

Project2023's

Female Football Tour of New Zealand April 2023

Tour Information Sheet

Project2023 has selected FFI Sports Tours, in collaboration with NZ Sports Tours, to be our tour leaders for the upcoming April 2023 Female Football Tour of New Zealand.

Past presentations about this tour have included general information from a host of potential tour providers. The information contained below is specific to the actual tour itinerary from FFI Sports Tours from their tender winning proposal.

Contact details for parties that have expressed interest in the tour have been provided to FFI Sports Tours so that they can begin the process of collecting deposits and securing the requested lodging in Auckland and Rotorua. **Please await further instructions from FFI Sports Tours before making payments.** However, it is expected that the deposits will be collected by the end of July 2022.

As a reminder, travel insurance and flights are not included in the tour costs. Please liaise with FFI Sports Tours prior to securing your flights and insurance. If you require assistance, FFI Sports Tours can assist you in finding a flight and insurance provider. Also, FFI Sports Tours have included Airport transfers to/from Auckland Airport on the first and last days of the tour. Therefore it is important that they are fully aware of your flight schedules. These transfers are not included if you arrive early or stay later than the tour dates, however FFI Sports may be able to assist you with further arrangements at an extra cost.

As the last night's tour hotel accommodation is in Rotorua, it is strongly encouraged that any flights home from Auckland Airport on Sunday 16th April 2023 are booked after midday where possible. FFI Sports Tours will ensure adequate transport to Auckland and the Auckland Airport is provided, however as stated above, it is best to confirm your flight arrangements in advance with FFI.

With the selected tour, the costs for supporters and players are the same and as per the table provided. The final costs vary based on the type of hotel room provided. They also vary depending on the final number of paying members that join the tour. Our member survey indicates that our interest in the tour is at the higher level and therefore the lowest pricing. However, everyone that indicated interest must sign up for the tour, otherwise the final pricing

may be higher as indicated in the table. FFI Sports Tours will track the number of paying members and adjust their final billing to suit. This information will also be monitored by Project2023 and communicated to you to ensure that our members receive the lowest possible final cost.

Hotel accommodation is nominally to be provided by the Novotel Hotel Auckland/Ellerslie which is on a main train line with services into downtown Auckland. In Rotorua, the Novotel Rotorua in the proposed schedule may no longer be able to provide accommodation. FFI Sports Tours have provided additional information in the attached document regarding proposed Rotorua lodging. **However, Hotel arrangements are subject to availability after deposits are paid.** Details specific to your needs/requirements can be provided by FFI Sports Tours.

FFI Sports Tours will be retaining bus services throughout all days of the trip. Therefore, there will be opportunities for buses to make trips to/from tourist areas when the demand arises. However, the buses will not be acting as personal taxis for one off trips here and there and will more likely be on a pre arranged time schedule for larger groups.

Additional LFC Members and Supporters can still join the tour. It is not too late to sign up and we encourage you to reach out to your friends and teammates to encourage them to join you. We will field squads between the G10 age level all the way up to and including the O35 Women. **You do not need to know your 2023 team in order to sign up.** Final squads for the tour will be determined at a later date after deposits are paid and total numbers of playing members from each age group are known.

As this sports tour is not chaperoned, minors are not allowed to travel on the tour by themselves. There must be a responsible adult traveling with every minor child. If you intend for your minor child to join the tour, you must arrange another touring adult to look after and be responsible for your child for the duration of the tour, inclusive of flights to/from New Zealand. This can be another parent in the team, the team manager, etc. FFI Sports Tours will need to know who the responsible adult is for every minor child included on the tour.

AmEx payments have been added by FFI Sports Tours as we had previous member queries for travel insurance purposes, however, they include additional surcharges. Please liaise directly with FFI Sports Tours with any questions related to your intended payment methods.

FFI Sports tours have included some information regarding how funds are held, refunds and payments. We encourage you to become familiar with this information and to arrange travel insurance to meet your needs. In the post Covid world we live in, it is harder and harder to find fully refundable, no risk travel. However, Project2023 believes that FFI Sports Tours has our members interests at heart, and will do their best shall cancellations become necessary in the future.

We encourage all members to check their passport/visa validity dates and to act soon if these will expire in 2023 or sooner. As each individual's travel documentation and entry requirements

for New Zealand can vary, early action is best to avoid a last minute rush and disappointment. FFI Sports Tours can provide assistance if there are any tour specific questions related to New Zealand travel.

Tour Provider Background:

FFI Sports Tours (FFI ST) in collaboration with NZ Sports Tours outline their joint response to the tender document.

FFI Sports Tours has been operating in Australia since 2008, under the Directorship of Seb van der Vliet. FFI Sports Tours are a specialized Football Company operating from Sydney, World Wide.

They have catered for Girls and Boys International Schools Squads, State Institute Squads, as well as School Teams, NPL and Community Clubs. Their Tours have seen players and parent/supporters travel to countries in Europe, predominantly the UK/Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Holland, Belgium and Italy. In North/South America to USA, Canada, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. Within Asia, Singapore, China, Malaysia, Japan and South Korea. Within Oceania, Fiji, Samoa and New Zealand. A brief outline of female groups who have travelled with FFI ST are: Australian School Girls, Football NSW, Capital Football (ACTAS at the time) Newcastle Jets, North Shore Mariners, Gold Coast United, Koalas and Olympic FC (TAS). Individual Tours have been tailor made for these groups, including attendance at the Canada 2015 and France 2019 World Cups.

NZ Sports Tours has been operating since 1992, under the Directorship of Don Warner. Don is an experienced 'inbound' Tour operator handling numerous groups from Australia and other countries, in a variety of sports, such as Rugby, Cricket and Football. NZ Sports Tours is a family business. Specialized training options, sightseeing, culture, particularly the Maori Heritage are all incorporated in a typical Tour.

Don has a long background in Sport where he played and coached to a District level. His knowledge of his favourite sports – Rugby, Football, Cricket, Squash and Golf is without question and backed with his love of his country he offers a wonderful opportunity for incoming groups to play quality, similar standards teams, backed with a real taste of "Kiwi Hospitality."

Tour Itinerary:

Proposed Tour Schedule (subject to confirmation)

Sat 8 th Apr	Depart Sydney for Auckland, on arrival transfer to the Hotel. Welcome Dinner and Guest Speaker (Tom Sermanni)
Sun 9 th Apr	Morning training session with Tom Sermanni and staff. In the afternoon, visit sky tower for breath taking views of Auckland (TBC)
Mon 10 th Apr	Game Day 1 v Auckland United FC
Tues 11 th Apr	Recovery Training session with Tom Sermanni and staff Optional Adults wine Tour, players pm TBC, visit snow planet or flying fox (some restrictions in place for flying fox)
Wed 12 th Apr	Game Day 2 v Northern Rovers FC
Thurs 13 th Apr	Game Day 3 v Western Springs
Fri 14 th Apr	Full day at leisure in Hobbiton and transfer onto Rotorua
Sat 15 th Apr	Game Day 4 v WaiBOP Football Federation select squads, in the evening enjoy a Maori Cultural Experience with Dinner
Sun 16 th Apr	Optional Kaituna Cascades White Water Rafting TBC (with some restrictions), once flights are confirmed. Alternative options maybe Skyline Gondola & Luge rides. (or split on preferences) Transfer to Auckland. Those wishing to extend may leave the Tour at any time today.

Additional Football activities

If the opportunity, arises we will take interested parties to a Football game, once the draw for 2023 season is made, we would advise of any such opportunity. The additional costs would be advised in advance. (optional attendance)

Inclusions/Exclusions and Pricing:

The following inclusions apply:

- 6 nights Hotel Accommodation Novotel Auckland Ellerslie
- 2 nights Hotel Accommodation Novotel Rotorua
- Full Ground Transportation in airconditioned coaches as per itinerary
- Buffet Breakfast each day
- 4 Dinners on Tour, including Welcome Buffet and Farewell Hangi Dinner
- 2 Guest Speakers
- Excursion and entry to Hobbiton
- Maori Cultural experience
- Game, Referees and Training Fees

Exclusions

- Excess Baggage
- Lunches and dinners not shown
- Additional sightseeing not shown in inclusions
- Additional football activities
- Medical or Immunization Requirements
- Travel Insurance

Tour Costs

The Tour costs per family are as follows with all taxes included:

Number of anticipated passengers	150	151-200	201-250
Prices are per person in AUD\$'s			
Family of 2 people (1 Adult and 1 child u14)	\$1,730.00	\$1,645.00	\$1,555.00
2 Adults in a twin/double room	\$1,855.00	\$1,765.00	\$1,680.00
Family of 3 people (2 Adults and 1 child u14)	\$1,675.00	\$1,595.00	\$1,520.00
Or 1 adult and 2 children U14	\$1,590.00	\$1,510.00	\$1,440.00
Family of 4 people (2 Adults as above)	\$1,730.00	\$1,645.00	\$1,555.00
and 2 children u14 interconnecting rooms	\$1,795.00	\$1,705.00	\$1,575.00
Single Occupancy	\$2,595.00	\$2,490.00	\$2,365.00
Children U2 travel FOC on land			

Payment Information:

Direct Deposit Payment Details		Cheque Payment Details
Account Name: FFI Sports Tours BSB: 062-150 Account Number: 1043 7490 Bank: Commonwealth Bank		Please make cheque(s) payable to: FFI Sports Tours: Please post cheques to: FFI Sports Tours, 603/3 Foreshore Blvd, Woollooware, NSW 2230
Note: Payment reference to be: Surname, LF23		Note: Please use same reference as direct deposit
Credit Card Payments		
FFI Sports Tours can take credit card payments. Please ring Seb van der Vliet on 0415 891 753 to make a payment by credit card.		
Deposit Schedule: Initial deposit is due by 30 th July with the final payment due on 15 March 2023. This Tour payment can be made in a lump sum or by the suggested payment schedule as shown below.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	Initial Deposit per family 30 th July 2022 This will secure your place on the organised Tour.
<input type="checkbox"/>	TBC	15 September 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	TBC	15 November 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	TBC	15 January 2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	TBC	15 March 2023

Some Proposed Optional Extra Tour Activities:

Additional Non-Football activities

Half day sightseeing Tours options, West Coast Beaches (black sand), East Coast Beaches or over the North Shore. Transport costs are included in the package for this activity

Wine Tours

Waiheke Island (50min boat ride) full day tasting including lunch and ferry back. NZ\$280 pp
Half Day door to door in West Auckland NZ\$135 or full day including lunch NZ\$265

White water rafting experience

www.kaitunacascades.co.nz NZ\$85-\$95 per person.

Indoor snow experiences (many options)

www.snowplanet.co.nz price on application-numerous package options available

Adrenalin forest aerial obstacle course

www.adrenalin-forest.co.nz NZ\$50 adult, \$34 child u18 (restrictions guests + 1.40m, child u16 to be accompanied by an adult

Traditional Maori experience with Hangi (meal) Included in Tour Package

www.tamakimaorivillage.co.nz NZ\$130 adult, \$90 child (Child 5-15years)

Gondola & Luge Rides, zipline adventure Park

www.skyline.co.nz/rotorua NZ\$65 adult NZ\$45 child includes 4 Luge Rides Child 6-14years

Spa Bath Treatments

www.polynesianspa.co.nz price on application-numerous package options available

All additional sightseeing Tours need to be pre-booked prior to departure with FFI ST. Total numbers, names and payments for each event to be provided 4 weeks prior to the Tour departing

The Proposed Opposition:

Opposition CLUBS/FEDERATION

Auckland United FC was formed in 2020 after a joint venture between the neighbouring clubs of Three Kings United and Onehunga Sports FC and was approved by members in late 2019.

Three Kings United FC was formed in 1997, through the amalgamation of Eden FC and Mt Roskill FC. This amalgamation immediately created the largest football club in New Zealand and arguably the largest team sports club in New Zealand. The Club has achieved 2400 registered players with over 1900 of those under the age of 18. Overall, the Club engages with approximately 7,000 people in the Roskill, Eden and Mt Albert community.

Facilities: Keith Hay Park has 10 full sized fields and 6 mini fields for use.

Northern Rovers FC was formed in 2020, after the amalgamation of Forrest Hill Milford United and Glenfield Rovers.

Facilities: 4 full sized fields or 8 mini games ie 9v9

Western Springs The current club was formed in 1989, but its history stretches back to 1923 and the foundation of Comrades FC. This team amalgamated with Grey Lynn FC in 1952, briefly becoming Grey Lynn Comrades United, before renaming to Grey Lynn United in 1954. In 1986 this team combined with the New Zealand branch of the Celtic Supporters Club to form Grey Lynn Celtic. It was this team which combined with Point Chevalier AFC (founded 1943) to become Western Springs Association Football Club in 1989.

Facilities: There are 2 major locations for Football only, each can accommodate 4 full sized games or 8 mini games ie 9v9

WaiBOP Football Federation Waikato Bay of Plenty Football (WaiBOP) is the trading name of the Number 3 District Federation of NZ Football, one of seven district federations affiliated to the national body. Through their Development Officers games will be organized to suit the needs of the Lindfield squads. They are based in Hamilton and have satellite offices in Rotorua, Taupo, Tauranga and Whakatane.

Funds and Refund Policies:

All funds for the Tour will be held in the FFI Sports Tours bank account, until payment of services, are required, by the service providers. The Hotels deposit and cancellations policies are shown in the terms and conditions.

2.1. Refund policies

Airline, cancelation/refund policies will be provided prior to confirming the booking with a deposit. In the event of these not being suitable for the group an alternative airline would be offered. Hotel refunds policy is shown in the terms and conditions as provided by the Hotel, page

The cost of the Tour has been broken down into passenger numbers and prices are reflected by these as shown on page 6, above

Last minute cancellations will be viewed sympathetically by FFI ST and NZ ST. Travel Insurance should cover any unforeseen last-minute cancellations. Ideally, travel insurance to be taken should be from one particular Companies policy. This will make it easier to administer for all concerned. FFI ST can provide such a policy for review, at a later date, if they were successful in the tender.

Please refer to the additional information provided by FFI Sports Tours regarding refunds and deposits. Please note that refund amounts for cancellations may be subject to the number of late cancellations across the whole touring party and are not limited to just your party.