



GRESHAM'S SCHOOL
PROVISIONAL ITINERARY
FOR
RUGBY TOUR



NEW ZEALAND
JULY / AUGUST 2009

**DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS OF FIXTURES SHOWN IN THIS ITINERARY
REMAIN SUBJECT TO FINAL CONFIRMATION AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

MONDAY 20 JULY

Make your own way to LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT, Terminal 1, where a representative of EDWIN DORAN SPORTS TRAVEL will assist with your check-in formalities.

1315 hrs Latest check-in time for Air New Zealand flight **NZ001**

1615 hrs Depart LONDON HEATHROW (flying time 11 hrs 15 mins)

1930 hrs Arrive LOS ANGELES where you will remain in transit for 2 hrs before continuing your journey.

Overnight in flight (duration 12 hrs 55 mins)

TUESDAY 21 JULY

In flight as you cross the International Date Line

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY

0525 hrs Arrive AUCKLAND where you will clear New Zealand Immigration & Customs before met by a local representative. You will be assisted to meet up with the Driver and coach remaining with you until Mon 27 July.

You will have the remainder of today to sightsee in Auckland to include a **prepaid** tour of Eden Park before checking into the hotel this afternoon where the entire group will be accommodated for one night on a Room & Breakfast basis:

MERCURE HOTEL
8 Customs Street
Downtown
AUCKLAND

www.mercure.com

Tel: (00 64) (09) 377 8920
Fax: (00 64) (09) 307 3735

You might like to have a run out in a local park before an early dinner and an early night after the long flight.

THURSDAY 23 JULY

Checking out of the hotel after Breakfast, you will have the morning available for further sightseeing to include your **prepaid** Auckland Harbour Cruise.

After lunch at leisure, drive south to TE KAUWHATA (driving time approximately 1 hr) where you will arrive in time to prepare for your first fixture:

TE KAUWHATA COLLEGE vs GRESHAM'S SCHOOL U17 XV

Following the game and hopefully an opportunity to socialise, you will bid farewell and travel further south to ROTORUA (driving time approximately 2 hrs 30 mins).

On arrival, check into the hotel where the entire group will be accommodated for two nights on a Room & Breakfast basis.

PRINCES GATE HOTEL
Arawa Street
ROTORUA

www.princesgate.co.nz
Tel: (00 64) (07) 348 1179
Fax: (00 64) (07) 348 6215

Evening at leisure when you might like to consider a visit to the Polynesian Spa which is open until 2200 hrs.

FRIDAY 24 JULY

Today you will enjoy **prepaid** visits Rainbow Springs & Agrodome as well as to TE PUIA Thermal Reserve with its boiling mud pools, steaming hot springs and the famous Pohutu Geyser, which erupts at least once an hour and shoots hot water 20 metres into the air.

Return to the hotel late afternoon to freshen up and change.

1845 hrs You will be collected by your guide who will escort you to your **prepaid** visit to a Maori Hangi and Concert. This is a feast with food cooked in a traditional Maori underground oven, followed by a performance of Maori songs and dances.

SATURDAY 25 JULY

Checking out of the hotel after Breakfast, you may have further time for sightseeing before driving across WHAKATANE in the Bay of Plenty (approximately 1 hr 15 mins).

Here you will be introduced to hosts from TRIDENT COLLEGE who will billet the Students for two nights.

The Staff will be accommodated in a nearby hotel/motel for these two nights on a Room & Breakfast basis:

TO BE CONFIRMED

SUNDAY 26 JULY

Students will spend the day with host families during which they will be assembled in time to prepare for their next fixture:

TRIDENT COLLEGE vs GRESHAM'S SCHOOL U17 XV

Following the game, you will no doubt have an opportunity to socialise with the opposition, exchange memorabilia etc before Students disperse with hosts to their homes.

MONDAY 27 JULY

An early start today as you bid farewell and head south via Lake Taupo to WELLINGTON (driving time approximately 7 hours).

On arrival late afternoon, you will check into the hotel where the entire group will be accommodated for one night on a Room & Breakfast basis:

BRENTWOOD HOTEL
16 Kemp Street
Kilbirnie
WELLINGTON

www.brentwoodhotel.co.nz

Tel: (00 64) (04) 920 0400
Fax: (00 64) (04) 920 0401

Evening at leisure.

TUESDAY 28 JULY

Checking out of the hotel after Breakfast, you will have the remainder of the morning and early afternoon for sightseeing in Wellington.

This afternoon, you will transfer north (driving time approximately 30 mins) to PAPAOWHAI where Students will be introduced to hosts from AOTEA COLLEGE who will billet them for two nights.

The Staff will be accommodated in a nearby hotel/motel for these two nights on a Room & Breakfast basis:

TO BE CONFIRMED

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY

Morning at leisure for training and/or sightseeing in and around Wellington.

Return to school this afternoon in time to prepare for your next fixture:

AOTEA COLLEGE vs GRESHAM'S SCHOOL U17 XV

Following the game and no doubt some post match hospitality, Students will disperse with hosts to their homes.

THURSDAY 30 JULY

Bidding farewell to hosts, you will transfer to the Ferry Terminal where you will bid farewell to your North Island Driver and board the ferry as foot passengers. The luggage will be taken onboard in a baggage trolley.

0830 hrs Depart WELLINGTON on your 3 hr crossing of the Cook Strait. Your ferry will have onboard shops, restaurants and even a state of the art cinema.

1125 hrs Arrive PICTON where you will be met by the Drivers and coaches remaining with you during your time on the South Island before continuing to NELSON (driving time approximately 1 hr 30 mins)

This afternoon, you will meet up with hosts from GARIN COLLEGE will billet the Students for two nights.

The Staff will be accommodated in a nearby hotel/motel for these two nights on a Room & Breakfast basis.

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FRIDAY 31 JULY

Staff will meet up with Students at the school, following which you will be able to train and/or sightsee locally.

Return to school this afternoon in time to prepare for your next fixture:

GARIN COLLEGE vs GRESHAM'S SCHOOL U17 XV

Following the game and an opportunity to exchange memorabilia etc., Students will head home with hosts.

SATURDAY 01 AUGUST

Bidding farewell to hosts, transfer south to KAIKOURA (driving time approximately 3 hrs)

1245 hrs Board the boat for your 2.5 hr Whale Watch Excursion which has been *prepaid*.

Following your return to shore, you will continue further south to CHRISTCHURCH where the entire group will be accommodated in a hotel for one night on a Room & Breakfast basis.

CAMELOT CATHEDRAL SQUARE HOTEL
66 Cathedral Square
CHRISTCHURCH

www.thecamelot.co.nz
Tel: (00 64) (03) 365 2898
Fax: (00 64) (03) 379 2388

SUNDAY 02 AUGUST

Checking out of the hotel after Breakfast, you will have time to sightsee in and around Christchurch before driving south to WAIMATE (driving time approximately 3 hrs) where you will meet your next hosts from WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL who will billet the Students for two nights.

The Staff will be accommodated in a local hotel/motel for these two nights on a Room & Breakfast basis:

TO BE CONFIRMED

MONDAY 03 AUGUST

Staff will again meet up with Students at the school when you will no doubt wish to organise a training session before undertaking further sightseeing.

Return to school this afternoon in time to prepare for your next game:

WAIMATE HIGH SCHOOL vs GRESHAM'S SCHOOL U17 XV

Following the fixture, and no doubt an opportunity exchange memorabilia etc., Students will head home with hosts.

TUESDAY 04 AUGUST

Bidding farewell to hosts, you will drive south west to QUEENSTOWN (approximately 3 hrs 30 mins) where the entire group will be accommodated for two nights on a Room & Breakfast basis.

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WEDNESDAY 05 AUGUST

Today you will undertake your **prepaid** Triple Challenge – the approximate timings for which are as follows:

**REMINDER
YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE A SWIMSUIT & TOWEL**

- 0845 hrs** Transfer from hotel to Cavells Rafting Lodge, Arthur's Point (*own coach*) where you will change into wetsuits
- 0915 hrs** Depart Cavells via Queenstown Rafting bus
- 0935 hrs** Arrive THL Airport (helicopter flight to rafting put-in on Kawarau River)
- 1030 hrs** Rafting put-in briefing
- 1100 hrs** On river
- 1200 hrs** Off river
- 1230 hrs** Return transfer to Cavells to change and perhaps purchase a snack.
- 1300 hrs** Depart by Queenstown Rafting bus for Kawarau Jet – Town Pier
- 1315 hrs** Arrival at Town Pier
- 1330 hrs** Jetboating with Kawarau Jet (*warm clothing recommended*)
- 1430 hrs** Drop off to Queenstown Marina – Frankton where your own coach will collect you for the transfer back to your hotel or drop you off in town.

Remainder of the afternoon at leisure – perhaps to take the Gondola up to Bob's Peak.

THURSDAY 06 AUGUST

Checking out of your rooms after Breakfast, you will have a few more hours for that last minute shopping for those forgotten gifts.

Having assembled back at the hotel, you will be collected by coach and transferred to QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT

- 1415 hrs** Latest check-in time for Air New Zealand flight NZ648
- 1645 hrs** Depart QUEENSTOWN (flying time 1 hr 45 mins)
- 1830 hrs** Arrive AUCKLAND where you will walk across to the International Terminal and then have 4 hrs 45 mins in transit before connecting with your onward flight.
- 2315 hrs** Depart AUCKLAND on Air New Zealand flight NZ039
- Overnight in flight (flying time 11 hrs 30 mins)

FRIDAY 07 AUGUST

- 0645 hrs** Arrive HONG KONG where you will remain in transit for 1 hr 45 mins and have an opportunity to stretch your legs.
- 0830 hrs** Depart HONG KONG (flying time 13 hrs 5 mins)
- 1435 hrs** Arrive LONDON HEATHROW, Terminal 1, where you will clear UK Immigration & Customs before dispersing for home.