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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of TranzScript, the newsletter of the Tranzit Travel Club.

As we mentioned in our last edition, we recently welcomed two new members to our team, and this month you can find out a bit more about Sam and Fleur by turning to page 14 & 15.

Our tour to Auckland recently returned home. The City of Sails is a great destination, but let's face it only if someone else is doing the driving, and the group - led by Craig and Fleur - embarked on an adventure of discovery from gardens to museums and sculpture parks. They experienced dinner with a view in Orbit Restaurant at the very top of the Sky Tower, and were lucky to see the godwits at Miranda, fresh from their annual long-haul flight from the Northern Hemisphere.



Don't forget to book your spot now for our annual Christmas lunch, it promises to be a gastronomical delight, so be sure to take a peek on page 6 and get your booking in today. And if a Christmas away from home having fun and seeing the country appeals, take a look at our Christmas itinerary, this year in the Garden City of Christchurch and the surrounding Canterbury region.

YOUR TOURS TEAM 2024

So read on – if you're lucky you might even be able to put your feet up outdoors in some of that elusive spring sunshine.

Warm wishes from the Tranzit Tour team.



Out in the Canterbury High Country

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



Fleur



Sam

Quick tour guide

September

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October

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Featured Tours

Christmas in Canterbury

21-27 December 2024 - Phone NOW for an itinerary and book your spot!



Yes, this year we head to the “Garden City” for our festive break. Christchurch has much to offer with its unique blend of heritage and new buildings as the city has risen from the ruins of the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. But we uncover gems throughout the Canterbury region, from Banks Peninsula and Akaroa exploring, to a Christmas Day adventure in the Canterbury High Country. From the great Canterbury Rivers to the sea with everything in between. This tour is guaranteed to be fun, fabulous and festive!

Read a sample of the itinerary:

Lakes and Mountains

With a packed picnic and the billy on board we head into the high country on a Christmas Day adventure. We venture inland through tiny communities such as Glentunnel and Windwhistle to Lake Coleridge in the foothills of the Southern Alps, finding a scenic location to enjoy our festive picnic. This afternoon we wend our way across to Lake Lyndon on the Arthurs Pass Road, and on to Castlehill where we will have the opportunity for a walk to view the fascinating limestone outcrops that give this area its name.



“Enjoy a Christmas Day adventure in the Canterbury High Country”

Great Barrier Island

18-22 February 2025 - Phone NOW to book your spot!



An all-round stunning destination, and a smaller group offering, we discover this hidden gem of the Hauraki Gulf. Staying four nights on the Great Barrier, you will stay in a comfortable beachfront lodge and enjoy great meals. While your time on the island is maximised, there is plenty of time to relax. Experience its rugged natural beauty, encounter unique and endangered wildlife, admire the talents of local artisans, covet the relaxed lifestyle of the Barrier residents, and enjoy the endless walking opportunities. This is a tour for adventurers!

Read a sample of the itinerary:

Arts and Crafts and Hot springs

This morning we visit the Aotea Community Art Gallery, where a collective of local artists and crafts people exhibit exceptional works. After lunch we take you on one of Great Barrier's most popular walks to the Kaitoke Hot Springs. Walking is easy on a level graded track, but it is a 40 minute walk each way, so a reasonable level of fitness is required. The first part of the trail passes through beautiful coastal nikau forest, which in itself is a worthwhile stroll for anyone wanting an easier option. Continuing on to the site of the springs, we will be rewarded by a soak in these completely natural hot pools set amongst native bush.



“Discover the hidden gem of the Hauraki Gulf”

Day Tours

World of Wearable Art Show 2024 Sunday 6 October

Please note the new earlier departure times – we have made phone calls to advise everyone of the change. If you have **not** received a new voucher in the mail or a phone call from us, please phone the Tranzit Manawatu Office on 06 355 4955 as soon as possible.

Depart:Waldegrave St Carpark:
8.00am
Return: 5.30pm
Price: \$229.00
Reference: WOWPMR24

Crosshills Country Fair Saturday 16 November

Come with us to the Crosshills Country Fair. Set in 18 acres of beautiful private gardens you'll find a huge number of artists, creators, growers and all-round clever people who have travelled from all corners of the country to showcase their products! Finding refreshments won't be a problem either from a great selection of foodie outlets onsite, or bring your own picnic to enjoy by the pond. Relax to live music, but make sure you leave time for a wander of Crosshills world class rhododendron and azaleas gardens.

Depart:Waldegrave St Carpark:
9.00am
Return: 2.30pm
Price: \$67.00 due by 1 November
Includes: coach and fair entry
Bankingreference: Crosshills24



Crosshills Fair

Christmas at Cape Palliser Tuesday 10 December

Due to unforeseen circumstances our proposed Christmas lunch at Wallaceville House has regrettably fallen through. Instead, we head to the wild and rugged Palliser Bay on Wairarapa's southern coast for a relaxed and fun Christmas gathering at Waimeha Café. With panoramic views of the ocean, the rocky coastline and the Kaikoura ranges, locations don't get much better. We'll also have time to visit the Cape Palliser lighthouse, the fur seal colony and the amazing Kupe's sail rock formation. So book your spot and join us for our final outing of the year, as we gather to enjoy Christmas festivities with friends old and new.

Please advise of any dietary requirements when you book.

NB: pick up is from Waldegrave Street carpark.

Depart: Waldegrave St 8.15am

Return: Waldegrave St 6.00pm

Price: \$174.00– due by 26 Nov

Includes: coach and lunch, your first drink & a prezzie

Banking reference: Palliser24



Cape Palliser - Wairarapa

Travel Club 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 you booking.

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Payng by Internet for Travel Club Trips:

For those of you wanting to pay by internet, there is a reference listed for each of our events. You will find this reference in the pricing details at the bottom of each trip description. Don't forget to also provide your name.

Our bank account details for your internet banking convenience: BNZ 02-0688-0127658-00

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Spend a few days away with us.

Current Tours

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!

Cambridge in Spring

14 - 17 October - full, waitlisting



Enjoy a spring break in the charming town of Cambridge. With plenty of great attractions to capture your attention, we are spoilt for choice. Visit Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari - New Zealand's largest predator fenced eco-sanctuary and an internationally recognised conservation project. Take a tour of the Olympic standard Grassroots Cycling Velodrome, and visit heritage listed Woodlands Garden and Homestead. We have packed plenty into this short getaway!



Top of the South - Torrent Bay

Top of the South

31 October - 7 November - hurry now, last seats!



There are still a few seats left, don't miss out on this gem! Join us as we 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 and enjoy a day out on Farewell Spit - a world renowned nature reserve and always a special highlight of this tour.

Taranaki Garden Festival

5 - 8 November - hurry, just a few seats left!



The rich volcanic soils of Taranaki boast some of the best gardens in the country. Join us as we visit at the height of spring, amid the flush of new seasons' growth and the colourful flurry of rhododendron flowering. Packed with gardens to visit, this is a green fingered delight, from large country gardens to compact town allotments, from formal to enchantingly casual, this tour will delight.



Gravetye Garden - Taranaki



Molesworth - Lake Tennyson

Molesworth Station

18 - 22 November book NOW, just a few seats left!



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. reserve and always a special highlight of this tour.

The Deep South

27 November - 6 December - full, waitlisting!



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. A cruise in tranquil Doubtful Sound and an overnight stay on Stewart Island are special highlights.



Deep South - Doubtful Sound

Chatham Island

12-17 December - phone NOW for an itinerary and book your spot



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 Chathams history of the Moriori.



Chatham Island - Stone Cottage

Tours for 2025

Up the Whanganui River

3-6 March - phone NOW for an itinerary



Offering many ways to experience the mystical Whanganui River, from a jet boat ride to a gentle excursion on an historic

steamer, to a road trip down the valley through many historic settlements. One of our favourite tours, so don't miss out!



Up the Whanganui - MV Wairua

Southern Lakes High Country

11-18 March - phone NOW for an itinerary



This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in rural splendour on the big sheep stations of the south. We visit Mt Nicholas on Lake Wakatipu, two iconic stations at Lake Wanaka, a traditional property in the heart of the Mackenzie Basin and spend a fabulous day exploring the coastal hill country on beautiful Banks Peninsula. Historic Mesopotamia Station in the Canterbury high country is a special highlight.



Southern Lakes - West Wanaka

Greenstone Trail

10-18 April - phone NOW to register your interest



Explore the wild West Coast of the South Island - one of New Zealand's most unspoilt regions. The Greenstone Trail is full of attractions that cover many of the 'must see and do's' of this area.



Greenstone Trail - Lake Matheson

Have you ever walked among the treetops in a South Westland Rainforest? Been wowed by the reflections at Lake Matheson? Explored the secret waterways of Okarito searching for the beautiful white heron? Then what are you waiting for?

Gentle Annie

28-30 April - phone NOW to register your interest



Explore the Central North Island's lesser travelled interior, through vast sheep stations 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.



Gentle Annie - Moawhango Valley

Mid Winter in Napier

24-26 June - phone NOW to register your interest



We head to Hawkes Bay for our wintry escape in 2025. Put it in your calendar now as you know it will be a fun and festive break no matter the destination, and Napier offers some first class attractions.

Ohakune Short Break

20-22 August - phone NOW to register your interest



Featuring a train journey on the Northern Explorer through the dramatic landscapes and towering viaducts of the Rangitikei and Tongariro Districts, as well as the engineering marvel of the Raurimu Spiral, we enjoy a stay in the alpine village of Ohakune.



Tongariro National Park

The Forgotten World Highway

29 September - 3 October
phone NOW to register your interest



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. One of our favourite tours, so don't miss out!



**The Forgotten World Highway
Whangamomona Hotel**

Mountains to Sea

15-19 September
phone NOW to register your interest



From a stay in Ohakune under the shadow of Mt Ruapehu, to relaxing by the sea at Raglan. Discover the silica terraces and geysers of Orakei Korako, cruise on the Waikato River, step into the enchanting world of Hobbiton and enjoy the delicious “fayre” at the Green Dragon Inn.



Mountains to Sea - Hobbiton

The Far North

6-15 October - phone NOW to register your interest



The Far North returns as we plot the history of the unique Northland kauri industry and connect with ancient kauri. We've packed in all of the Far North's favourites along with some great new temptations.

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.



Far North - Cape Reinga Lighthouse

Ride the Rails

October - dates to be confirmed



This is one of our most popular tours, so don't miss out, register your interest now and rediscover the joys of train travel.

The world renowned TranzAlpine (Christchurch to Greymouth) and the scenic Coastal Pacific (Blenheim to Christchurch) excursions are special highlights, but we also discover vintage and branch lines, talk to genuine railway enthusiasts, and learn about the unique history of NZ rail.



Ride the Rails - Ferrymead Heritage Park

Also planned for 2025

Phone now to register your interest in these other great options for 2025, but keep your eye on the ball, as more tours may be added:

- **May:**
Melbourne
- **July:**
Port Douglas/Cairns
- **November:**
Hurunui Garden Festival
Molesworth Station
East Cape
Kaimanawa Horses
- **December:**
Chatham Island
Christmas in Rotorua

Overseas Experiences

Our overseas calendar for 2025 and 2026 is taking shape. Register your interest now for these great destinations.

Melbourne Short Break

May 2025

From our base in the heart of Melbourne, we'll explore this vibrant city, with the languid Yarra River running through its heart. From its parks and gardens to its gracious buildings, sporting venues, and lively arts scene, Melbourne is the city that has it all.

Port Douglas/Cairns

July 2025

What better place to go on a winter escape than to tropical North Queensland. On the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, we visit this world heritage listed attraction, explore Daintree Rainforest in the wet tropics, take a rail excursion on an historic railway, discover the Atherton Tablelands and a host of other unique and exciting attractions in our travels around the region.

We'd love your expressions of interest in the following destinations for 2026:

Western Australia & India

Give a Gift Voucher this Christmas!



Stuck for an idea for a gift for friends or family this Christmas? Or maybe the kids don't know what to get you! May we suggest one of our Transitz Tour gift vouchers. 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 buying troubles will be over.

Meet the new crew

Sam Allison

Originally from the United Kingdom, Sam has taken many opportunities



since arriving in New Zealand 20 years ago. From being a ranger for the Department of Conservation to owning a café and food truck, Sam has also kept himself busy volunteering for the Cancer Society, the Samaritans and Keep Carterton Beautiful! Sam is looking forward to creating memorable travel experiences for our customers.



Fleur Hamill

Fleur's passport is packed with stamps from all over the world and she has

experienced many exciting adventures here in New Zealand as well. Her love of travel, photography and storytelling (she even has a master's degree in creative writing) prompted her to join our Tranzit Toursteam - making the move from Wellington to beautiful Wairarapa. With a background in care, Fleur will also ensure all our customers are well looked after on tour and that their experiences are memorable ones.

Do you need a Guest Speaker?

Our promotional team Robin and Stella recently visited several members' villages in the Bay of Plenty to talk about our tours and travel club and thoroughly enjoyed their time meeting folk. They are planning another series of visits around the lower North Island later 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!

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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 comfort of a comfortable coach.

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Pakawau Beach, Golden Bay

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