



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. 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 prezzie...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.

Warm regards from the Tranzit Tour team

Tranzit Wellington Depot Has Gotten a Bit Crowded...

The Rongotai Depot we knew has become TranzUrban Central, so no more pick-ups from there, the main Rongotai/Kilbirnie pick up point is currently from the Rita Angus Village at 66 Coutts Street.

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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 pud's 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 Tranzit 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 to you 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.



Depart: Rita Angus Village, 66 Coutts 8.00am
Platform 9, Railway Station 8.30am

Return: Wellington 4.30pm

Price: \$117.00

Includes: coach, Christmas lunch, first drink, entertainment and tour

Wings Over Wairarapa

Saturday 23 February 2019

Enjoy Wings Over Wairarapa's 20th year!

Get your ticket and transport package to the largest aviation event in the North Island. The beautiful Wairarapa region provides a stunning backdrop to an extravaganza of aerial action over three days. **New to Wings this year, is the Saturday night show featuring the UK 'Airborne Pyrotechnics' gliding team.**

Transport and package options are available from Wellington and Palmerston North to the Saturday 23rd February show including the night show.

If you are stuck for the perfect Christmas present, give us a call today.



Bus and Event Packages are available online at tranzittours.co.nz/events or give us a ring to secure a spot.

All Bookings - Terms and conditions

Final payment is required to Tranzit 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 Tranzit 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.

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 TransAlpine (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 southernmost 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.

Tours for 2019:

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, with a local tour operator who brings it to life with his full and informative commentary.



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