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New Zealand's favourite travel newsletter

Join the Tranzit Tours travel club and explore New Zealand with like-minded travellers on our hosted tours.

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Welcome

We hope the portly gentleman in the red suit managed to squeeze down your chimney and that you enjoyed a happy, relaxing festive break. While our doors were closed over Christmas, the Tranzit team took some well-earned time to rest, recharge, and get ready for another exciting year of adventures. Keep those enquiries coming, and we'll send the itineraries as soon as possible, with several departures coming up soon, so don't delay. Be sure to check out our Page 6 Day Tours too, with a couple of fun and educational outings in the pipeline that we'd hate for you to miss.



YOUR TOURS TEAM

The past few months have delivered some truly memorable experiences. The Deep South showcased the very best of New Zealand travel, the Kaimanawa horses put on a stunning display in the Waiohuru back country, East Cape turned on the sunshine, and our Christmas crew enjoyed festive fun in Rotorua — from patting huskies and walking the Redwoods to getting up close with native birds of prey.

We also loved celebrating Christmas alongside our 100-year anniversary, made extra special by the presence of Ginny Smith — one of our earliest members — who also turned 100 in 2025. You stole the show, Ginny!

Here's to a fantastic year of travel in 2026.

Your Tours Team: Robin, Ali, Anil and Katie



Lake Rotoiti - Christmas 2025 Tour

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



Katie



Anil



Andre



Les

Quick tour guide

February

- » Greenstone Trail
- » Wairarapa Shortbreak

March

- » High Country Stations
- » Great Barrier Island
- » Taste of Nelson

April

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- » Gentle Annie

May

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- » The Southerner and TranzAlpine Rail Journeys

June

- » Midwinter Christmas in New Plymouth

July

- » Greytown Winter Wonder
- » North Island Arts Tour

Featured Tours

High Country Stations

6-13 March - **small group departure, limited seats!**



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!

Great Barrier Island

7-11 March - **phone now, last seats available!**



Discover this hidden gem of the Hauraki Gulf, and experience its exceptional natural beauty, from rugged volcanic peaks to endless golden beaches. Encounter unique and endangered wildlife, admire the talents of local artists and crafts people, learn about life on the Barrier, and enjoy the endless walking opportunities. Every day is an adventure as we take you cruising up through the Broken Islands, walking in a wildlife sanctuary, soaking in natural hot pools, or just strolling along a deserted beach.

***"Discover one of
New Zealand's most
unspoilt regions"***



***"The hidden gem of
the Hauraki Gulf"***



A Taste of Nelson

26-29 March - *selling fast, phone now for an itinerary*



Join this 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.

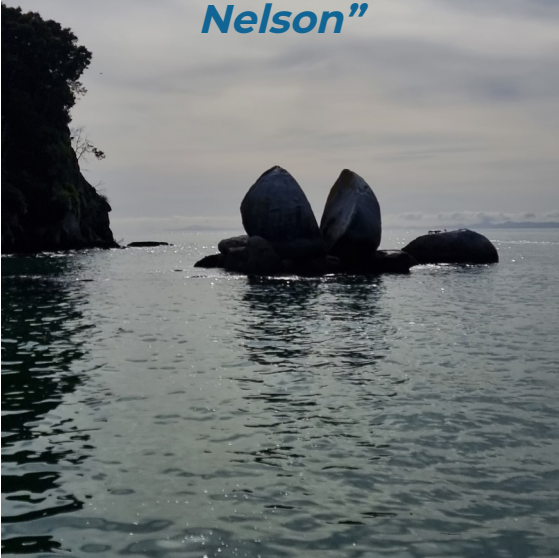
Central Otago Discovery

11-18 April - *hurry, phone now for an itinerary*



We combine all that's great about this remarkable and unique region. An underlying history of the Otago Goldrush 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. Venture into Skippers Canyon, cruise on Otago Harbour, travel through the heart of the Maniatoto and follow the mighty Clutha River.

“Immerse yourself in the flavours, artistry and scenic beauty of Nelson”



“A region of outstanding natural landscapes”



Day Tours

Happy Cows

Tuesday 17 February

Today we visit a certified organic Manawatu dairy farm which featured on Country Calendar last year, and where the cows milk themselves – well, almost! The cows are milked by robots but get to choose when they want to be milked. Watch the cows being milked and enjoying a massage with a whirly brush, while you learn all about this very different approach to conventional dairy farming. Don't miss "Poppa's Shed", a collection of vintage farm machinery. Lunch today is at the Coach House Museum in Feilding, then after lunch there will be time to wander the museum, an outstanding collection of rural history, farm equipment and horse drawn transport.

Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

Depart: 8.30am Farriers Masterton

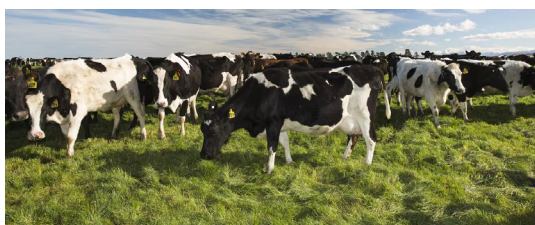
Return: 4.00pm Masterton

Price: \$123.00 due by 3 Feb

Includes: Coach, farm tour, lunch and museum

Banking reference:

Happycows 26



Happy Cows!

Space Place

Thursday 23 April

Today we visit Space Place at Carter Observatory in Wellington to take you on a remarkable journey through the galaxy. We'll view an incredible live presentation of the night sky in the planetarium dome, create a black hole and experience a rocket blast off and what it feels like to be inside a spaceship among other interactive activities. We have also included a nostalgic ride on the Cable Car in our itinerary today. Lunch is at the delightfully located Picnic Café in the Botanic Gardens with time afterwards for a stroll in the gardens.

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Depart: 8.00am Farriers Masterton

Return: 5.30pm Masterton

Price: \$122.00 – due by 9 April

Includes: Coach, gallery admission, lunch and Cable Car

Banking reference:

Spaceplace26



Space Place - Wellington

Important Note: Joining a Day Tour from Masterton

When joining a day tour in Masterton, due to limited parking we are no longer including Tranzit Depot, Queen Street, as a pick up point unless you are travelling without a car. All Masterton pick ups will be at Farriers Carpark. NB: we will continue to arrange South Wairarapa pick ups if the trip is travelling south.

The Concert Club

Remember the good old days when we used to go to many more concerts and shows? We are keen to start offering more opportunities to go to shows, the symphony orchestra, ballets and Circa Theatre performances once again. If you haven't expressed your interest yet, give us a call or send us an email. We look forward to an evening of culture with you soon.

Travel Club Terms & Conditions

Terms & 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 purposed 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.

Tours for 2026

Spend a few days with us!

Give us a call to request an itinerary, register your interest if something captures your imagination, or ask us any burning questions. We're here to help and look forward to arranging your next holiday!

The Greenstone Trail

4-12 February - **last room available, don't delay!**



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, which we cover from top to bottom. Have you ever walked among the treetops in a South Westland Rainforest or been wowed by the reflections at Lake Matheson? Walked on the Heaphy track, visited the glaciers or explored the secret waterways of Okarito in search of the sacred white heron? No? Then what are you waiting for?



Greenstone Trail - Kotuku

Wairarapa Off the Beaten Track

23-26 February - **departs soon, don't delay!**



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 - Castlepoint Lighthouse

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Gentle Annie

28-30 April - **phone now for an 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 one of the historic sheep stations on the route is a special highlight!



Gentle Annie - Timahanga Station

Cambridge Short Break

11-14 May - **phone now for an itinerary**



Enjoy an autumn break in the charming town of Cambridge. The famed trees of Cambridge will be alight with autumn colour and 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!



Cambridge - Hamilton Gardens

The Southerner & TranzAlpine Rail Journey

22-26 May - **releasing soon, phone to register your interest**



Step back in time and relive the golden era of train travel on The Southerner, a nostalgic rail journey between

Dunedin and Christchurch. Enjoy a journey on the world renowned TranzAlpine and spend time in our favourite southern cities.

Midwinter Christmas in New Plymouth

24-26 June – phone now to register your interest



New Plymouth is our midwinter destination for 2026, offering numerous activities to help us celebrate midwinter with flair and fun.



New Plymouth - Len Lye Museum

Greytown Festival of Christmas

July (dates to be confirmed)-
phone now to register your interest

Greytown throws on its woolly jumpers and puffa jackets and launches into a month-long celebration of Christmas, with amazing lighting, festive food, night markets and gorgeous displays.



Greytown Festival of Christmas

North Island Arts Tour

July (dates to be confirmed)-
phone now to register your interest

From Wellington to Taranaki, we discover and uncover the best from the region's art world. Take a fascinating behind the scenes tour at Te Papa, visit the private galleries of some of our eminent painters, along with regional galleries featuring wonderful treasures.



North Island Arts Tour
Sarjeant Gallery

Bay of Plenty Discovery

10-14 August - phone now to register your interest

A new tour in our calendar, the vibrant city of Tauranga will be our base for a tour packed with opportunities to discover what makes this region so appealing.



Bay of Plenty - Mt Maunganui

Hawkes Bay Historic Homes

7-9 September - phone now to register your interest

Hawkes Bay has many historic homesteads that stand as grand reminders of an era of prosperity, when wool was king. Our travels will uncover some of these gems dotted throughout the countryside of the bay.



Hawkes Bay - Ashcott Homestead

Alpine Pacific Triangle

28 September - 4 October
phone now to register your interest

Another new tour drops into our calendar, based around a well-known scenic South Island touring route, which takes in the Lewis, Hanmer and Kaikoura areas. A Whale Watch Kaikoura tour promises to be a special highlight.



Alpine Pacific Triangle - Kaikoura

Coromandel Getaway

12-18 October - phone now to register your interest



Discover the endless coastlines and sandy coves, the rugged volcanic landscapes and native forests of this scenic region, along with many unique and quirky attractions. With a mountainous interior cloaked in native rainforest and more than 400 kilometres of dazzling white sand beaches, the Coromandel is rustic, unspoiled and relaxed. You will love this tour.



Coromandel - Cathedral Cove

Christchurch Spring Break

19-23 October – phone now to register your interest



Treat yourself to a spring escape to Christchurch, we've uncovered some amazing gems to visit. Visit Ohinetahi Garden, the garden of the late Sir Miles Warren. Learn about the Frozen Continent and pat the huskies at the Antarctic Centre. Take a tour of Ravenscar Art Gallery – an amazing collection donated to the city by its philanthropic owners and sit back and enjoy an elegant evening dining experience on the Christchurch Tram.



Christchurch - Heritage Tram



Christchurch - Ohinetahi Garden

Taranaki Garden Festival

2-5 November – phone now to register your interest

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. From large country gardens to compact town allotments, from formal to enchantingly casual, this tour will delight.



Taranaki Garden Festival

Islands of the Hauraki Gulf

November (dates to be confirmed) – phone now to register your interest

Join us as we explore some of the myriad small islands that dot the Hauraki Gulf: rugged Rangitoto, Tiritiri Matangi (a haven for endangered NZ bird life), historic Kawau and wonderful Waiheke. And while we're at it we meander to Miranda, a world-renowned destination for migratory shore birds.



Islands of the Hauraki Gulf

Also planned for 2026:

November

- Tasmania (see below)
- India (see overpage)
- Molesworth Station

December

- Chatham Island
- Christmas in Dunedin

Overseas Adventures

Tasmanian Temptations

4-19 November - phone now to register your interest

ON SALE FEB 2026!



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 - Wombat

Heritage & Cultural Tour of India 2026

Dates to be confirmed - phone now to register your interest

Travel with our very own Anil to his home country, India. With your safety and comfort as our top priorities, you can relax and fully immerse yourself in the colour, culture, and energy of this incredible destination.

Our full itinerary is currently being finalised, but you can be assured it will include all the must-see highlights India has to offer.



India - Jai Vilas Palace

Out and about with Tranzit Tours

Some images from our iconic Christmas adventure. December 2025 we travelled to Rotorua and had a steaming good time!



Paying for your tour

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: Hillcountry26)

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)

Need a guest speaker for your group or club?

Our tours team covered quite a lot of ground last year, visiting members' villages and clubs to talk about our tours and travel club and 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.



High Country Stations - Rush hour!

The important stuff:

Our promise - Tranzit Tours is made up of a fun and adventurous team where you, our guest, 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



Ohope Beach - Christmas Day Picnic

Book now

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