

Te Pukatea Bay, Abel Tasman National Park

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Itinerary especially prepared for

Top of the South 2027

Travelling 8 March - 15 March 2027

Thank you for your enquiry into our Top of the South tour for 2027. On the following pages is our full itinerary.

Tour Overview
Join us as we explore this unequalled summer holiday destination. Discover the highlights of sunny Nelson, magic Marlborough, and gorgeous Golden Bay. In this remarkable corner of New Zealand, history, art, and nature come together as we cruise crystal waters, discover a world-renowned nature reserve, meet talented local artisans and enjoy scenic walks among breathtaking landscapes.

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 by phoning us and acknowledging that you have read the terms and conditions. Secondly, we require your deposit immediately (amounts shown in the Terms and Conditions).

Please note our pricing reflects current operating conditions. If there is a significant and sustained increase in fuel costs prior to your tour, we may need to make a fuel adjustment. Should this occur, we will work together via a fair and reasonable approach so there are no surprises closer to the time of travel.

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 Monday, 8 March 2027



Tour **Travelling to Blenheim**

We begin our journey south from all locations today as we are transferred to Wellington and meet at the ferry terminal for an afternoon sailing to the South Island. Lunch today is on board (own cost). Upon reaching Picton we travel the short distance to our Blenheim accommodation, to settle in before dining together this evening.

Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim
Meals included: dinner

Day 2 Tuesday, 9 March 2027



Tour **Melrose House and over the Marble Mountain**

This morning we travel to Nelson with our first stop at Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve where we enjoy morning tea. We continue our journey to Nelson where we visit Historic Melrose House for a beautiful high tea lunch followed by a wander of the gardens, an opportunity to view one of Nelson's grand historic homes, which has a Category 1 classification with Heritage New Zealand. Departing for Takaka, we travel through the horticultural patchwork of the Motueka district before ascending the Takaka Hill, known locally as the "Marble Mountain". Finally, we drop into the Takaka Valley, making our way to our accommodation in the village, our home for the next two nights. We dine out this evening at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Mohua Motels, Takaka - 2 nights
Meals included: breakfast, lunch Melrose House, dinner Ratanui Lodge

Day 3 Wednesday, 10 March 2027



Tour **Farewell Spit Eco Tour**

After breakfast we journey up to Collingwood, stopping off enroute to view Te Waikorupupu Springs. Known locally as Pupu Springs, geology, landform, rainfall, time, chemistry and water all come together in a unique mix to create what is thought to be the clearest water in the Southern Hemisphere. We arrive at Collingwood with time for a wander and lunch (own cost) before embarking on our overland adventure to explore the unique Farewell Spit landform. We discover the flora and fauna that inhabits this 25 kilometres spit, and learn of its history through a full and informative commentary. We enjoy afternoon tea at the historic lighthouse near the very tip. Returning to Collingwood, we enjoy our dinner at a local restaurant before returning to our motel.

Meals included: breakfast, dinner Collingwood Tavern

Day 4 Thursday, 11 March 2027

Tour **Gorgeous Golden Bay**



We have time for a little further exploration of Golden Bay this morning, taking a jaunt out to Tarakohe and sheltered Ligar Bay, with a chance to take a short walk to view the Abel Tasman Memorial. We also enjoy a stroll through a scenic reserve called "The Grove", a special spot characterised by massive rata trees growing out of curiously shaped limestone outcrops. The track winds through the narrow canyons in the limestone - a series of blocks, that have been sculpted into wonderful shapes by water.

We return to Takaka Village for lunch (own cost). Golden Bay is recognised as a haven for artists and talented craftspeople, and there will be time to browse some of the wonderful array of community galleries selling locally crafted works.

Our travels then take us back over that mountain. Making our way back to Nelson, we stop at Mapua Wharf enroute before checking in to our accommodation in Nelson. We enjoy relaxed dining in house this evening.

Accommodation: Rutherford Hotel, Nelson - 2 nights
Meals included: breakfast, dinner

Day 5 Friday, 12 March 2027

Tour **Cruise the Abel Tasman**



Today we immerse ourselves in the beauty of the Abel Tasman National Park. Journeying over to Kaiteriteri Beach we join Wilson's Abel Tasman for a cruise along the stunning coastline of New Zealand's smallest National Park. Spectacular granite rock formations, golden beaches, rocky islands and tranquil inlets are a feature of this area, and we enjoy the skipper's commentary aboard the vessel. We will disembark at Torrent Bay, where we enjoy a barbecue lunch at Wilson's Lodge, with time to explore the beach, lagoon, and small holiday settlement.

Reboarding our vessel, we return to Kaiteriteri. On our travels back to Nelson, we discover a scenic spot at the head of the Riwaka Valley, where we can take a stroll through cool remnant forest to the resurgence of the Riwaka River. Here the waters of the river flow underground for four kilometres and then emerge from a cave under the Takaka Hill into a crystal-clear pool. A unique and unusual sight. After a full day out in the sea air, we return to our hotel and enjoy our dinner again inhouse this evening.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch with boat cruise, dinner

Day 6 Saturday, 13 March 2027

Tour **Nelson: Arts Automobiles and travelling to St Arnaud**



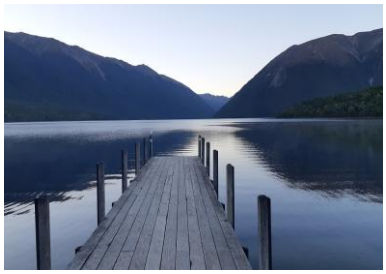
A leisurely breakfast this morning before we set off to explore the attractive city of Nelson and uncover some of its treasures. We head to Queens Gardens, a fine example of a classical Victorian ornamental park. The gardens are part of a designated Historic Places Trust precinct and are adjacent to the Suter Art Gallery. Nelson historically has a strong foundation in the arts so this is also a must see. Nelson's Cathedral is next on our list, a rather austere building that belies its glorious interior. With time for lunch (at our own cost and leisure) we head around the city port to Tahunanui, where we take a short detour to a scenic lookout that provides stunning views of Tahunanui Beach and Tasman Bay.

This afternoon we visit the Nelson Classic Car Museum, a stunningly presented display of immaculately restored cars, covering three centuries of motoring, from Edwardian times through to modern super cars. We then travel through to St Arnaud where we can stroll down to view Lake Rotoiti or relax in the hot tub at our accommodation, the Alpine Lodge. We dine inhouse this evening.

Accommodation: Alpine Lodge, St Arnaud
Meals included: breakfast, dinner

Day 7 Sunday, 14 March 2027

Tour **Exploring Nelson Lakes**



We have a relaxed start to the day before travelling to the departure point for our boat journey on Lake Rotoiti. Enjoy the scenic cruise as we make our way across the lake, taking in the stunning natural landscapes that make this region so special. On our return we enjoy a picnic lunch before exploring a range of short scenic trails that follow the lake shores and take us through beautiful beech forest. Keep an eye out for the trusting little South Island robin, who is likely to be found scratching for insects in the leaf litter. We then travel to Blenheim via the Wairau Valley. We check in at our Blenheim hotel, with time to relax before dining out at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Riverside Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim
Meals included: breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner Raupo Cafe

Day 8 Monday, 15 March 2027

Tour **Travelling Home**

This morning we visit Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. Aviation in the Great Wars is given the Weta Workshop treatment at Omaka, and brought to life in sensational and realistic sets, while incorporating rare memorabilia. Continuing to Picton we have time to find a bite of lunch (own cost) before we catch an afternoon sailing to Wellington. Here we bid farewell to our fellow travellers before being transferred to our respective home locations.

Meals included: breakfast

Cost of this Tour Includes

- Good quality motel/ hotel accommodation
- All coach travel
- Ferry transfers
- 2 course or buffet evening meals
- All breakfasts
- Morning teas on most travelling days
- Melrose House, Nelson; high tea lunch
- Farewell Spit Eco Tour
- Abel Tasman Sea cruise with lunch
- Sightseeing tours of Nelson, Queens Gardens, Suter Art Gallery and Cathedral
- Nelson Classic Car Museum; entry & guided tour
- Boat cruise, Lake Rotoiti
- Picnic lunch
- Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre entry

Total Cost Per Person

Double or twin share: **NZ$5790.00**
Single accommodation: **NZ$6725.00**

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Deposit required to confirm your booking $1445.00 per person

Tour balance payable by: 22 January 2027

Your name: please provide your name
Our account name: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Limited
Bank account details: BNZ 020688 0127658 00
Tour Reference: TopSouth27

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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.
- 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

- Tranzit 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, Tranzit 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.
- Tranzit 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.
- Tranzit 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 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.

Acceptance of Risk

- The Customer acknowledges that all Tranzit 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 Tranzit Tours is not liable for misadventure, death, injury, delay or loss which occurs during the tour.

Seat Rotation

- For the enjoyment of all travellers Tranzit 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

The health, safety and wellbeing of our passengers and team members is our highest priority and we are obliged to take all practicable risk measures to operate safely.

As a company, Tranzit Tours 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 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.