



TranzScript

November 2019

Welcome

The lights are on their way up, the decorations are in the shops, and the TV is already showing you Christmas ideas ... proof it must be getting close. Now where did I put my elf slippers and twinkly earrings?

We are always talking about the weather and for good reason – out on the road at the moment some have been basking in nearly 30 degrees, whilst others have been caught in the sting of a wet southerly. Always a challenge, but through it all the Tranzit tour team and fellow travellers have been roving our beautiful countryside braving all sorts of escapades and weather patterns. Some of you will be getting excited now to be heading off on your next adventure during November and December to both North and South Island destinations, and even "offshore" to the Chatham Islands.

As this is our last edition for 2019 we take this opportunity to thank you for joining us on our adventures this year and to wish you all an enjoyable Festive Season until we bring you our next edition in January 2020.

Meanwhile, read on to see what new itineraries are hot off the press, and the new line up on the daytrip front.

Meri Kirihimete from Kath and the Tranzit Tours Team



Kath on the
Christmas Tour

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Cape Palliser Light house

Our promise: Tranzit Tours is a fun and adventurous team, where **you** always come first.

The Tranzit Tours difference gives you...

All Inclusive

The moment we collect you from the front door, your journey with us is relaxing and stress free. All your costs are paid for up front... accommodation, dinners, attractions and transfers. There are no hidden extras.

Off the beaten track

Explore hidden gems like iconic homesteads and stations, the wild wilderness of our national parks, and remote coastal vistas while you listen to incredible stories, many of which are told through the eyes of "locals".

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!



Early Bird Discount

Book early to receive a discount



Boat trip offered

Enjoy a cruise on the water

Your Tranzit touring family...

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Ali



Kath



Les



'Chappy'



Robin



Laura



Zoe



Craig



Graham

Featured Tours

Hurunui/Hakataramea

More South Island Back Country

14-20 March

This back-country adventure returns for 2020, based in the Hurunui, Mackenzie and Otago regions. Visit farming properties near Hanmer including a property boasting several new geological features formed by the 2016 Kaikoura Earthquake. History and scenery are our travelling companions as we traverse scenic mountain passes – Lees, Danseys and Hakataramea. Discover a property breeding rare Gypsy Vanner horses and visit an Otago family passionate about Alaskan Malamutes which they breed to pull sleds.



Southern Lakes and Canterbury High Country

17-23 November



We've given this tour a make-over, visiting several new properties, including a Lake Wanaka deer farm offering stunning views of the Wanaka Basin, an iconic Mackenzie Country merino station on the shores of Lake Pukaki, and a rolling coastal hill country farm on beautiful Banks Peninsula. With the majestic Southern Alps a constant backdrop, we explore more sweeping high country properties and landscapes in the headwaters of Lake Wakatipu and in inland Canterbury; historic Mesopotamia Station in the Canterbury High Country is a special highlight.

Day four example: *Our travels today take us over the Lindis Pass and into the vast Mackenzie Basin. We stop for a Transit style cuppa, before travelling through the changing landscapes of the Mackenzie, to a farming property on the shores of Lake Pukaki. Braemar Station is a 15,000-hectare traditional high country station and has been run by the Mackenzie family since 1969. We will be hosted here for lunch and will learn about the station as we enjoy great views looking across the lake to the Southern Alps and the Ben Ohau Range.*





Kawau Island

December 2019

Chatham Island

6-11 December

Tick this off your bucket list, as we return to this remote part of NZ. 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.

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, viewing beautiful churches, discovering isolated bays and taking roads less travelled. We ride the rails at Awakeri, visit the East Cape lighthouse, stroll on the Tolaga Bay Wharf, and dine with locals at Waihau and Tokomaru Bays. There is even the opportunity to soak in the mineral pools at Morere Hot Springs.

Christmas Under the Mountain

21-27 December

Our annual festive adventure takes us to Taranaki. Jump on the waitlist, it's getting smaller and smaller!

"A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles."

February 2020

Islands of the Hauraki Gulf

5-11 February - *filling fast!*  

This magic tour has been dusted off, revamped, and is back on the calendar. Explore the small islands that dot the Hauraki Gulf: ruggedly volcanic Rangitoto, Tiritiri Matangi – a native bird sanctuary, historic Kawau and wonderful Waiheke. And while we're at it we meander to Miranda, a world-renowned destination for migratory shore birds.



"A nature lovers- Must do!"

Kath's top tip

February 2020

Great Barrier Island

10-14 February

The hidden gem of the Hauraki Gulf with endless walking opportunities. This is a tour for adventurers!

March 2020

Ride the Rails

6-12 March - *Join the waitlist*

Join us as we take you on a journey to rediscover the joys of train travel. Ride the scenic Coastal Pacific (Blenheim to Christchurch), and the world renowned TranzAlpine (Christchurch to Greymouth) excursions. Take a journey on the Weka Pass Rail and a rainforest excursion on the West Coast. Uncover some of the unique history of NZ rail and talk to genuine railway enthusiasts.

Waikaremoana

2-5 March

Venture into Tuhoe country. Planning is underway for a short tour into this remote and stunning area. Register your interest today.

High Country Stations of Inland Canterbury

22-29 March - *Just released!*

Explore the expansive Canterbury High Country and meet the owners who farm this remote and spectacular country, far up in the headwaters of the 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!

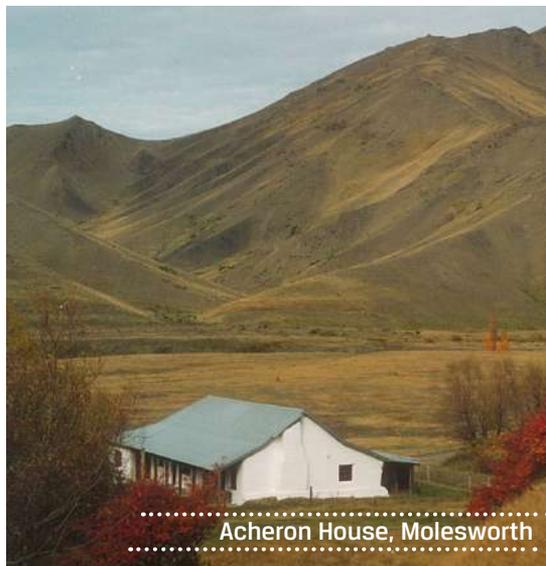
April/May 2020

The Wild South Walking Tour

1-9 April

Our long-awaited walking tour was a fast sell out so we have developed more great walking options for you: Tongariro Crossing, Walk the Top of the South and Wild South take two in 2021!

" Our guided tours are carefully planned & completely transparent "



Molesworth and Beyond

28 April- 2 May  

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.

Savour the South-A Foodie Foray

20-26 May - *New Tour!* 

Feeling hungry for a food lovers tour in the Deep South? Visit artisan producers, dine at the best café's and restaurants, including a private lunch session at the famous Fleur's in Moeraki, and join in the fun at the annual Bluff Oyster Festival. Register your interest now!

June/July 2020

Mid-Winter Christmas in Vegas

Date to be confirmed

Rotovegas that is! We head to NZ's coolest little hot-spot, for our annual mid-winter celebrations. Beat the winter blues and join us for fun, frivolities and festivities. Includes some fantastic new attractions.

October 2020

The Far North

7-16 October

The Far North returns as we plot the history of the unique Northland kauri industry and commune with ancient kauris; take a day tour on the famous 90 Mile Beach, cruise to the Hole in the Rock and visit NZ's oldest standing European buildings at Kerikeri.

Ask us how to extend your northern experience and combine these two classic tours.

Coromandel Explorer

16-22 October

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. A relaxed tour that you will love.

Garden City Getaway-Dates to be Confirmed

We head to the Garden City of Christchurch to enjoy a relaxing holiday exploring and discovering. View the city from the height of a London double decker bus, dine in style on the Christchurch Tram, visit Ohinetahi - the famous garden of Sir Miles Warren, and encounter the rare Hector's Dolphin on Akaroa Harbour.

November 2020

The Kaimanawa's-Dates to be confirmed

This great tour returns. A rare opportunity to encounter the famous heritage horses of the Kaimanawa Ranges in their natural habitat.

Tongariro Trekking

8-11 November-**NEW TOUR**

One of the most popular day hikes in the country, the Tongariro Crossing passes through the moon-like landscapes of the Mt Tongariro volcanic area. Join our fully guided tour and look forward to a touch of luxury at the Chateau to rest your weary body afterwards. This action-packed tour includes a day at Blue Duck Station, an off the beaten track lodge and farm involved in a conservation project to help restore populations of the endangered blue duck.

Rural Round Up – North Island Farms and Stations

Dates to be confirmed-**NEW TOUR**

The maps and compasses get dusted off as we research a North Island rurally themed tour, East Cape and Waikato get the nod, from remote hill country properties to rolling Waikato pastures, where we find diverse farming methods and unusual rural lifestyles.

December 2020

Top of the South Walking

Dates to be confirmed -**NEW TOUR**

The Top of the South has had a renovation, as we take you to one of the most popular walking destinations in the country: Nelson/Marlborough. We discover an island bird sanctuary in the Marlborough Sounds, feel the golden sands of the Abel Tasman between our toes, and walk amongst the cool canopy of the beech forests of Nelson Lakes. A must do for all walking enthusiasts.

And that's not allWe have more new tours coming to make a traveller's eyes sparkle ... to name but a few: a short tour to Hawkes Bay, Auckland Garden Festival and more.





ENJOY YOUR
HOLIDAY
SEASON!

The Tranzit Tours office will be CLOSED from Saturday December 21st. We will reopen on Monday January 6th at 8.30am.

If you need us urgently over this time please ring 0800 471 227.

Tour Guide Tales-Zoe & Rob's Big O.E.

Zoe and Robin recently packed their bags and set off with a delightful crew to the Canberra Spring Floriade. Here's what they got up to:

There is so much more to Canberra than just the Floriade. Being the Capital, we visited many national attractions including Anzac Memorial drive, and the Australian War Memorial - where we attended the Last Post Ceremony and were joined by some important Diplomatic Dignitaries, making it a very moving ceremony. Parliament Buildings was brought to life with our fantastic guide Michael, who filled us with many tall tales and made what could have been a dull political ramble into a funny and informative tour. Other stops included the National Museum, Mt Ainslie, and Moidart & Corbett Gardens. Cockington Green Gardens was an added bonus and the Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise was a fantastic way to finish the tour.

Join us for another awesome Australian Tour! Melbourne Magic- 2-8 March 2020-Book now!

Find what's around every corner of this vibrant metropolis. Experience its bustling market, city scapes and modern arts! Wind your way along the Yarra River and journey in the serene Dandenong Ranges aboard the Puffing Billy. With a day on Phillip Island and more, this Australian city getaway has it all. **Book Now!**

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Our tours tend to sell out fast so to get first dibs, make sure you are on the register of interest and book as soon as you receive your itinerary.



2020 International Tours

Open Plains & Big Sky Country-July 2020

Grab a fellow explorer and set out on a great adventure! Journey into the Queensland Outback and be mesmerised by the landscapes that trace the horizon. Uncover the pioneering history, fossil rich lands and the industrious communities of the remarkable outback!-*Register your interest now!*

Western Australia Wildflowers-September 2020

World famous for its dazzling wildflowers, Western Australia is home to the largest collection on Earth. Immerse yourself in the colourful blooms that carpet the rugged landscapes, discover dramatic coastal scenery, cruise unique water ways and uncover untouched forests as we explore the South West together.-*Register your interest now!*



Queensland Outback

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TranzScript Wairarapa

November 2019

Day Trips

The Mad Hatters Tea Party

Wednesday 19 February

Don't be late for this very important date, for today we venture down the rabbit hole at Te Papa's Wonderland exhibition. With the help of the lost map of Wonderland we embark on Alice's magical journey, taking a trip through the looking glass into an enchanted world, from Lewis Carroll's drawing room, to the Queens Croquet Ground, to the Mad Hatters tea party. The more curious you are, the more you'll discover.

Our visit includes a High Tea lunch at the Espresso Cafe, a charming selection of savoury and sweet items to tempt. Later we take a drive to Wellington's most scenic spot, Mt Victoria, where we will be rewarded with stunning 360° views of the city and harbour.

Depart: Tranzit Depot 8.15am
Fariers Masterton 8: 30am
Return: Tranzit Depot 5.00pm
Price: : \$89.00-Due by 5 February
Includes: Coach, Exhibition & High Tea
Lower valley pick ups today

Christmas with the family

Tuesday 10 December

Jump aboard the party bus and join us today to celebrate "Christmas with the family" in the hottest venue in the Wairarapa, the rustic and historic setting of Tauherenikau Racecourse, at the renowned and recently renovated venue Rose and Smith. Due to the venue's popularity and demand for events (35 weddings in their first season), this tour is likely never to be repeated. Set amongst heritage native bush and English trees, Rose and Smith radiates vintage charm and captivates its visitors with timeless elegance and delicious food created from fresh locally sourced produce.

A few of the family members behind Tranzit will be joining us, Including Managing Director Paul Snelgrove, who will take us on the incredible family journey, on how he alongside his brother, grew the business from a 26 bus operation in the Wairarapa to over 1500 vehicles nationwide.

Paul will be joined by his daughter Jenna, who along with keeping Dad on track, will share some of the highlights of working in the family business. We promise a few laughs and of course even a ride on an electric double decker bus (the first in the Southern Hemisphere!)

Just bring your lovely selves, no prezzies please...we have that all wrapped up haha!!

Depart: Tranzit Depot 10.45am
Fariers Masterton 10.50am
Return: Tranzit Depot 5.00pm
Price: \$83.00 Due 26 November
Includes: Coach, lunch,first drink, a double decker bus ride and entertainment
Lower valley travellers call us to discuss travel arrangements.

Christmas Vouchers

Are you that person who "has everything" and your friends and family struggle for Christmas gift inspiration? Then have a quiet word in their ear and suggest one of our gift vouchers, available in all denominations that can be used towards your adventures for 2020.



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