

Tranzscript

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New Zealand's favourite travel newsletter

Travel with Transit Tours and explore
New Zealand and beyond with like-minded
people on our hosted tours

Te Rewa Rewa Bridge - Taranaki

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Welcome

Welcome to the July edition of Tranzscript. Shall we talk about the weather for a change? (After all, it's the Kiwi way isn't it, we even write songs about it.) We don't think anyone anywhere escaped the latest round of Mother Nature's wrath. From the Deep South to the Far North; it was either wet, snowing, blowing a gale, or all of the above. Undeterred, our hardy breed of travellers on our Midwinter getaway to New Plymouth donned their puffers and woolly hats and soldiered on with good humour and kinship, enjoying a carefully selected range of non-weather dependant activities.

Also recently returned is our Southerner Train tour, which showcased the breathtaking alpine scenery of the world-famous TranzAlpine and included a rarely offered train journey on the Southerner, taking in the scenic delights between Dunedin and Christchurch.

The great thing about winter is that it's a time to slow down, to reflect, and to plan! Start planning those spring and summer escapes - we're just the team to help with that. Take a browse through this latest edition and give us a call or drop us an email if something appeals. If it's not on sale yet - we'll add you to our register of interest, which means it'll be sent to you the minute it's published.

Happy planning!

Warm wintry regards
The Tours Team



*from left:
Katie, Robin, Ali and Anil*

CARDRONA HOTEL



Cardrona Hotel - Central Otago

Our touring year ahead for 2026/27

July

- Greytown Winter Festival

August

- Bay of Plenty Discovery
- Behind the Canvas Art Tour

September

- Hawkes Bay Historic Homes
- Alpine Pacific Triangle

October

- Coromandel Getaway
- Christchurch Spring Break

November

- Taranaki Garden Festival
- Tasmania
- Molesworth and Beyond
- Classical India
- Islands of the Hauraki Gulf

December

- Kaimanawa Horses
- Chatham Island
- Christmas in Dunedin

2027

February

- Great Barrier Island

March

- Top of the South
- Southern Lakes High Country

Tour icons.



Heritage

NZ's home and gardens on show



Wine and Food

Enjoy local delights on tour



Walking/Exercise

A very good level of fitness is required



Boat trip offered

Enjoy a cruise on the water



Culture

Shows, history and the arts



Escape to nature

Nature and natural history



Flights included

Get to your destination quicker



Travel by Train

Train enthusiasts a must!

Price guide.



Under \$2000



\$2000 - \$5000



\$5000 +

Your Tranzit Driving Team.



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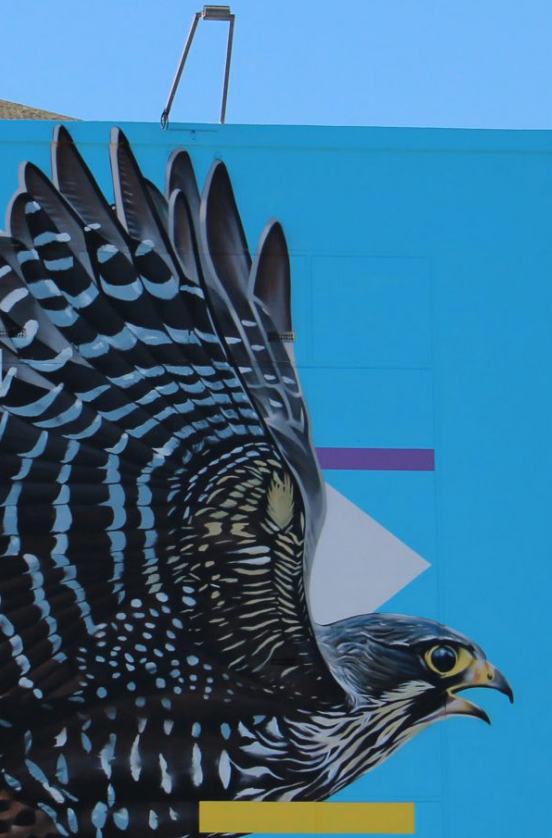


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NEW TOUR!



**“Don’t just visit
- experience the
stories behind the
art!”**

CHARLES JANINE WILLIAMS
1972

Featured Tours

Behind the Canvas Art Tour

17-21 August - **on sale now,
phone for an itinerary**



Embark on an unforgettable journey from Wellington to Whanganui and immerse yourself in the very best of the region’s vibrant art scene. This carefully compiled, small-group tour doesn’t just show you art—it gives you exclusive access to it. If you’re passionate about art, culture, and unique experiences, this tour delivers real value: insider access, expert curation, and meaningful connections with the art itself. See the region in a way few others do.

Read a sample of the itinerary:

Departing Wellington this morning, our first visit today is Pataka Art Museum in Porirua where we enjoy a guided tour of the Neil Penman Exhibition along with a peek behind the scenes with the gallery’s lead curator. Travelling to Waikanae, we visit Toi Mahara, an excellent regional gallery and creative heart for the Kapiti District. We are welcomed for light refreshments, and our focus today is the Field Collection consisting of 44 works – predominantly paintings by Frances Hodgkins, and an exhibition by Brent Wong, one of NZ’s most distinctive and enduring artists.

Alpine Pacific Triangle

28 September - 4 October *on sale now, phone for an itinerary*



Inspired by a well-known scenic South Island touring route, this tour journeys through the Lewis, Hanmer and Kaikoura areas. We have delved deep to uncover hidden treasures and classic highlights. From world class gardens, farming properties and historic homesteads to a quaint church and a vineyard lunch in the famous Marlborough wine region. A Whale Watch Kaikoura tour promises to be a special highlight.

Read a sample of the itinerary:

Kaikōura is one of the world's top whale-watching locations and today we embark on a truly special Whale Watch Kaikoura boat cruise to observe these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. Travelling in comfort aboard covered, purpose-built vessels, we venture into the rich waters offshore in search of the giant sperm whale, along with a variety of other migratory whale species. Along the way, we may also encounter playful dolphins and an abundance of marine birdlife. This afternoon we visit The Point Farm, a fifth generation farm on the Kaikoura Peninsula where we learn about the farming operation, meet the dogs and enjoy a farming demonstration.

NEW TOUR!

“Hidden treasures to classic highlights”



Overseas Adventures

Tasmania

4 - 19 November - *just a few
seats left, phone now!*



Our most in-depth Tasmanian experience yet. This journey combines adventure, stunning scenery, and well-chosen inclusions to showcase Tasmania at its best. A close look at the itinerary reveals how much is packed into this experience - virtually no stone has been left unturned. From unique encounters to standout locations, this tour delivers exceptional value and unforgettable memories. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Read a sample of the itinerary:

Today we embark on the Bruny Island Traveller, a day of exploring spectacular landscapes and gourmet local produce. We'll visit the home of Bruny Island's cheese, oysters, honey and wine, savouring produce as we hear the stories behind the harvest. Explore Two Tree Point beach and meander through the dense rainforest, home to the rare white wallaby.

***"A place of
spectacular
beauty and a
haunting history"***



***“A carefully
curated journey
through India’s
most iconic sites”***

Classical India

23 Nov - 11 Dec - ***phone for a full
itinerary now, don’t delay!***



Travel with our very own Anil to his home country. Step into a land where empires rose, poets dreamed, and legends still whisper through ancient stones. Our Classical India Tour is the perfect first encounter with one of the world’s most captivating destinations. A carefully curated journey through India’s most iconic cities, wildlife havens, and spiritual heartlands, all with your safety and comfort at the top of our list.

Read a sample of the itinerary:

An early morning visit to the Taj Mahal allows us to witness this marble miracle light up with the first rays of the sun. The glistening white marble is bathed in the soft morning glow, and birdsong is the only sound that greets you in the midst of the tranquil gardens. It is as if the chaos of the city outside disappears and you are transported to an oasis of calm, away from the throngs of tourists and the frenzied rush of daily life.

Day Tours

Blast from the Past

Tuesday 4 August

Step back in time for a charming Blast from the Past experience at Himatangi's historic cinema. Enjoy classic movie reels, vintage cartoons, comedies and documentaries in a nostalgic setting, complete with an old-fashioned intermission and ice cream. Indulge in a delicious high-tea lunch featuring sweet and savoury treats, before travelling home via the scenic new Manawatū Gorge Road. A wonderfully relaxing day of memories, entertainment and timeless charm.

Please advise any dietary requirements.

Depart: 8.30am Farriers Masterton

Return: 4.00pm Masterton

Price: \$152.00 - due by 21 July

Includes: Coach, cinema admission and high-tea lunch

Banking reference: Blastpast26



Rewa Rewa Station

Tuesday 6 October

Join us for a fascinating visit to Rewa Rewa Station in Tinui, where you'll gain a unique insight into life on a working rural property and its successful fibre business. Enjoy a guided tour featuring the station's Country Calendar story, a Mini Mill Tour, and an entertaining sheepdog demonstration. Meet the people behind the operation, discover the journey from fibre to finished product, and enjoy a light lunch provided by The Kitchen Fairies. A truly authentic and memorable Kiwi experience.

Please advise any dietary requirements.

Depart: 10.30am Farriers

Masterton - Lower Valley pickups available

Return: 3.30pm Masterton

Price: \$99.00 – due by 22 September

Includes: Coach, Station Visit, Cuppa and light lunch

Banking reference: Rewa26

Blast from the Past - Himatangi

Shows & Concerts

"Election Meltdown" Circa Show and Dinner

Sunday 23 August

With election season in the air, what better time to enjoy the return of our popular Circa Theatre and dinner package? Election Meltdown is a sharp, fast-paced political comedy that takes audiences deep inside the Beehive, where coalitions collapse, political chaos reigns, and Winston somehow endures. After the show, savour a delicious dinner at Chouchou, Circa's acclaimed waterfront restaurant. An entertaining evening of laughter, great food, and political mischief awaits.

Please advise any dietary requirements.

Depart: 1.15pm Farriers Masterton - Lower Valley pickups available

Return: 10.00pm Masterton

Price: \$193.00 – due by 7 August

Includes: Coach, Circa show and dinner

Banking reference: Circa2026



Circa Theatre Wellington

2026 World of Wearable Art Show

Sunday 4 October

Experience the spectacular 2026 World of WearableArt (WOW) Show, an internationally renowned celebration where art, fashion, performance, and imagination come together in breathtaking style. Often described as "Broadway meets Cirque du Soleil," this dazzling production transforms Wellington's TSB Arena with extraordinary wearable creations, live music, dance, aerial artistry, and stunning visual effects. Includes Gold Category seating and a keepsake programme, with time to enjoy lunch in Wellington before the matinee performance.

Depart: 9.00am Farriers Masterton - Lower Valley pickups available

Return: 6.00pm Masterton

Price: \$262.00 - balance due by 18 September

Deposit: \$200.00 - due ASAP (non-refundable)

Includes: Coach and Gold show ticket with programme

Banking reference: WOWWAI26

Joining a Day Tour:

All Masterton pick-ups are at Farriers Carpark. Make sure you park in the long stay area. NB: we will 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.

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 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:

By joining a Transit Tours day trip or tour, you consent to the use of any photographs or video footage taken during your trip for promotional and advertising purposes, without further consent or payment.

Payment Information

Paying by Internet

NZ Banks now require you to provide the following information when making a payment:

Your name:

please provide your full 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 Spaceplace26)

Other ways to pay:

For your convenience, you can 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)

Guided Tours 2026

NEW TOUR

Greytown Winter Festival

23-25 July - **waitlisting**



Greytown throws on its woolly jumpers and puffer jackets and launches into a month-long celebration of Christmas, with lights, decorations, markets and festive displays bringing a magical winter charm to the streets of the village. Staying in marvelous Martinborough we discover country pubs, local artisans and producers by day, and soak up the atmosphere of the Greytown Festival of Christmas by night.



Greytown Winter Festival - Greytown

NEW TOUR

Bay of Plenty Discovery

10-14 August - **last chance to book, don't delay!**



A rich and relaxed journey through one of New Zealand's most productive and scenic regions. Discover farm life at the iconic Agrodome, cruise the countryside by rail, sample fresh oysters, kiwifruit and locally crafted cider, and enjoy time in Tauranga and Mt Maunganui. With museums, art galleries, coastal scenery and delicious food included, this tour is a perfect blend of nature, flavour and classic Kiwi experiences.



The Elms Historic House -
Bay of Plenty

NEW TOUR

Behind the Canvas Art Tour

17-21 August - **last chance to book, don't delay**

See featured tours on Page 4 for full details.

NEW TOUR

Alpine Pacific Triangle

28 September - 4 October - ***on sale now, phone for an itinerary***

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NEW TOUR

Hawke's Bay Historic Homes

7-9 September - ***last seats available - phone now for an itinerary***



Hawke's Bay is home to a wealth of historic homesteads - grand reminders of a bygone era when wool was king and prosperity shaped the region's landscape. As we journey through this picturesque countryside, we'll uncover some of these remarkable properties, also visiting a selection of notable public heritage buildings, offering insight into the rich architectural and cultural legacy of the Bay.

Coromandel Getaway

12 - 18 October - ***on sale now, phone for an itinerary***



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 Harbour - Coromandel

Christchurch Spring Break

19 - 23 October - ***releasing soon, phone to register your interest***

Treat yourself to a spring escape to Christchurch where we've uncovered some amazing gems to visit. Enjoy an introduction to the Garden City aboard a classic double-decker bus, take a behind the scenes tour of the impressive



**Hawke's Bay Historic Homes
Woburn Homestead**

new One NZ Stadium, and delight in the joyful Giants House and Garden at Akaroa. Discover Ravenscar Art Gallery – an entire collection donated to the city by its philanthropic owners. Visit Kate Sheppard House for an engaging journey into the life and legacy of the woman who helped secure the world's first women's vote and enjoy an elegant evening dining experience on the one and only Christchurch Tramway Restaurant.



Taranaki - Taranaki Garden Festival

Tasmania

4-19 November – *just a few seats left, phone now!*

See overseas adventures on page 6 for full information.



Christchurch - Restaurant Tram

Taranaki Garden Festival

2-5 November - *on sale now, phone for an itinerary*

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.



Tasmania - Cradle Mountain

Molesworth and Beyond

9 - 13 November – *phone now to register your interest*

We'd like to introduce 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 landscapes of Rainbow Station – from mountain lakes to beech forest.



Molesworth - Acheron House

Islands of the Hauraki Gulf

23 - 29 November - ***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 Gulf
Mission House Kawau**

Classical India

23 November - 11 December - ***phone now for full itinerary, don't delay!***

See overseas adventures on page 7 for full details



India - Jai Vilas Palace

Kaimanawa Heritage Horses

3-5 December - ***on sale now, phone 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.



Kaimanawa Horses

Chatham Island

7-11 December - **on sale now, phone for an itinerary**

Discover this remote part of NZ with its unique landscapes and natural history, learn about the life-style 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



Chatham Island - Maunganui

Christmas in Dunedin

22-27 December - **phone now to register your interest**

The southern charm of Dunedin beckons this year as our festive destination. This grand old city and its surrounds are a unique mix of natural wonders, rare wildlife and stunning heritage attractions. The iconic Taieri Gorge train journey promises to be a special highlight.



Dunedin - Taieri Gorge

A sneak peek at whats in store in 2027

February

- Great Barrier Island

March

- Top of the South

March/April

- Southern Lakes High Country

Later in the year

- Kapiti Island
- Ride the Rails
- Bay of Plenty Oyster Festival
- Picton Short Break



Top of the South - Farewell Spit

Home Safe & Sound.

Cambridge Short Break

Four wonderful days exploring the beauty, history, gardens and hidden gems of Waikato. From wandering the world-famous Hamilton Gardens, tasting teas at Zealong Estate, to learning about the incredible eco-restoration work at Takapoto Estate and Sanctuary Mountain at Maungatotari, this tour provided something for everyone.



Happy travellers on our Cambridge Short Break tour

The Southerner and TranzAlpine Rail Journeys

From the historic charm and vibrant street art of Dunedin, to the resilience and beauty of Christchurch, and the breathtaking alpine scenery of the world-famous TranzAlpine, this tour truly showcased some of the very best of Aotearoa. Along the way we explored heritage homes, stunning gardens, inspiring galleries, dramatic coastlines and mountain landscapes that never fail to impress. But as always, it was the wonderful company, shared laughs, new friendships and memories made together that made the journey so special.



The Southerner and TranzAlpine Rail Journeys adventurers



The Southerner Train

Midwinter Christmas in New Plymouth

This tour proved that great experiences aren't defined by the weather—they're defined by the people, places, and memories that make them special. From visiting regional Taranaki icons like Puke Ariki Museum, the striking Te Rewa Rewa Bridge and the historic St Mary's Cathedral, to a diverse range of sightseeing, topped off with great food and good company, this short getaway was a welcome tonic (gin included) for all. Despite a weather outlook that was average at best, and which leaned towards downright atrocious, spirits remained high throughout our travels. It was a pleasure to have you all aboard.



Hillsborough Holdens



Bushy Park

Facebook

We're excited to share that our Tranzit Tours Facebook page has had a revamp! We'll be using Facebook and social media platforms much more to showcase upcoming tours, exclusive offers such as **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS**, behind-the-scenes moments and exciting announcements for 2026 and beyond. Make sure you're following our page to stay in the loop – there's plenty of inspiration, updates and special promotions coming your way!



Help us save a few pigeons!

If you have an email address, we'd love to send your Tranzit Tours Tranzscript straight to your inbox rather than by post. It helps us cut down on printing and postage (and gives our hardworking pigeon post a well-earned rest!)

While you're at it, please let us know if any of your contact details have changed. And if you'd prefer not to receive our newsletters anymore, that's okay too - we'd much rather know.

Give a Gift Voucher

Celebrate the moments that matter with our newly styled Tranzit Tours gift vouchers – the perfect present for birthdays, Father's Day and every special occasion in between. Beautifully refreshed our vouchers give the gift of experience, connection and unforgettable memories. It can be used towards a concert, a day tour or a travel club tour. You're not just giving a voucher – you're giving something to look forward to.



Would you like a guest speaker to visit?

Our tours team love visiting members' villages and clubs to talk about our tours and travel club and we thoroughly enjoy our time meeting and engaging with folk. If you think this may be something your club or village might be interested in, do give us a call, we'd love to visit.



Robin talking to the Masterton Art Club about our "Behind the Canvas" Tour

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tours

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.

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Stone Cottage, Chatham Island

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