



TranzAlpine Express

The Southerner and TranzAlpine

for New Zealand's Senior Travel Club

Itinerary especially prepared for

The Southerner & TranzAlpine

Travelling 22 May 2026 to 26 May 2026

Thank you for your enquiry into our Southerner & TranzAlpine Tour for 2026. On the following pages is our full itinerary.

Tour Overview

This tour brings together scenic rail travel, cultural depth, and memorable city experiences into one seamless and rewarding journey. Travel in comfort aboard the Southerner Train from Dunedin to Christchurch, enjoy ever-changing coastal and rural scenery along the way, complemented by guided Dunedin city sightseeing. In Christchurch, discover historic Riccarton House, explore the city by double-decker sightseeing bus, and enjoy the creativity of the renowned Christchurch Art Gallery. The journey continues with the world-famous TranzAlpine Train, crossing the Canterbury Plains and the dramatic Southern Alps to Greymouth, one of New Zealand's most spectacular rail experiences. Before departure, a visit to Quake City provides a moving insight into Christchurch's earthquake story and remarkable resilience.

Booking

To secure your place on this tour, please call us on 0800 471 227 or alternatively 06 370 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 to confirm your booking (amounts shown in the Terms and Conditions).

Keeping you Healthy and Safe on a Tranzit Tour

The health, safety and wellbeing of our passengers and team members is our highest priority and we are obligated to take all practicable risk measures to operate safely. As a company, Tranzit Group will always take advice from the Ministry of Health on best practice safety protocols for all contagious conditions, (colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc.) along with accidents and other health concerns and feelings of unwellness.

We encourage our passengers to talk to us if you have any questions regarding mobility, fitness or health. If you have any queries, please call our team. We are happy to answer any questions.

Travel Insurance

We recommend all passengers take out comprehensive travel insurance with cover for contagious conditions (like colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc) and that passengers familiarise themselves with any limitations the insurance may have around additional costs associated with the requirement to leave a tour or need to cancel.

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, direct at Tranzit Tours on 0800 471 227 or alternatively 06 370 6600, Extn 2, 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 Friday, 22 May 2026

Tour We Fly to Dunedin

We are transferred to Wellington Airport today to join a mid-afternoon Air New Zealand flight to Dunedin. Our tour driver awaits us at Dunedin Airport to transfer us into the city where we will take a drive (subject to time availability) to get acquainted with this fine southern city – known as the Edinburgh of the South. We'll see the Otago University Campus, the Botanic Gardens, St Pauls Cathedral and the Octagon, with much more to see tomorrow. Checking in to our hotel, we dine in tonight.



Day 2 Saturday, 23 May 2026

Tour Dunedin City Highlights and The Southerner Train to Christchurch

After our breakfast this morning we'll enjoy more sightseeing of this gracious city. We'll visit the Unity Park Lookout, and view the modern architecture of the Forsyth Barr Stadium. We will spot some of Dunedin's incredible murals and take a stroll up the infamous Baldwin Street - Dunedin's steepest street. Our coach will drop us off at the Octagon, giving you the opportunity to enjoy lunch at a venue of your choice, at your own expense.



After lunch we depart Dunedin aboard the Southerner train for a scenic rail journey north to Christchurch, tracing the historic route once known for its journey to Invercargill. Travelling along the South Island's dramatic east coast, the route offers ever-changing views of rugged coastline, rolling farmland, river mouths, and expansive ocean vistas. Sit back and relax as we pass through charming towns and pastoral landscapes while enjoying informative onboard commentary that brings the region's history to life.

Light dinner onboard this evening is included. We arrive at Christchurch Station late in the evening and then transfer to our hotel, which will be our base for the next three nights.

Day 3 Sunday, 24 May 2026

Tour Historic Home, Christchurch Sightseeing & Art Story

After breakfast, we take a short drive to visit Riccarton House, one of Christchurch's most significant heritage sites. Set within beautiful native bush, the house tells the story of the Deans family, early European settlers, and their relationship with Ngāi Tahu. We enjoy time to explore the historic home and its peaceful grounds, gaining insight into the early development of Canterbury. Morning tea completes our visit.



Later this morning, we make our way to enjoy an introduction to the city, aboard a classic 1960's London Double Decker bus, which provides a completely different perspective and is a fun and informative tour. From fascinating history to viewing some of the areas affected by the earthquakes, we will see how Christchurch has risen from the ruins, and preserving what remains of its heritage. Lunch will be at your own choice and expense, with time for a wander in the Botanic Gardens. Following lunch, we will make our way to the Christchurch Art Gallery to discover the creativity of Aotearoa on a guided tour. Explore striking contemporary works, treasured New Zealand art, and fascinating exhibitions while learning the stories behind the art, the artists, and the iconic building itself. After our visit we arrive back at our hotel where we dine in tonight.

Day 4 **Monday, 25 May 2026**

Tour **Iconic TranzAlpine Return Adventure: Christchurch to Greymouth**

We rise early to enjoy a spectacular return journey on the world-famous TranzAlpine train from Christchurch to Greymouth, widely regarded as one of the great scenic railway journeys of the world. The route spans 223.8 km each way and takes approximately four and a half hours, passing through 16 tunnels and crossing 5 impressive viaducts, including the Staircase Viaduct, which stands 73 meters high. Informative onboard commentary enhances the experience, and souvenir books are available for purchase.

Light Lunch and dinner are included on board the train. After arriving in Greymouth, we will have an hour free time before returning to Christchurch later in the day, having enjoyed one of New Zealand's most iconic rail experiences.



Day 5 **Tuesday, 26 May 2026**

Tour **Quake City & Flying back to Wellington**

This morning, we visit Quake City, Christchurch's powerful and engaging earthquake museum. Through interactive exhibits, personal stories, and real artifacts, the museum brings to life the impact of the 2010–2011 earthquakes and the city's remarkable resilience and recovery. This moving stop offers meaningful insight into Christchurch's past and the strength of its people. We then make our way to Christchurch airport for our flight back to Wellington. After farewelling fellow travellers at Wellington Airport, we will be met by our transfer vehicles for the journey back to our hometowns.



Cost of this Tour Includes

- All coach travel
- Good quality hotel accommodation
- 2 dinners, 2 course or buffet
- All breakfasts
- Wellington-Dunedin and Christchurch-Wellington flights
- Dunedin City Sightseeing by coach
- Southerner Scenic Class train journey from Dunedin to Christchurch including light dinner onboard
- Riccarton House entry, guided tour and morning tea
- Christchurch City Sights tour
- Christchurch Art Gallery tour
- Return Christchurch -Greymouth TranzAlpine Scenic Class train Journey including light lunch & dinner onboard
- Entry to Quake City Museum

Total Cost Per Person (Based on 1 person)

Double or twin share: **NZ\$4830.00**

single accommodation: **NZ\$5240.00**

Terms and Conditions

Deposit required to confirm your booking \$1500.00 per person

Tour balance payable by: 23 March 2026

Your name: please provide your name

Our account name: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Limited

Bank account details: BNZ 020688 0127658 00

Tour Reference: Southerner26

To: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Ltd

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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 Tranzit 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 Tranzit 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 Tranzit 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 Tranzit Tour products. The information may be disclosed to our agents, service providers or other suppliers to enable Tranzit Tours to operate the tour. Tranzit 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 while aboard with Tranzit Tours

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We always encourage our passengers to talk to us if they have any questions regarding their mobility, fitness or health.

Our health and safety measures include:

- Recommending all passengers take out comprehensive travel insurance with cover for contagious conditions (like colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc) and that passengers familiarise themselves with any limitations the insurance may have around additional costs associated with the requirement to leave a tour or need to cancel.
- We encourage all passengers to stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of contagious conditions (like colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc).
- Asking passengers and Tour Team to pro-actively undergo a self-administered RAT prior to departure for their safety (and the safety of all passengers on the tour) should they feel they could have been put at risk of contracting COVID-19 or feel unwell (including hay fever, cold and flu-like symptoms). If in doubt, we ask passengers to call the Tranzit Tours Team.
- Passengers who are at higher risk (ie immuno-compromised, suffer from chronic conditions such as COPD etc) are asked to voluntarily make the Tours Team aware of their condition at the time of booking. Also contact your Medical Practitioner to confirm you are well enough to join the tour. This will enable us to consider any additional precautions for you, before traveling, as well as having a plan for an appropriate response if a traveller becomes ill with an infectious illness on a tour.
- Encouraging passengers to wash hands regularly in warm soapy water and use provided hand sanitizer.
- Advising passengers to cough or sneeze into tissues and then immediately dispose of them followed by washing and drying or sanitising your hands. If caught short, we recommend using the inside corner of an elbow to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Ensuring that prior to our tour's departure, the coach undergoes a deep clean (including the air-conditioning filters).
- All hard surfaces are cleaned daily with a disinfectant while on tour.
- Providing biodegradable disposable cups on tour to prevent cross contamination.
- Using tongs for food handling, and washing and drying hands before any food handling. Always wash and dry hands after using bathroom facilities.
- Disposable masks: we encourage passengers to bring their own masks. While it is not compulsory for passengers to wear masks on a coach tour, we do encourage it if you are showing any cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Ensuring our team is fully trained in first aid.

If you become unwell or have an accident while on tour, please contact your Tranzit Tours driver or guide immediately.

They can help support you and contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 or your doctor, immediately who will triage symptoms over the phone and advise next steps. This will be managed on a case-by-case basis. Our Tranzit team will support you and assist with logistics (at the cost of the Passenger – which may be covered by your travel insurance).

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

➤ **Part of The Tranzit Group**