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New Zealand's favourite travel newsletter

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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 Heritage 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.



Andre



Bernie



Les

NEW TOUR!

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.

**"Don't just visit
- experience the
stories behind the
art!"**

CHARLES JANINE WILLIAMS
1974

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

Thursday 6 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.

Meet: 8.30am Bunny Street outside McDonalds, opp Railway Stn

Depart: 8.45am (by coach)

Return: 4.30pm Bunny Street as above

Price: \$157.00 – due by 21 July

Includes: Coach, cinema admission and high-tea lunch

Banking reference: Blastpast26

NB: Limited Northern suburb pickups available – call to discuss

Shows & Concerts

WOW 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.

HUTT MEMBERS:

Depart: 10.30am Upper Hutt Station; 10.50am Avalon Duckpond, Fairway Dr

Price: \$240.00 - due ASAP (\$200.00 non-refundable)

WELLINGTON MEMBERS:

Meet: 12.30pm Wellington TSB

Price: \$215.00 - due ASAP (\$200.00 non-refundable)

Includes: Coach and Gold show ticket with programme

Banking reference: WOWWAI26

Echoes of the past, rediscovering India.

When Tranzit Tour guide Anil Sharma returns to his homeland, India, this November he'll be leading a Tranzit Tour to this remarkable destination for the first time.

When Anil Sharma joined Tranzit Tours in 2022, he never imagined he would one day lead a tour through the country that shaped his childhood and career. This November, that dream will become reality as Anil hosts a 19-day journey through central India for Tranzit Tours guests and valued clients from New Zealand. For Anil, the tour is much more than a travel itinerary. "This tour to India is a homecoming for me," he says. "I'll be leading our group through four states, visiting iconic landmarks including the Taj Mahal, UNESCO World Heritage sites, magnificent temples, forts and museums, while also experiencing India's rich culture, cuisine and traditions. We'll be staying in carefully selected five-star accommodation renowned for its hospitality, architecture and cultural significance." One of the most meaningful highlights of the tour will be a visit to Anil's hometown of Gwalior. Known for its spectacular hilltop fort overlooking the city, Gwalior is also home to the opulent Jai Vilas Palace, famous for its enormous Belgian-made chandeliers, which were famously tested by elephants before being installed. Throughout the tour, Anil will be supported by a licensed local guide and will work closely with his former employer in India to ensure guests receive an

"I used to be their employee, and now I'm returning as a Foreign Tour Operator bringing New Zealanders to India," he says. "It's an incredibly proud moment."

Tranzit Tours Manager Robin Corbett says the India tour is a significant milestone for the company and one of just two international tours being offered by the team this year, alongside Tasmania. "Before Covid, our annual international tours were always a highlight of the calendar," Robin says. "We've explored destinations across Australia, Canada and Alaska, but India is a first for us. Having Anil lead this tour adds a unique and personal dimension. His local knowledge, connections and passion for sharing his homeland will provide an experience that goes far beyond the traditional tourist trail."

Anil's passion for travel began early. Frequent family moves during his childhood, driven by his father's career, sparked a lifelong curiosity about history, culture and language. That interest led him into tourism, a career he continued after moving to New Zealand. After a brief period in hospitality, Anil joined the Masterton-based Tranzit Tours team and quickly became a valued member, creating and hosting day trips and multi-day tours that showcase both well-known attractions and hidden gems. Today, he is preparing to share the very best of India with a group of Kiwi travellers, bringing his personal story full circle.

For more information on our Classical India tour, see overseas adventures on page 7 for full details.

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 Transitz 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.



Islands of the Gulf - Kokako

Photographs:

By joining a Transitz 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: Transitz Coachlines Wairarapa Limited
Transitz 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**

See featured tours on Page 5 for full details.

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.



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

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

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.



Tasmania - Cradle Mountain



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.

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.

To discover more of our tours and for full itineraries visit www.tranzittours.co.nz



Stone Cottage, Chatham Island

Book now

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