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YOUR TOURS TEAM

Welcome

Winter is coming and as the days grow shorter, our touring schedule winds down a notch, though we are looking forward to experiencing Napier in June for a few fun days.

It has been a busy few months out there on the road. Recently home and still getting the washing dry is our Gentle Annie tour group, telling us the highlight of their tour was a visit to the vast Timahanga Station up there in the rare air of the central plateau - the farm road into the station alone was a staggering 19 kilometres. Our Greenstone Trail group arrived home earlier in April refreshed and feeling very connected to nature after travelling and walking through the rainforests of the West Coast.

We urge you to take a look at our upcoming tours, with our latest round of exciting itineraries released. On page 6 our day tours are featured including our June outing, when we've rounded up a great grazing venue for our Mid-Winter lunch. In August, we take you on an old fashioned "roadie" over the new Manawatu Tararua Highway. World of Wearable Arts fans, your time starts now... don't miss out on securing your seats for this year's extravaganza in Spring.

Sadly we lose Fleur this month as she moves on to explore new adventures. We wish her all the best!

Warm wishes from the Tours Team.



Photo stop at Lake Pukaki

Touring Icons

A quick visual guide for what you're in for.



Heritage

NZ's home and gardens on show



Culture

Shows, history and the arts



Wine and Food

Enjoy local delights on tour



Flight/s included

Get to your destination quicker



Walking

A good level of fitness is required



Travel by Train

Train enthusiasts a must!



Boat trip offered

Enjoy a cruise on the water



Escape to nature

Nature and natural history

Your Tranzit touring family...

Ali



Robin



Anil



Craig



Andre



Les

Quick tour guide

June

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- » Christmas in Rotorua

Featured Tours

The Forgotten World Highway

29 September - 3 October - Phone NOW for an itinerary



Experience this remote and mysterious journey, as we wind our way over saddles, through gorges, tunnels and dense forest. The “republic” of Whangamomona, the hand-hewn Moki tunnel, and the remarkable Tangarakau Gorge are highlights on this scenic route that follows an old heritage trail. Remote Northern Taranaki scenery also features, from fascinating limestone formations to wild coastal beaches, sea cliffs and volcanic rock stacks.

Read a sample of the itinerary:

Travelling the Forgotten World Highway

Today we travel this historic route, enjoying lunch at the historic Whangamomona Hotel, New Zealand’s most remote country pub. There will be a chance to wander this tiny village before we travel over the Tahora Saddle, a spectacular vantage point for unsurpassed views of the central North Island mountains and surrounding hill country. Passing through the Moki Tunnel, we’ll wind down into the Tangarakau Gorge where we stop to take in the ambience of the final resting place of Joshua Morgan, a surveyor who assisted paving the way for road and rail through this difficult terrain.

“Experience this remote and mysterious journey”

Ride the Rails

23-30 October 2025 - Phone NOW for an itinerary!

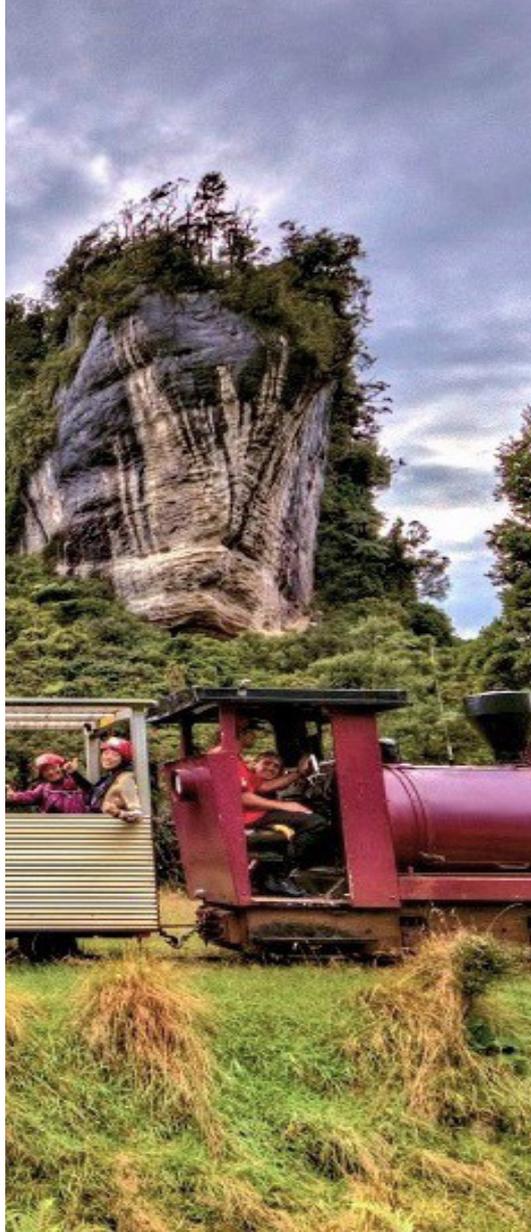


One of our most popular tours you won't want to miss! The world renowned TranzAlpine (Greymouth to Christchurch) and the scenic Coastal Pacific (Blenheim to Christchurch) excursions are unquestionably the special highlights. We also discover vintage and branch lines in Canterbury and on the wildly scenic West Coast, visit the famous Denniston Incline and enjoy a special dinner on the iconic Christchurch Tram. All of this is topped off with the opportunity to talk to genuine railway enthusiasts and learn about the unique history of NZ rail.

Read a sample of the itinerary:

Coastal Pacific to Christchurch

This morning we join the Blenheim Riverside Railway - an 11km train excursion along the banks of the picturesque Taylor River from Brayshaw Park Station to Beaver Station. We visit the Marlborough Museum, which highlights the rich history of early Marlborough and have time for lunch in town before boarding the Coastal Pacific train. Featuring an open-air viewing carriage, this journey allows a scenic feast of southern New Zealand, with the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of our train and the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on the other.



“Rediscover the joys of train travel”

Day Tours

Lunch at Homewood Storeroom

Tuesday 10 June - Book now, you don't want to miss out!

Join us for our midwinter lunch in a charming setting in a quiet corner of the Wairarapa, the Homewood Storeroom. Situated near to Riversdale is a family-owned restaurant run by chef Paddy Tatham and partner Alex, on the edge of the Tatham family farm. We enjoy a delicious lunch incorporating ingredients from the farm and we'll also get to hear a bit about the farm operation and the restaurant venture that appeared on Country Calendar last year. Also be sure to browse the gallery featuring quality local products.

Depart: 9.20am Tranzit Depot

9.30am Farriers Masterton

Return: 3.00pm Masterton

Price: \$99.00– due by 27 May

Includes: Coach and lunch

Banking reference:

Homewood25



Homewood Storeroom



Parahaki Bridge on the new road

Manawatu Gorge Trip

Friday 15 August - Book now, you don't want to miss out!

The much anticipated Manawatu Tararua Highway is finally open, so today is about experiencing this exciting new section of roading. Driving over the road, you'll see six bridges and structures, around 2 million new plants, and a shared walking/cycling trail among a host of other features. We'll stop off at Feilding to have a browse of the Farmers Market, and we've also found a couple of beautiful murals we are keen to show you, one in Feilding, the other in Palmerston North. Lunch today is at one of our favourite venues, Verdict Café in Palmy, where great food is guaranteed.

Depart: 8.30am Tranzit Depot

8.45am Farriers Masterton

Return: 3.30pm Masterton

Price: \$107.00 – due by 1 August

Includes: Coach and lunch

Banking reference:

Gorge25

2025 World of Wearable
Art (WOW) Show: RISE
Sunday 5 October

Ignite what lies within at the 2025 WOW Show: RISE, as a city comes alive in celebration of the creative spirit. Expect the unexpected, as Aotearoa's finest performers bring the world's leading wearable art to life onstage. With WOW's internationally acclaimed creative team at the helm, don't miss this unforgettable spectacle of boundless imagination and jaw-dropping artistry. We have booked our usual Sunday matinee spot and will arrive in time to allow you to enjoy a bite of lunch in Wellington (own cost).

NB: Lower valley pickups available today

Depart: 9.45am Tranzit Depot
10.00am Farriers Masterton

Return: 6.00pm Masterton

Price: \$248.00 Full payment due ASAP

Includes: Coach and WOW Gold show ticket

Bank reference: WOWWAI25



Travel Club Terms and Conditions

Paying by internet for Travel Club Trips

For those of you wanting to pay by internet, there have been a few changes instigated by the NZ banking industry, to help reduce the risk of people making mistakes and paying the wrong person and to help avoid payment scams when making payments.

You will now be required to provide the following information when making a payment:

Your name: please provide your name

Our account name: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Limited

Tranzit Tours Account number: 02-0688-0127658-00

Reference: please use the reference listed for each of our tours and day trips, which you will find in the pricing information for each tour or trip (eg Palliser24)

Other ways to pay:

For your convenience, you can also make payment the following ways:

- Phone us with your credit card details
- Drop in to see us with card or cash (Wairarapa & Manawatu members only)

Spend a few days away with us.

Tours for 2025

Give us a call to request an itinerary or register your interest if something takes your fancy. We look forward to arranging your next holiday!

Mid Winter Christmas in Napier

24-26 June - full, waitlisting.



Enjoy a tour and lunch at the historic Ashcott Homestead and get hands on at Faraday Museum of Technology. Have a relaxing morning of breathtaking views along the Cape Sanctuary in a guided 4x4 bus tour and sample wines at Craggy Range with its awe-inspiring back drop views of Te Mata Peak.

Northern Explorer Short Break

20-22 August - **BOOK NOW**
only a few spots left!



This tour provides the opportunity to travel the 'Northern Scenic' route on the

Northern Explorer train to Taumarunui, featuring numerous soaring viaducts and the engineering marvel of the Raurimu Spiral. This short break stays in Ohakune and is packed full of other attractions including a Dinosaur Museum housed in a beautiful heritage building, unique and charming gardens in the Taumarunui area and one of NZ's largest rural Alpaca farms.



Northern Explorer at National Park

Mountains to Sea

15 - 19 September - **phone now**
for an itinerary



The name paints the picture: from a stay in Ohakune under the shadow of Mount Ruapheu, to relaxing by the sea in Raglan. Discover the silica terraces and geysers of Orakei Korako and cruise the Waikato River to experience the power of the remarkable Huka Falls. Step into the enchanting world

of Hobbiton and enjoy the delicious “fayre” at the Green Dragon Inn.



Hobbiton - Mountains to Sea

The Far North

6 - 15 October - phone now for an itinerary



The Far North tour returns as we plot the history of the unique Northland kauri industry and see ancient kauri. We drive along the endless sands of 90 Mile Beach, cruise to the Hole in the Rock, visit the amazing sculpture park at Matakana, discover the Kumara Capital of Dargaville, and uncover an amazing whaling museum in a remote tranquil spot.



Waipoua Forest - Far North

Hurunui & Marlborough Gardens

29 October - 2 November

Releasing soon - phone now to register your interest



Hurunui Garden Festival is gaining a reputation as a first-class garden event. Gorgeous gardens from all over this region (near Hanmer Springs) open their gates so festival goers can visit gardens of national significance, horticultural delights and elegant rural properties with mountain vistas. View art and sculpture and find inspiration in the gardens of others. We will also be visiting some of our favourite Marlborough Gardens, so don't miss this opportunity to see some of the best gardens in the country.



Hurunui Gardens - Winterhome Garden

Molesworth Station

12-16 November - phone now for an itinerary



This is one of our most popular tours and we've made it even better, introducing you to more remote areas. We use specially designed vehicles that take you comfortably through the soaring back country terrain of Molesworth Station (NZ's largest). BUT THAT'S NOT ALL... we also tour through the stunning and constantly changing landscapes of Rainbow Station and visit a hill country property in the Leader Valley with unique geological features. We use a local guide whose knowledge is extensive, so you will learn the area's history through an informative and entertaining commentary.



**Musterers & Dogs
Molesworth Station**

The Deep South

17 - 26 November - releasing soon - phone to register your interest



Returning in 2025 by popular demand. Join us on our southern-most sojourn as we travel the full Southern Scenic Route from Dunedin via the ruggedly dramatic Catlins Coast to Invercargill, and on to stunning Fiordland. We really get to tick off those bucket list destinations, with a cruise in tranquil Doubtful Sound and an overnight stay on Stewart Island being special highlights.



Deep South - Nugget Point, Catlins

East Cape Escape

24 - 30 November - phone now for an itinerary



Explore the scenically and culturally rich East Cape, viewing beautiful churches, discovering isolated bays and taking roads less travelled.

We ride the rails at Awakeri, stay at stunningly isolated Hicks Bay, stroll on the Tolaga Bay Wharf, and lunch at the local in Waihau and Tokomaru Bays. A stroll through Eastwoodhill Arboretum is another special attraction on this tour that is sure to please.



Chatham Island - Maunganui



Raukokore Church - East Cape

Chatham Island

1 - 8 December - phone now to register your interest



We return to this remote part of NZ to discover the unique landscapes and natural history, learn about the lifestyle of the Chatham Islanders and enjoy fabulous meals featuring abundant seafood. Every day is an adventure as our travels uncover unusual geological formations, remote fishing villages and a rich flora and fauna - all interwoven with the unique Chatham's history of the Moriori.

The Kaimanawas

4 - 6 December - phone now to register your interest



A rare opportunity to encounter the famous heritage horses of the Kaimanawa Ranges in their natural habitat. Travelling over NZ Defence land normally closed to the public, we are very privileged to be able to enjoy this experience. We are joined by a Kaimanawa Heritage guide who knows where to find the mares, foals, and stallions roaming free in their family bands amongst spectacular back country scenery.



Wild Horses - The Kaimanawas

Christmas in Rotorua

23 - 27 December - releasing soon - phone now to register your interest

Our festive season commences as we head to Rotorua, a place where the earth breathes and nature paints its masterpiece. But the Geothermal Capital offers many other special attractions including walking in the canopy of the Redwood Forest, cruising on Lake Rotoiti, viewing a fascinating falcon display at Wingspan Birds of Prey and experiencing a live demonstration of a running 8-dog huskie team.

This will be a Christmas to remember. Join us for a fun and festive time with friends old and new!



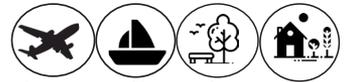
Huskies - Christmas in Rotorua

Overseas Experiences

Dates are now confirmed for our 2025 Australian adventures, so phone us now to register your interest for these great opportunities.

K'gari (Fraser Island)

2 - 9 September - take a look at this new destination and phone to register your interest



World Heritage listed Fraser Island, known as K'gari (meaning paradise) is known for its natural wonders, unspoilt beaches, fantastic weather year-round and incredible scenery. This tour also takes in the sights of Brisbane and Hervey Bay - a recognised whale migratory path, and where we join a special whale watch cruise.



Whale Watching - Fraser Island

Melbourne and the Great Ocean Road

12 - 19 October - phone now to register your interest



An eight-day tour exploring the best of Melbourne, from its parks and gardens to its gracious buildings, sporting venues, the Yarra River and Phillip Island. This tour also features the Great Ocean Road, one of Australia's most scenic drives. We discover the amazing Twelve Apostles and other incredible formations fashioned by nature, learn about the history of the "shipwreck coast" at Warnambool, and find out about the gold rush



Great Ocean Road - Australia

Heritage & Cultural Tour of India 2026

Anil has returned from his visit to India to visit family and while he was there, he explored the possibilities for this tour. We'll keep you updated on progress, so keep your eyes peeled on this page.



The Taj Mahal - Agra, India
Credit Photo: Anil Sharma

Cairns and Port Douglas

We are now looking towards 2026 for this popular winter destination.



Skyrail in Cairns - Australia

The Concert Club

We've been talking about the good old days when we used to go to many more concerts and shows, and we are keen to start offering more opportunities to go to shows, the symphony orchestra, ballets and Circa Theatre performances once again. Please give us a call or send us an email if this would be of interest to you. We look forward to an evening of culture with you soon.

Out and about with Tranzit Tours

Fabouloous snaps from our more recent tours - Thanks to Ali and Andre for the great photography.



**West Coast
tree top walk
April 2025**



**Punakiki Rocks
West Coast
April 2025**



**Secluded spot on the
shore - Lake Wanaka
March 2025**



**4X4 touring - West Wanaka
March 2025**



**Happy travellers - West Wanaka
March 2025**



**Tea break! - Whangamata
April 2025**



**Cape Foulwind - West Coast
April 2025**

Do you need a Guest Speaker?

Our tours team have been out and about over the last few months, visiting members' villages and clubs to talk about our tours and travel club and have thoroughly enjoyed our time meeting folk. We are planning another series of visits around the lower North Island this year, so if you think it may be something your club or village might be interested in, do give us a call, we'd love to visit.

Keep us In the Loop

Have you recently moved, got a cell phone, got rid of your landline or changed your email address? Do let us know, as we don't want you to miss out on receiving all the latest news about our exciting tours. If you don't want to receive our newsletters any longer we won't be hurt, we would rather know than keep annoying you with unwanted mail.

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The Tranzit Tours difference gives you:

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All inclusive

From the moment our driver collects you from the front door your journey with us is convenient, relaxing and stress free. All your costs are paid for up front - accommodation, dinners, attractions and transfers. There are no hidden extras.

Destinations & Attractions

Our tours offer a mix of big-ticket wow factor attractions and destinations such as Doubtful Sound, the Moeraki Boulders and Taupo to lesser-seen landscapes - all from the seat of a comfortable coach.

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Hokitika Sunset - from our Greenstone Trail tour

Book now

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