



Springvale Suspension Bridge

Gentle Annie Explorer

for New Zealand's Senior Travel Club

Itinerary especially prepared for

Gentle Annie Explorer

Travelling 28 April 2025 to 30 April 2025

Thank you for your enquiry into our Gentle Annie tour for 2025. On the following pages is our full itinerary.

Tour Overview

Sit back and relax whilst we weave our way through the stunning scenery of the Peep-o-Day corner and the Inland Patea Heritage Trail before traversing the famous Gentle Annie Road winding our way past sheep and cattle stations such as Timahanga Station. This tour offers plenty to see and do along the way to peek your interest, history buffs will enjoy the guided talk at the Coach Museum in Fielding, walk along the Springvale Suspension Bridge and enjoy a presentation given by Smedley Cadet Station introducing you to how the farmers of the future are being trained. Indulge in the decadent chocolates at Silky Oaks with plenty of time to get to know your fellow travellers.

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).

Covid-19 Protection

Attached is important information relating to Covid-19 and how we travel.

In consultation with our Health and Safety team, we continue to listen and adapt to the requirements and guidance of Ministry of Health and Government.

Thank you for understanding as we continue to work through these changes to keep our valued passengers safe. If you have any queries, please call our team. We are happy to answer any questions.

Travel Insurance

We strongly encourage you to consider taking travel insurance, as you are now able to get cover for Covid-19 related travel disruptions. Additionally, there are also often non-refundable portions included in the tour. You are welcome to use other providers, but we recommend 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, or email them at masterton@travel.helloworld.co.nz; they 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 do not hesitate to give us a call, as we want your decision to join us to be as fully informed as possible.

Kind regards,

The Tranzit Tours Team

Trip Details

Day 1 Monday, 28 April 2025

Tour Travelling to Taihape

We meet in Palmerston North at a favourite café for morning tea following transfers from Wellington, Wairarapa and surrounding regions. After meeting your fellow travellers our tour begins with a visit to the Coach House Museum, Feilding. Home to an outstanding collection of NZ heritage, the museum showcases our rural history, with farm equipment, many restored historic vehicles, and an extraordinary collection of Horse Drawn transport. Climb aboard the horse-drawn ‘wim’ which activates a water pump, and look out for the “gold” buggy – used to transport gold during the Otago gold rush. The museum hosts us for a light lunch.



We then head quietly over a little chosen scenic back road to Mangaweka, allowing impressive views from the Peep-O-Day corner (on a clear day we will see vistas including both Mt Taranaki and Mt Ruapehu). With a comfort stop enroute we explore further magnificent Rangitikei scenery as we make a quick detour stopping at the Utiku Wool Company (time permitting) before making our way back to Taihape - our final destination. Tonight we dine at the intimate River Valley Lodge located on the banks of the Rangitikei River before turning in for a well earned rest in our bed located in “New Zealand’s Gumboot Capital.”

Day 2 Tuesday, 29 April 2025

Tour The Gentle Annie

Today we drive the meandering scenic trip over the “Inland Patea Heritage Trail,” with plenty of stops to explore along the way. Our first stop is the enchanting rural settlement of Moawhango home to the heritage listed Whitikaupeka church and the Batley memorial chapel where we have time to explore. Onward to Springvale Suspension Bridge where we enjoy our morning tea (included) and the chance to walk across this remarkable engineering feat. From here we pass by several large historic North Island sheep stations, including Oruamatua, Windy Point, Erewhon, and Kuripapango before taking our stop at the active working farm Timahanga Station to learn about their farming operation, view their historic pocket wool press and shearing quarters.



Refreshed after a picnic lunch (included) we continue our travels on the famous “Gentle Annie” road climbing to some 736m above sea level where we take in the stunning vistas before heading into central Napier with its well-known Art Deco features. There will be time to relax and freshen up before dining in this evening.

Tour History and Travelling Home

This morning we visit Silky Oaks Chocolate Museum with its fascinating story of chocolate brought to life through life-sized tableaux and illustrated texts; why not sample the smorgasbord of chocolate whilst there. Travelling further we enjoy the hospitality of Smedley Cadet Training Farm Station where they cook us lunch in the 'cookhouse' whilst enjoying a guided talk and tour of the station illustrating how Smedley trains young graduates to become the farmers of the future. Onward to Dannevirke we visit the Gallery of History, an abundant treasure trove of artifacts held within the town's old courthouse.



Finally we make the journey back to Woodville/Palmerston North, allowing the group to disperse, after fond farewells, to home locations.

Cost of Tour Includes

- Good quality motel and hotel accommodation
- 2 course dinner
- All breakfasts
- Morning teas
- All coach travel
- Picnic lunch Day 2
- Coach House Museum – guided talk
- River Valley Lodge - dinner
- Timahanga Station – guided talk
- Silky Oaks Chocolate Museum – entry
- Smedley Station and Cadet Training Farm – presentation lunch
- Gallery of History – guided talk

Total Cost Per Person (Based on 1 person)

Double/Twin Accommodation	NZ \$1,655.00
Single Accommodation	NZ \$1,855.00

Terms and Conditions

Deposit required to confirm your booking \$500.00 per person

Tour balance payable by: 10 March 2025

Please provide the following information when making a payment:

Your name: please provide your name

Our account name: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Limited

Bank account details: BNZ 020688 0127658 00

Tour Reference: GAnnie25

To: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Ltd,
P O Box 116 MASTERTON
Phone 0800 471 227 or (06) 370 6600

Conditions and Important Booking Information

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

Before you book a tour with Tranzit 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 Tranzit tours can be made through any Tranzit 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.
- Transit 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.
- Transit Tours will inform the customer as soon as practicable and will advise of any consequential price increase or decrease.

Insurance

- Transit 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

- Transit 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 Transit 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 Transit 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 Transit Tours from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any want of health or fitness.
- Transit Tours reserves the right to decline a booking on medical, health or fitness grounds at its sole discretion.
- Transit 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

- Transit Tours are operated by staff with decision making authority while on tour. By travelling with Transit 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 authorizes 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 authorize 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.