA**

A Continental breakfast is arranged for your room. After breakfast we continue our journey north via Highway 2 and onto Highway 5 via Te Puhe and over the ranges to Lake Taupo. A stop will be taken in Taupo for lunch with ample time to wander around the centre of town and enjoy the stunning lake views.

After lunch we drive north to look at the Geothermal area of Wairakei but before that time will be taken at Huka Falls. The volume of water through these falls defies belief!

We continue north on State Highway 5 for around 90 minutes to the City of Rotorua arriving late afternoon. The option will be available separately to visit Whakarewarewa (Thermal Wonderland) for those who may not have done so. Accommodation will be at the Novotel Rotorua located in the centre of the city. Plenty of free time is available to relax and look around the City as well as dinner at your convenience.

Hotel: Novotel Rotorua or similar

Wed 28th**ROTORUA TO AUCKLAND**

After breakfast we drive to Lake Tarawera where we will take a short ferry ride to a remote local campsite. Here you can take a bath in the thermal waters running into the lake. This is an amazing experience. We then head back via Rotorua and continue our northward journey to Auckland. Enroute we stop at Mata Mata where you have plenty of time for lunch. Mata Mata is now known for its role nearby to the Hobbits in Lord of the Rings.

Arrive in Auckland late afternoon and the Grand Chancellor Hotel. The Hotel is close to Queen Street shopping and Auckland's Viaduct Basin area loaded with bars and restaurants. A short tour around Auckland and Mount Eden will be taken for orientation purposes.

Hotel: Grand Chancellor or similar.

Thu 29th**AUCKLAND TO BAY OF ISLANDS**

After breakfast we drive the short distance across Auckland Harbour Bridge to the other side of Waitamata Harbour. The village of Devonport is very pretty and has great views of the harbour back to the City. You can take a coffee and browse the shops in the attractive main street.

Late morning we head northwards via Orewa where we stop for lunch in the town.

After lunch we will visit the beach at Waiwera which is very scenic. Heading north again, now on Highway 1, we eventually arrive in the magnificent Bay of Islands late afternoon. Our hotel for three nights is the Copthorne at Waitangi.

The two main towns in the area are Paihia and Russell on the other side of the bay. Relax at the hotel and unwind after a reasonable day on the road. The bus is available to take you into town for dinner or you can dine at the hotel.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel or similar

Fri 30th**BAY OF ISLANDS**

After breakfast we are doing something off the beaten track. We head north into the Puketi Forest well known for its amazing Kauri trees. Here you can take a number of leisurely walks through the ancient forest.

For lunch we visit the small fishing town of Whangaroa Harbour. The Pub here is pretty basic but it has lots of character in this very remote harbour and fishing town. Here you will meet a few locals over a beer or two and see what fish have been caught today!

Mid afternoon we take the leisurely drive back to Waitangi and the evening is free to relax.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel

Sat 31st**BAY OF ISLANDS**

After breakfast it's a free morning to relax or even sleep in. Late morning we travel via Opuia and on the Ferry to the other side of the bay.

Russell is an historical location with weatherboard houses and shops. You can't come to the Bay of Islands without visiting Russell. Nearby we visit the Waitangi Treaty site where the agreement was signed with the local chiefs in 1840.

Sat 31st**BAY OF ISLANDS**

The Treaty recognised Maori ownership of traditional lands and gave sovereignty for Britain over New Zealand.

Today we enjoy an end of tour lunch in the pub at Russell (meal included)

After lunch we take the passenger Ferry across to Paihia bus will meet us and travel back to the Hotel. This evening is free to pack and get ready for the trip home tomorrow.

Hotel: Copthorne Hotel

APRIL 2012Sun 1st**BAY OF ISLANDS TO AUCKLAND**

After an early breakfast depart the Bay of Islands for the express trip to Auckland Airport to check in for the flight home

1645	Final check in for your flight to Melbourne
1845	Depart Auckland on QF134.
2055	Arrive at Melbourne International Airport.

Included in the Tour:

Return Economy Class flights to New Zealand from Melbourne*
 All Transfers as indicated in the Itinerary
 Touring coach with driver from 25th March
 Featured lunches; Tui Brewery, Martinborough Hotel, Craggy Range and Russell
 Ferry's in Tarawera and the Bay of Islands
 National park Fees where applicable
 Sightseeing as shown
 Team Entry, Pre and Post Tour Dinners
 Tour Merchandise: Polo and Cap

*You can join this tour from anywhere else in Australia and flight adjustments will be made.

Not included:

Airline taxes which will be due at the time of ticketing (currently around \$98)
 Meals other than stated
 Items of a personal nature such as laundry and mini bar Gratuities to the driver Entries to optional sightseeing such as Whakarewarewa in Rotorua

Payment structure:

We require a non refundable deposit of \$1000 per person.
 The balance will be due by 31st January 2012
 There are no refunds on unused services
 Tour is subject to a minimum of 15 travelling throughout at this price

Travel Insurance

Insurance is recommended and we can offer 15% off either CHI or QBE Travel Insurance taken with this tour.

Prices are subject to currency fluctuations.

Twin Share per person: **ACS Members Playing** \$3,779.00. Non- Members A\$3979.00
 Twin Share per person: Partners of Members \$3,724.00. Non Members \$3,924.00
 Deduction for returning 25th March from Wellington (\$1,695.00)
 Single Supplements available on request depending on which option is taken