

Shamrock Tour

Ireland's Pools



Thu 08 Sep–Tue 04 Oct
27 days

Itinerary

New Plymouth/Bay of Islands/Auckland/
Taupo/Tauranga/Rotorua/Wellington/
Christchurch/Dunedin

Matches

Ireland v USA
Australia v Ireland
Ireland v Russia
Ireland v Italy

International Carrier

TBA

Accommodation

Superior

Autolodge Motor Inn New Plymouth
Cophthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of
Islands Bay of Islands
Rendezvous Hotel Auckland
Millennium Hotel Taupo
Sebel Trinity Wharf Hotel
Tauranga
Distinction Rotorua Hotel &
Conference Centre Rotorua
Kingsgate Hotel Wellington
Hotel SO Christchurch
Scenic Hotel Southern Cross Dunedin

Meals Breakfast

Additional Features

Welcome Drinks Reception
Rugby Debates

Cost

£5,999 per person
£2,394 per person single supplement

Travel Insurance £56 per person

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Face value costs of match tickets
Costs based on Category B match tickets

Ireland v	Cost pp
USA	£36
Australia	£139
Russia	£36
Italy	£58

Match tickets are invoiced separately in addition to the tour cost.

Shamrock Tour Itinerary

Thu 08 Sep IN FLIGHT

Meet your dedicated Gullivers Tour Manager at London Heathrow and then fly to Auckland.

Fri 09 Sep IN FLIGHT

Sat 10 Sep NEW PLYMOUTH

Arrive Auckland and connect with flight to New Plymouth. Arrive and transfer to **Autolodge Motor Inn** for the next two nights. This evening get to know the rest of your tour party at a welcome drinks reception hosted by your Tour Manager.

Sun 11 Sep NEW PLYMOUTH IRELAND v USA

Walk to/from Stadium Taranaki.

The start of Ireland's Rugby World Cup 2011 campaign begins today so, for Irish fans, this is it! Stadium Taranaki is highly rated by the kiwi fans as a top venue and today's game against the USA will be the big news in town.

Mon 12 Sep BAY OF ISLANDS

Fly from New Plymouth up to Bay of Islands via Auckland. On arrival transfer to **Cophthorne Hotel & Resort Bay of Islands** and check in for four nights.

Tue 13 Sep–Thu 15 Sep BAY OF ISLANDS

Two days of leisure to enjoy the delights of the Bay of Islands – one of New Zealand's most popular playgrounds and the finest maritime park in the country, with 144 islands and secluded bays. Maybe take in a deep-sea fishing trip, go sailing, horse trekking or dolphin watching? The list is endless and this is an ideal place in which to relax between matches and enjoy the local culture.

Fri 16 Sep AUCKLAND

Depart the Bay of Islands for Auckland by coach arriving into the city early afternoon. Check into **Rendezvous Hotel** for three nights.

Sat 17 Sep AUCKLAND AUSTRALIA v IRELAND

Eden Park, Auckland

Make your own way to/from Eden Park (free public transport). This is going to be a big game for both teams and the atmosphere in Auckland will be lively.

Sun 18 Sep AUCKLAND

At leisure to explore Auckland. Although this is New Zealand's largest city, the city centre is compact and most places of interest are within walking distance. Perhaps head to the Viaduct Basin and enjoy a drink on the harbour or find a bar to watch the pool matches being played today.

Mon 19 Sep TAUPO

Transfer overland by coach to Taupo, stopping en route for lunch. Arrive Taupo mid to late afternoon and check into **Millennium Hotel** for two nights.

Tue 20 Sep TAUPO

The town lies at the northeastern end of Lake Taupo, New Zealand's largest lake. Lake and river fishing, sailing and water sports are popular activities in this area, along with the local geothermal attractions. Perhaps take a jet-boat ride up the Waikato River to the Huka Falls.

Wed 21 Sep TAURANGA

Head to Tauranga overland this morning, arriving in time for lunch. Check into **Sebel Trinity Wharf Hotel**, for three nights.

Thu 22 Sep–Fri 23 Sep TAURANGA

Good for sea air, Tauranga lies along a section of the sprawling Tauranga Harbour. Take a wander around the town of Mount Maunganui at the mouth of the harbour or take a walk to the top of Mount Maunganui itself to enjoy the views up and down the coast.

Sat 24 Sep ROTORUA

Transfer the short distance to Rotorua this morning, checking in at **Distinction Rotorua Hotel & Conference Centre** for two nights.

The town's Maori culture, hot and steamy thermal activity, healing mineral pools and surrounding lakes and rivers are all major attractions. Catch up with the live pool games on TV during the weekend.

Sun 25 Sep ROTORUA IRELAND v RUSSIA

Transfers to/from Rotorua International Stadium. Enjoy Ireland's first international match against newcomers Russia.

Mon 26 Sep WELLINGTON

Fly Rotorua to Wellington. On arrival transfer to the **Kingsgate Hotel** and check in for the next three nights.

Tue 27 Sep–Wed 28 Sep WELLINGTON

Two days at leisure to explore this diverse and cosmopolitan city. Wellington has plenty to offer the tourist who is recovering from a full-on Rugby weekend – maybe take the Wellington Cable Car for great views over the city and a stroll through the Botanic Gardens.

Thu 29 Sep WELLINGTON

Fly from Wellington to Christchurch. On arrival transfer to **Hotel SO** and check in for two nights.

Fri 30 Sep CHRISTCHURCH

A day at leisure to explore the 'Garden City'. Perhaps go punting on the River Avon, visit Cathedral Square or take the gondola to the top of Mount Cavendish.

Sat 01 Oct DUNEDIN

Travel overland to Dunedin and check in early afternoon at **Scenic Hotel Southern Cross** for a two night stay.

Sun 02 Oct DUNEDIN IRELAND v ITALY

Transfers to/from Carisbrook Stadium.

A new venue for Ireland's final pool match and you will find the locals' passion for Rugby as strong as anywhere else you have been.

Mon 03 Oct IN FLIGHT

Transfer to Christchurch airport for your flight home to London Heathrow. Alternatively, to stay in New Zealand a little longer, let us know and we will join you onto a tour to watch the quarter-finals onwards.

Tue 04 Oct HOME

Arrive London Heathrow.