



TranzAlpine Express

Ride the Rails

TranzAlpine and Coastal Pacific

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Senior Travel Club

Itinerary especially prepared for

Ride the Rails - Enquiry

Travelling 13 March 2021 to 19 March 2021

Thank you for your enquiry into our Ride the Rails 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. The full itinerary follows.

Tour Overview

Join us as we take you on a journey to rediscover the joys of train travel. Ride the scenic Coastal Pacific (Christchurch to Blenheim), and the world renowned TranzAlpine (Christchurch to Greymouth) excursions. Take a journey on the Weka Pass Rail and a rainforest excursion on the West Coast. Uncover some of the unique history of NZ rail and talk to genuine railway enthusiasts. A level of basic fitness, together with a flexible attitude, is required.

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 full payment immediately (amounts shown in the Terms and Conditions). Please do not just send a booking form and payment by mail because we expect this to sell out quickly.

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, give us a call, as we want your decision to join us to be as fully informed as possible.

Trip Details

Day 1 Saturday, 13 March 2021

Tour Travelling to Picton

Up with the larks, we begin our journey south from all destinations today as we are transferred to Wellington and meet at the Interislander ferry terminal for a morning sailing to the South Island. Lunch today is at our own cost, a homemade picnic or purchased on board the ferry. We travel to Kaikoura for a comfort stop and a short leg stretch enroute to our accommodation in Christchurch. With a late arrival at our hotel, we have dinner awaiting us and we can then head off to our rooms to dream about trains and look forward to an opportunity for a sleep-in next day.



Day 2 Sunday, 14 March 2021

Tour Ferrymead and the Weka Pass Railway

This morning we visit the extensive Ferrymead Heritage Park featuring an Edwardian township including a historic railway station, workshops and model railways, to name but a few of the exhibitions/museums on site. A favourite with many is the vintage machinery and hall of flame (fire engines). We meet with members of the Canterbury Railway Society for a special charter and tour of their workshops, enjoying a picnic lunch today (included). This afternoon we journey out to Waipara to join the historic rural Weka Pass Rail excursion from Glenmark Station to Waikari and return. Our train today will either be their 1909 'A' class Pacific steam loco no. 428 - the only one of its type still operating, or one of their equally impressive Dg class Diesel-electric locos, built in 1956 and weighing over 65 tons. We return to Christchurch, dining in again in anticipation of our early start to board the TranzAlpine next morning.



Day 3 Monday, 15 March 2021

Tour TranzAlpine to Greymouth

We rise with the sparrows today to journey on the TranzAlpine scenic train through to Greymouth - rated as one of the world's great scenic railway journeys! The trip is almost 224kms long and takes just four and a half hours. There are 16 tunnels and 5 viaducts, the highest being The Staircase, standing at 73m. Commentary is provided, and souvenir books may be purchased on the train. On arrival in Greymouth we have time to stroll around town and enjoy lunch of our own choice and cost. There is an opportunity to board the coach to visit local sights in the afternoon. We dine in tonight at our Greymouth hotel.



Day 4**Tuesday, 16 March 2021**

Tour Charleston Nile River Rainforest train and Denniston

This morning we take a trip to Charleston where we join the Charleston Nile River Rainforest Train to experience the spectacular landscapes of the Nile River Canyon in Paparoa National Park. Lunch today is a picnic lunch (included). We then continue north to the historic coal mining town of Denniston. Here we meet the “Friends of the Hill” a small but extremely dedicated group whose mission it is to preserve a unique piece of New Zealand history. We will hear the stories of life on the Plateau and the famous Denniston Incline, described by local residents as the "eighth wonder of the world" and recognised the world over as an amazing engineering achievement. The site is also featured in Brian Scott and David Leitch's book “Exploring New Zealand's Ghost Railways”. We then take a drive down to the top of the Incline brakehead for an opportunity to wander and explore this historic site, which also offers magnificent views on a clear day down to the coastal plains of the Karamea Bight. Winding our way back down the hill, we return to Greymouth for a welcome dinner.

**Day 5****Wednesday, 17 March 2021**

Tour Steam Scene Christchurch

This morning we retrace our steps to Christchurch by coach through Arthur's Pass for a different perspective of this iconic road. Our afternoon adventure is at another best kept secret of the Canterbury region, Steam Scene, part of the Canterbury Steam Preservation Society's project based at McLeans Island, Harewood. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch (included) before we board a bush tramway, headed by their restored Fowler steam locomotive, and experience the magic of their large live steam exhibition hall facility containing many stationary steam engines and boilers. This includes various items from the old Christchurch Gas Works, several marine engines, sawmill engines, pumps and a very unique experimental engine from Canterbury University. We dine in tonight at our Christchurch hotel.

**Day 6****Thursday, 18 March 2021**

Tour Coastal Pacific to Blenheim

Up early once more we board the Coastal Pacific train as part of their special Scenic Plus experience. Featuring an open-air viewing carriage, this journey allows a scenic feast of southern New Zealand, with the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of our train and the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on the other. Breakfast and refreshments whilst onboard are included. We are met by our coach and driver at Blenheim. We have a free afternoon in Blenheim to rest and recover in this beautiful town. We dine in tonight at our Blenheim hotel.



Tour Homewood Bound

This morning we head to Brayshaw Park where we join the Riverside Railway, an 11km train excursion along the banks of the picturesque Taylor River from Brayshaw Park Station to Beaver Station and return. A picnic lunch is included today with time to enjoy Picton prior to departing on our afternoon sailing returning us to Wellington. On board we bid our fellow travellers goodbye before our arrival in Wellington where we are transferred to our home locations.



Cost of Tour Includes

- All coach travel
- Interislander Ferry transfers
- Good quality motel or hotel accommodation
- 2 course or buffet evening meals
- All breakfasts
- Morning tea on coach travelling days
- Ferrymead Heritage Park exhibitions and tram rides
- Canterbury Railway Society train charter and tour of workshop
- Weka Pass Railway, Waipara, train charter
- TranzAlpine Scenic train journey Christchurch to Greymouth
- Nile River Rainforest Train, Charleston, train excursion
- Friends of the Hill Museum, Denniston
- Canterbury Steam Preservation Society, Steam Scene, bush railway & steam museum
- Coastal Pacific Scenic Plus train journey Christchurch to Blenheim
- Riverside Railway, Blenheim train excursion
- Lunch Days 2, 4, 5 and 7 as per itinerary

Total Cost Per Person (Based on 1 person)

Double or twin share	\$3,700.00
Single Accommodation	\$4,168.00

Terms and Conditions

Full payment required to confirm your booking on this occasion.

Bank account details: BNZ 020688 0127658 00

Tour Reference: Rails2021

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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.

These Terms and Conditions apply to bookings made from 11 September 2020 onwards, including new bookings made with credit vouchers issued following tour cancellations or postponements.

If you booked your tour prior to 12 October 2020, your original Terms and Conditions still apply.

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.
- 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.

- Transitz Tours will inform the customer as soon as practicable and will advise of any consequential price increase or decrease.

Insurance

- Transitz 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

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

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

- Transitz 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, Transitz 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.
- Transitz 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.
- Transitz 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 Transitz Tours control that interrupts the ability to operate the tour in full or in part, or if Transitz 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 Transitz 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 Transitz Tours is not liable for misadventure, death, injury, delay or loss which occurs during the tour.

Seat Rotation

- For the enjoyment of all travellers Transitz 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.