



Manawatu Tararua Highway

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## YOUR TOURS TEAM

# Welcome

Welcome to our spring edition of Tranzscript. It's that time of the year when all seasons merge into one, and the term "four seasons in one day" becomes truly relevant. And love it or hate it, daylight saving is just a nano-second away, meaning longer, lighter evenings.

We are looking forward to getting the wheels turning again as we move into our post-winter touring schedule, with quite a few tour departures approaching, and a recent adventure recently returned. In August, travellers boarded the Northern Explorer train to journey through the scenic country of the central North Island, ogling at snowcapped mountains, clattering over spectacular viaducts and looping around the famous Raurimu Spiral.

We have had some great day outings lately too. Interest was high to see and experience the amazing new Manawatu-Tararua Motorway. Wairarapa members, if you missed out last time or the date didn't suit, we are scheduling another trip so take a look on page 6 and be in quick. Don't forget to book your spot now for our annual Christmas lunch, it promises to be a very special event this year as Tranzit turns 100, a pretty auspicious moment for the company that we want to celebrate with you!

We look forward to seeing you onboard soon.  
You Tours Team: Robin, Ali and Anil



## Lunch on the road - Far North

### 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



Craig



Andre



Les

### Quick tour guide

#### September

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» Taste of Nelson



*“Travel the full Southern  
Scenic Route”*

## Featured Tours

### The Deep South

17 - 26 November - Phone NOW  
for an itinerary



Join us on our southern sojourn as we travel the full “Southern Scenic Route” from gracious Dunedin City via the ruggedly dramatic Catlins Coast to our most southerly city, Invercargill, and on to the breathtaking landscapes of Fiordland. This tour really ticks off those bucket list destinations, with a full day cruise on Lake tranquil Doubtful Sound and an overnight stay on Stewart Island being special highlights, but also includes many opportunities to walk to stunning views of bays, lakes and waterfalls, and spot endangered NZ wildlife.

#### ***Read a sample of the itinerary:***

*Today we join RealNZ's very special Doubtful Sound Wilderness Day Cruise. Cruising across Lake Manapouri to West Arm, we then travel by coach through dense rainforest over the Wilmot Pass to Deep Cove. Here we board the Patea Explorer for a three-hour cruise on Doubtful Sound – a stunning remote fiord. During the cruise a nature guide will provide information about the landscapes and the varied wildlife you may see, including dolphins, fur seals and the rare Fiordland crested penguin.*



# Chatham Island

1 - 8 December - Phone NOW for an itinerary



We travel 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.

## ***Read a sample of the itinerary:***

*Today we make our way to the northern part of the island, where we visit Ocean Mail Reserve - contrasting landscapes of dune systems, akeake forest and peat wetlands. We'll a short walk to visit a local seal colony at Point Munning and visit Kaingaroa Fishing Village, Broughton Landing (an old Mission and Whaling Station site) and a farm where we will be able to view the remains of a wrecked Sunderland Flying Boat which crash landed in Te Whanga Lagoon in 1959. We'll also discover the famous Hapupu tree carvings, culturally and historically significant carvings on karaka trees.*



*“Discover the unique history, landscapes and lifestyle of the Chathams”*

# Day Tours

## Manawatu Gorge Road

Friday 17 October

NEW DATE ADDED

Back by popular demand, today we travel over the much-anticipated Manawatu Tararua Highway (Te Ahu a Turanga). Driving over the 11.5km highway, you'll see towering bridges and structures, sculptures, around 2 million new plantings, and a shared walking/cycling trail. We'll stop off at Feilding to browse the Farmers Market, and we'll also view a couple of magnificent murals celebrating the domestic cat. Lunch today is at Verdict Café in Palmy, where great food is guaranteed. ***Please advise any dietary requirements when booking.***

**Depart:** 8.45am Farriers Masterton

**Return:** 3.30pm Masterton

**Price:** \$107.00 due ASAP

**Includes:** Coach and lunch

**Banking reference:** Gorge25



## 2025 World of Wearable Art Show : RISE

Sunday 5 October

LAST SEATS AVAILABLE - DON'T DELAY

We have booked great seats to a Sunday matinee and a beautiful keep sake programme is included in your ticket cost. Expect the unexpected, as Aotearoa's finest performers bring the world's leading wearable art to life onstage. With WOW's creative team at the helm, don't miss this unforgettable spectacle of boundless imagination and jaw-dropping artistry. Come and be part of something truly spectacular! We will depart in plenty of time to allow for lower valley pick ups and for you to lunch in Wellington (own cost) before the show, or bring your own.

### ***Lower Valley pick ups available today***

**Depart:** 10.00am Farriers Masterton

**Return:** Masterton 6.00pm

**Price:** \$248.00 Full payment due ASAP

**Includes:** Coach, Gold ticket and programme

**Banking ref:** WOWWAI25

## Royal NZ Ballet: The Nutcracker

Sunday 2 November

1.30pm Matinee - BUS ONLY

Let us do the driving for a stress-free outing to the ballet. Organise your own tickets then book your seat on the coach so you don't have the worry of driving over that hill, or trying to find parking that doesn't cost an arm and a leg. Your tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster or from the RNZ Ballet website. This classical ballet by Tchaikovsky is being performed by the Royal NZ Ballet, at the St James Theatre in Wellington. A uniquely Kiwi touch transports audiences to the nostalgia of childhood holidays at the beach in Act I, before being carried in Act II to the snowy Southern Alps.

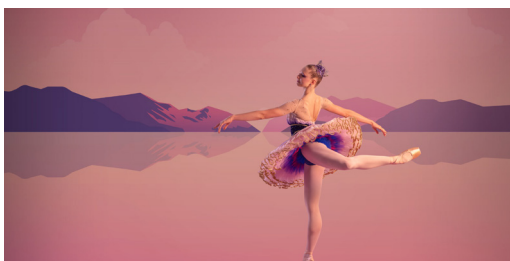
**Depart:** 10.00am Farriers Masterton

**Return:** 6.00pm Masterton

**Price:** \$65.00 due by 17 Oct

**Includes:** Coach only

**Banking ref:** Nutcracker25



## Tranzit Centenary Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11 December

Tranzit Group proudly turns 100 at the end of this year, and we want to celebrate with you, our valued members, with a special Christmas lunch at Copthorne Solway Park in Masterton. There will be a special art exhibition at Aratoi Art Gallery - a former Tranzit staff member who is an established artist, has taken up the challenge of producing a painting for every year we've been in business. That's right 100 paintings of buses! The exhibition will also include memorabilia and historical items gathered over the years. Then we adjourn to the Copthorne to pop the bubbly and enjoy Christmas festivities with friends old and new.

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

**Depart:**

10.00am Featherston

10.10am Greytown

10.20am Carterton

10.50am Farriers - Masterton

**Return:** 3.15-4.00pm

**Price:** \$118.00 due by 20 Nov

**Includes:** Coach and lunch, first drink, Aratoi entry, prezzie

**Banking ref:** Christmas100

**Spend a few days away with us.**  
**Tours for 2025**

Give us a call to request an itinerary or register your interest if something captures your imagination.

**The Forgotten Highway**  
29 September - 3 October phone now for an itinerary



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. Remote Northern Taranaki scenery also features, from fascinating limestone formations to wild coastal beaches, sea cliffs and volcanic rock stacks.



**Forgotten World Highway**

**The Far North**  
6 - 15 October - last spots available



The Far North returns as we plot the history of the unique Northland kauri industry and marvel at ancient kauri. We drive along the endless sands of 90 Mile Beach, cruise to the Hole in the Rock, visit an amazing sculpture park at Matakana, discover the kumara capital of Dargaville, and uncover an amazing whaling museum in a remote tranquil spot.



**Cape Reinga Lighthouse**

**Molesworth Station**  
12-16 November - phone now for an itinerary



This is one of our most popular tours, introducing you to the South Island High Country. Travelling in comfortable 4WD vehicles through the soaring back country terrain of Molesworth Station (NZ’s largest), we’ll also tour through the constantly changing land-



scapes of Rainbow Station – from mountain lakes to beech forest. Plus, we visit a hill country property with unique geological features. Travelling with a local guide whose knowledge is extensive, you will learn the area's history through informative commentary.



**Molesworth Station**

## The Deep South

17 - 26 November

See featured tours on page 5 for full information

## East Cape Escape

24-30 November - **ONLY ONE ROOM LEFT!!** Book today.



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 lunch at the local in Waihau and Tokomaru Bays. A stroll through

Eastwoodhill Arboretum is another special attraction on this tour that is sure to please.



**East Cape - Tolaga Bay Wharf**

## Chatham Island

11-8 December

See featured tours on page 5 for full information

## The Kaimanawas

4-6 December - phone now for an itinerary



Don't miss this rare opportunity to encounter the famous heritage horses of the Kaimanawa Ranges in their natural habitat. In spectacular back country normally closed to the public, we are very privileged to be able to enjoy this experience. We are joined by a Kaimanawa Heritage guide who knows where to find the mares, foals and stallions roaming free in their family bands.



**The Kaimanawas**

## Christmas in Rotorua

23-27 December - hurry, book now



Christmas will be here before you know it. Join us as we head to the Geothermal Capital this year, where nature paints its masterpiece. But Rotorua offers many other special attractions including walking in the canopy of the Redwood Forest, a boat cruise on Lake Rotoiti, viewing a fascinating falcon display at Wingspan Birds of Prey and experiencing a live demonstration of a running 8-dog huskie team. This will be a Christmas to remember, a fun and festive time with friends old and new!



**Rotorua - Birds of Prey Centre**

## Tours for 2026

Our planning is underway for next year, so phone us now to register your interest in the following tours for early 2026!

### The Greenstone Trail

4-12 February – phone now for an itinerary



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 in search of the sacred white heron? Then what are you waiting for?



**Greenstone Trail - White Heron**

## Wairarapa Off the Beaten Track

23 - 26 February - releasing soon; register your interest



Join us as we get off the beaten track to showcase Wairarapa's wild coast, iconic stations, historic homesteads, wines and foods. There is much to see in this scenic region if you take the time, heading over that hill or taking that country road. This short tour is packed with something to appeal to everyone.



**Wairarapa - Brancepeth Homestead**

## High Country Stations

6-13 March - releasing soon; register your interest



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



**High Country - Erewhon Clydesdales**

## Great Barrier Island

7-11 March - releasing soon; register your interest



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. A tour for adventurers!



**Great Barrier - Medlands Beach**



## A Taste of Nelson

26-29 March – releasing soon:  
register your interest



Join this bespoke, small-group experience that immerses you in the rich flavours, artistry, and scenic beauty of the Nelson–Tasman region. It's not just a food and wine tour—it's a curated journey through the heart of New Zealand's artisan culture. Visit one of Nelson's Heritage houses, immerse yourself in the beauty of the Abel Tasman National Park, take in the vibrant tapestry of the Nelson Market and taste the fine wines and boutique beers of the Top of the South.



**Nelson - Abel Tasman Cruise**

## Central Otago Discovery

11-18 April – phone now to  
register your interest



We combine all that's great about this remarkable and unique region. An underlying history of the Otago Goldrush with its tales of endeavour and

hardship, has left a legacy of quaint villages and stark sluiced landscapes. But this is a region of outstanding beauty, and visiting in April is a bonus as the colours of autumn erupt.



**Central Otago : Clutha River Cruise**

## Gentle Annie

28-30 April – releasing soon :  
register your interest



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 one of the historic sheep stations on the route is a special highlight!



**Gentle Annie - Timahanga  
Station Building**



# Cambridge Short Break

11-14 May – phone now to register your interest



Enjoy an autumn break in the charming town of Cambridge. With plenty of great attractions to capture your attention, we are spoilt for choice. Visit Maungatautari Forest Sanctuary - an incredible conservation project. Visit the exceptional Hamilton Gardens, and heritage listed Woodlands Garden and Homestead. But there's more...we have packed plenty into this short getaway!



Hamilton Gardens

## Overseas Adventures

### Tasmanian Temptations 2026

4-19 November - phone now to register your interest

This will be our best and most comprehensive ever Tassie tour package, specially designed to suit our valued clients. Tasmania is Australia's smallest and most

diverse state, which punches well above its weight in the wow stakes. From gracious cities to tiny historic villages, vibrant bird-life to Tasmanian devils, soaring mountains to deep river gorges, we leave no stone unturned. The ultimate Tasmanian experience.



Tasmania - Port Arthur

### Heritage & Cultural Tour of India 2026

Anil is exploring the possibilities of a tour to his home country. With your safety and comfort at the top of our list, you'll be able to fully enjoy all that this vibrant country and culture has to offer. Register your interest now and we'll keep you updated on progress.



India - Taj Mahal

## Out and about with Tranzit Tours

Some images from our recent tour featuring the scenic Northern Explorer train journey and exploring the King Country/National Park areas. Great photography thanks Anil!



**Feeding the Alpaca**



**Dinosaur Museum**



**Bradley Garden**

## Making payments

### Paying by Internet for Travel Club Trips:

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

**Your name:** please provide your full name

**Our account name:** Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Limited  
**Tranzit Tours Account number:** 02-0688-0127658-00

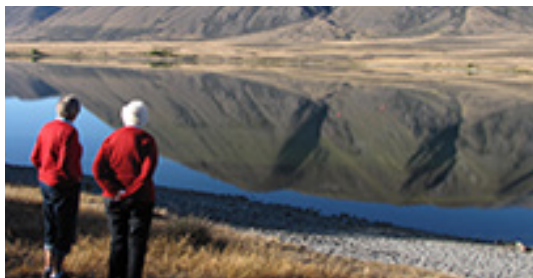
**Reference:** please use the reference listed for each of our tours and day trips, which you

will find in the pricing information for each tour or trip (eg Palliser24)

### Other ways to Pay:

For your convenience, you can still also make payment the following ways:

- Phone us with your Credit or Debit Card details
- Drop in to see us with card or cash (for Wairarapa and Manawatu members only)



**High Country - Lake Camp**

## Do you need a Guest Speaker?

Our tours team have been out and about over the last few months, visiting members' villages and clubs to talk about our tours and travel club and have thoroughly enjoyed our time meeting folk. We are planning another series of visits around the lower North Island 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.

## Keep us In the Loop

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



Central Otago - Cardrona Hotel

## 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)





**Firth of Thames - Coromandel**

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