



Greenstone Trail - Kohaihai Beach

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# Welcome

Welcome in the new year with TranzScript for 2025.

We trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Here at Tranzit Tours we celebrated the festive season with our Christmas in Canterbury tour where we travelled to Christchurch and got to see first-hand how the city has recovered post-earthquake and we dined on board the old city tram. Santa and Mrs Claus made a special guest appearance with presents for everyone direct from the North Pole.

Our Chatham Island tour arrived home safely late last year after everyone indulged on ocean fresh Blue Cod and Crayfish whilst their little dog guide 'Peanut' lead everyone on their island adventure. A great time was had by all.



A fantastic time was had ticking off bucket-list items like Stewart Island and the Catlins on our Deep South tour last year with everyone venturing into the heart of Southland travelling along the Southern Scenic route with breathtaking 'jewels' appearing along the way.

## YOUR TOURS TEAM

The hard working tours team got to have a break over the Christmas period and the office is back open. Unfortunately Sam departs our team this month as he has moved onto other opportunities. We wish him well on his new endeavours.

We are looking forward to having you back onboard and taking you on your next scenic adventure! ~ *The Tours Team*



# The Greenstone Trail - Lake Rotoiti

## 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

## Quick tour guide

### February

- » Great Barrier Island

### March

- » Up the Whanganui River
- » Southern Lakes High Country
- » Wairarapa Off the Beaten Track

### April

- » The Greenstone Trail
- » Gentle Annie Explorer

### May

- » Melbourne

### June

- » Mid Winter in Napier

### July

- » Tropical North Queensland

### August

- » Northern Explorer Short Break



# Featured Tours

## Southern Lakes and Canterbury High Country

11-18 March 2025 - Phone NOW for an itinerary - you don't want to miss out!



Rural splendour takes on epic proportions on the big sheep stations of the south. We visit Mt Nicholas on Lake Wakatipu, two iconic stations at Lake Wanaka, a traditional station in the heart of the Mackenzie Basin and spend a fabulous day exploring farming properties on the edges of the Canterbury Plains. Historic Mesopotamia Station in the Canterbury high country is a special highlight.

### Read a sample of the itinerary:

#### **Mavora Lakes High Country**

*A memorable excursion awaits us today, as we make our way back to Queenstown to join Nomad Safaris, for their Mavora Lakes High Country Tour. Our tour starts with a journey across Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw. Known as the "lady of the lake", the Earnslaw has been plying these waters since 1912. Disembarking at Walter Peak Station, we meet our Nomad driver and board their vehicle. Taking a scenic back country road through Walter Peak and Mount Nicholas Stations, our guide will acquaint us with the history of the pioneering high-country farming of this tussock covered landscape.*

*"Discover the big sheep stations of the South"*

# Greenstone Trail

10-18 April 2025 - Phone NOW for an itinerary!



Explore the wild West Coast of the South Island from top to bottom. 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? Then what are you waiting for?

**Read a sample of the itinerary:**

## **West Coast Rainforest**

*Heading south to Whataroa today we join a rainforest tour within the remote Waitangiroto Nature Reserve – only accessible on a guided tour. Driving across lush South Westland farmland, we then walk on a flat, purpose-built track among the pristine stands of 1000 year old kahikatea. This type of forest literally drips with lichens and epiphytes, while in autumn bursts with wonderful fungi, orchids and ferns which our local guide will point out to us. We will also see the nesting site of the kotuku (white heron), located on a secret waterway. At this time of year, the birds have dispersed widely, but we will learn about this special chosen location – the only breeding site of the kotuku in New Zealand.*



*“Explore one of New Zealand’s most unspoilt regions ”*

# Day Tours

## Lunch at the Herb Farm

Thursday 27 February - just a few seats left so don't delay!

Today we travel to a much-loved destination focussing on good food and company with friends. The Herb Farm at Ashhurst provides delicious, nourishing food incorporating local, free range organic produce and fresh herbs from the garden, in relaxed and charming surroundings. We will also hear a talk about the business and enjoy a guided wander in the garden with time to browse the shop. Pamper yourself with time honoured natural skincare products and the healing properties of herbs all made in NZ.

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

**Meet:** 8.45am Bunny St, outside McDonalds, opposite WLG Railway Stn

**Depart:** 9.00am (by coach)

**Return:** 5.00pm Bunny St, outside McDonalds, opposite WLG Railway Stn

**Price:** \$139.00 – due by 11 Feb

**Includes:** coach and lunch, talk and garden tour

**Banking reference:**

Herbfarm25

## East West Ferry

Tuesday 8 April

A wonderful day of adventure awaits with a guided tour of the Wellington Museum with its fascinating historical stories of the Wellington region with unique tableaux displays before boarding the East West Ferry for Days Bay. In Eastbourne we dine for lunch at an authentic French café and our experienced head chef delights our taste buds before we embark on the return ferry journey taking in the sights and sounds of Wellington's stunning harbour. A unique taste of France in Wellington!

**Please advise of any dietary requirements when you book.**

**Meet:** 10.20am Wellington Museum, Queens Wharf

**Return:** 4.00pm Queens Wharf

**Price:** \$92.00 – due by 21 March

**Includes:** Coach, Ferry, lunch and museum entry

**Banking reference:**

EastWest25

# Travel Club Terms and Conditions

## Paying by internet for Travel Club Trips

For those of you wanting to pay by internet, there have been a few changes instigated by the NZ banking industry, to help reduce the risk of people making mistakes and paying the wrong person and to help avoid payment scams when making payments. This came into effect at the end of November 2024.

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

**Your name:** please provide your name

**Our account name:** Transit Coachlines Wairarapa Limited

**Transit 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



East West Ferry

Photo credit [huttvalleynz.com](http://huttvalleynz.com)

## The Concert Club

We've been talking about the good old days when we used to go to many more 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 give us a call or send us an email if this would be of interest to you.



Michael Fowler Centre

Photo credit [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz)

# Spend a few days away with us.

## Tours for 2025

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!

## Great Barrier Island

18-22 February - Full. Waitlisting



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 beach front lodge and enjoy great meals. 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!



Great Barrier Island - Credit Anil 2024

## Up the Whanganui River

3-6 March - nearly full.



This tour offers many ways to experience the mystical Whanganui River with a jet boat ride up the nostalgic river along with a walk to the Bridge to Nowhere. Enjoy gentle excursions on two of the river's famous historic steamers, and a road trip down the valley through many historic settlements. One of our favourite tours, so don't miss out!



Up the Whanganui River - MV Wairua

## Wairarapa Off the Beaten Track

24-28 March - releasing soon, phone to register your interest.



A great tour exploring the best of the Wairarapa region where we visit historical homesteads of the region, stunning natural seascapes with lighthouses whilst enjoying the best fish and chips around. Old favourites return and we include some new favourites.





**Wairarapa Off the Beaten Track - Brancepeth Homestead**

## Gentle Annie

28-30 April - phone now for itinerary



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 a vast sheep station is a special highlight!



**Gentle Annie - Moawhango Valley**

## Mid Winter in Napier

24-26 June - phone now for an itinerary



A popular tour that offers many options to enjoy Hawkes Bay. Enjoy a tour and lunch at the historic Ashcott Homestead and get hands on at Faraday Museum of Technology. Dine out at a local icon - The Thirsty Whale, and sample wines at Craggy Range with its awe-inspiring back drop views of Te Mata Peak.



**Napier - Ashcott Homestead**

## Northern Explorer Short Break

20-22 August - phone now for an itinerary



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 stay in the alpine village of

Ohakune and uncover other attractions of this scenic region including a unique and charming garden in the Taumarunui area, one of NZ's largest Alpaca farms and a dinosaur museum.



**Ohakune - Northern Explorer**

## Mountains to Sea

15-19 September - new dates confirmed, phone for an itinerary



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 Forgotten 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.



**Forgotten World - Whangamomona Hotel**

## The Far North

6-13 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

23-29 October - releasing soon



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 TransAlpine (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**

## Hurunui & Marlborough Gardens

Early October (dates TBC)

- phone NOW to register your interest



Hurunui Garden Festival is gaining a reputation as a first-class garden event. Gorgeous gardens from all over this region open their gates so festival goers can visit gardens of national significance and elegant rural properties borrowing mountain vistas. View art and sculpture and find inspiration in the gardens of others. We will also be visiting some of our favourite Marlborough Gardens.



**Hurunui Garden Festival**



**Molesworth Station**

## Molesworth Station

12-16 November - phone NOW to register your interest



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.

## The Deep South

17-26 November - phone NOW to register your interest



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



**Deep South - Nugget Point**

## East Cape Escape

24-30 November - phone NOW to register your interest



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 dine at

the local at Waihau and Tokomaru Bays. Take the opportunity to soak in the mineral pools at Morere Hot Springs, and much more.



**East Cape - Raukokore Church**

## Chatham Island

4-9 December - phone now to register your interest



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 - Basalt Rocks**

## Christmas in Rotorua

23-27 December - phone now to register your interest

Our festive season commences as we head to Rotorua, the geothermal capital of New Zealand. A place where the earth breathes and nature paints it's masterpiece. There are spouting geysers to view, mud pools and wonderous naturally formed terraces. The sulphur flats are an attraction alongside the well maintained Government Gardens. Celebrate with us this Christmas!

## 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:**  
Kaimanawa Horses

## 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 expressions of interest in the following destinations for 2026:

- Western Australia
- India



Cairns - Skyrail

### Needing a great gift?

Stuck for ideas on birthday presents or just want to say thank you to someone? May we suggest one of our Transit 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 troubles will be over.



Kaimanawa Horses

## Do you need a Guest Speaker?

Our promotional team Robin and Stella recently visited several members' villages in the Bay of Plenty and Greytown 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!



**Speaking to village residents**

## Keep us In the Loop

Have you recently moved, got a cell phone, got rid of your landline or changed your email address? 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.

## 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)



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## Book now

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