



# SPORTS PROJECTS: Coach & Play Hockey IN New Zealand

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### Welcome to New Zealand

**A must see destination!** This energetic country has an abundance of adrenaline fuelled outdoor activities that utilize the natural landscape, much of which is protected.

This is nature's adventure playground.... Amidst breathtaking scenery you'll find the best locations for bungee jumping, white water rafting, hiking up glaciers, hang-gliding off mountains, sailing across fiords, skiing down active volcano's, and swimming in thermal springs and geysers... you won't be disappointed!

With both Māori and European influences, New Zealand also has a unique cultural background making it a wonderfully diverse and welcoming country.



### Why Auckland?

Auckland is the gateway to New Zealand and a great place to start your travels. Water is at the heart of what has become New Zealand's most populated city, and it's position on a thin stretch of land tucked between two harbours encourages an active, outdoor lifestyle. The many yachts that sail through the harbours and across the adjoining Hauraki Gulf have led to Auckland's name as the 'City of Sails'. Auckland is incredibly picturesque, with a backdrop of extinct volcanoes looking out across the many islands clustered around the coast.



### THE HOCKEY PROJECT:

You'll work at a hockey club located in the suburbs of Auckland, just a short bus ride away from your accommodation.

There are excellent facilities and you'll coach a number of junior teams. You'll also have the opportunity to train, and possibly play for the senior men's or women's teams, if you get selected.

There are a number of junior teams at the club with children aged 5 - 12 and they are about 70+ junior players at the club. The teams at the club are as follows:

- 4: 5 - 9 year old teams
- 2: 10 - 12 year old teams
- 1 youth girls team 15 - 18 year olds



If you would also like to play hockey on this project, you can do this with a number of senior teams. There is a good mixture of standards at the clubs so there is something for everyone. The club are very strong in women's hockey and currently have a number of the national women's 'black sticks' ladies who play for them.

As well as training and playing for one of these teams, you may also be able to coach them if you're considered good enough. There are a number of senior teams that you can train with and play for:

- 2 men's teams
- 3 women's teams
- 1 youth girls team ( if you are 17 or 18 you can play with this team if you wish)

As the hockey project won't occupy all your time, during the daytime you'll work on the School Sports Project. Here you can coach hockey or a number of other sports for around 4-5 hours every day, leaving your evenings free to coach and train with the hockey team.

### THE HOCKEY SEASON & COACHING TIMES:

The hockey season runs from:

- Pre season: February – March
- Main Season: April - September

Coaching and training times are as follows:

- Juniors: 5:00 – 7:00 – Wednesday
- Seniors: Tuesday 7:00 - 8:00 Women, 8:00 - 9:00 Men

Games take place on the weekends during the season. The juniors play their game on Saturday morning where you will have the opportunity to coach a team putting everything you have taught them into practice on the field. In the afternoon or on Sunday, it will be your opportunity to play with the seniors. Out of season there will be no opportunity to play hockey at the club. During the school holidays there is no opportunity to coach hockey.



**Please note:** As a volunteer with Travellers you will not be expected to pay any fees to the club but you may be required to pay match fees if you play.

### POLICE CHECKS:

Within New Zealand Law it is compulsory for all volunteers who work with children to undergo a police check. These checks are done to ensure the safety of children in New Zealand.

The checks are a simple process and we will provide you with all the details of what identity you need to take with you. On your arrival in Auckland, our New Zealand manager will complete the checks with you and take you through the process. As soon as you have registered, you'll be allowed to start working with children.

The fee for the checks is included in your project price and we will ensure that you have all the relevant information before you come to New Zealand.



### ACCOMMODATION:

You'll be accommodated in a centrally located lodge that is friendly and relaxing, making it ideal for long-term stays. You may have your own room or you may share a room with other volunteers. There is an excellent kitchen and storage area for cooking meals and plenty of space to relax.

Entertainment at your accommodation includes cheap internet access and cable TV (Sky) as well as an outside balcony. You are literally a stroll from the Sky Tower, harbour and waterfront. Trains and buses are also only a few minutes away to take you to parts of Auckland and New Zealand or to the many other 'things to do'!

The city centre boasts great shopping, restaurants and pubs or head over to the viaduct for more pubs, nightclubs and multicultural cuisine.

### ARRIVAL: YOUR INDUCTION INTO THE COUNTRY

When you arrive you will be welcomed at the airport by our New Zealand Manager who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Auckland and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

## BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a must see destination – with its stunning scenery of rolling hills, beautiful mountains and amazing beaches it's no wonder New Zealand is one of the most popular places to visit in the world! New Zealand's most striking feature is its variety of landscapes, with great beaches, mountain ranges, big lakes, volcanoes and geysers. Tourism in New Zealand rose dramatically after the success of the Lord of the Rings Trilogy, filmed on location throughout New Zealand.

Auckland has a mixed climate. The hottest months are January and February where temperatures can frequently reach the mid to high 20's. Occasionally the weather can reach 30+ degrees.



## THE NEXT STEP

If you would like to join us on one of our exciting projects then please fill in either an online application form at our website ([www.travellersworldwide.com](http://www.travellersworldwide.com)) or one that is attached to our brochure. Once you have booked and confirmed your place we will send you detailed pack information regarding your placement and country.

**I do hope you join us and please do call or email if you have any questions at all about this or any of our other projects – 01903 502595 or email [info@travellersworldwide.com](mailto:info@travellersworldwide.com)**

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