



KANGA TENNIS  
TOURS INTERNATIONAL

presents the

# New Zealand Tennis Tour

6th December 2024 to 21th December 2024



## Featuring 2 sanctioned NZ Tournaments:

- Waikato Pepsi Junior Open
- Hawkes Bay Junior International Open
- Challenge Match against the Bay of Plenty Tennis Association

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The previous 30 tours were brilliant,  
join us on the 31st tour and  
make that brilliant too!



## The Basic Concept

To have the opportunity to visit and experience a foreign culture, compete in the New Zealand Summer Tennis circuit with the opportunity to foster and develop life lasting friendships.

## The Function of “Kanga”

Kanga Tennis Tours International selects suitable Tennis Tournaments, accommodation and methods of transportation in New Zealand. Whilst in Australia, the travellers are being prepared for the visit through meetings and literature.

## The Group Directors Function

A unique feature of Kanga Tennis Tours International is the experienced personnel, with a strong background in Tennis, who are employed to organise and manage these tours. Directors are selected from the interested, well qualified, successful Tennis Coaching Professionals. They assume a great responsibility, with many facets of the trip to co-ordinate. They are responsible for selecting and preparing the group for overseas travel whilst in Australia. In addition to this, they become the 'communication centre' for the group whilst overseas.

## The Necessary Qualifications for the Traveller

The ages of the traveller may vary from approximately 9-19 years of age, but any young adult may be considered. Travellers should have an adaptable, friendly personality, with an emotionally stable disposition. They must be prepared to be flexible and adjust to a different culture as well as displaying a co-operative and responsible attitude toward the group director.

## Supervising the Travellers

### The State & Group Directors

The travellers are under the charge of the Directors or anybody designated by these people for the entire duration of the trip.

## Getting Involved in “Kanga”

Interested parents and youngsters are asked to attend an Orientation meeting. Here, the trip is explained in greater detail and any questions answered. A deposit of \$500.00 can be made at this meeting as a means of securing a position on the trip.

## Expectations of the Traveller

The Travellers are expected to be flexible and adaptable. Although this is a Tennis Tour, there will be cultural differences such as lifestyle, food, habits etc. and these are to be expected and well-tolerated. A little homesickness is to be expected and the State and Group Directors are always available to help. Travellers are reminded that they are representing their families, their sport and themselves. Their behaviour will be a reflection on their country too.

### Rules

1. No drinking or alcoholic beverages
2. No smoking
3. Do not borrow money
4. Show a willingness to obey requests from the State Director; Group Director or Tournament hosts
5. Obey the laws of the country you are visiting

In the unfortunate event of severe misconduct, arrangements may be made to return the offending traveller to his or her parents, with the responsibility of any additional expenses incurred by the parents.



## Tennis and the Cultural Concept

Kanga Tennis Tours International aims to strike a good balance between the cultural and the sport aspects of the tour. Restrictions are not generally placed on the ability level of the teams or individuals and every endeavour is made to match the skill level of the group with tournaments and matches organised.

Benefits of your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

- Enhancement of Tennis opportunities through International Competition
- Development of Life-long friendships through Cultural Interaction
- Maturation enrichment through independent travel experiences

As you can see, the concepts of “Kanga” goes far beyond that of just hitting tennis balls in a foreign country. It's a unique opportunity, regardless of your level of expertise in tennis. A great deal of satisfaction, enjoyment and a sense of fulfillment are obtained by partaking in the program.



## Meeting Procedures

At the Orientation Meeting prospective travellers will be given the 'Information Kanga' booklet, if they do not already have one. All aspects will be explained and any questions answered. People wishing to secure a position should forward their \$500.00 deposit.

During this meeting, the following will occur:-

- Definite itineraries will be distributed
- Tracksuit and Shirt sizes will be taken
- Doubles pairing
- Accommodation preferences
- \$500.00 Deposit collected, if this has not already been paid

Meeting 2. This is the final Meeting held approximately 60 days prior to departure.

At this meeting, the following should occur:

- Balance of the trip paid for.
- Tracksuit, shirt, cap and backpack distributed
- Discussion regarding clothing to pack, spending money, tipping, behaviour etc.
- Collection of passport.

## General Information

### Team Tracksuits

The tracksuits and shirt are lightweight and easy to care for. This is the team uniform and should be worn at the airports, on air flights, or when directed by the Group Director.

## In the Event of Illness or Accident

The Group Leaders treat the participant as one of their own family during the trip, and would call for medical attention as they would for a member of their own family. Every attempt will be made by the Group Leader to contact the parents immediately in the event of a serious medical condition.



## Spending Money

It is recommended that the traveller have an appropriate ATM bank card with at least \$600.00 AUD as spending money for the following purposes:

- Lunch, Dinner and Snacks
- Additional sightseeing expenses not specified in the itinerary
- Any additional transfers not specified in the itinerary (e.g taxi fares)

## Deposit & Travel Application Form for New Zealand Junior Tennis Tour December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Full Name (as per passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ P/Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W): \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Tracksuits Size: (XS) (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL) Shirt Size: (XS) (S) (M) (L) (XL) (XXL)

Mothers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fathers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Playing standard: Advanced (ie State or national level)  Intermediate (district adult comp level)  Beginner/Intermediate

Please ensure my placement in group with direct deposit of \$500.00, made payable to: **KANGA TENNIS TOURS INTERNATIONAL PTY. LTD. BSB: 033 265 ACC: 531262**

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. Places available on this tour are strictly limited. Entry into the group pending Group Directors approval is on a "first in first served" basis. To avoid disappointment we advise you secure your place in the group by direct depositing into above account as soon as possible.

**MEDICAL:** Declare any medical history, allergies, illnesses or mental health concerns. Please attach details re: medications your child requires.

I/we grant permission for Group Leaders, Kanga Tennis Tour International officials to seek medical attention if required for my Son/Daughter whilst outside my care.

Reimbursement of expenses: It is understood that Kanga Tennis Tours International will be reimbursed for any medical or transport expenses should it be found necessary to treat or care for participant. Also reimbursement of expenses incurred if it is deemed necessary to return the participant home whether for Medical or disciplinary reasons on a flight other than on the pre arranged group flight.

### I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent / Guardian) Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this form immediately upon completion and when deposit has been paid to:- Kanga Tennis Tours International Pty. Ltd, 25/350 Beaconsfield Parade, St Kilda West. VIC. 3182.)

### GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS:

#### Release and Agreement:

Program fees are based on present operating costs, airline fares, currency exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and as such are subject to minor changes. Kanga Tennis Tours International reserves the right to make any changes in tour itineraries, departure dates and scheduled activities as it deems necessary. Such changes will be kept to a minimum and all participants informed immediately. You hereby agree that as a participant in this Kanga Tennis Tours International program, you indemnify us, our staff, agents and organization's affiliated with us of any loss or damage suffered by us or them or any claims made against us or them as a result of your participation in this Kanga Tennis Tours International program.

You further agree that we will act on your behalf in arranging transportation, and providing other services on your behalf, and that we will be under no personal liability to you in respect of any loss, damage, personal injury, delay or expense resulting from any act or omission of any carrier, coordinator or any other person, corporate or non corporate, in relation to transportation to, from and within your destination Country or any other facility or service organised on your behalf. You further agree that neither we nor our agents are under any responsibility for your health and safety and that if any expenses are incurred by us or them in taking necessary action in the interest of your health and safety, you agree to indemnify us in respect of such expense.

Kanga Tennis Tours International is only obligated to provide the services described in the trip description as per the handouts. Kanga Tennis Tours International reserves the right to enforce whatever rules and standards are established by its Directors and Coordinators. As a participant in this program, you agree that failure to comply with such rules and standards may result in termination as a participant at your own expense. Kanga Tennis Tours International has the right to take whatever action it deems necessary to preserve your health and safety, including, without limitation, obtaining emergency medical attention. You agree that any extra expense incurred on your behalf for medical or any other reasons are to be reimbursed to those who paid such expenses. You agree to be jointly/individually responsible for any property damage, incurrence of excess charges, or any other unapproved expenses throughout the duration of this trip.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

Should you need to cancel a reservation please notify us in writing. Cancellation charges will take effect from the date of receipt of your written cancellation.

More than 60 days prior to departure – Loss of deposit;

Between 60-45 days prior to departure – 50% of the Tour cost;

Less than 45 days prior to departure – 100% of the Tour cost.

### INSURANCE:

Comprehensive Travel Insurance is compulsory on all Kanga Tennis Tours International programs and as so it is included in your tour cost.

### MEDICAL STATEMENT:

Kanga Tennis Tours International requires travellers to state ALL medical conditions such as asthma, bed-wetting, medical conditions, mental health concerns etc on the application form. Failure to comply with this could result in the traveller being withdrawn from the group at any time prior to departure or during the trip.

### I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent / Guardian) Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

# Tentative Itinerary

## NEW ZEALAND TENNIS TOUR

6/12/2024 to 21/12/2024

(This itinerary is subject to change due to Airline scheduling, accommodation and tournament arrangements in New Zealand.)

### DECEMBER 2024

#### Friday 6th December

Melbourne Groups assemble at the NZ airlines counter, Tullamarine for group check-in on flight NZ120 departing 835 (8.35am), arriving in Auckland 1420 (2.20pm). Sydney groups assemble at Air NZ Airlines counter Kingsford Smith Airport for group check-in on flight NZ102 departing 955 (9.55am), arriving in Auckland 1505 (3.05pm). Groups will be transported in 12seater mini buses provided by Metropolitan Rentals Ltd to Hamilton in readiness for the Waikato Pepsi Cola Junior Tournament, where they will be accommodated for the duration of the event at the Wintec Accommodation Services University Residence, 181 Collingwood Street, Hamilton Ph: (001164)7 834 9224 where the group will spend the next 7 nights.

#### Saturday 7th December to Thursday 12th December

The group will be participating in the Waikato - Pepsi Cola Junior Tournament. This Tournament will be conducted at the Waikato Tennis Centre, Logan Park Drive, Hamilton. The venue features 7 synthetic grass, 18 plexipave & 3 indoor rebound ace tennis courts. Manager and Administrator organiser Waikato Thames Valley is Wayne Peterson.

#### Friday 13th December

The group will then be departing Hamilton @ approx. 8.30am for Napier (Hawkes Bay) where the group will participate in the Hawkes Bay Junior International Open. The group will be accommodated at the Kennedy Park Resort, 11 Storkey Street, Mawera, Napier; Ph:- (001164) 6 843 9126 for the next 5 nights. Napier is the Art Deco City of the World. On the way to Napier the group will call into Taupo where any willing participant is welcome to execute the bungee jump. At 6.00pm the Group will be officially greeted at the Tennis Club with a traditional Maori welcoming followed by a very unique hangi with our New Zealand counterparts.

#### Saturday 14th December to Wednesday 18th December

During this time the groups will compete in the Hawkes Bay Junior International Open held at the Hawkes Bay Tennis Club, 13 Higgins Street, Mawera, Napier which features 10 Synthetic Grass courts & the Greendale Tennis Club, Symons Lane, Taradale which feature 9 Synthetic grass courts will be utilised. Tournament organiser is the brilliant Sarah Shand.

#### Monday 16th December

There will be a disco, dinner and presentation at the Hawkes Bay Tennis Club @6.30pm for the entire touring party.

#### Wednesday 18th December

At 5.30pm the group will be transported from Napier to Rotorua where the Group will then be accommodated for the next three (3) nights at Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park (which features 4 Mineral springs baths and a swimming pool), 463 Old Taupo Road, Rotorua Ph:- (001164)73463140.

#### Monday 18th December

At 5.30pm the group will be transported from Napier to Rotorua where the Group will then be accommodated for the next three (3) nights at Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park (which features 4 Mineral springs baths and a swimming pool), 463 Old Taupo Road, Rotorua Ph:- (001164)73463140.

#### Thursday 19th December

Group will participate in a challenge match against the Bay of Plenty Tennis Association (consisting of Juniors from Rotorua, Taupo & Whakatane) named the Michael Kinder Memorial Challenge at the Rotorua Tennis Club, Manuka Crescent, Rotorua. Challenge Match organiser is Lara Wild who coordinates this activity brilliantly. During the day the Club will treat us to lunch and at the completion of the days play we will be the guests of the Bay of Plenty Tennis Association where they will host a BBQ Dinner.

#### Friday 20th December

The group will leave their accommodation at the Thermal Park and attend the magnificent Rotorua Fun Park where they will catch the Gondola to this magnificent attraction and have a well earned fun break from the daily grind of tennis. Rotorua is New Zealand's Number 1 Tourist destination.

#### Saturday 21st December

The group will check out at 8.30am from Rotorua and be transported to Auckland. Melbourne and Sydney groups will assemble at Auckland Airport for their respective departure flights. Melbourne group departing Auckland Flight NZ125 at 1530 (3.30pm), arriving Tullamarine 1740 (5.40pm). Sydney departing Auckland Flight NZ111 at 1620 (4.20pm), arriving Kingsford Smith 1800 (6.00pm).

This concludes your Tour:

N.B. Parents are advised to confirm arrival times are according to schedule with Air New Zealand before collecting participants.

**TOUR COST:** Ex Melbourne & Sydney **\$4,495.00.**

(All Travel arrangements conducted by Licensed Travel Agents)

### INCLUSIONS

All Airfares, accommodation and breakfasts;

• 7 nights at Wintech Accommodation, Hamilton with breakfasts;

• 5 nights at the Kennedy Park Resort, Napier with breakfasts;

• 3 nights at the Rotorua Thermal Park, Rotorua with breakfasts;

• Training sessions where possible.

• Tournament entries:

• Waikato Pepsi Junior Open - Singles & Doubles with consolation events – 2 Tournaments;

• Hawkes Bay Junior International Open - Singles & Doubles with consolation events – 2 Tournaments

• Challenge Match versus Bay of Plenty Tennis Association with Lunch and Dinner;

• Bus Transfers:

- Auckland to Hamilton;
- Hamilton to Napier via Taupo;
- Napier to Rotorua;
- Rotorua to Auckland.

• Maori welcoming in Napier; Hungi by Maoris in Napier;

• Admission to Rotorua Theme Park by Gondola;

• Hire of mini buses for group convenience for trip duration.

• All administrative charges in Australia and New Zealand.

• Travel Insurance.

• Departure Taxes Australia & New Zealand.

• Quality Nike tracksuit, shirt, hat and back pack.

• Fully supervised by registered Elite, Level 3 and 2 Coaches from Victoria and New South Wales.

### NON INCLUSIONS

Passport costs (this is the responsibility of the participant) Additional Transfers (E.G. Taxi fares, etc. or for additional sightseeing purposes not mentioned in inclusions).

Meals apart from breakfasts. Dinner provided Hangi in Napier; Lunch & dinner at challenge match in Rotorua.

Additional sightseeing or activities not mentioned in inclusions.

