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## Welcome

Welcome to our final edition of Tranzscript for 2025. Like it or not, Christmas is looming, but here at Tranzit Tours Headquarters we can't wait! We're looking forward to sharing a very special Christmas lunch with you, in a year of incredible significance for Tranzit Group - it's not every day that a company gets to celebrate 100 years in business!! If you haven't booked, there is still space, but we urge you to book now so as not to miss out (turn to page 6 for full information).

Our touring schedule is getting very busy, with the tour team passing like ships in the night at the moment. Ali recently returned from a tour to the northernmost tip of the North Island and will very shortly be heading to the very bottom of the South Island. Anil is making final preparations for departure on our East Cape expedition, and Katie will be jumping aboard a Cook Strait ferry this week with our group heading south to experience Molesworth Station.

Speaking of Katie, we'd like to take the opportunity to introduce our newest team member. Originally from Manchester in the UK, Katie has been in New Zealand since 2018 and has travelled the country extensively. She comes to Tranzit with customer service, IT and leadership experience, as well as enjoying meeting new people and hearing about their travel stories. Welcome aboard Katie!

Warm regards and seasons greetings,

The Tours Team: Robin, Ali, Anil and Katie



**YOUR TOURS  
TEAM YOUR**

*Please  
remember to  
check our festive  
season closure  
on the back*



## 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



Katie



Anil



Andre



Les

## Quick tour guide

### December

- » The Kaimanawa Horses
- » Christmas in Rotorua

### February 2026

- » Greenstone Trail
- » Wairarapa Shortbreak

### March

- » High Country Stations
- » Great Barrier Island
- » Taste of Nelson

### April

- » Central Otago
- » Gentle Annie

### May

- » Cambridge Short Break

### June

- » Midwinter
- » Christmas in New Plymouth

### July

- » Greytown Winter Wonder



*“Discover one of New Zealand's most unspoilt regions”*

# Featured Tours

## The Greenstone Trail

4-12 February - Phone NOW for an itinerary



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, which we cover from top to bottom. Have you ever walked among the treetops in a South Westland Rainforest or been wowed by the reflections at Lake Matheson? Walked on the Heaphy track, visited the glaciers or explored the secret waterways of Okarito in search of the sacred white heron? No? Then what are you waiting for?

*Read a sample of the itinerary:*

### **White Herons and West Coast Rainforest**

*We travel south to Whataroa this morning to join White Heron Sanctuary Tours for a very special experience. Travelling across farmland, we then walk to a hide through pristine rainforest in the Waitangi Roto Nature Reserve to view NZ's only kotuku (white heron) sanctuary. Revered by the Maori as a symbol of beauty, the white heron is rare in NZ and breeds only in this secret location. The birds are nesting, so you will also see young birds, making this a truly magical and privileged experience.*

# Wairarapa Off the Beaten Track

23-26 February - Phone NOW for an itinerary



Join us as we get off the beaten track to showcase Wairarapa's wild coast, iconic stations, historic 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.

*Read a sample of the itinerary:*

## **Coastal Country**

*Today we take a scenic drive to the Castlepoint coast where we enjoy a leisurely walk up to the iconic lighthouse which was built in 1913 and is one of the last two remaining beam lighthouses in New Zealand. We then meet with the owners of Castlepoint Station for an introductory talk, before enjoying the privilege of travelling in our coach over the Otahome Road which passes through the breathtaking coastal scenery of Castlepoint Station. Driving towards Riversdale, we stop at the wonderful Homewood Storeroom Restaurant for a relaxing roast lunch prepared by Chef Paddy who incorporates ingredients from the farm, including lamb.*



*"Get off the beaten track in wonderful Wairarapa!"*

# Day Tours

## Tranzit Centenary

### Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11 December

Tranzit Group proudly turned 100 on the 9th of November, and we want to celebrate with you, our valued members, with a special Christmas lunch at Copthorne Solway Park in Masterton. There will be a special art exhibition at Aratoi Art Gallery - established artist and former Tranzit team member Wally Trickett has painted 100 oil paintings of buses to mark the celebrations! The exhibition will also include memorabilia and historical items gathered over the years. Then we adjourn to the Copthorne to pop the bubbly and enjoy Christmas festivities with friends old and new.

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

**Depart:** 10.00am Featherston, 10.10am Greytown, 10.20am Carterton, 10.50am Farriers Masterton

**Return:** 3.15-4.00pm

**Price:** \$118.00 – due ASAP

**Includes:** coach and lunch, first drink, Aratoi entry, prezzie

**Banking reference:**

Christmas100



**Historic Tranzit No. 8 bus**

## Happy Cows

Tuesday 17 February

Today we visit a certified organic Manawatu dairy farm which featured on Country Calendar earlier this year, and where the cows milk themselves – well, almost! The cows are milked by robots but get to choose when they want to be milked. Watch the cows being milked and enjoying a massage with a whirly brush, while you learn all about this very different approach to conventional dairy farming. Don't miss "Poppa's Shed", a collection of vintage farm machinery. Lunch today is at the Coach House Museum in Feilding, then after lunch there will be time to wander the museum, an outstanding collection of rural history, farm equipment and horse drawn transport.

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

**Depart:** 8.30am Farriers Masterton

**Return:** 4.00pm Masterton

**Price:** \$123.00 – due by 3 Feb

**Includes:** Coach, farm tour, lunch and museum

**Banking reference:**

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**Happy Cows**

### **UPDATE: Joining a Day Tour**

When joining a day tour in Masterton, due to limited parking we are no longer including Transit Depot, Queen Street, as a pick up point unless you are travelling without a car. All Masterton pick ups will be at Farriers Carpark. NB: we will continue to arrange South Wairarapa pick ups

### **The Concert Club**

Remember the good old days when we used to go to many more concerts and shows? We are keen to start offering more opportunities to go to shows, the symphony orchestra, ballets and Circa Theatre performances

once again. If you haven't expressed your interest yet, give us a call or send us an email. We look forward to an evening of culture with you.

## **Travel Club Terms & Conditions**

**Terms & Conditions:** Final payment is required to Transit no later than two weeks prior to the trip unless otherwise stated.

Concert bookings do require a non-refundable deposit to confirm your booking. Cancellations: we endeavour to refund fully where possible, however cancellations made within 48 hours of departure may incur fees of non-refundable components. Photographs: whilst away with Transit Tours Travel Club, you may be included in photographs and/or films taken by our guides and drivers that will be used for future promotional advertising purposed and by booking on to any of our day trips and tours you authorise the use of any images you are captured in to be used without any further consent or payment. To discuss any points above, give us a call on 0800 471 227.

**Spend a few days away with us.**

**Tours for 2025**

Give us a call to request an itinerary or register your interest if something captures your imagination.

**The Kaimanawas**

4 - 6 December - subject to room availability



Don't miss this rare opportunity to encounter the famous heritage horses of the Kaimanawa Ranges in their natural habitat. In spectacular back country 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.



**Kaimanawa Horses**

**Christmas in Rotorua**

23 - 27 December - few seats left! Don't delay!



Christmas will be here before you know it. Join us as we head to the Geothermal Capital this year, where nature paints its masterpiece. But Rotorua offers many other special attractions including walking in the canopy of the Redwood Forest, a boat cruise 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, a fun and festive time with friends old and new!



**Timberline Huskies**

# 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

See featured tours on page 5 for full information.

## Wairarapa Off the Beaten Track

23-26 February

See featured tours on page 5 for full information.

## High Country Stations

6-13 March - releasing soon, register your interest today.



Our much-loved high-country tour returns, exploring the expansive Canterbury High Country. 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. A horse drawn wagon ride over the moraine landscapes of Erewhon Station and a 4WD adventure up a remote glacially carved valley are unique highlights. This is country that is guaranteed to take your breath away!



**Rush hour in the High Country**

## Great Barrier Island

7-11 March - phone now for an itinerary



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**



**Nelson - Abel Tasman Cruise**

## A Taste of Nelson

26-29 March - phone now for an itinerary



Join this bespoke, small-group experience that immerses you in the rich flavours, artistry, and scenic beauty of the Nelson–Tasman region. It's not just a food and wine tour—it's a curated journey through the heart of New Zealand's artisan culture. Visit one of Nelson's Heritage houses, immerse yourself in the beauty of the Abel Tasman National Park, take in the vibrant tapestry of the Nelson Market and taste the fine wines and boutique beers of the Top of the South.



**Central Otago - Clutha Rive Cruise**

## 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.



**Gentle Annie - Timahanga Station**

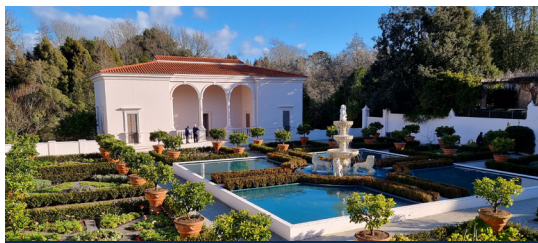
## Gentle Annie

28-30 April - phone now to register your interest



Explore the Central North Island's lesser travelled interior and the dramatic landscapes of the Rangitikei region. We travel up the historic Moawhango Valley and follow the Inland

Patea Heritage Trail (better known as the “Gentle Annie”), from Taihape to Napier. A visit to one of the historic sheep stations on the route is a special highlight!



**Cambridge - Hamilton Gardens**

## Cambridge Short Break

11-14 May - phone now to register your interest



Enjoy an autumn break in the charming town of Cambridge. The famed trees of Cambridge will be alight with autumn colour and with plenty of great attractions to capture your attention, we are spoilt for choice. Visit Maungatautari Forest Sanctuary - an incredible conservation project. Visit the exceptional Hamilton Gardens, and heritage listed Woodlands Garden and Homestead. But there's more...we have packed plenty into this short getaway!



**Len Lye Museum**

## Midwinter Christmas in New Plymouth

24-26 June - phone now to register your interest



New Plymouth is our midwinter destination for 2026, offering numerous activities to help us celebrate midwinter with flair and fun.

## Greytown Festival of Christmas

July dates to be confirmed - releasing soon; register your interest

Greytown throws on its woolly jumpers and puffa jackets and launches into a month-long celebration of Christmas, with amazing lighting, festive food, night markets and gorgeous displays.

## Bay of Plenty Discovery

10-14 August - phone now to register your interest

A new tour in our calendar, the vibrant city of Tauranga will be our base for a tour packed with opportunities to discover what makes this region tick.

## Hawkes Bay Historic Homes

7-9 September – phone now to register your interest

Hawkes Bay has many historic homesteads that stand as grand reminders of an era of prosperity, when wool was king. Our travels will uncover some of these gems dotted through the countryside of the bay.

## Alpine Pacific Triangle

28 September - 4 October  
phone now to register your interest

Another new tour drops into our calendar, based around a well-known scenic South Island touring route, which takes in the Lewis, Hanmer and Kaikoura areas. We have been delving deep to uncover their hidden treasures. A Whale Watch Kaikoura tour promises to be a special highlight.



**Kaikoura - Alp Triangle**

## Coromandel Getaway

12-18 October – phone now to register your interest



Discover the endless coastlines and sandy coves, the rugged volcanic landscapes and native forests of this scenic region, along with many unique and quirky attractions. With a mountainous interior cloaked in native rainforest and more than 400 kilometres of dazzling white sand beaches, the Coromandel is rustic, unspoiled and relaxed. You will love this tour.



**Coromandel - Cathedral Cove**

## Christchurch Spring Break

12-18 October – phone now to register your interest



Treat yourself to a spring escape to Christchurch. History, culture and nature collide in the “Garden City”, and we’ve uncovered some amazing gems to visit. Visit Ohinetahi Garden, the garden of the late Sir Miles Warren.

Learn about the Frozen Continent at the Antarctic Centre. Take a tour of Ravenscar Art Gallery – an amazing collection donated to the city by its philanthropic owners and sit back and enjoy an elegant evening dining experience on the Christchurch Tram.

## Also planned for 2026: November

- Taranaki Gardens
- Tasmania (see below)
- India
- Molesworth Station
- Islands of the Hauraki Gulf

## December

- Chatham Island
- Christmas in Dunedin

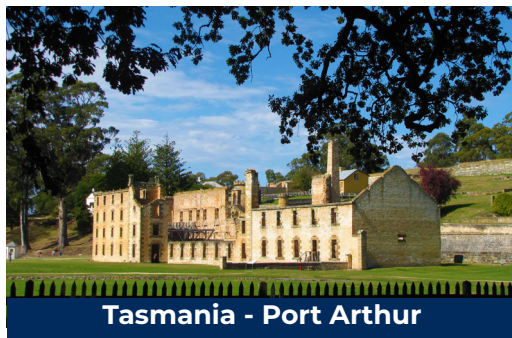
## Overseas Adventures

### Tasmanian Temptations

4-19 November - phone now to register your interest  
**ON SALE FEB 2026!**

This will be our best and most comprehensive ever Tassie tour package, specially designed to suit our valued clients. Tasmania is Australia's smallest and most

diverse state, which punches well above its weight in the wow stakes. From gracious cities to tiny historic villages, vibrant bird-life to Tasmanian devils, soaring mountains to deep river gorges, we leave no stone unturned. The ultimate Tasmanian experience.



### Heritage & Cultural Tour of India 2026

Anil is exploring the possibilities of a tour to his home country. With your safety and comfort at the top of our list, you'll be able to fully enjoy all that this vibrant country and culture has to offer. Register your interest now and we'll keep you updated on progress.



# Out and about with Tranzit Tours

Some images from our recent tour featuring the scenic Far North tour - Thanks for the photos Ali



## Making payments

### Paying by Internet for Travel Club Trips:

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

**Your name:** please provide your full 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 still also make payment the following ways:

- Phone us with your Credit or Debit Card details
- Drop in to see us with card or cash (for Wairarapa and Manawatu members only)



High Country - Lake Camp

## 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.



Central Otago - Cardrona Hotel

## 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)



**Lake Rotoiti**

## **Book now**

For enquiries and reservations call:

**06 370 6600 ext 1**

**0800 471 227 ext 1**

9:30am - 4:00pm, Monday - Friday



### **Christmas Closure**



**Our tour office will be closed from Friday 19 December at 1.00pm through to Monday 5 January at 9.30am**

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