

## IRT INTER DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIP 2019




The **IRT Inter Dominion Championship 2019** returns to New Zealand for the first time since 2011. Last held at Alexandra Park in 2011 (transferred from Christchurch after the devastating earthquake of 22 February 2011), the Auckland Trotting Club's Inter Dominion carnival spans four nights of harness racing.






The first round of heats commence on Friday 29 November 2019, further heats on Tuesday 3 and Friday 6 December with the Grand Finals on Saturday 14 December.

An Inter Dominion series is being held for both Pacers and Trotters this year at Auckland's 1000 metre Alexandra Park track which boasts excellent on course facilities for patrons.

### TOUR ITINERARY

<p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p><b><u>17 NIGHT TOUR STARTS TODAY:</u></b></p> <p>On arrival at Auckland Airport you will be met &amp; transferred to your hotel.</p> <p>This evening we will host a Welcome Dinner at the Rydges Auckland.</p> <p>Please meet in the lobby bar at 7.00pm for a Welcome Drink, followed by a 2-course dinner (main &amp; dessert) in The Cut Restaurant from 7.30pm.</p>
<p>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p>Enjoy a morning exploring Auckland at your leisure.</p> <p>Late afternoon you will be transferred to the Auckland Trotting Club, Alexandra Park for the first round of Inter Dominion heats. Both Trotters and Pacers heats will be mobile 2,200 metre events (random barrier draw). Three Pacers heats (\$30,000) and two Trotters heats (\$20,000) will be run tonight.</p> <p>Watch the racing from the comfort of the Tasman Room with uninterrupted views overlooking the home straight and winning post. Admission, race book, buffet dinner and selected drinks (beer, wine and soft drinks) are included throughout the evening.</p> <p>At the completion of the racing you will be transferred back to your hotel.</p> 

<p>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p>A change in emphasis today where we take in a premier day's thoroughbred racing at the Auckland Racing Club's Ellerslie racecourse.</p> <p>It's Eagle Technology Stakes Day where we indulge in a three course/buffet lunch in the Silks Restaurant overlooking the picturesque racetrack.</p> <p>At the completion of the racing you will be transferred back to your hotel.</p> <div data-bbox="1241 235 1485 358" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</p>	<p>This morning enjoy a city sights tour of Auckland including the water front, Mission Bay, Michael Savage Memorial, past the Rose gardens, Parnell, Auckland Museum, through Newmarket, over the harbour bridge and back, around the Wynyard quarter, and then past the sky tower etc.</p> <p>The rest of the day is at your leisure.</p> <div data-bbox="1174 465 1485 658" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</p>	<p>Today we initially head for Pukekohe to visit the training hub of northern harness racing at the Auckland Trotting Club's facility at Franklin Park.</p> <p>After leaving Pukekohe, we will call into New Zealand Bloodstock's Karaka Sales Complex to view this world class facility consisting of selling arena, stabling, vet clinic, offices and boardroom.</p> <p>Departing Karaka we travel to Waiau Pa for our lunch stop and visit one of New Zealand's leading Standardbred stud farms – Alabar NZ whose property overlooks Manukau Harbour.</p> <p>After enjoying a bakery lunch and tea &amp; coffee, we have an opportunity to view the stallion's resident at Alabar NZ including He's Watching, Ultimate Machete, Sir Lincoln, Majestic Son and Peak as well as mares with their foals.</p> <p>Return to your Auckland based accommodation late afternoon.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</p>	<p>Enjoy a morning at leisure.</p> <p>Late afternoon transfer to Auckland Trotting Club, Alexandra Park for the second round of Inter Dominion heats. Both Trotters and Pacers heats will be mobile 1,700 metre events (random barrier draw). Three Pacers heats (\$30,000) and two Trotters heats (\$20,000) will be run tonight.</p> <p>Admission, race book, buffet dinner and selected drinks (beer, wine and soft drinks) are included throughout the evening in the Top of the Park Restaurant tonight with uninterrupted views overlooking the home straight and winning post.</p> <p>At the completion of the racing you will be transferred back to your hotel.</p> <div data-bbox="1230 1249 1465 1402" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>This morning we will be transferred to the New Zealand Maritime Museum for a fascinating glimpse into our wonderful relationship with the sea as explorers and every day New Zealanders.</p> <p>After our guided tour we will enjoy lunch at the Auckland Harbour front. Soul Bar &amp; Restaurant – Main Dining Area - 3 Course Set Menu + drinks at own expense</p> <p>You will be transferred back to your hotel for an afternoon at your leisure.</p> <div data-bbox="1082 1637 1485 1861" data-label="Image"> </div>

<p>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Today we will visit the award winning Kauri Museum to learn the story of our pioneering settlers through the lens of our Kauri industry.</p> <p>Enjoy lunch at the Gumdiggers Café before returning to Auckland city.</p> <p><b><u>10 NIGHT TOUR STARTS TODAY:</u></b></p> <p>On arrival at Auckland Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day will be at your leisure.</p> 
<p>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Enjoy a morning at your leisure. You might like to visit Sea Life, Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium or the Sky Tower today. <b>OPTIONAL</b> Tours.</p>  <p>Late afternoon transfer to Alexandra Park for the third round of Inter Dominion heats.</p> <p>Both Trotters and Pacers heats will be mobile 2,700 metre events (random barrier draw). Three Pacers heats (\$30,000) and two Trotters heats (\$20,000) will be run tonight. Other feature races on tonight's programme include Caduceus Club Northern Breeders Stakes – Pacing Mares (\$30,000), Northern 3yo Pacing Stakes and NZ Sires Stakes 3yo Pacing Fillies heat.</p>  <p><b>ALEXANDRA</b> — PARK —</p> <p>Admission, race book, buffet dinner and selected drinks (beer, wine and soft drinks) are included throughout the evening in the Tasman Room tonight with uninterrupted views overlooking the home straight and winning post.</p> <p>At the completion of the racing you will be transferred back to your hotel.</p>
<p>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Today we will experience Auckland's spectacular West Coast beaches and native bush on this full day tour. The driver will tailor the trip to the group and on the day, they are flexible and will work in with the weather and traffic to make it as best as possible.</p>  <p>Enjoy a buffet lunch at Soljans Winery (a selection of wine will be provided for the table).</p>
<p>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p><b>OPTIONAL</b> Function: The Barrier Draws for both the Pacers and Trotters Grand Finals will be held today (likely as a brunch). Please provide an expression of interest for this event. Further details to follow.</p> <p>The opportunity to visit the NZ Trotting Hall of Fame will be available prior to this <b>OPTIONAL</b> function.</p>
<p>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Depart your hotel in Auckland this morning and travel to Hamilton. Your hotel room in Auckland will be retained, so there is no need to check out of your room today.</p>  <p>Enjoy a guided tour of the Hamilton Gardens followed by a picnic lunch in the Renaissance Gallery</p> <p>This afternoon take a relaxing cruise on the Waikato River Explorer before checking into your Hamilton hotel.</p> <p>Tonight we will enjoy a group dinner at the Novotel Tainui. Three Course Set Menu (alternate drop), including beverage package.</p>

<p>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Departing Hamilton after breakfast, we travel first to Ohaupo on the northern outskirts of Te Awamutu to visit Breckon Farms, the 250 acre property of Ken and Karen Breckon (previously Yarndley Farms, owned by prominent breeder Sandy Yarndley and wife Jan).</p> <p>This magnificent property is home to some of the finest harness racing stock in Australasia including broodmares, weanlings, yearlings and race horses.</p> <p>Leaving Breckon Farms we travel to Otorohanga, our lunch stop for today (included).</p> <p>This afternoon we will visit the Otorohanga Kiwi House for a 1 hour fully guided tour giving you a chance to see kiwi up close &amp; active in specialised nocturnal/moonlit enclosures.</p> <p>Travel back to Auckland city for an evening at your leisure.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Travel by ferry to Waiheke Island.</p> <p>You will visit an award-winning olive oil mill, followed by two vineyards, each offering a range of gourmet tastes to accompany their wines. Treats may include oysters straight from Te Matuku Bay, wild honey, the famous local green herb spread and artisan cheeses.</p> <p>Enjoy a lunch at Stoneyridge Vineyard before some free time to explore Oneroa Village, then take the ferry back to Auckland City for an evening at your leisure.</p>	
<p>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>This morning travel by coach to Devonport for a day exploring the harbourside suburb.</p> <p>Take a walk to the summit of Mt Victoria for views of the Auckland City skyline, explore the NZ Navy Museum, or browse the shops on Victoria Road before enjoying lunch (at own expense).</p> <p>Take the ferry back to Auckland City Centre for an evening at your leisure (ferry ticket included).</p>	
<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Enjoy a day at leisure.</p> <p>This evening enjoy a Pre Grand Final Dinner at the Rydges Auckland, including 3 Course Set Menu and 3 hour deluxe beverage package.</p>	
<p>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Late afternoon transfer to Alexandra Park for Australasian Harness Racing's most prestigious event, the IRT Inter Dominion Championship Finals.</p> <p>The Pacers Grand Final (\$500,000) will be run over the mobile 2,700 metre journey together with the Consolation of \$50,000. The Trotters Grand Final (\$150,000) will also be run over the mobile 2700 metre journey. Other feature races on Grand Finals evening include Rosslands Queen of Hearts – Fillies and Mares (\$100,000), Peter Breckon Memorial Caduceus Club Stakes – 3yo Fillies (\$100,000) and Alabar 3yo Classic (\$50,000).</p> <p>Admission, race book, buffet meal and selected drinks (beer, wine and soft drinks) are included throughout the evening's proceedings in the Tasman Room with uninterrupted views overlooking the home straight and winning post.</p> <p>At the completion of the racing you will be transferred back to your hotel.</p>	
<p>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>Today you will check out of your Auckland hotel and be transferred back to Auckland Airport for your flight home.</p>	



# AUCKLAND ACCOMMODATION

## **AUCKLAND HARBOUR RESIDENCES**

16 Gore Street, Auckland 1010

<https://www.oakshotels.com/en/auckland-harbour-residences>

Auckland Harbour Residences has 150 rooms boasting sweeping views of the Waitemata Harbour and Auckland City. Take a short stroll to the Viaduct Harbour and Auckland's stunning waterfront which boasts an array of renowned restaurants and bars.

Centrally located on the corner of Fort and Gore Streets, this modern complex contains 37 levels consisting of deluxe queen, one and two bedroom apartments, each with free WiFi, full kitchens and laundry facilities. Guests enjoy full use of the onsite gymnasium and heated outdoor pool.

**Studio Apartment:** Ideal for singles and couples, Studios feature a full kitchen, laundry facilities and Wi-Fi access. All bathrooms feature a shower over bath.



**1 Bedroom City View Apartment:** One Bedroom City View Apartments are spacious and feature full kitchen and laundry facilities, a separate living area and Wi-Fi access. All bathrooms feature a shower over bath.



## **RYDGES HOTEL AUCKLAND**

59 Federal Street, Auckland 1010

<https://www.rydges.com/accommodation/new-zealand/auckland/>

New Zealand's premiere Auckland accommodation is a vibrant mix of London sophistication, Sydney cool and New York style. The trademark warm Kiwi hospitality is just an added bonus at Rydges Auckland Hotel! Situated in close proximity to the city centre and a short stroll to the Viaduct Harbour, it is an excellent choice in CBD accommodation.

**Deluxe City View King or Twin Rooms:** Unlimited high-speed WI-FI is included with this stylishly designed Deluxe Room with views across Auckland city, this is complemented with a luxurious Dream bed with layered triple sheeting, feather and down duvets and sublime slumber pillows, plus an all tiled chic designed ensuite which includes a complimentary range of personal amenities.



## HAMILTON ACCOMMODATION

### **NOVOTEL TAINUI HAMILTON**

7 Alma Street, Hamilton 3204

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-2159-novotel-hamilton-tainui/index.shtml>

The perfect base for your Waikato holiday, Novotel Hamilton Tainui. Located on the banks of the Waikato River, it's an easy stroll to attractions and activities such as SkyCity Hamilton casino and Waikato Stadium.

**Superior Room:** A spacious room with ensuite bath or shower, river or city views, complimentary health centre access, work area, TV, internet access, safe and more.



# 17 NIGHT TOUR: TIGER TARA

Thursday 28th November to Sunday 15th December 2019

## Package includes:

- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- 16 nights' twin share accommodation as per the itinerary (single supplement available)
- 1 night accommodation at Novotel Tainui, Hamilton, Standard Room, including breakfast
- Admission, racebook, dinner and drinks at five Inter Dominion race meets
- Official Inter Dominion Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- Auckland City Sightseeing Tour
- Visits to ATC Franklin Park, NZ Bloodstock's Karaka Sales Complex, Alabar NZ and Breckon Farms
- Entrance to the New Zealand Maritime Museum, followed by lunch on Auckland Waterfront
- Day Trip to Kauri Museum
- Full Day Tour to Auckland's Spectacular West Coast bush & beaches, including winery lunch
- Overnight tour to Hamilton, including lunch in the Hamilton Gardens, Waikato River Explorer Cruise and group dinner at hotel
- Guided tour of Otorohanga Kiwi House
- Full Day Tour to Waiheke Island, including winery lunch
- Day trip to Devonport, with one-way ferry included

## Not included in Itinerary:

- International Flights \* *Airfares are additional*
- Lunches /dinner (unless specified)
- Any incidental room charges
- Any additional taxes

### **AUCKLAND HARBOUR RESIDENCES – STUDIO ROOM**

**NZD\$5,315.00 per person** – based on twin/double share

**NZD\$7,130.00 per person** – based on single occupancy

### **AUCKLAND HARBOUR RESIDENCES – 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT**

**NZD\$5,425.00 per person** – based on twin/double share

**NZD\$7,265.00 per person** – based on single occupancy

### **RYDGES AUCKLAND – DELUXE ROOM (ROOM ONLY\*)**

**NZD\$5,530.00 per person** – based on twin/double share

**NZD\$7,525.00 per person** – based on single occupancy

\*Breakfast rates are available on request at Rydges Auckland

# 10 NIGHT TOUR: OUR UNCLE SAM

Thursday 5th to Sunday 15th December 2019

## Package includes:

- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- 9 nights' twin share accommodation as per the itinerary (single supplement available)
- 1 night accommodation at Novotel Tainui, Hamilton, Standard Room, including breakfast
- Admission, racebook, dinner and drinks at two Inter Dominion race meets
- Official Inter Dominion Farewell Dinner
- Full Day Tour to Auckland's Spectacular West Coast bush & beaches, including winery lunch
- Overnight tour to Hamilton, including lunch in the Hamilton Gardens, Waikato River Explorer Cruise, group dinner at hotel and a visit to Breckon Farms
- Guided tour of Otorohanga Kiwi House
- Full Day Tour to Waiheke Island, including winery lunch
- Day trip to Devonport, with one-way ferry included

## Not included in Itinerary:

- International Flights \* *Airfares are additional*
- Lunches /dinner (unless specified)
- Any incidental room charges
- Any additional taxes

### **AUCKLAND HARBOUR RESIDENCES – STUDIO ROOM**

**NZD\$3,025.00 per person** – based on twin/double share

**NZD\$4,090.00 per person** – based on single occupancy

### **AUCKLAND HARBOUR RESIDENCES – 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT**

**NZD\$3,035.00 per person** – based on twin/double share

**NZD\$4,115.00 per person** – based on single occupancy

### **RYDGES AUCKLAND – DELUXE ROOM (ROOM ONLY\*)**

**NZD\$3,145.00 per person** – based on twin/double share

**NZD\$4,315.00 per person** – based on single occupancy

\*Breakfast rates are available on request at Rydges Auckland

Please Note: Prices for the Inter Dominion Finals Weekend are available upon request.



# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

**Prices are subject to availability at the time of booking. All prices have been quoted in New Zealand Dollars.**

Please note that all costs are based on payment by cash, cheque or bank deposit. If you wish to pay by credit card there is an additional charge of 2% for VISA and MasterCard and 4% for Amex and Diners.

## **BOOKING PROCEDURES**

Please complete the attached booking form and return it to the mailing address shown. Alternatively, you may wish to call our office during business hours on the numbers shown below to make your booking, or secure your place by visiting the Registration Page on our website.

## **DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS:**

A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required at time of booking to secure your place on this tour. The final balance must be paid no later than 30 September 2019.

## **CANCELLATIONS:**

Deposits are non refundable. For cancellations received after 30 September 2019 additional cancellation fees may be imposed by hotels and other tour providers.

## **PRICES AND CURRENCY:**

Prices have been based on current availability and have been based on a minimum of 40 people travelling together. If there is any variation in the number of attendees, the package prices will be adjusted accordingly. Pricing is based on selected hotels. Hotels are subject to availability at time of reservation. Confirmation of hotel/s will be confirmed once deposit paid.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Holland Clarke & Beatson strongly recommend taking out travel insurance, and can assist with a quote/policy. Holland Clarke & Beatson use Allianz Travel Insurance.

## **AIRFARES:**

Airfares are not included in these Land Only Package prices and will be additional to the prices quoted. Airfare prices are available upon application.

## **DRESS CODE:**

Dress code applicable to ALL Racing Hospitality Areas: Smart casual dress required.

Strictly no shorts, jeans, denim, singlets, jandals or collarless shirts will be accepted in any shared hospitality area.

## **TASMAN ROOM/TOP OF THE PARK HOSPITALITY PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

Package Includes:

- Drink on arrival
- Full all-you-can-eat Christmas themed buffet, featuring a carvery, hot dishes and a spectacular array of fresh seafood, salads and vegetable dishes.
- A selection of premium still and sparkling New Zealand wines, international & domestic beers and non-alcoholic beverages
- Race Book & pen
- Live racing action, with betting facilities in the room
- Spot prizes and a visit from Santa

**OPTIONAL TOURS: –**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Kelly Tarltons Sea Life – General Admission Entrance with return hotel transfers:**

**Additional Cost: NZD\$45.00 per person**

Opened in 1985 by New Zealand underwater adventurer Kelly Tarlton, Sea Life Kelly Tarlton's is one of the top things to do in Auckland with kids or without! Situated just outside Auckland CBD, Sea Life Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium houses thousands of marine animals from hundreds of species, including sharks, penguins, turtles, stingrays, seahorses, fish and much, much more. It is also home to the largest penguin colony in the Southern Hemisphere and is New Zealand's only turtle rescue centre!

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Sky Tower – Sky Tower Admission with return hotel transfers:**

**Additional Cost: NZD\$45.00 per person**

The Sky Tower has stood tall at 328 meters as an icon of Auckland's sky line for 20 years. It's an exciting hub of adrenaline activities, superb dining and breath-taking views. View the city from 220 metres high above street level. Panoramic 360° views up to 80 kilometres in every direction. Spot key landmarks, volcanoes and other historical locations within the greater Auckland area.