

EPSOM COLLEGE

ITINERARY FOR U-18 XV & U-17 XV RUGBY TOUR

HONG KONG, NEW ZEALAND & THE COOK ISLANDS

AUGUST 2010

TUESDAY 03 AUGUST

- 1630 hrs** Meet at Epsom College. A coach is booked to transfer us to LHR.
1800 hrs Latest check in time for Air New Zealand flight **NZ038** to HONG KONG.
2105 hrs Depart London. Overnight in flight.

WEDNESDAY 04 AUGUST

- 1620 hrs** Arrive Hong Kong Airport where you will clear Immigration and Passport Control, collect your luggage and pass through Customs before being met and transferred to the hotel where the entire group will be accommodated for the next two nights on a bed and buffet breakfast basis:

THE SALISBURY YMCA OF HONG KONG
41 Salisbury Road
Tsimshatsui
Kowloon
HONG KONG

www.ymcahk.org.hk

Tel: (00 852) 2268 7000
Fax: (00 852) 2739 9315

Don't forget to watch the Symphony of Lights Laser show across the Harbour which starts at 2000 hrs every evening and lasts for approximately 20 mins (best viewed from Kowloon at Tsim Sha Waterfront which is only 5 minute walk from your hotel).

THURSDAY 05 AUGUST

- 0830 hrs** You will be collected by coach and transferred to Kings Park for training from **0900 hrs to 1200 hrs**.
- 1200 hrs** Having been dropped back at the hotel, you will have time for some local shopping and/or sightseeing and lunch at leisure utilising public transport.
- 1530 hrs** Assembling back at the hotel later this afternoon, you will be collected by coach and transferred to the venue for your first fixtures:
- 1700 hrs** **HONG KONG BARBARIANS v EPSOM COLLEGE U-17 XV**
1845 hrs **HONG KONG SELECT v EPSOM COLLEGE U-18 XV**
- 2000 hrs** Following the games, there will have an opportunity to socialise with the opposition and there will be some food and drink provided.
- 2130 hrs** Transfer back to your hotel.

FRIDAY 06 AUGUST

- 0830 hrs** Check out of your rooms and store your bags in reception until later in the day. You will be collected by a Guide for a TOUR OF HONG KONG ISLAND with the **BIG BUS Co.**
- 1415 hrs** You will be collected by coach for the transfer to HONG KONG AIRPORT.
Please remember to ensure that your boots are spotless when you pack them. If not, you will be delayed leaving Auckland Airport and will be charged by the NZ authorities for cleaning them.
- 1515 hrs** Latest check in time for Air New Zealand flight **NZ038** to AUCKLAND.
1810 hrs Flight departs. Overnight in flight (duration 10 hrs 50 min).

SATURDAY 07 AUGUST

- 0900 hrs** Arrive Auckland Airport where you will clear New Zealand Immigration and Passport Control, collect your luggage and pass through Customs before being met by Hamish Morison and assisted to meet up with the Driver and coach remaining with you throughout your time on the North Island.

Rooms at your hotel are unlikely to be available until early afternoon so you will have time for sightseeing in the 'City of Sails' – its nickname due to the city's location between two large harbours which are crammed with yachts. The harbour area has been attractively renovated and is full of interesting shops, restaurants and cafés.

- 1300 hrs** Early afternoon, check into the hotel where the entire group will be accommodated for two nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

KINGSGATE HOTEL
100 Gladstone Road
Parnell
AUCKLAND

Tel: (00 64) (09) 377 3619
Fax: (00 64) (09) 303 3716

You may want to use the coach to transfer you down to the Auckland Domain for a couple of hours training. Remainder of the day at leisure to sightsee. You will no doubt want to find a large screen to watch the big game taking place in Wellington this evening: **NEW ZEALAND v AUSTRALIA**

SUNDAY 08 AUGUST

- 0930 hrs** Transfer to Massey Rugby Club grounds, Granville Road, Massey.
- 1100 hrs** **MASSEY HIGH SCHOOL v EPSOM COLLEGE U-18 XV**
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- 1230 hrs** Following the games there will be an opportunity to socialise, exchange memorabilia, etc.
1400 hrs Transfer back to your hotel. Arrive back at the Kingsgate Hotel, where you will have the rest of the day to continue exploring Auckland.

MONDAY 09 AUGUST

- 1030 hrs** Checking out of the hotel, you will be collected by coach and have the remainder of the morning and early afternoon available for sightseeing en route to HAMILTON (driving time approximately 2 hrs).
- 1530 hrs** Arrive in Hamilton where you will meet your first hosts from **ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL** who will billet the students for two nights.

The staff will be accommodated at the Ambassador Motor Inn for these two nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

AMBASSADOR MOTOR INN
86 Ulster St
HAMILTON

Tel: (00 64) (07) 839 5111
Fax: (00 64) (07) 839 5104

TUESDAY 10 AUGUST

- 0800 hrs** Staff will transfer to the school to meet the boys.
0830 hrs Students will be brought into school by hosts, following which you will no doubt wish to organise a training session before heading out to sightsee locally.
1300 hrs Return to school after lunch in time to prepare for your next fixtures.
1430 hrs **ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL v EPSOM COLLEGE U-17 XV**
1500 hrs **ST PAUL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL v EPSOM COLLEGE U-18 XV**
1700 hrs Socialise with your opposition following the games, following which students will disperse with hosts to their homes. Staff will transfer back to the Ambassador Motor Inn.

WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST

- 0800 hrs** Staff will check out of their accommodation and transfer to the school to meet the boys.
0830 hrs Students will be assembled at school with hosts when you will then say 'goodbye'.
0900 hrs Depart St Paul's Collegiate School.
 Drive the short distance to ROTORUA (approximately 2 hrs) – nicknamed 'Sulphur City' as it has the most energetic thermal activity in the country with bubbling mud pools, gurgling hot springs and gushing geysers.
1045 hrs Arrive in Rotorua and make your way to the Agrodome.
1100 hrs The show starts at the Agrodome which is an entertaining Farm Show which includes sheep shearing demonstrations.
1230 hrs After the show transfer to Rainbow Springs where you will be able to pick up some lunch.
1430 hrs Enjoy a **prepaid** visit to *Te Puia* Thermal Reserve to see the mud pools, steaming hot springs and the famous *Pohutu* Geyser which erupts at least once an hour, shooting hot water 20 metres into the air.
1700 hrs Check in to the Princes Gate Hotel where the entire group will be accommodated for the next two nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

PRINCES GATE HOTEL

1057 Arawa Street

ROTORUA

Tel: (00 64) (07) 348 1179

Fax: (00 64) (07) 348 6215

This evening, you might like to organise a visit to the Polynesian Spa with its hot mineral bathing (normally open until 2300 hrs).

THURSDAY 12 AUGUST

- Today, you might like to consider pre-booking a Jetboat ride on Lake Rotorua.
1800 hrs You will be collected by the Guide who will accompany you to your **prepaid** excursion to a Maori *Hangi*. This is a feast with food cooked underground in the traditional Maori way, followed by a performance of Maori song and dance.
2200 hrs Arrive back at the Princes Gate Hotel.

FRIDAY 13 AUGUST

- 1000 hrs** Breakfast. Check out of the Princes Gate Hotel.
- 1030 hrs** Transfer to HAWKES BAY (driving time approximately 3 hrs 30 mins) with a stop at Lake Taupo for lunch at leisure.
- 1515 hrs** Arrive LINDISFARNE COLLEGE in HASTINGS where students will be introduced to hosts who will billet them for the next three nights.
The staff will be accommodated at the Cumberland Court Motel for these three nights on a bed and breakfast basis:

CUMBERLAND COURT MOTEL
Cnr Omaha & Maraekakaho Roads
HASTINGS

Tel: (00 64) (06) 878 6190
Fax: (00 64) (06) 878 6490.

Hawkes Bay is an agricultural and major wine producing area and has stunning coastal scenery. The busy cities of Napier and Hastings are situated in this area and were rebuilt after an earthquake in 1931 and re-created in the Art Deco style.

SATURDAY 14 AUGUST

Students will spend the day at leisure with host families.

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

- 1000 hrs** Students will spend the day with host families during which they will be assembled at the school in time to meet the staff and prepare for their next fixtures.
- 1200 hrs** **LINDISFARNE COLLEGE v EPSOM COLLEGE U-17 XV**
- 1315 hrs** **LINDISFARNE COLLEGE v EPSOM COLLEGE U-18 XV**
- 1500 hrs** Following the games and no doubt an opportunity to socialise, exchange memorabilia, etc, the students will disperse with hosts to their homes.

MONDAY 16 AUGUST

- 0730 hrs** Staff will check out of their hotel and transfer to the school to meet the boys.
- 0800 hrs** The boys will arrive at school with their host.
- 0900 hrs** Bid farewell to your hosts. You will head south to PALMERSTON NORTH (driving time 3 hrs). There will be a stop arranged for lunch.
- 1530 hrs** On arrival in Palmerston North, meet up with your next hosts from **PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL** who will billet the students for two nights.
Staff will be accommodated in the Kingsgate Hotel for these two nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

KINGSGATE HOTEL
110 Fitzherbert Avenue
PALMERSTON NORTH

Tel: (00 64) (06) 356 8059
Fax: (00 64) (06) 356 8604

TUESDAY 17 AUGUST

- 0800 hrs** Staff will come to school to meet the boys.
- 0830 hrs** Students will be assembled at school when you will no doubt wish to organise a training session before heading out for sightseeing.
- 1230 hrs** Return to school after lunch in time to prepare for your next fixtures.
- 1430 hrs** **PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL v EPSOM COLLEGE U-18 XV**
- 1430 hrs** **PALMERSTON NORTH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL v EPSOM COLLEGE U-17 XV**
- 1600 hrs** Following the games and no doubt an opportunity for food and presentations, students will disperse with hosts to their homes. Staff will transfer back to the Kingsgate Hotel.

WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST

- 0800 hrs** Staff will check out of their accommodation and transfer to school this morning to collect the boys.
- 0830 hrs** The boys will arrive in school with their hosts.
- 0900 hrs** Bid farewell and transfer to WELLINGTON for the day (a journey of 2 hrs 30 mins).
- 1130 hrs** Arrive Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand. It's a lively city with plenty to see and do, being a centre for the arts as well as having a large selection of restaurants, shops and other attractions. You might like to consider a Stadium visit, the Kelburn Cable Car or a run up to the top of Mt Victoria.
A visit to Te Papa (Museum of New Zealand) is recommended. This is a unique leisure and entertainment complex which tells the history of New Zealand through interactive rides, film exhibits and computer technology. The 'virtual' activities include bungy jumping, jetboating, shearing and earthquake.
Check into the Kingsgate Hotel for one night on a bed and breakfast basis.

KINGSGATE HOTEL
24 Hawkestone Street
WELLINGTON

Tel: (00 64) (04) 473 2208
Fax: (00 64) (04) 473 3892

THURSDAY 19 AUGUST

- After breakfast check out of your rooms and assemble in reception.
- 0800 hrs** You will be collected by coach and transferred to WELLINGTON AIRPORT where you will also say goodbye to your Driver.
- 0830 hrs** Latest check-in time for Air New Zealand flight **NZ418** to AUCKLAND.
- 1000 hrs** Depart WELLINGTON (duration 1 hr).
- 1100 hrs** Arrive Auckland Airport where you will walk from the Domestic Terminal across to the International Terminal.
- 1300 hrs** Depart Auckland on Air New Zealand flight **NZ046** to RAROTONGA.
Flight duration 3 hrs 50 mins during which you will cross the International Date Line.

WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST (again!)

- 1850 hrs** Arrive Rarotonga Airport where you will clear Immigration and Passport Control, collect your luggage and pass through Customs before being met and transferred to the hotel where the entire group will be accommodated for the final three nights of the tour on a bed and tropical buffet breakfast basis.

EDGEWATER RESORT
PO Box 121
RAROTONGA
Cook Islands

www.edgewater.co.ck

Tel: (00 682) 25435
Fax: (00 682) 25475

Your resort is on a white sand beach opposite a lagoon and surrounded by tropical gardens with facilities which include two restaurants and bars, swimming pool, tennis courts and water sports.

THURSDAY 19 AUGUST (again!)

- Morning at leisure to relax by the pool or on the beach.
- 1500 hrs** This afternoon, you will be collected by coach and transferred to the Arorangi Fields for your final fixtures.
- 1600 hrs** **ARORANGI / TAKUVAINE v EPSOM COLLEGE U-17 XV**
- 1700 hrs** **ARORANGI / TAKUVAINE v EPSOM COLLEGE U-18 XV**

Following the games, you will join your opposition for refreshments and speeches before being transferred back to the hotel.

FRIDAY 20 AUGUST

Breakfast.

1000 hrs You will be collected for the Captain Tama's Lagoon Cruise which includes lunch on Koromiri Island and an opportunity for snorkelling.

Arrive back at the hotel this afternoon.

Enjoy your final evening on tour together – no doubt by organising an end of tour dinner.

SATURDAY 21 AUGUST

You will need to check out of your rooms mid morning but some rooms will be held over until late afternoon to allow you to store luggage, shower and change, etc.

This morning you may like to take a local bus into town to visit the market before returning to enjoy your last few hours by the pool or on the beach.

1800 hrs Check out of the rooms held over.

2130 hrs You will be collected by coach and transferred to RAROTONGA AIRPORT.

2200 hrs Latest check-in time for Air New Zealand flight **NZ018** to LOS ANGELES.

Cook Islands Departure Tax of NZ\$55.00 per person is payable locally on departure. This has been prepaid and our local ground handler will provide you with Departure Tax Stamps prior to check-in.

2359 hrs Depart RAROTONGA.
Overnight in flight (9 hrs 31 mins)

Make sure that you have all completed your American Visa Waiver on line.

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

1230 hrs Arrive Los Angeles Airport where you will be in transit for 4 hrs before connecting with your onward flight. During this time, you will need to clear US Immigration, collect your luggage and pass through Customs before handing your bags back in at the Transfer Desk. You will then make your way out of the building, up the escalator to your right and then back through Security and Immigration to reach the Departure Lounge.

1630 hrs Depart Los Angeles on Air New Zealand flight **NZ002** to LONDON.
Overnight in flight (duration 10 hrs 30 mins).

MONDAY 23 AUGUST

1100 hrs Arrive London Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1, where you will clear UK Immigration and Passport Control, collect your luggage and pass through Customs before dispersing for home (*own arrangements for getting to/from Heathrow Airport*).

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