



tranzit tours

The tour team are starting to get out and about now, and the cruise boats are beginning to frequent Wellington's waters again as the new season starts to build, so it's a bit like herding cats trying to get us all in one place at the moment.

This is our last newsletter for 2018, but we still have a few tricks up our sleeves and many of you will be looking forward to packing your bags and joining us on tour to discover the highlights of this gem of a country of ours, as a whole cluster of tours approach departure date, from the wild West Coast, to the remote Chatham Islands. If it's a day out you're looking for there are still spaces available on our annual Christmassy get together, as we join with our fellow travel clubs to celebrate the end of another year. Or why not give yourself the ultimate Christmas prezzi...a 2019 holiday with Tranzit...there are plenty to choose from, from a three day break to an overseas adventure.

Until we return early next year, we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to your company in 2019.

Carparking for Day Outings

Don't forget we have a new convenient pick up option: Farriers carpark, at the north end of Queen Street which offers free all-day parking. We will still swing by for a pick up at the Tranzit Travel Centre as well. Let us know your preference at the time of booking.

Warm regards from the Tranzit Tour team

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Day Trips

Christmas at Awapuni

Thursday 29 November

The venue is booked, the bubbles are chilling and the glazed ham and Christmas puds are on the menu along with lots of other mouth-watering festive delights. Today all Travel Clubs are invited as we celebrate the end of another Transit year and the approach of Christmas at the Awapuni Racecourse in Palmerston North.

We will have a guest speaker talk to us today about the Racecourse, and the opportunity to enjoy a tour of the weigh in rooms, the birdcage and other areas. Our usual Christmas frolics and gift giving are interspersed with the dulcet tones of Wayne Heath and his easy listening tunes and Christmas favourites, with a decent sized dance floor if the mood takes you to get up and show off your moves. Come and catch up with friends old and new.

Don't forget to bring a thoughtful gift (\$5.00 minimum value) for Santa's sack and label it Male/Female or either.

NB: sorry, no lower valley pickups available today



Depart: Farriers Masterton 8.15am
Transit Travel Centre Masterton 8.30am
Return: Masterton 4.30pm
Price: \$92.00
Includes: coach, Christmas lunch, first drink, entertainment and tour

Christmas Shopping Basket

Every Wednesday in December

Our Palmerston North bus turns into a giant Christmas shopping basket during December at a super special travel club price. If inspiration has so far eluded you, maybe a day out of town will do the trick. You get to hijack the bus and enjoy being chauffeured to Palmerston North for the day, and then loading it up with all your Christmas finds. Our service will drop you in the square at 11.00am and you have 4 hours to wander, explore, enjoy lunch at one of the many café's around the Square and at the Plaza, and best of all shop, shop, shop! Take advantage of this special offer for every Wednesday in December (except for Boxing Day because our driver will be taking a well-earned break!) You couldn't get to Eke and back in your car for this price!

NB: For a small extra cost, Lower Valley members can catch the service to Masterton departing Featherston at 7.35am...we'll even make you a cuppa while you wait in the cool of our travel centre.



Depart: Masterton i-site 9:05am
Palmerston North 3.20pm
Return: Masterton 5.00pm
Price: \$20.00
Includes: Return coach fare

All Bookings - Terms and 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 purposes 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.

Concerts

Peter Pan Goes Wrong

Opera House, Wellington

Saturday 24 November, 2.30pm Show

Following hot on the wobbly heels of the box office hit "The Play that Goes Wrong", this is another hilarious disaster from London's West End. Once again, the much-loved members of the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society battle against technical hitches, flying mishaps and cast disputes with hilarious and disastrous results as they attempt to present J.M Barrie's delightful classic.

NB: Lower valley pickups available today

Depart: Farriers Masterton 10.45am
Tranzit Travel Centre Masterton 11.00am
Return: Masterton 7.00pm
Price: \$164.00
Includes: coach and show ticket

Shortland Street the Musical (Show and Dinner)

Opera House, Wellington

Saturday 30 March 2019, 2.00pm Show

Kia ora Shortland Street! And welcome to Ferndale...live on stage! This large-scale musical comedy features iconic characters and stories from the classic era of NZ's favourite TV show. Meet playboy Doctor Chris Warner and humanitarian Doctor Hone Ropata from Ferndale, a town where love never lasts, shocking events happen on a regular basis, and every Christmas someone dies. "You're not in Guatemala now Dr Ropata".

Dinner at a local Wellington Restaurant follows after the show.

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Depart: Farriers Masterton 10:15am
Tranzit Travel Centre Masterton 10.30am
Return: Masterton 8.30pm
Price: \$183.00
Includes: coach, show ticket and dinner

The New Zealand Tattoo

Central Energy Trust Arena,
Palmerston North

Saturday 13 April 2019, 6.30pm Show

Don't miss this special event celebrating the centenary of the end of WWI and honouring our homecoming heroes. The New Zealand Tattoo 2019 is a military entertainment spectacular showcasing New Zealand's heritage, identity and our place in the world.

Palmerston North is the defence capital of New Zealand: with Ohakea and Linton on their doorstep it makes sense for this city to host this exceptional event - a pageant of music, marching, manoeuvres, bands, fly pasts, kapa haka, dance, pomp and ceremony based around real stories about the homecoming of the New Zealand Defence Force from WWI in 1919 and celebrating our important military and cultural traditions.

Bring your own food and snacks or purchase from the venue.

NB: sorry, no lower valley pickups available today



Depart: Farriers Masterton 3.15pm
Tranzit Travel Centre Masterton 3.30pm
Return: Masterton 11.15pm
Price: \$129.00
Includes: coach and show ticket

Featured Tours

Treat yourself to one of these great tours in 2019:

Great Barrier Island

28 January – 1 February **AND**

Return to Great Barrier Island

18-22 February

Look! Two dates for this super popular tour, and all-round stunning destination. 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. This is a tour for adventurers!



Cirque du Soleil "Kooza"

16-18 February

Presented in the elegant splendour of Cirque's blue and yellow striped Grand Chapiteau (Big Top) at Auckland's Alexandra Park, Cirque Du Soleil – "Kooza" promises to be a wonderful and unforgettable experience. In Cirque's signature style of colourful costumes, quirky characters and dreamlike sequences, the international cast of 50 acrobats, musicians, singers and actors present heart-stopping feats and laugh-out-loud antics to a lively and catchy soundtrack.



2018 Tours

With the end of the year in sight, there are limited spaces available on most of our 2018 tours, and a couple fully sold; however, vacancies often crop up unexpectedly, so don't hesitate to contact us if something makes your eyes sparkle, because you never know, there could be a spot with your name on it.

Chatham Island

21-26 November **AND** 5-10 December

A long-awaited return to this remote part of NZ, with a tour package specially designed to suit our valued clients. Comfortable accommodation and fabulous meals are guaranteed as we discover the unique landscapes, natural history, and the lifestyle of the hardy islanders.



The Kaimanawas

24-26 November

Following on the heels of 2016's success, this great little tour returns. A rare and exciting opportunity to encounter the famous heritage horses of the Kaimanawa Ranges, and see these iconic creatures in their natural environment.

The Greenstone Trail

27 November - 4 December

This is one of NZ's most unspoilt regions. Have you ever walked among the treetops in a southern rainforest? Or explored the secret waterways of Okarito searching for the beautiful white heron? Then it's time you did!

Top of the South

5-12 December

Discover the highlights of sunny Nelson, magic Marlborough and gorgeous Golden Bay. History, art and nature collide in this fabulous part of the world as we meet craftspeople and artisans, cruise on the Pelorus Sound and the unmissable Abel Tasman National Park, marvel at the clarity of Te Waikoropupu Springs, and enjoy a day out on Farewell Spit - a world renowned nature reserve and a special highlight.



Christmas on the Coast

22-29 December

The West Coast gets festive, as we rediscover this southern hinterland, all packaged up in Christmassy wrapping paper. Cruise on the mighty Haast River, walk among the tree tops, gaze at the glaciers, stroll around Lake Matheson, watch the Tasman Sea pounding in through a sea cave, picnic at Pancake Rocks, and much more.



Tours for 2019:

If something tickles your fancy take a peek on our website, or phone us now and we'll have your itinerary winging its way to you faster than a rat can run up a drain pipe.

Up the Whanganui River

3- 7 February

Offering many ways to enjoy the mystical Whanganui River, from a jet boat ride to a gentle excursion on an historic steamer, to a road trip to Jerusalem. One of our hot ticket tours, so don't miss out!



The Norwester

8-13 March

Subtitled "Taranaki and beyond" this little gem of a tour uncovers lots of hidden highlights. Explore the Forgotten World highway in a railcart, hobnob with hobbits, rediscover the remote King Country and walk on a wild beach in West Waikato.



Southern Road and Rail

8-14 March

Join us as we take you on a journey to rediscover the joys of train travel. The scenic Coastal Pacific (Blenheim to Christchurch) has just re-opened post Kaikoura Earthquake, and the world renowned TranzAlpine (Christchurch to Greymouth) is another special highlight. Uncover some of the unique history of NZ rail and talk to genuine railway enthusiasts, as we visit Steam Day at Ferrymead, take a steam journey on the Weka Pass Rail and a rainforest excursion on the West Coast.



High Country Stations of Inland Canterbury

15-22 March

Our original and much-loved high-country tour, exploring the expansive Canterbury High Country. Meet the owners who farm this remote and spectacular country, 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!



The Deep South

1-10 April

Yes, this tour is back for 2019. Join us on our southern-most sojourn as we travel the full Southern Scenic Route from Dunedin via the Catlins to Invercargill, and on to Fiordland via Riverton and Tuatapere. A stay on Stewart Island is a special highlight.

Southern Lakes and Canterbury High Country

10-18 April

We've given this tour a bit of a revamp, and this year visit several new properties, including a station at Lake Wanaka and a rolling coastal hill country property on beautiful Banks Peninsula. With the majestic Southern Alps a constant backdrop, we explore more sweeping high country properties and landscapes in the Southern Lakes area, the Mackenzie Country and Canterbury areas, historic Mesopotamia Station in the headwaters of the Rangitata River a special highlight.

Molesworth Station

28 April - 2 May

Our all-time favourite returns, running every year since the year dot, as we visit NZ's largest South Island station, and discover further secret back country locations in the Nelson/Marlborough area.

Short Tours | Releasing Soon:

Short Tours for 2019

Is a weekend away more up your alley than an extended stay away from the comfort of your own bed? Our special selection of 3-4 day tours may be just what you're looking for.

Rotorua Shortbreak

4-7 March

Planning is underway to return to Okataina in the balmy days of late summer. Hubble bubble...join us as we take a mini holiday in New Zealand's coolest hotspot.

Gentle Annie

7-9 May

Explore the Central North Island's lesser travelled interior, showcasing the dramatic landscapes of the Rangitikei region. Follow the Inland Patea Heritage Trail from Taihape to Napier, better known as the "Gentle Annie."

Mid Winter Christmas in the Mountains

26-28 June

The mountains are calling as we return to the heritage and old-fashioned elegance of the Tongariro Chateau for our mid-winter festivities. A special highlight is our journey to get there on the iconic Northern Explorer.

Wairarapa off the Beaten Track

10-13 September

North, South, East and West...we leave no stone unturned in our quest to find the hidden gems of the gorgeous Wairarapa countryside.

Historic Rangitikei-Wanganui

28-30 November

We team up with renowned local historian John Vicars again to uncover more gracious historic properties in the Rangitikei and Wanganui regions.



Releasing Shortly

What else do we have in store for 2019? We have many more tours planned for the coming year, so phone us now to register your interest and start planning next year's holidays.

Hurunui/Hakataramea – More South Island Back Country

23-29 March

We've been busy assembling another collection of exciting South Island back country adventures, this time based in the Hurunui, Mackenzie and Otago regions. Visit farming properties in the Hurunui and discover the Wall of Waiau...an amazing earth wall thrust up in the Kaikoura earthquake. Travel over scenic mountain passes – Lees, Danseys and Hakataramea. Discover a property breeding rare Gypsy Vanner horses and visit an Otago family passionate about Canadian Eskimo sled dogs.



Canberra Spring Fling

24-30 September

Featuring Canberra's fabulous Floriade Festival, a magical celebration of Spring in Oz's Capital, and a chance to explore this gracious city.



Releasing Shortly:

Rotorua Festival of Gardens

14-18 November

We are making plans to join this excellent garden festival, a biennial event that showcases some of Rotorua's most stunning gardens. Over 40 gardens will be on display from large rural gardens to tiny town plots. Register your interest if you would be keen to join us.



Heritage and Gardens of Inland Canterbury

17-21 November

From grand homesteads – one-time hubs of extensive early stations, to modest colonial dwellings. From gorgeous country gardens packed with spring colour to sweeping arboretums with trees over 150 years old, each with their own story to tell.



East Cape Escape

9-15 December

Take a step back in time and slow down the pace as we explore the scenically and culturally rich East Cape, discovering isolated bays and beaches and taking roads less travelled.



Christmas Under the Mountain

21-27 December

Another of our relaxing festive tours, a stay put in lovely New Plymouth under the shadow of Mt Taranaki, eating and exploring our way around the region.



More to Come...

A few more tours still to be confirmed for the latter part of 2019. Watch this space

- Mountains to Sea
- Greenstone Trail
- More Road 'n Rail
- Chatham Island
- Walking Tour