DAY ONE

Bring your camera for your early morning round at Rotorua Golf Club, also known by its Māori name, Arikikapakapa, meaning ‘the gentle sound of plopping mud’. This is the world’s only indigenous geothermal golf course, with a number of bubbling mud pools and steam vents to be avoided. Morning rounds have the best chances of increased geothermal activity.

Continue your experience with local culture, enjoying captivating displays of traditional Māori weaponry and trying the fearsome haka at the famous Māori Arts and Crafts School Te Puia. Dine under the stars on indigenous cuisine in the midst of Te Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, with the Pohutu geyser and steam vents illuminated as a spectacular backdrop.

DAY TWO

An hour’s drive away, near Lake Taupō, is the manicured Wairakei Golf & Sanctuary. Set inside a predator-proof fence, Wairakei’s 18 holes are located on a parkland layout teeming with native birdlife – look out for signs of kiwi.

After your round, take an exhilarating ride on the Huka Falls jetboat, located just a few minutes from Wairakei’s 18th green. Spend the night in beautiful Taupō in one of the many lakeside accommodation options.

DAY THREE

We’ve saved New Zealand’s only Jack Nicklaus signature course for your last day. Yet, the Kinloch Club is unlike any other Nicklaus course you have ever seen; rustically set amongst the rolling hills of Taupō, it offers a unique golf experience with fescue grass, bumpy fairways, elevated greens, and views out to Lake Taupō.

Finish your trip with a chartered cruise on Lake Taupō, New Zealand’s largest freshwater lake. Throw a fishing line out to try and catch one of the local rainbow trout, then eat your fresh catch as sashimi, or cook it on the barbecue on board, as you admire the famous Maori Rock Carvings at sunset.