

# Hockey: Play the season in New Zealand

Duration: 23 weeks



## Overview

Experience the buzz of hockey New Zealand style. You'll join a Kiwi club, hand picked to suit your ability, and spend the season enjoying some fierce hockey and laid back fun. Get ready for loads of adventures with a group of new Sport Lived friends, plus your Kiwi team mates.

## Recommended for:

- Living in New Zealand all season long
- Improving your game in a kiwi club
- Exploring the wonders of New Zealand
- Boosting your CV with a part time job

## At a glance:

- Hand picked Kiwi hockey club
- Regular matches, training & social events
- 4-star fully furnished accommodation
- 24/7 mentor support throughout your stay

## Sporting adventures

The Season allows you to spend 6 months living, working and playing hockey in New Zealand. With so much time you can become fully integrated into overseas life, and explore the natural beauty and wonders of New Zealand. You have the chance to live in an amazing city where our centrally located 4-star accommodation puts you at the heart of the action.

## Prices and dates...

Location	Duration	From	To	Price
Christchurch	23 weeks	14/03/2011	21/08/2011	£ 4995

## FAQs

### 1. What type of visa do I need and what are the restrictions?

Most UK citizens aged 18-30 are eligible for a New Zealand Working Holiday Visa which enables holders to live and work in New Zealand for up to 12 months. It costs around £60 and can take up to 4 weeks to process so we recommend getting the paperwork sorted well in advance of your departure. If you don't wish to work whilst away, a standard holiday Visa is available for most UK citizens. This is processed on arrival in New Zealand and allows participants to stay in New Zealand for up to 12 months.

For more information see the Travel & Visa section in the Need to Know area of our site.

### 2. What's included in the price of my programme and how much spending money will I require?

The cost of all Sport Lived programmes includes the following:

- 4-star accommodation including most household bills (telephone and internet charges are **NOT covered**)
- membership of your club
- airport pick-up at the start of your programme
- mentor support throughout your stay
- a handbook with useful information

The programme cost does **NOT** include the following:

- flights, insurance, visas, return airport transfer, local transport or food

Your main costs whilst overseas will be transport, match/competition fees plus food and beer money. A [cost of living guide](#) for each Sport Lived destination is provided in the Need to Know section. This should help you plan and budget for your time away.

### 3. Do I need to be an elite player?

Absolutely not! We cater for players of all abilities. We will obtain further information on your sporting ability once you have submitted your booking form. This will allow us to match you with a suitable club. If you're an elite player, we'll ensure you're matched with a top-class club who know you're serious about sport!

### 4. When will I find out full details of my programme e.g. what club I will join and where I will live?

Once you have sent in a booking form, we'll start working behind the scenes to put everything in place for the perfect programme. 3-4 weeks later you'll receive a confirmation document outlining details of your club, key dates and an overview of your specific programme details.

Final payment for all programmes is due 12 weeks before departure which allows us to finalise accommodation arrangements and send you details of your flatmates and your new address in

New Zealand!

The pre-departure briefing takes place around 8 weeks before you join us and provides a chance for you and your parents to meet up with the Sport Lived team and fellow participants and ask any remaining questions you may have.

## **5. How can I find out more general information?**

Hopefully, most key pieces of information are available on the website where you can download programme notes, prices and dates. Our [Need to Know](#) section also contains lots of useful information. If you have other questions or just want to have a chat, we're always available either on the phone or via email.

We know that planning a trip overseas can be scary at times and there's loads to think about. So don't hesitate to get in touch if you need to discuss anything at all.

## **Working overseas**

You'll have plenty of spare time between training and competing if you'd like to get a job. As well as enhancing your CV and boosting your bank balance, working overseas will help you meet new people and provide more structure to your time away.

### **Top tips for getting work:**

- Plan the type of work you'd like to obtain
- Try to gain relevant work experience
- Prepare a CV and have two references
- Be proactive & persistent in job hunting

### **Employment options:**

- Café/bar work: sociable environment
- Office work: good rates of pay
- Coaching: fulfilling and well paid
- Work experience: boost your CV

## **Working in New Zealand**

You'll be living close to lots of employment options like offices, shops, bars and restaurants. Contacts at your sport club might also help you to find coaching work.

In addition, your mentor will provide guidance on working in New Zealand but you should ensure you're well prepared as the job market can be as competitive as the sports arena!

## Your pad

Accommodation is key to the Sport Lived experience. You'll live in centrally located apartments. Your club will be easily accessible by public transport and with lots of bars, clubs, restaurants and shops close by so there are plenty of places to work, rest or play!

### At a glance:

- 4-star apartments all fully furnished
- Located close to transport and nightlife
- Shared with other Sport Lived participants
- Stress free as the price includes most bills

### Home from home...

Apartments are shared with other Sport Lived participants and include many mod-cons. Each complex has a 24 hour reception and many have an in house swimming pool and gym. Apartments are fully furnished including a TV, linen, kitchen appliances, etc. They are also serviced weekly (but you will have to wash your own undies!)

NB: Illustrative accommodation pictures.

## Playing hockey in New Zealand

We work with a wide range of hockey clubs in New Zealand; they all offer a warm welcome and fantastic hockey facilities, so whatever your standard you'll fit in perfectly!

### Club structure

New Zealand hockey clubs tend to have lots of teams (on average 9-12 teams for men and women) plus active junior sections. Top teams at each club play in the highest provincial leagues, whereas lower level teams are focused more on having fun.

### Matches & training

You'll train 2-3 times per week with matches played at the weekends.

### Off the pitch

With so many members, your club will be a hive of social activity. There'll be drinks after training and matches, plus social events throughout the season. Many clubs also arrange pre-season tours, a great chance to get to know your team-mates whilst exploring a new part of New Zealand.

### Hockey development

Our clubs are selected for their high quality coaching and facilities, helping you to return home as a much-improved player.

### **...and finally**

New Zealand's such a beautiful country; get out there and play some hockey!

## **Social life**

### **Through your hockey club...**

Your Kiwi hockey club will be at the centre of your social life. Prepare for plenty of fun on and off the turf! We try to ensure all clubs offer a vibrant social scene with regular events such as club tours, post match drinks, fancy dress parties and pub crawls.

### **With Sport Lived...**

You'll live alongside other Sport Lived participants who are playing and coaching a wide variety of sports. This provides a ready made group of friends with whom you'll explore life in New Zealand. Your programme will begin with introductory drinks during the first week, co-ordinated by your mentor who will also organise monthly social events. These might include a day out at a seasonal sporting event, a traditional Kiwi dinner, pub golf, etc.