



Merinos near Tekapo

# Southern Lakes and Canterbury High Country

for New Zealand's Senior Travel Club

Itinerary especially prepared for

# Southern Lakes 2022 - enquiry

Travelling 18 November 2022 to 26 November 2022

Thank you for your enquiry into our our Southern Lakes High Country Tour for 2022. On the following pages is our full itinerary.

## Tour Overview

We are very excited about this tour, and we hope you will be too. We have discovered some wonderful new properties to visit, adding to the opportunities to explore some very special and remote areas of the South Island. We do stress though that this is another of our back-country adventures, so expect to really get in touch with nature. A level of basic fitness and mobility, together with a flexible attitude, is strongly recommended.

## Tour Highlights

- Walter Peak and Mt Nicholas Stations – travel through these two iconic stations at the head of Lake Wakatipu
- West Wanaka Station – a 4WD tour over this station stunningly located on the shores of Lake Wanaka
- Criffel Station – an extensive deer property in the picturesque Wanaka Basin
- Braemar Station – a Mackenzie Country station on the shores of Lake Pukaki
- Mesopotamia Station – a historic Canterbury high country station in the headwaters of the Rangitata River
- Paua Bay Station – a stunning coastal Banks Peninsula farm
- Mt Torlesse Station – 4WD touring and a jet boat ride on the Waimakariri Gorge
- Paua Pearl Farm – a boat cruise to a unique Marlborough Sounds industry

## 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 Framework and Vaccine Certificates

Attached is important information relating to Covid-19 and how we travel under the new Protection Framework, or Traffic Light System.

Our health and safety team regularly update our Risk Management Plan as it aligns to the Ministry of Health Covid 19 Protection Framework, to allow us to travel safely within New Zealand. This is continually monitored.

All our team are fully vaccinated.

Thank you for understanding as we continue to work through all 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

There are often non-refundable portions included in any tour, so for this reason we encourage you consider travel insurance. 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@helloworld.co.nz](mailto:masterton@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 give us a call, as we want your decision to join us to be as fully informed as possible.

Ali, Kath, and Robin - your Tranzit Tours team

## Trip Details

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### Day 1 Friday, 18 November 2022

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#### Tour Flying to Queenstown

An early start from all destinations this morning as we are transferred to Wellington Airport where our adventure begins with a morning flight to Queenstown. Flying into Frankton airport is an incredible experience as the aircraft drops in over the tops of Coronet Peak and the craggy Remarkable Ranges. Our coach and driver await us at the airport to whisk us off Cromwell, making our way down the scenic Cromwell Gorge to our hotel where we stay for the next two nights. We enjoy relaxed dining in house this evening.



### Day 2 Saturday, 19 November 2022

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#### Tour Mavora Lakes High Country Tour

A memorable excursion awaits us today, as we make our way back to Queenstown to join Nomad Safaris, for their unique Mavora Lakes High Country Tour. Our tour starts with a journey across Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw. Known as the “lady of the lake”, the Earnslaw has been plying these waters since 1912. Disembarking at Walter Peak Station, we meet our Nomad driver and board their vehicle. Taking a scenic back country road through Walter Peak and Mount Nicholas Stations, our guide will acquaint us with the history of the pioneering high-country farming of this tussock covered landscape. The scenery changes as we near Mavora Lakes where we stop to enjoy a picnic lunch (included) and have time to stroll along the lake’s edge and in the surrounding beech forest. Continuing our journey this afternoon we complete a circuit, as we travel through rolling green northern Southland countryside, predominantly dotted with sheep and deer. We pass the settlements of Mossburn and Fiver Rivers, Garston and Kingston, before following the eastern shoreline of Lake Wakatipu back to Queenstown. We return to Cromwell this evening.



### Day 3 Sunday, 20 November 2022

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#### Tour Criffel and West Wanaka Stations

We travel to Wanaka this morning, where we visit Criffel Station. A tour of this historic 2000-hectare deer farm provides expansive views of the Wanaka Basin, surrounding mountain ranges and an insight into the management of the property, their focus on providing a balanced and healthy environment for their land and animals. We enjoy lunch catered in the wool shed (converted into a rustic venue)

This afternoon we join Ridgeline Adventures for a 4WD tour through West Wanaka Station. As we travel through this spectacular property, we will gain stunning lake views, hear yarns about farming life, conservation projects and fascinating local history. Returning to Wanaka village, we check in to our accommodation, and have time to relax and unwind before we dine in the hotel restaurant this evening.



## Day 4 Monday, 21 November 2022

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### Tour Wanaka to Methven: Braemar Station

Our meandering travels today take us over the Lindis Pass and into the vast Mackenzie Basin. We stop for a Transit style cuppa, before travelling through the changing landscapes of the Mackenzie, to a farming property on the shores of Lake Pukaki. Braemar Station is a 15,000-hectare traditional high country station and has been run by the Mackenzie family since 1969. We will be hosted for lunch here today and learn about the station as we enjoy great views looking across the lake to Aoraki/Mt Cook and the Ben Ohau Range.



Departing Braemar we travel over Burkes Pass, the terrain changing to typically rolling and much lush South Canterbury countryside, while our destination of Methven is on the edge of the expansive Canterbury Plains, the largest area of flat arable land in NZ. We check in to our accommodation where we dine in tonight.

## Day 5 Tuesday, 22 November 2022

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### Tour Mesopotamia Station

We make our way up into the headwaters of the Rangitata River today to an iconic Canterbury High Country property, Mesopotamia Station. Nestled amongst the Southern Alps, Mesopotamia was named by Samuel Butler in 1860, who, made famous for his novel “Erewhon”, also farmed on Mesopotamia. Today it is run by the Prouting family, a 25,000 acre traditionally farmed, merino, deer and cattle farm surrounded by the majestic Two Thumbs Mountain range and the huge braided Rangitata River.



There is much to see in this area; on our way up this scenic valley we stop at Peel Forest where we take a short walk through a fine stand of Totara, one almost three metres across, and thought to be about 1,000 years old. We enjoy our morning cup of tea here before continuing up the gorge, stopping again to view the tiny Mt Peel Church built out of greywacke stone from the Rangitata River. As we approach Mesopotamia this massive river valley opens out before us. Four-wheel drive vehicles will meet us at the station to take us on a tour over part of the property, including the game park where you are likely to see Himalayan tahr, chamois and red deer, while lunch today will be in the shearers quarters and catered locally (included). We will also see the Mesopotamia School – closed in 2000 - and the historic station graveyard. After a full day of discovery, we make our way back to our hotel, where we dine in again this evening.

**Day 6****Wednesday, 23 November 2022**

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**Tour** Mt Torlesse Station and Waimakariri Gorge

Another high-country adventure awaits us today, as we travel into country near Arthurs Pass and the Mid Canterbury foothills. Travelling to the Waimakariri Gorge, we switch modes of transport to off-road vehicles for a scenic four-wheel drive adventure across Mt Torlesse Station. This station is a 10,000 acre working sheep and cattle farm and you will get to experience the thrill and excitement of off-roading while taking in the spectacular alpine scenery and learning about the farm. After an interesting morning we enjoy a delicious lunch, after which we board a Hamilton jet boat – to take us on a spectacular river journey into the heart of the Waimakariri Gorge.

Our stay is in Christchurch tonight, and we reboard our coach to make our way into the city to check in to our accommodation, dining in this evening.

**Day 7****Thursday, 24 November 2022**

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**Tour** Paua Bay Station and Akaroa

Our coach transfers us to Lyttelton this morning, where we board Black Cat Cruises to ferry us across to Diamond Harbour. Here we meet Hasslefree Tours for today's adventure. We wind our way out across high roads on Banks Peninsula providing stunning views, before making our way to Paua Bay Station, a coastal hill country property with bush running down to the rugged coast. We will be hosted by Murray and Sue Johns, whose family arrived in the area in 1837, and we will hear the tale of the family's endeavours and their place in Banks Peninsula's history, as we enjoy lunch.

After lunch we'll head to Akaroa, this charming French and Victorian Village set around a harbour formed by an extinct volcanic crater. We will have a little free time to explore the village before we make our way back to Christchurch via Little River and Tai Tapu. We dine in at our hotel again this evening.

**Day 8****Friday, 25 November 2022**

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**Tour** Travelling to Picton

It's a day of travel today as we make our way north. Smell the sea air, as we stop for lunch in Kaikoura, with our travels this afternoon taking us via the Pacific Coast, a scenic and fascinating journey through this much changed landscape. We check in to our Picton hotel for our last night together, with a little free time this afternoon to explore, enjoy a walk or relax. We dine in this evening.



**Tour** Arapawa Sea Farm and Travelling Home

After breakfast this morning we board Beachcomber Cruises who ferry us out to Whekenui Bay to a Paua Pearl farm. We'll enjoy a guided tour of this fascinating venture, as well as the chance to browse the fine jewelry crafted from these beautiful pearls. Lunch will be provided as our cruise returns to Picton in time for our afternoon Interislander sailing to Wellington. Finally, we bid our fellow travellers goodbye before being transferred to our home locations.

**Cost of Tour Includes:**

- Air New Zealand one-way flight to Queenstown
- All coach travel
- Interislander one-way ferry journey
- Accommodation
- 2 course or buffet dinners
- All breakfasts
- Morning teas on most travelling days
- Real Journeys TSS Earnslaw journey
- Mavora Lakes High Country Tour
- Criffel Station: tour and lunch
- West Wanaka Station: 4WD tour
- Braemar Station: tour and lunch
- Mesopotamia Station: tour and lunch
- Mt Torlesse Station: 4WD tour, Waimakariri River jet boat ride and lunch
- Paua Bay Station: 4WD tour and lunch
- Paua Pearl Farm: boat cruise and farm tour

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**Total Cost Per Person**

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<b>Double or Twin</b>	<b>NZ\$5,922.00</b>
<b>Single Accommodation</b>	<b>NZ\$6,732.00</b>

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**Terms and Conditions**

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**Deposit required to confirm your booking \$922.00 per person.**

**Tour balance payable by: 4 October 2022**

Bank account details: BNZ 020688 0127658 00  
Tour Reference: Sthlakes22

To: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Ltd  
P O Box 116  
MASTERTON 5840  
Phone 0800 471 227 or (06) 370 6600

OR: Book online at [www.tranzittours.co.nz](http://www.tranzittours.co.nz)

## 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 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.

## Keeping you healthy and safe on our Tranzit Tours

Our passengers and team members' health, safety and wellbeing are our highest priority. We are obligated to take all practicable risk measures to operate safely. With COVID-19 still a risk in New Zealand, we take advice from the Ministry of Health on best practice safety protocols and have implemented these into our robust *COVID-19 Risk Management Plan* aligned to the Ministry of Transport *COVID-19 Protection Framework*. All our key suppliers have provided assurance they are observing the same safety protocols, so we can travel safely and feel welcomed.

### COVID-19 Safety measures include:

- ✓ Encouraging passengers to wash hands regularly in warm soapy water, use provided hand sanitizer, cough into the inside of your elbow and stay clear of people who are unwell.
- ✓ Providing individual snap lock bags so each passenger can dispose of personal rubbish including tissues and face masks.
- ✓ Prior to our tour's departure: our coach undergoes a deep clean including the air con filters and passengers are reminded that if they are unwell, they need to stay home. Also please review the MOH *Locations of Interest* before travelling.
- ✓ All hard surfaces cleaned daily with a disinfectant.
- ✓ Providing biodegradable disposable cups on tour to prevent cross contamination.
- ✓ Tongs are used for food handling and our team members wear gloves.
- ✓ Disposable face coverings are provided, or you're welcome to bring your own. Under the Covid-19 Protection Framework it is not compulsory for passengers to wear face masks on a coach tour, however we do encourage it.
- ✓ Face coverings are compulsory (unless you have a medical exemption) when visiting some public places, such as cafes, and attractions.
- ✓ Reminding passengers to scan QR Codes using the COVID-19 Tracer App or sign in on hard copy contact tracing booklets available on the coach.
- ✓ If you become unwell on tour, please contact Healthline on: 0800 611 116 or your doctor immediately who will triage symptoms over the phone and advise next steps. This may include having a Covid-19 test and then self-isolating from the tour. This will be managed on a case-by-case basis. We can assist with logistics help, at the cost of the Passenger.
- ✓ Our team are fully trained in first aid.

### COVID-19 Vaccination Status

Under the new COVID-19 Protection Framework, or Traffic Light System it's important to note:

- ✓ Before departing on a Tranzit Tour or day trip, there is now a requirement to provide proof of vaccination by way of the Covid-19 vaccine certificate "My Vaccine Pass".
- ✓ Your COVID-19 Vaccination status will be stored securely in accordance with the Privacy Act and is available to you on request. We may disclose general statistics, such as vaccination numbers, to our third parties (i.e., restaurants and tour attractions), but we will never disclose any information that may identify you.

Thank you for understanding as we continue to work through all these changes to keep you, our valued passengers safe. Our team is happy to answer any specific questions you have.