



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 some 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 we have a great day out at the Cross Hills Country Fair. 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 Donna
and the Tranzit Tour team



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Day Trips

Cross Hills Gardens

Country Fair

Saturday 17th November

This is Christmas shopping at its best! A day of shopping amongst 180 plus fantastic stalls showcasing unique and NZ made products, as well as plants for sale. Shop amongst the beautiful rhododendrons and enjoy a relaxing stroll in this iconic garden, with live music and delicious food available all day.

Lunch is at your own cost today with a café on site and plenty of food stalls at the fair, but feel free to bring your own picnic to have in the gardens. A moderate fitness level is required as the fair is spread over a large area. Bring water-proof, sturdy shoes and a rain jacket just in case, as we all know spring can be a bit temperamental. And don't forget to bring cash for all of those purchases.



Depart: Jubilee Stadium Carpark 8.30am
Return: 5.00pm
Price: \$69.00
Includes: coach, morning tea, garden
and fair entry

Terms & Info:

Bookings are essential. Please contact me to confirm your seat with payment, and as always please feel free to contact me any time with any questions, queries, or bookings. All trips have a minimum number required for the trip to go ahead – bring your friends and family along for a fun day out.

Some trips have a maximum number capping – secure your booking today! Bookings secured upon payment.

If there are any places you wish to go, activities you would like to do, things you are interested in etc., please feel free to pass on your ideas and I will look in to the possibility of making a tour to suit your requirements and for the enjoyment of our Travel Club. We value you as a member of our Travel Club and wish to see you get the most out of the Travel Club that you can. If you would like some flyers to pass on to friends, family and acquaintances please let me know and I will send them out. **Donna**



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