



Castlepoint Reef

# Wairarapa in the Spring

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# Wairarapa in Spring Enquiry

Travelling 4 October 2021 to 7 October 2021

Thank you for your enquiry into our Wairarapa in Spring tour 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 the full register of interest of like-minded travellers. The full itinerary follows.

## Tour Overview

It doesn't take long until you're off the beaten track here in the Wairarapa, so this tour showcases our favourite beach, hidden landscapes, history and nature, while enjoying some of the best in Wairarapa food and beverages. A short tour packed with something to appeal to everyone.

## 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 to secure your booking on this occasion.

## 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](mailto: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, please give us a call, as we want your decision to join us to be as fully informed as possible.

Kind regards Kath, Ali and Robin

## Trip Details

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### Day 1 **Monday, 4 October 2021**

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#### Tour **Our Favourite Beach and Historic Ties**

With transfers arranged from Wellington, Kapiti, and Palmerston North and other surrounding areas, this morning we meet at Copthorne Solway Park Resort for morning tea. Departing Solway, within an hour we are enjoying the variety that is the Castlepoint Scenic Reserve, featuring the reef, lagoon, lighthouse, beach and Castle Rock with time to explore whichever feature tickles your fancy. Lunch is included today, hosted by the Castlepoint Hotel and Guesthouse (formerly the Whakataki).

This afternoon we take an interesting drive to visit the Annedale Woolshed near Tinui. This is one of the oldest woolsheds in the region, dating back to the 1880s and originally built by the Beetham Family as part of Brancepeth. Here we learn more about this historic Wairarapa property with owner Richie Blyth. We return to our Masterton hotel, home for the next three nights. After settling in, we dine in this evening.



### Day 2 **Tuesday, 5 October 2021**

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#### Tour **Iconic Brews – A Hidden Waterfall and Route 52**

With a leisurely start to the day we head north, our first activity to visit Tui HQ and as it is 11am we begin with tastings of beer or cider followed by lunch. After lunch we wend our way via Makuri, a scenic road giving us elevated views of the surrounding country and taking us through a charming and picturesque gorge, returning to civilisation at the tiny settlement of Pongaroa. From here we visit a little-known secret spot in the Tararua District, Waihi Falls. The 25m high falls have a wider span than their vertical drop, tumbling spectacularly off a weathered rocky platform into a large pool below. There is a reasonably steep 10-minute walk down to the base of the falls, but they can be viewed with just a very short stroll along the track if the prospect of a steep climb might put you off.

We return to Pongaroa to visit the local and enjoy refreshments before making our way back to our Masterton hotel. We enjoy dinner in-house again this evening.



## Day 3

Wednesday, 6 October 2021

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### Tour We Will Remember and Stargazing

The Wairarapa, and particularly the south has a rich military history relating to World War One. Join historian Neil Frances as we tour many locations familiar to the more than 70,000 soldiers who trained here from 1915-1918. Among several sites in Featherston is the historic Anzac Hall, built in 1916, where we will enjoy delicacies catered by Clareville Bakery. We will visit military camp locations and several camp buildings which survive, among them Kahutara Hall, where we enjoy a picnic lunch provided by another of our iconic bakeries, 10CC.

The soldiers marched long distances as part of their training – we will only have to march a few metres but wear outdoor shoes and bring a warm jacket, just in case. You will hear happy and sad tales about our young men as they trained to fight in Europe or the Middle East a century ago. Neil has written four books about Wairarapa's place in World War One history, so this is an opportunity not to be missed. Returning mid-afternoon we have time to relax before enjoying dinner in-house once more.

Tonight we enjoy a new activity operating out of Stonehenge Aotearoa, Stargazing. Enjoy a fun, inspiring night with elite science communicators. Hari is a TEDx-featured astrobiologist who interned at NASA and trained for Mars, and Sam is pursuing his passion for astrophysics and stars, after having spent years flying amongst them as a pilot. Hari and Sam have each been stargazing for more than 20 years.



## Day 4

Thursday, 7 October 2021

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### Tour Outdoors – Innovation and History - Travelling Home

This morning we go bush to visit one of the Wairarapa's lesser known short walks, the Kiriwhakapapa loop, graded easy walking. We have time for that last bit of retail therapy in either Masterton or Carterton before enjoying a late lunch with one of Carterton's newest café's Finom Kitchen, run by two self-confessed foodies with the byline "passionate about creating moments of connection through delicious food". Featherston is where we farewell the first of our travellers, but not before enjoying one of our gems the Fell Engine Locomotive museum, hosted locally featuring H199 and the history behind operation of the Rimutaka Incline. We return to our home locations.



#### Cost of Tour includes

- Three nights accommodation Copthorne Resort Solway Park, Masterton
- Full breakfasts each morning
- All coach travel
- Two course or buffet dinners
- Morning tea – Days 1, 3 and 4
- Lunch Castlepoint Hotel and Guesthouse (formerly the Whakataki)
- Historic Annedale Station Woolshed - hosted
- Tui HQ, Mangatainoka – lunch and tastings cider/beers
- Refreshments - Pongaroa Hotel, Route 52
- Delicious food from two iconic bakeries – 10CC and Clareville
- Guided tour of Military sites by local historian, Neil Frances
- Featherston Heritage museum entry
- Star Safari at Stonehenge Aotearoa
- Lunch Finom Kitchen
- Fell Locomotive Museum – guided tour



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## Total Cost Per Person (Based on 1 person)

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<b>Double or Twin Share</b>	<b>NZ\$1,690.00</b>
<b>Single Accommodation</b>	<b>NZ\$2,020.00</b>

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## Terms and Conditions

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### Full payment required to confirm your booking on this occasion.

Bank account details: BNZ 020688 0127658 00  
Tour Reference: Wairarapa21

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)

### 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**

- Transit Tours reserves the right to cancel, reschedule or postpone a tour. With the exception of the Force Majeure section below, Transit 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 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, Transit 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, Transit 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.