

New Zealand Golf Cruise



We are offering what must be the most stress-free Golf Holiday departing from Melbourne!

We invite you to make your way to Station Pier with your golf clubs, step on board the premium cruise ship, Dawn Princess and set sail to play golf at some of the finest courses in New Zealand.

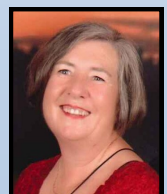
Over 14 fabulous days, the crew on board will make sure that you dine in fine style, are entertained and also allowed time to relax. After all, this is what cruising is about! As they say at Princess, unpack, unwind and escape completely!

An added bonus is that you will have your very own Golf Professional, Heath Bensted, to talk, teach and train you as you cross the Tasman. Once in New Zealand, Heath will take charge of the exciting golf program, refined only slightly since our very successful 2011 event. There will be little for you to worry about other than perfecting your swing!

For those who choose not to golf, we have an inclusive touring program. I will take you to the scenic and historic highlights in each of our ports and point you in the right direction during leisure/shopping time.

Please join us!

Maree McClelland – Tour Manager, Wings Away Travel



Heath Bensted - Wings Away Travel & Cruiseland Host Golf Professional on Board Dawn Princess



We are delighted that Heath Bensted will host our Golfers as we cruise to some of the finest golf courses in New Zealand.

Heath is a full member of the Australian PGA, having graduated in 2006 and has obtained an AA rating. He is based at Northern Golf Club, located in Glenroy, Victoria.

Prior to returning to Northern, he spent time coaching at Ivanhoe Golf Course followed by an 8 month period coaching at Ancora Golf Institute in Jakarta, Indonesia where he gained valuable experience in both roles and a desire to travel!

Heath will conduct five coaching sessions on board Dawn Princess, exclusively for our Wings Away Group members. At each of the golfing ports, in addition to playing golf with our team, Heath will set the golf program, co-ordinate arrangements at each club and ensure that you and your golf clubs are safely back on board in time for sail-away! Heath will also tally the results and all will be revealed at our "Presentation Event".

Maree McClelland, Wings Away Travel Tour and Event Manager, will host the "non golfers" in our group, in addition to overseeing the golf arrangements. This will be the fourth year that Maree has taken this cruise. Consequently she knows all the "must see" touring highlights and has put together a package with a great balance of sightseeing, fun activities and some leisure time for shopping!



GULF HARBOUR COUNTRY CLUB—AUCKLAND

The first course you will play is a world-class golf course with magnificent club facilities, where the pleasure of relaxing in the Country Club is only matched by the challenge of the tees and greens.

Gulf Harbour Country Club has been described as a wonderful jewel in the Hauraki Gulf. You will find the 50 minute drive from Auckland, well worth the effort. Our 2011 Group definitely rated Gulf Harbour as a tour highlight.

Course Details:

Spectacular finishing holes, ocean views, rolling terrain and classic, traditional values. All these combine to make the Gulf Harbour Country Club one of the most exciting new developments in New Zealand.

The course itself has a natural look and feel from start to finish and five sets of tees assure playability for every calibre of golfer, from beginners to professionals. Like all great courses, Gulf Harbour tantalises players with a variety of exciting holes. Several feature risk and reward opportunities, and none are tricked-up or artificial.

The front nine is slightly hillier and has an open feeling, while the back nine wanders towards the ocean and culminates with some of the most scenic holes anywhere. Then the four finishing holes will increase the heartbeat of every golfer. The 160 metre 15th is a par 3 toward the ocean, with the water as a backdrop. The 405 metre 16th is a classic par 4 bordering cliffs. The second shot flirts with the rock cliffs and requires nerve as well as talent. The par 5 17th stretches 505 metres along the ocean, and the gorgeous views can be distracting to the eye. The final hole is a 390 metre par 4 which turns inland toward the clubhouse.

TAURANGA GOLF CLUB

- BAY OF PLENTY



Tauranga Racecourse Reserve is the home of the Tauranga Golf Club and Bay of Plenty Racing Club, both of which have leasehold rights from the Crown.

Tauranga Golf Club was officially established on 18 April 1904. In 1914, the Club formally relocated to its present site on the Racecourse Domain, a treeless tract of land on the western side of Tauranga. Today you can enjoy a parklike setting with beautiful trees and hundreds of flowering shrubs.

Considered short by some, and strenuous by others because of the undulating terrain, the Tauranga course has earned the respect of top amateurs and professionals alike as an exacting test of shot placement and concentration. The course has interesting topography and variation in holes (it has been described as two courses in one) and its fairways and sand based greens are in beautiful condition as a result of permanent and travelling irrigation systems.

As a result of constant course development and modernization priorities including a total upgrade of the Clubhouse in 2002, a challenging but welcoming course awaits you when you disembark for your second New Zealand golf experience.

ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB

As one of New Zealand's oldest courses, and to date its only "Royal", Heretaunga provides a very pleasant and not too stressful golfing environment - all maintained in excellent condition. A rather lovely dog-leg par 4 reveals the tranquil splendour of this flattish parkland layout, and the following par 5 highlights that accuracy versus length will be at a premium on some holes. The slightly undulating fairways are lined with a pleasant mix of mature trees and some brighter, younger, more recent plantings. Various streams coming from the neighbouring River Hutt run alongside several holes, and exceptionally, at the par 5 14th, run directly across the fairway (take care on your second shot !). Bunkering is quite light, but effective where needed, and the excellent quality greens are well-paced. On either side of the course you'll look onto the tree-covered hills lining the Hutt Valley, but the river itself will stay largely out of sight. At nearly 6,900 yards from the back-tees, the course not only provides a very good test, but includes a few nicely elevated tee-boxes as well.



CLEARWATER RESORT—CHRISTCHURCH

Set within 465 acres and just minutes from Christchurch International Airport and close to the CBD, New Zealand's premier lifestyle resort has something for everyone.

The par 72 championship course is home to the NZ PGA Championship. Designed by John Darby in consultation with New Zealand golfing legend, Sir Bob Charles, the course combines elements of links golf inspired by the great Scottish courses with parkland golf, more reminiscent of Florida.

Playable year-round, the course meanders around a succession of spring-fed lakes and trout-filled streams, with uninterrupted views of the spectacular Southern Alps.

CHISHOLM PARK GOLF CLUB - DENEDIN



Playing golf in Dunedin, the Edinburgh of the south, you should tee it up on a Scottish links course and Chisholm Park Golf Club is the course you must play! With stunning beauty and ocean views the course plays to a par 71, measuring 5700 metres (6300 yards).

Regarded as the best links golf course in the South Island, Chisholm Park hosted the three Dunedin Classic Pro Golf Tournaments as part of the Australasian PGA Tour in 2001, 2002 and 2004 and the 2003 New Zealand Amateur. Only 5 minutes from the Octagon, the city centre, this is Dunedin's number one golf destination and chosen as your final New Zealand golf experience.

