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**YOUR TOURS  
TEAM**

## Welcome

Greetings travellers!

Now that we are officially past the shortest day, we hope the latest edition of Tranzscript will inspire you to plan your travels to somewhere new or tick off that must-do destination. Be sure to contact us if something catches your eye.

Recently returned is our annual Midwinter tour, this year we had Hawkes Bay in our sights, where great hospitality and fine wintry weather welcomed us. As always, food and beverages featured highly, along with a dash of history and a splash of nature, including a close encounter with takahe at a sanctuary on Cape Kidnappers.

On our recent day excursions, some of us enjoyed a visit to Homewood Storeroom for a mouth-watering winter's lunch, while those in the Manawatu enjoyed lunch on the Kapiti Coast at a great coastal restaurant.

Still to come in August we've planned a "roadie" over the new Manawatu-Tararua Highway (we are looking at running it again if there is enough demand), with the World of Wearable Arts hot on its heels in October. You don't want to miss this, it is set to be bigger, brighter and more spectacular than ever before.

We look forward to hosting you on a Tranzit adventure soon.

The Tours Team: Robin, Ali and Anil



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

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*"Step into this  
enchanted world"*



*"Experience this remote  
and mysterious journey"*

## Featured Tours

### 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 Ruapehu, 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.

### 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.



## Ride the Rails

23 - 30 October - Phone NOW for an itinerary



One of our most popular tours, rediscovering the joys of train travel. The world renowned TranzAlpine and the scenic Coastal Pacific excursions are unquestionably special highlights, but 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 topped off with the opportunity to talk to genuine railway enthusiasts and learn about the history of NZ rail.



*“Rediscover the joys of train travel”*

## Hurunui & Marlborough Gardens

29 October - 2 November - Phone NOW for an itinerary



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 borrowing mountain vistas. View art and sculpture and find inspiration in the gardens of others. Also included are some of the best of Marlborough’s gardens featuring annually in the renowned Garden Marlborough Festival, some of the finest gardens in the country.



*“Discover this first-class garden event”*

# Day Tours

## Manawatu Gorge Road Trip

Friday 15 August - Full Waitlisting

If there is enough interest we will run this outing again, so don't let the word "FULL" put you off. Phone us and register your interest. If you have booked and not yet paid, please phone us to confirm that you still want to go. Lunch today is at one of our favourites—Verdict Café in Palmerston North. Afterward, we'll take a short stroll to view a stunning mural celebrating the domestic cat. Then it's off across the new 11.5km Manawatū Tararua Highway (Te Ahu a Turanga), featuring bridges, sculptures, native plantings, and a walking/cycling trail. We return via the scenic Saddle Road, passing giant wind turbines.

***Please advise any dietary requirements when booking.***

**Meet:** 9.15am Bunny Street outside McDonalds, opp Railway Stn

**Depart:** 9.30am (by coach)

**Return:** 5.30pm Bunny Street outside McDonalds

**Price:** \$144.00– due ASAP

**Includes:** coach and lunch

**Banking reference:** Gorge25



**Tararua Highway - Parahaki Bridge**

## 2025 World of Wearable Art 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. Come and be part of something truly spectacular! We have booked a Sunday matinee spot (1.30pm). Seats are selling fast so don't miss out!

### Hutt Members

**Depart:** 11.30am Upper Hutt Station & 11.50am Avalon Duckpond, Fairway Dr, Lower Hutt

**Price: \$240.00**

**Includes:** coach and Gold show ticket

### **Wellington Members**

**Meet:** 12.45pm Wellington, TSB Arena

**Price:** \$202.00

**Includes:** Gold show ticket

**Banking reference:** WOWWAI25

**Full payment due ASAP**



**Photo credit: Curves ahead**

**Grace DuVal, United States**

## **Save the date!**

**Tranzit Centenary  
Christmas Lunch  
Thursday 11 December**

Tranzit Group proudly turns 100 at the end of this year, and we want to celebrate with you, our valued members, with a special Christmas lunch at Copthorne Solway Park. There will be a special art and memorabilia exhibition at Aratoi Gallery, and much more. Full details to follow but be sure to pop it into your calendar now.



## **Travel Club Terms and Conditions**

### **Paying by internet for Travel Club Trips**

Please 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.**

## **Current Tours**

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

### **Northern Explorer Short Break**

**20 - 22 August - full - waiting list**



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**

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For more information, see featured tours page 4.

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### **The Far North**

**6 - 15 October - phone now for an itinerary**



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



**Cape Reinga Lighthouse**



## Ride the Rails

23 - 30 October

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For more information, see featured tours page 5.

## Hurunui & Marlborough Gardens

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## 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 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.



Molesworth Station

## The Deep South

17 - 26 November - selling fast!



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.



The Deep South - Catlins Coast

## 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 Waihou and Tokomaru Bays. A stroll through Eastwoodhill Arboretum is another special attraction on this tour that is sure to please.



East Cape - Raukokore Church

## Chatham Island

1 - 8 December - phone now for an itinerary



We travel 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.



Chatham Island - Maunganui

## The Kaimanawas

4 - 6 December - phone now for an itinerary

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 some spectacular back country scenery.



**The Kaimanawas**

## Christmas in Rotorua 23 - 27 December - phone now for an itinerary

Our festive season commences as we head to Rotorua, a place where the earth breathes and nature paints it's 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!



**Rotorua - Sulphur Flats**

## Tours for 2026

Our planning is underway for next year, so phone us now to register your interest in the following tours for early 2026!

### The Greenstone Trail 4-12 February - phone now to register your interest

This is one of New Zealand's most unspoilt regions and our tour is full of attractions that cover many of the 'must see and do's' of Westland. Have you ever walked among the treetops in a South Westland Rainforest or been wowed by the reflections at Lake Matheson? Visited the glaciers or explored the secret waterways of Okarito in search of the sacred white heron? Then what are you waiting for?



**Greenstone Trail - White Heron**



## Wairarapa Off the Beaten Track

23 - 26 February – phone now to register your interest

Join us as we get off the beaten track to showcase Wairarapa's wild coast, iconic stations and homesteads, wines and foods. There is much to see in this scenic region if you take the time, heading over that hill or taking that country road. This short tour is packed with something to appeal to everyone.



**Wairarapa - Brancepeth**

## High Country Stations

6 - 13 March – phone now to register your interest

Our much-loved high-country tour, exploring the expansive Canterbury High Country returns. Meet the owners who farm this remote and spectacular area, far up in the headwaters of the giant Canterbury Rivers and nestled against the Southern Alps.



**High Country - Lake Camp**

## Great Barrier Island

7-11 March – phone now to register your interest

Discover this hidden gem of the Hauraki Gulf, encounter unique and endangered wildlife, experience its rugged natural beauty, admire the talents of local artisans, covet the relaxed lifestyle the folk of the Barrier enjoy, and enjoy the endless walking opportunities. A tour for adventurers!



**Great Barrier Island - Fitzroy Harbour**



## Central Otago Discovery

11-18 April – phone now to register your interest

We combine all that's great about this remarkable and unique region. An underlying history of the Otago Goldrush with its tales of endeavour and hardship, has left a legacy of quaint villages and stark sluiced landscapes. But this is a region of outstanding beauty, and visiting in April is a bonus as the colours of autumn erupt.



Central Otago - Cardrona

## Overseas Experiences

Melbourne and the Great Ocean Road 2025

12-19 October – cancelled

Sadly we have not reached the minimum number required within our tight deadlines for this tour to go ahead in 2025.

## Tasmanian Temptations 2026

Dates to be confirmed – phone now to register your interest

We are looking to slot this popular destination into our tour calendar for 2026. Tasmania is Australia's smallest and most diverse state, punching well above its weight in the wow stakes. From gracious cities to tiny historic villages, vibrant birdlife to tassie devils, soaring mountains to deep river gorges.

## 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 Concert Club

We've been talking about the good old days when we used to go to 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 get in touch 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

Faboulous snaps from our recent tour to Napier - Thanks to Ali for the great photography.



**Ali at the Reflections Display**



**Huia statue, Craggy Range**



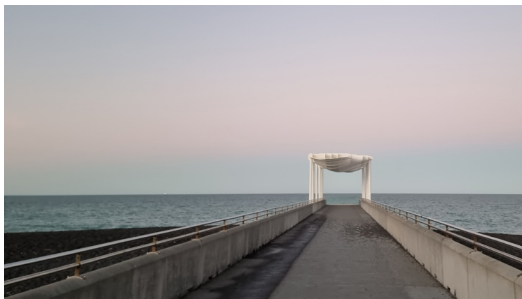
**Our smart coach with Te Mata Peak behind**



**Ocean Beach**



**Tea break at Ashcott Homestead**



**The Napier Foreshore**



**Happy travellers outside Duart House**

## 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.

## Needing a great gift?

The perfect gift for any occasion is a Tranzit Tour gift voucher. They can be made out for any nominated amount, and best of all there's no tiresome expiry date. Give us a call or drop in and see us and your gift giving troubles will be over.

## The important stuff:

**Our promise:** Tranzit Tours is a fun and adventurous team, where you always come first.

## The Tranzit Tours difference gives you:

### Door to Door Transfers

We never compromise on your comfort or safety – from the moment we pick you up from your front door, to the moment we drop you off at home.

### 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.

To discover more of our tours and for full itineraries visit [www.tranzittours.co.nz](http://www.tranzittours.co.nz)





**Tolaga Bay Wharf - East Cape Escape**

## **Book now**

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