



Christmas Pohutukawa

Christmas in Gisborne

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Senior Travel Club

Itinerary especially prepared for

Christmas in Gisborne Enquiry

Travelling 21 December 2021 to 27 December 2021

Thank you for your enquiry into our Christmas in Gisborne tour for 2021.

You have received this full itinerary because you contacted us by phone, email or website to express your interest. For your information this has been released to an extremely large register of interest of like-minded travellers so don't delay. The full itinerary follows.

Tour Overview

Our annual Christmas celebration returns. Enjoy the festive season and be the first to see the sunrise here in this stunning and unique corner of Aotearoa.

Booking

To secure your place on this tour, please call us on 0800 471 227 or alternatively 370 6600, Extn 2.

Your place on this tour is confirmed **only by ringing us** and acknowledging that you have read the terms and conditions. Secondly, we require your deposit immediately (amounts shown in the Terms and Conditions).

Travel Insurance

A number of the components of this tour package are non-refundable. For this reason, we strongly recommend that you take out some form of travel insurance for your protection and peace of mind. Our travel insurance provider is Helloworld Travel, Masterton. They offer both cancellation and full cover for domestic and international travel. Please don't hesitate to call them direct on 06 378 2454 and ask for Laura, or email her at laura.dawes@helloworld.co.nz; she will be only too happy to answer your questions or provide you with a quote.

Should there be any part of the itinerary you wish to discuss, please give us a call, as we want your decision to join us to be as fully informed as possible.

Kind regards Kath, Ali and Robin
TRANZIT TOURS

Trip Details

Day 1 Tuesday, 21 December 2021

Tour House and Gardens – Food – and Good Company

With transfers arranged from Wellington, Kapiti, Palmerston North, Wairarapa and other surrounding areas, we meet in Palmerston North for morning tea (included), with time to catch up with old friends or meet new. This afternoon we visit Gwavas Garden and Homestead at Tikokino on the SH50 route. With a little time to wander both grounds and the house, this is a rare opportunity to view this beautiful historic family home and garden. Hosted by Phyllida and her husband Stuart, our visit also includes lunch. Parts of the country gardens were laid out in the 1880's and the homestead was built in 1890.



Arriving in Napier, we check into our accommodation set on the Marine Parade with walking access to late afternoon retail therapy or perhaps a hot soak at Ocean Spa, Napier's premier heated outdoor pools and private spas directly opposite our hotel. We dine in tonight.

Day 2 Wednesday, 22 December 2021

Tour Lakes Abound

Our first lakeside view is Tutira for morning tea Tranzit style. We then begin the epic journey into Lake Waikaremoana, translated meaning 'sea of rippling waters', covering 54 square kilometres. Located in Te Urewera, it is in the heart of Tuhoe country. Today is all about stopping along the route and taking the whole day to enjoy what short walks and views we can access. We pick up a picnic lunch (included) from Wairoa enroute to Lake Waikaremoana and return to Wairoa where we stay tonight enjoying a welcome dinner in-house.



Day 3 Thursday, 23 December 2021

Tour We Join the Beach Culture

Today we discover just why the Mahia Peninsula is a playground for Kiwis, including Rocket Lab whose Launch Complex is located on Ahuriri Point. Carrying our picnic lunch (included) on board we visit many of the well-known beaches here – Opoutama, Mahia and Mahanga to find out what the attraction has been for many families returning year after year to their favourite space. Mahia, or in its full form "Te Mahia mai Tawhiti", means "the murmuring of home". We visit Morere Hot Springs with time for a soak (included) and/or walk amidst their beautiful nikau palms. We reach Gisborne mid afternoon with time to settle in to our accommodation (home for the next 3 nights). The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy. We dine in-house tonight.



Day 4 Friday, 24 December 2021

Tour It's All About the Bays

Armed once more with a picnic lunch, we explore north of Gisborne and visit Tolaga Bay to walk its historic wharf jutting 660 metres out into the sea. This is a Category 1 Heritage New Zealand site and is perhaps the longest wharf of its type in the Southern Hemisphere. We have time to rub shoulders with the returning families to check out the Te Puka pub, an iconic 'watering hole' in Tokomaru Bay. A short detour takes us to Anaura Bay and if time permits we can check out Waihau Bay beach on our return to Gisborne. We dine in-house once more.



Day 5 Saturday, 25 December 2021

Tour Christmas Lunch and Local Treats

With today's focus on enjoying a 'top notch' lunch at our local hotel, we take a short scenic drive around town and then out to a local favourite, a short, flat walk in Gray's bush Scenic Reserve – described as featuring a significant remnant of the tall kahikatea forest that once covered much of the Gisborne plains. We have time also to visit Waikanae Beach. Following lunch all those looking for more local treats can jump onboard to visit Wainui Beach with time allowed to take a short but steep walk in Okitu Bush Scenic reserve whose lookout provides good views over Wainui Beach. Dinner tonight is back at the hotel.



Day 6 Sunday, 26 December 2021

Tour Eastwoodhill and Returning to Hawke's Bay

This morning we say farewell to our Gisborne base and journey out through the scenic Ngatapa Valley to the Eastwoodhill National Arboretum of New Zealand. This is a must do for all those visiting Poverty Bay. A property featuring over 4,000 different trees and shrubs within its magnificent collection, ranging from majestic sequoia's, oaks, and elms, to the prehistoric trees of Gondwanaland. A picnic lunch (included) is enjoyed as we retrace our journey now heading south which will provide a different aspect. Our last night together is Napier city where we enjoy dinner in-house.



Day 7 Monday, 27 December 2021

Tour Last Treats Before Travelling Home

This morning we follow the Tukituki River in the shadow of Te Mata peak and journey out to Kairakau Beach, a secret spot on the Southern Hawkes Bay Coast, to enjoy Tranzit style morning tea. Our lunch today is at Woburn Homestead, described as an exquisite 7 bedroom home with 6 bathrooms, built in 1893 and listed Historic Places Trust. It is also a luxury B&B. Our hosts are delighted to offer us a Colonial New Zealand experience, with antique china, bone handled cutlery and authentic furnishings. We'll find ourselves stepping back in time to enjoy Victorian country living on a grand scale as our final treat. Following lunch, we make the journey back to Palmerston North/Woodville, allowing the group to disperse, after fond farewells, to home locations.



Cost of Tour Includes

- All coach travel and sightseeing excursions
- Good quality accommodation
- 2 course or buffet evening meals
- All breakfasts
- Morning tea on travelling days
- 'Meet and Greet' morning tea, Verdict Café, Palmerston North
- Picnic lunches days 2, 3, 4 and 6
- Christmas Day lunch at the Emerald Hotel
- Gwavas Garden and Homestead – house and garden tour including lunch
- Morere Hot Springs entry to pools and walkways
- Eastwoodhill National Arboretum of NZ entry
- Woburn Homestead – lunch and tour of house and gardens

Total Cost Per Person (Based on 1 person)

Double or Twin Share	NZ\$3,260.00
Single Accommodation	NZ\$3,855.00

Terms and Conditions

Deposit required to confirm your booking \$460.00 per person

Tour balance payable by: 12 November 2021

Bank account details: BNZ 020688 0127658 00

Tour Reference: Christmas2021

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Transit Coachlines (Wairarapa) Ltd, trading as Transit Tours Terms and Conditions and Important Booking Information

Before you book a tour with Transit Tours, please take the time to read and understand these Terms and Conditions below.

Pricing Validity

- All costs associated with each tour are outlined in full within each tour itinerary. All pricing quoted is valid for the dates of tour when booked.

Reservations and Payments

- Bookings for all Transit tours can be made through any Transit Coachlines Reservations Centre or an approved Travel Agent.
- Any person making a booking for others shall be deemed to have accepted these Terms and Conditions on behalf of all individuals they are booking on a tour and it is the responsibility of the person making the booking to bring these Terms and Conditions to the attention of those individuals booked.
- A deposit as stated in the Tour Itinerary is payable to secure the booking.
- The balance must be paid in full by the date stated in the Tour Itinerary.
- Any reservation made within fourteen (14) days of the tour departure must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellations, Postponements and Alterations

Cancellations by the Customer

- Cancellations 45+ days before tour departure date – a cancellation fee valued at 15% of your deposit, plus any other fees charged by other providers such as accommodation, ferry, activities etc.
- Cancellations 44 – 8 days before tour departure date – a cancellation fee valued at 15% of the total tour cost, plus any other fees charged by other providers such as accommodation, ferry, activities etc.
- Cancellations within 7 days before tour departure date – a cancellation fee valued at 25% of the total tour cost, plus any other fees charged by other providers such as accommodation, ferry, activities etc.

- No refunds will be made for cancellations made within one day of departure or once travel has commenced. Refunds will not be provided for unused portions of a tour, unless the Customer can provide genuine reason and documentary evidence that services were unable to be utilised (and a refund if applicable is available from the other provider) in which case the company will review each request and may provide a partial refund at the sole discretion of the company.
- Cancellations of one half of a twin share booking will result in the Customer cancelling being charged the cost of a single booking, if the Company is unable to match the twin share booking with another Customer.

Alterations by the Customer

- The Customer may transfer their booking to another person for the same tour and commencement date, but only if the other person satisfies all of Tranzit Tours requirements in relation to the tour and provides us a completed Booking Form. The Customer must notify Tranzit Tours in writing of the intended transfer at least 30 days prior to the commencement date of the tour. A \$60 transfer fee per person/per transfer will apply (in addition to any supplier change fees).

Cancellations or Postponements by the Company

- Tranzit Tours reserves the right to cancel, reschedule or postpone a tour. With the exception of the Force Majeure section below, Tranzit Tours will:
- In the event of a tour being cancelled by the company prior to departure and not postponed – refund the total amount paid in respect of that tour or provide a credit, but will have no further liability to the Customer.
- In the event of a tour being postponed – rebook the Customer for the new departure date or provide a credit, but will have no further liability to the Customer.
- In the event of a Force Majeure event that occurs prior to, or during, a tour such as but not limited to fire, flood, volcanic eruption, earthquake, avalanche, severe weather, power outages, labour disruptions, pandemic, government controls or other events outside Tranzit Tours control that interrupts the ability to operate the tour in full or in part, or if Tranzit Tours determines that the quality of the tour or the health and safety of the Customer would be compromised, Tranzit Tours reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or shorten the tour and will be excused and released from its obligations without liability of any kind. Customers will receive a credit for postponed tours. For cancelled or shortened tours, refunds in these circumstances will be in full less any unrecoverable costs (i.e. expenses already incurred or fees charged by other providers).
- The Customer will be advised of any increased tour costs as a result of the postponement. Credits will be equal to the value of the payment made and must be used within 12 months. Customers are strongly advised to take out travel insurance.
- In the event of cancellation or postponement by the company, Tranzit Tours is not responsible for any consequential loss incurred by the Customer. Customers are again advised to take out travel insurance.

Alterations by the Company

- Before Tour Commencement: If a major change to the tour needs to be made before departure, we will inform the Customer of the change as soon as practicable and will advise of any consequential price increase or decrease.
- Tranzit Tours reserves the right to alter a tour (including the itinerary) and substitute accommodation facilities should unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided, the company reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alterations do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. The company will not be held responsible for weather-based cancellations, or those closures made at the tour provider's discretion.
- Tranzit Tours will inform the customer as soon as practicable and will advise of any consequential price increase or decrease.

Insurance

- Tranzit Tours recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance to cover against things like lost or damaged luggage, accident or sickness, loss or theft of personal belongings and documents, or the need to cancel or shorten your tour. Please note that special conditions will apply for pre-existing medical conditions with all travel insurance policies.

Health and Fitness

- Tranzit Tours are generally able to accommodate most fitness abilities; however, some tours may require a certain level of physical fitness for full enjoyment of tour activities. The Customer must inform Tranzit Tours, at the time of booking, of any health or fitness restrictions that may limit participation of tour activities or put the Customer, tour staff or other customers at risk. The Customer acknowledges that their suitability for a tour, or any activity within a tour, is wholly the Customer's responsibility.
- Payment of a deposit by the Customer to secure a Tranzit Tour acts as a warranty that:
 - the Customer is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in the tour, and
 - the Customer does not have a health, physical condition or disability that would create risk to themselves, tour staff or other customers, and
 - the Customer indemnifies Tranzit Tours from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any want of health or fitness.
- Tranzit Tours reserves the right to decline a booking on medical, health or fitness grounds at its sole discretion.
- Tranzit Tours reserves the right to remove a Customer from a tour, or quarantine a Customer on tour, if their health and/or fitness interferes with the tour or staff safety or other Customers safety or tour experience in any way. Any additional costs associated with a Customer's removal from tour or placement into quarantine, shall be borne by the Customer. Refunds will be made in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

Authority on Tour

- Tranzit Tours are operated by staff with decision making authority while on tour. By travelling with Tranzit Tours, you agree to accept the authority of the driver/guide and their decisions are final in all matters likely to affect the wellbeing, safety or experience of any customer or staff member on board. Failure to adhere to reasonable requests or any inappropriate behaviour that is degrading the experience of other customers, may result in the Customer being removed from the tour. If a Customer is asked to leave a tour, any costs associated with returning home will be borne by the Customer and any unused portion of the tour will not be refunded.

Responsibilities

- Transit Tours include goods and services provided by other operators such as hotels, attractions and transportation companies. Customers are advised to familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions on which these services are supplied. Accordingly, Transit Tours will not be responsible and will be excluded from liability for any loss, damage, omission or acts being negligent or otherwise, committed by other goods and service providers used in connection with the tour.
- Transit Tours is not liable for any loss, damage, delay, or injury caused to the traveller or their baggage whilst under the care or control of a third-party provider. A Customer's baggage and personal effects shall be carried at the owner's risk as provided for under the Carriage of Goods Act.
- Transit Tours is not responsible for any losses or additional expenses to the Customer due to tours impacted by Force Majeure events that occur prior to, or during, a tour such as but not limited to fire, flood, volcanic eruption, earthquake, avalanche, severe weather, power outages, labour disruptions, pandemic, government controls or other events outside Transit Tours control that interrupts the ability to operate the tour in full or in part, or if Transit Tours determines that the quality of the tour or the health and safety of the Customer would be compromised.

Acceptance of Risk

- The Customer acknowledges that all Transit Tours may be subject to risks and dangers beyond that which might be experienced by the Customer at home. Except as provided in law, the Customer acknowledges that they assume all risk and Transit Tours is not liable for misadventure, death, injury, delay or loss which occurs during the tour.

Seat Rotation

- For the enjoyment of all travellers Transit Tours operates a seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking.

Photographs

- Photographs used to market any Transit Tour depict typical scenes experienced, but the subject matter may not necessarily be seen or experienced whilst visiting a destination within a tour.
- Whilst on tour, the Customer may be included in photographs and/or film taken by the guide or driver. These photographs may be used for future promotional advertising purposes and by booking on a Transit Tour the Customer authorises the use of any images they are captured in to be used without further consent or any payment of any kind. If the Customer does not authorise the use of their image for promotional purposes, they must make this known at the time of booking.

Privacy Policy

- Any personal information that Transit Tours collects about the Customer may be used for any purpose associated with the operation of a tour or to send the Customer marketing material in relation to Transit Tour products. The information may be disclosed to our agents, service providers or other suppliers to enable Transit Tours to operate the tour. Transit Tours will otherwise treat your details in accordance with our privacy policy (available on our website).

Applicable Law

- The laws of New Zealand govern these Terms and Conditions to the fullest extent allowable.