

24 DAY WILD AFRICA TOUR

1 JUNE - 24 JUNE 2020



Northland Coach & Travel's 24 Day

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"I'm really looking forward to this tour to Africa. There's the added confidence of travelling with my friend Kym from Victor Tours who has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to travelling in Africa. This itinerary is very unique as Kym has handpicked a lot of the venues and accommodation. I'm really looking forward to our time on The Blue Train as it is one of the most luxurious train journeys in the world. Heading off on Safari's with a chance to see the Big 5 animals of the world will be breathtaking. Add to all this the cruises, the waterfalls and I'm told the food is fantastic as well. So looking forward to sharing all these experiences with you."









This tour is conducted by Northland Coach & Travel, Victor Tours and in conjunction with Expanding Horizons.

DAY 1 – Home to Sydney Monday 1 June 2020

"All aboard, passengers that want to experience the best three weeks of their lives!" This is no ordinary tour. Some of the sights we have to look forward to, are what dreams are made of. The geography, history, culture and wildlife....oh, the wildlife, MUST be experienced to be believed. Firstly we need to do the travel to get to the destination but it will all be worthwhile when we climb aboard our first safari jeep and settle in with anticipation of spotting some or all of the 'Big Five' and much, much more. Our Northland Coach & Travel Coach will collect all our passengers from our North Coast pickups and transfer us to Coffs Harbour Airport for our flight to Sydney. Upon arrival, we will transfer from the domestic terminal to the international then literally walk across the road to our overnight hotel. Dinner is in the elegant hotel restaurant where we chat amongst our fellow travellers from Northland and also from our other group of travellers from Victor Tours. We'll all have a chance to get to know each other over dinner and have a chat about our upcoming travels in Africa!

Overnight: Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel, Sydney. (Dinner included)

DAY 2 - Sydney to Johannesburg - (B, Inflight meals) Tuesday 2 June 2020

After a leisurely breakfast we walk over to the International Terminal in preparation to board our Qantas flight that will take us straight to Johannesburg. As we disembark QF63 at 4:15pm (subject to availability and scheduling) a representative will meet and escort us to the coach terminal. We are transferred to our accommodation, where we know we are in Africa as we may see zebras roaming around the grounds! We have dinner at the hotel with time for an early night, enabling us to wake refreshed in the morning ready for adventure.

Overnight: Zulu Nyala Manor, Johannesburg. (Inflight meals and dinner included)

DAY 3 - Johannesburg to Zimbabwe Wednesday 3 June 2020

After early breakfast we check out and depart for OR Tambo International Airport where we will be met and escorted to check—in for a regional

flight to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe). Upon arrival at Vic Falls International Airport we transfer to the Elephant Hills Hotel. In the late afternoon we will meet in the foyer for the coach transfer to the Zambezi River for a sundowner cruise. The cruise will sail upward and westward along the Zambezi River, which forms a natural border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Here we will have the opportunity to step back in time to the luxury of yester-year. Look out for some of the large herds of elephants as they come down for an evening drink or crocodiles enjoying the last rays of the sun, so don't forget the camera! Bird watching along the river front is spectacular with Fish Eagles, starlings and an array of other birds greeting the sunset. Early evening return to the boat jetty followed by a transfer to the lodge. This evening dinner will be at the hotel.

Overnight: Elephant Hills Hotel, Zimbabwe. (Breakfast and Dinner included)





DAY 4 - Victoria Falls Thursday 4 June 2020

Following breakfast, a qualified guide will meet us at the hotel foyer before departing for the Falls. The Victoria Falls is one of the 7 natural wonders of the world and is arguably the greatest waterfall in the world. David Livingstone was the first European to visit the Falls and named it after Queen Victoria. The local name is perhaps more descriptive - Mosi oa Tunya (meaning "the Smoke that Thunders"). This spectacle occurs with the tranquil expanse of the Zambezi River plunging over a chasm 1700 metres wide and 100 metres deep, creating a shower of spray and deafening noise. After a guided tour of the falls we will return to the hotel or take a walk in Vic Falls village where elephants roam free in the streets! Bargain for your artefacts from traders lining the streets but be careful, they can be a little overpowering in their bargaining. (This afternoon, we can enjoy something really special, experiencing an aerial view of the falls by helicopter – The Flight of Angels is at passengers own expense). We then return to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Elephant Hills Hotel, Zimbabwe. (Breakfast and Dinner included)

DAY 5 - Victoria Falls to Chobe National Park Friday 5 June 2020

Today, after our breakfast we travel by road transfer to Chobe National Park in Botswana, 100kms west of Victoria Falls. It is home to 450 species of birds and the largest concentration of elephants in Africa. Our accommodation is located on the banks of the Chobe River. We enjoy a safari vehicle game drive just after checking in and then explore the river at sunset as we mosey down the Chobe River. We then travel back to our lodge for dinner.

Overnight: Chobe Game Lodge or similar. (BLD with game drives and boat cruise)

DAY 6 - Chobe National Park Saturday 6 June 2020

An early rise today to go on a safari vehicle game drive as Africa's wild start their day. After about 3 hours, we return to the camp for breakfast. A boat cruise on the Chobe River is offered late morning, before lunch. Our game viewing continues with an afternoon safari vehicle game drive, then again, another boat cruise on the Chobe River as the African sun sets. We return to the lodge for a hearty dinner and retire after an exciting day in the bush.

Overnight: Chobe Game Lodge or similar. (BLD with game drives and boat cruise)

DAY 7 - Chobe River via Johannesburg to Pretoria Sunday 7 June 2020

Another early start is required so we check out of the lodge after breakfast, travelling by road from Chobe to Victoria Falls Airport where we board a regional flight to Johannesburg. On arrival at OR Tambo International Airport our representative will meet us and take us to Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa, where we check into our hotel.

Overnight: Premier Hotel Pretoria. (Breakfast and dinner included)

DAY 8 - Pretoria departing on Blue Train Monday 8 June 2020

Our day starts mid -morning, with a city tour of Pretoria. We visit the Union Buildings, designed by the famous British Architect Sir Herbert Baker and regarded as one of the countries architectural masterpieces. We also visit the Voortrekker Monument which bears testament to a people's pioneering spirit before visiting the period museum which is Melrose House. Melrose House was the location where the Anglo Boer War officially ended with the signing of the peace treaty of Vereniging in 1902. We then arrive at the Pretoria Station to check in for the Blue Train departure at around 6:30 pm.

Overnight: Blue Train. (Breakfast







DAY 9 – Blue Train Tuesday 9 June 2020

We have breakfast on the Blue Train and if there is time and the weather allows, guests enjoy an excursion off the train. We arrive at the Kimberly station where we disembark and travel by coach to the Kimberley Open Mine Museum. We learn of the history surrounding the mine and view the "Big Hole" by viewing platform. Guests are then transferred back to the train and offered a refreshment, before boarding again. Lunch is served with a relaxed afternoon ahead. High tea is served for those who want a snack, before dinner.

Overnight: Blue Train. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)

DAY 10 - Blue Train to Cape Town Wednesday 10 June 2020

Breakfast is served in the dining car before we pack up for our arrival at the Cape Town Station around 10:30 am, where our guide will meet us to explore the "Mother City. Cape Town, Tavern of the seas, with the majestic Table Mountain as a backdrop, is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. An eclectic mix of architectural styles, cobble stone streets and cultural diversity enhance the cosmopolitan ambience. Some of the highlights we experience are the cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain (included but weather permitting - Signal Hill, if cable car is not operating) and the Castle of Good Hope. We point out the many Cape Town Museums, unique historic or tourist attractions and The City's many popular Restaurants! (These can be visited at your leisure). We drive past the Parliament Complex, Company Gardens, Malay Quarters and finally to Milnerton for a full view of Table

DAY 11 – Cape Peninsula Thursday 11 June 2020

Be ready to depart at 9:00 am. The Cape Peninsula form part of the Cape floral kingdom with more indigenous plant species per square metre found here than anywhere else on earth. Both coastlines of the Peninsula have more than a hundred beaches with dazzling white sands to choose from and this tour offers magnificent viewpoints to some of them. On this round-trip of the Peninsula we visit highlights of Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens with over four thousand species of indigenous plants of which some two thousand six hundred are endemic to the Peninsula. Muizenberg with its magnificent thirty- five kilometre stretches of beach, Simon's Town where the South African Navy is based and Boulders Beach for the unique encounter with Cape Jackass Penguins - never shy to perform! We take a walk (funicular ride optional) to the top of Cape Point in the fynbos rich Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve at the most Southern point of the Table Mountain National Park. Our route back to Cape Town take us via a spectacular scenic drive over Chapman's Peak and the quaint Village of Hout bay, after some Tourist shopping. Returning to the city late afternoon, there is time to freshen up for our special dinner this evening at Richards Bistro for a buffet and stories of "the Cape".

Overnight: Portswood Hotel, Cape Town. (Breakfast and dinner included)

DAY 12 – Cape Winelands Friday 12 June 2020

Dominated by Indigo Mountains, the Cape wine routes are immensely popular throughout the year. The wine lands provide wonderful opportunities for wine lovers to sample some noble vintages and explore exquisitely furnished Cape Dutch Manor Houses. Highlights of this tour include Paarl with its rich history of wine making and the role it played in the development of the Afrikaans language, Franschhoek Valley where French settlers stayed after fleeing persecution in France in the late 17th century. We visit some of this area's most famous wine estates. We spend time in Stellenbosch with its many historic buildings and some unique shopping opportunities. Even if you are not fussed about the wine, the scenery today is stunning.

Overnight: Portswood Hotel, Cape Town. (Breakfast and dinner included)

DAY 13 – Cape Town to Mossel Bay Saturday 13 June 2020

The drive takes us eastwards via the beautiful coastal route between Gordon's Bay and Hermanus, a seaside holiday town, today. After time to purchase lunch we arrive at Mossel Bay. Here we visit what is supposed to be the oldest post office in Africa - the Post Office Tree and the site of the first landfall, made by the Portuguese explorer Bartholomew Dias in 1488.

Overnight: Marriott by Protea Mossel Bay. (Breakfast and dinner included)





DAY 14 - Mossel Bay to Tsitsikamma National Park Sunday 14 June 2020

Our journey continues along the West Cape coast, via George, and into the Garden Route, travelling along the Wilderness National Park lakes area. We skirt around the lakes to Knysna on the edge of the Knysna Lagoon with its entrance to the sea guarded by two promontories known as the "Heads". The area also falls within a National Park proclaimed to conserve the extraordinary natural beauty of the lakelands and adjacent indigenous forests. After a lunch break we take some time to explore some unique shopping opportunities of locally made art and craft. We then make our way to Plettenberg Bay to visit the Birds of Eden. This unique two-hectare dome (the world's largest) spans over a gorge of indigenous forest. It is currently home to over 3,500 birds from over 220 species, with the main focus being African birds. Then further to Monkeyland, the world's first free roaming multi-specie primate sanctuary. On this visit you can expect to see a variety of primates, ranging from the Gibbons of Asia to the Lemurs of Madagascar. More than 700 primates live at the sanctuary. We then travel to The Bloukrans Bridge, 216 metres above the Bloukrans River. The Bloukrans Bungee is the world's highest commercial bungee bridge and the highest commercial natural bungee jump in the world. Our journey today ends at Tsitsikamma where we arrive at our lodge for the evening.

Overnight: Tsitsikamma Lodge. (Breakfast and dinner included.)

DAY 15 – Tsitsikamma National Park via Port Elizabeth to Durban Monday 15 June 2020

Today we visit the Tsitsikamma National Park (Khoisan for 'The place of much water' stretching over one hundred kilometres of wild and rocky coastline characterized by massive cliffs, narrow isolated beaches and shady indigenous forests along the river valleys. In the park we can take a relaxing walk/hike to the suspension bridge stretching over the mouth of the Storms River. The final part of our journey takes us past a few coastal holiday villages to Port Elizabeth, also called the 'Friendly City'. Here we enjoy a short City tour before driving to the Airport, to catch our flight to Durban around 3pm. Upon arrival our guide shall meet us and transfer us to our hotel for a late check in.

Overnight: City Lodge Umhlanga Ridge, Durban. (Breakfast and dinner inflight included)

DAY 16 - Sani Pass and Lesotho Tuesday 16 June 2020

We leave early today, having breakfast on our way and drive inland past Pietermareitzburg to the area of gently pastoral beauty called the Natal Midlands. We pass through grassy plains scattered with villages and lush farmlands where plump cattle and thoroughbred horses graze. Further on we go through Underberg, a picturesque little village situated in the foothills of the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. Now we set off to Sani Pass, for a four-wheel drive with hair-raising bends and breathtaking views to the top of the mountain. Lunch is served at the top in the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho, nearly 3000m above sea level. We return early afternoon, change vehicles

DAY 17 – Durban to St Lucia Estuary Hluhluwe Wednesday 17 June 2020

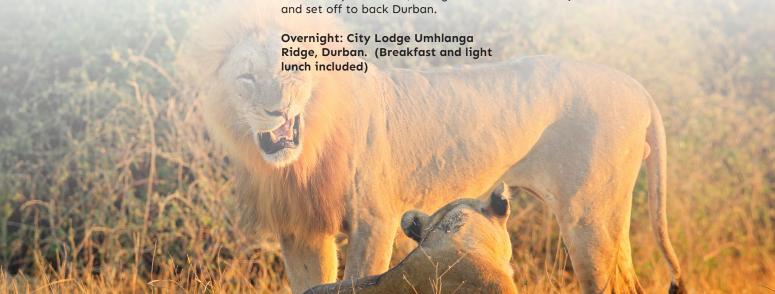
Today we travel north towards the subtropical coast and bushveld of Zululand - home of the mighty Zulu nation and visit the village of St Lucia for a boat cruise on the famous lake St Lucia. (Proclaimed a World Heritage site in 1999). Crocodiles, hippos and birds such as the fish eagle, herons and egrets are in abundance. From here we travel to the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park, where the rhino was saved from extinction and home to the shy nyala, as well as the Big Five. We exit the park early evening and drive to our private lodge for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Zulu Nyala Lodge, Hluhluwe. (Breakfast and dinner included)

DAY 18 - Private Reserve to Swaziland Thursday 18 June 2020

An early morning wake up call for an exciting open vehicle safari. After an early breakfast we do a last drive in search of game through this magnificent reserve before we head northwards and continue to Swaziland. We enter at the Onverwacht border post and follow a scenic route via Nhlangano to Manzini where crossing every mountain leads to a new vista. We stop at the well-known local craft market in the Malkerns Valley, as well as at Swazi Candles where the artists hand-mould wax into interesting figures. There is also a batik factory outlet and other interesting shops. Our overnight stop is situated in the mountains just outside Hlambanyatsi.

Overnight: Foresters Arms Hotel, Swaziland. (Breakfast and dinner included)







DAY 19 - Swaziland to Kruger National Park Friday 19 June 2020

Today we travel through Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland, to visit the Ngwenya Glass factory where all the items are hand made from recycled glass. We continue through magnificent mountain scenery via Pigg's Peak and leave Swaziland entering the Kruger National Park in the south. The afternoon is devoted to game viewing. Our hotel is just outside the park this evening

Overnight: Pestana Kruger Gate Hotel. (Breakfast and dinner included)

DAY 20 – Kruger via Panoramic Route to Hazyview Saturday 20 June 2020

Today we spend the day in the reserve searching for game until mid afternoon when we leave this paradise of the wild. We drive to Hazyview to visit the Elephant Whispers where we enjoy interaction with these magnificent gentle giants. This is a special excursion, being able to physically touch an elephant. We continue to our hotel for check in.

Overnight: Marriott by Protea Hazyview Hotel. (Breakfast and dinner included)

DAY 21 - Panoramic Route to Johannesburg Sunday 21 June 2020

After an early breakfast, we visit
Pilgrim's Rest (an old gold mining town
declared a National Monument), the
Pinnacle, Gods' Window,
Lisbon Falls, Bourke's Luck Potholes
and the Three Rondavels view site at

the Blyde River Canyon. Our route takes us through the mountains, Ohrigstad and Lydenburg to Johannesburg, arriving late afternoon.

Overnight: Davinci Hotel and Suites, Johannesburg. (Breakfast included)

DAY 22 – Departing Johannesburg Monday 22 June 2020

Today, we spend the morning visiting the city of Gold. We start with the Northern Suburbs of Sandton, Rosebank and Houghton en route to the city centre. Johannesburg is involved in an ambitious programme of rejuvenation, and the fruits of this effort can be clearly seen in many areas. We drive though the city centre past historic buildings - City Hall, the library and the Supreme Court. We journey to the old financial district with the head offices of the diamond giant De Beers and gold mining companies like Anglo American and General Mining. We drive past Diagonal Street that was the home of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange for many years. A visit to the Old Market Square paves the way to cross into Braamfontein via the impressive Nelson Mandela suspension bridge. The Braamfontein precinct is home to the Johannesburg Theatre and the city office complex. We visit Hillbrow, once the most densely populated spot in the Southern Hemisphere, and finally we visit Constitution Hill, which is the home of the Constitutional Court, the protector of the basic rights and freedom of South Africans. Constitution Hill is also the site of the notorious Old Fort Prison (commonly known as Number Four),

where many leading political activists, including Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi were detained. There is time for last minute shopping in Sandton before travelling to the OR Tambo Airport for our flight home to Sydney on QF64 departing at 7.10pm.

Overnight: Inflight (Breakfast and inflight meals included)

DAY 23 – Johannesburg to Sydney Tuesday 23 June 2020

Our flight arrives back in Sydney at 3pm today. We don't want the trip to end so we have one final night right back where we started ending with a farewell dinner at the Rydges restaurant where we swap contact details with friends we have made along the way and share the most loved stories of our trip with like-minded people. Until we meet again, maybe on another Northland International departure?

Overnight: Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel, Sydney (Inflight meals and dinner included)

DAY 24 – Arriving Home Wednesday 24 June 2020

We enjoy breakfast at the hotel, after which we pack our bags for the last time this trip for our domestic flight back home. Upon arrival at Coffs Harbour Airport our Northland Coach will then transfer us back to our North coast pickups. We'll be full of wonderful African memories and will have forged some great friendships along the way.

(Breakfast included)







Costs & Payments

Cost per person

Travel Club Member \$18,870.00 per person twin/double share Additional Single Supplement \$2,280.00

Included:

- The services of a Northland Coach & Travel Hostess from start to finish of the tour
- Return Coach Travel with Northland Coach & Travel from North Coast of NSW to Coffs Harbour
- Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at Rydges Sydney Airport Motel pre and post tour
- Return economy flights Coffs Harbour to Sydney Sydney to Johannesburg
- Regional internal flights in Africa
- · Accommodation and Meals as set out in itinerary
- Entry to Attractions as set out in itinerary

Booking, Deposit & Final Payment:

Northland will require a copy of your Passport as well as the completed booking form.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 per person is due at time of booking.

Second instalment \$3000.00 per person due 30 August 2019 Third instalment \$3000.00 per person due 30 October 2019 Fourth instalment \$3000.00 per person due 15 December 2019

Final balance is due on or before 15 February 2020.

Acceptance of Terms & Conditions:

It is understood by Northland Coach & Travel that the terms and conditions of travel are accepted by the passenger when the deposit is paid. Please note: there may be additional costs associated with local entry Visas. This will be an additional charge and prices are unknown until arrival at entry points.

Fares:

All fares are quoted in Australian Dollars. Fares include return Coach Travel to and from CH Airport with Northland Coach & Travel, return flights Coffs Harbour to Sydney, return flights Sydney to Johannesburg. All meals as set out in itinerary and entry to attractions. Accommodation based on a twin/double share basis. Single rooms are available on request basis and an additional single supplement applies.

A Minimum of 14 passengers will be required for this tour to proceed.

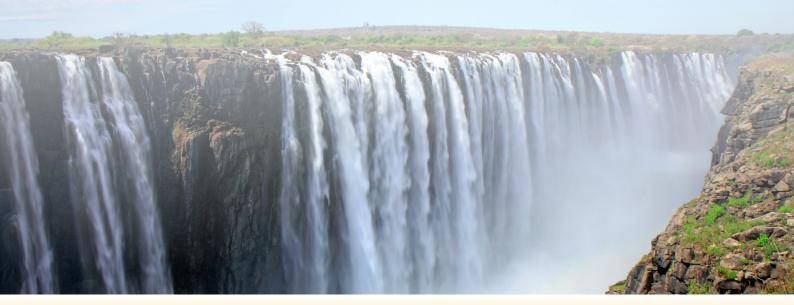
Cancellation penalties apply:

- For cancellations over 150 days prior to departure date = \$250pp will be charged
- For cancellations 149 65 days prior to departure date = 25% of total price
- For cancellations 64 46 days prior to departure date = 75% of total price
- For cancellations 45 1 days prior to departure date = 100% of total price
- For cancellations day of departure / no show = 100% of total price Further cancellation fees may apply Where a non refundable ticket is pre purchased this will be in addition to the cancellation fee.

Payments, Cancellations and Refunds Bookings can be made by completing the booking form and a deposit per person is required within 7 days of booking to confirm your seat. All balance payments must be received by Northland Coach & Travel within the date specified prior to the tour commencement. Payments are available to be made by cash, cheque, eftpos and direct deposit.

Tour Prices are correct at time of printing but subject to change without notice for unforseen circumstances such as higher hotel rates and fuel prices. All prices quoted include GST. Tour price excludes drinks, telephone calls, travel insurance or items of a personal nature.

General Conditions Seats cannot be reserved on tours. However it is a policy of Northland Coach & Travel that passengers will rotate seats daily so that all passengers enjoy front and window seats. Should you require a single seat on this tour, you will be required to pay the coach content of the additional seat.







Costs & Payments Continued



Single Supplement & Travelling Alone:

A limited number of single supplements rooms are available on each tour (the additional cost for sole use of a room). Where a single passenger is willing to share accommodation with a fellow single passenger, will endeavour to find a compatible rooming companion of the same gender for you. If we are unable to do this, then the passenger will be treated as a single and the supplement must be paid. Accommodation is on a twin share basis and Northland Coach & Travel accepts no responsibility for the rooming partner.

Northland Coach & Travel also reserves the right to cancel this tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date will be offered or a full refund will be made available. All flights have been based on Economy class. We are happy to arrange Premium Economy, Business and/or First Class flights if required. Additional charges will apply.

Travel Insurance:

Is NOT included in your tour cost but is essential for this tour. Northland Coach & Travel can provide you with an Insurance Quote through Covermore Insurance or alternatively you may seek your own independent Insurance. Northland will require details of your travel insurance prior to departure.

It is the responsibility of each individual passenger to have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from the date you should arrive back in Australia together with any visa (if required), as well as to comply with entry, health or other requirements of the countries visited on this tour.

Special Dietary Requirements:

Special meal requests must be advised at the time of booking. All efforts are made to accommodate special dietary requirements, like vegetarian and coeliac meals however in some locations this cannot be guaranteed.

Luggage Restrictions:

Due to strict government vehicle weight restrictions, one medium size suitcase per person. Maximum weight of all luggage not to exceed 20kgs. We suggest you have a suitcase with wheels for easy of manoeuvrability. In addition, one piece of hand luggage may be carried onboard the coach with your personal items.

Special Needs:

It is essential you advise us of any mobility, medical conditions or special needs you may have at the time of booking so that we can ensure your needs are met as best as possible. Passengers requiring special assistance are welcome onboard provided they are accompanied by an able-bodied companion capable of providing all necessary assistance and do not require special assistance from Northland Coach & Travel personnel or anyone else on the tour.

Smoking & Alcohol Government regulations prohibit the consumption of alcohol on board Coaches. Smoking is also not permitted. Smokers will find that frequent stops made for sight-seeing provide the ideal opportunity to smoke.

Liability:

Northland Coach & Travel reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary, accommodation or carriers at any time for any reason. Northland Coach & Travel reserves the right to substitute coaches at any time when circumstances may require so, without prior notice. Northland Coach & Travel shall not be liable to any person taking its tour for loss, injury or damage to such persons or their belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirect.

A full list of terms and conditions are available upon request from Northland Coach



