



SPORTS PROJECTS: Coach & Play Baseball IN New Zealand

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 BASEBALL PROJECT:

You'll work at a baseball club located just a short bus ride away from your accommodation. The club we work with is the top club in Auckland and New Zealand and have won numerous national championships. The club has a large number of juniors that you will be able to work with. The junior teams have both boys and girls who play together.

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

The junior teams at the clubs fall under the following age groups:

- 5- 8s T Ball,
- U 10s 4 teams,
- U12s 6 teams,
- U14s 2 teams,
- U16s



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

THE BASEBALL SEASON & COACHING TIMES:

The baseball season runs from:

- October - Mid December
- Late January - mid March

Coaching and training times are between 4:30pm - 7:30pm and take place one afternoon/evening a week during the week days for both the seniors and juniors but if you wish to coach more then coaching sessions will be arranged for you by the club as they are keen for the children to receive extra coaching. Games take place on the weekends during the season.

The juniors play one Saturday morning - you'll have the opportunity to coach the junior team, putting everything you have taught them into practice on the field. On Sunday it will be your opportunity to play with the seniors. Out of season there will be no opportunity to play baseball at the club.



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) 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

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