



Welcome

And lo and behold, it is almost Christmas once again...and as always, we find ourselves repeating that well-worn phrase "where has the year gone?" Well this year we know where quite a chunk of it went!!

Remarkably we now have four completed tours under our belt since we celebrated our first post lockdown departure at the beginning of October, and what a celebration it was for both tour team and travellers alike. It was a shared sense of finally being able to get out and explore our beautiful country again, and the feeling of freedom and normality that it brought. The long awaited "Mid-Winter" Christmas was our first, quickly followed by our Coromandel Discovery, and then our first ever walking tour - an ambitious adventure for a fit bunch of intrepid travellers. Finally, a short tour to see the iconic Kaimanawa horses has just returned.

Coming up next is our series of South Island High Country adventures, and then it will be Christmas, with no rest for the wicked as Ali and Les put their fur family into care and hit the road once again for a week of festive fun at Hanmer Springs. Meanwhile we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas lunch at the Landing.

This is our last edition for 2020, so until we return early next year we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a relaxing summer break with family and friends. (See the back page for details on our office closures over Christmas).

The Tours team

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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.

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

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Ali



Kath



Les



Robin



Andre



Craig



Featured Tours

Garden City Getaway



22 - 28 March

New Dates. Itinerary out soon.

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. Have breakfast with the huskies at the Antarctic Centre and encounter the rare Hector's Dolphin on Akaroa Harbour.

Read a sample of the itinerary:

This morning we board a classic 1960's London Double Decker bus for a completely different perspective and a fun and informative tour. From fascinating history to viewing areas affected by the earthquakes, we will see how Christchurch has risen from the ruins and is preserving what remains of its heritage, while creating a vibrant new city. Later this morning we wind our way up into the Port Hills, stopping at the Sign of the Takahe, with its unique vista of Christchurch City and the Canterbury Plains. Continuing over Dyers Pass, we then drop down into Governors Bay. After lunch at the Governors Bay Hotel, we move on to Ohinetahi, perhaps one of NZ's most famous gardens, owned by Sir Miles Warren... Afternoon tea is served in the homestead, before we make our way back to the city.

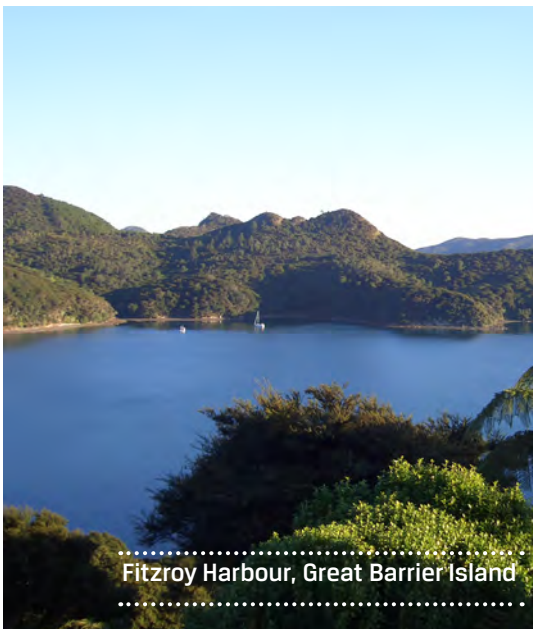
Great Barrier Island



15 - 19 February. Releasing Soon.

This is an all-round stunning destination for a smaller group.

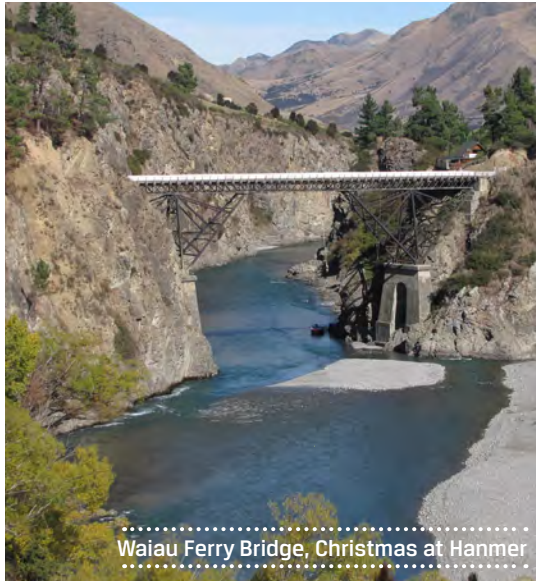
Discover this hidden gem of the Hauraki Gulf, encounter unique and endangered wildlife, experience rugged natural beauty, admire the talents of local artisans, covet the relaxed lifestyle the folk of the Barrier lead and enjoy endless walking opportunities. This is a tour for adventurers!



Fitzroy Harbour, Great Barrier Island



Garden City Getaway



December 2020

Christmas at Hanmer

21 - 27 December. Full, waitlisting.

We've planned another Christmas to remember as we take you south again for our annual festive celebrations. We enjoy a relaxed stay in the picturesque village of Hanmer, best known for its natural hot pools and relaxed atmosphere. From picnics to stylish dining, gorgeous gardens to wild beaches and a visit from Santa (if you're good).

February 2021

Molesworth & Beyond

22 - 26 February - only a couple of spaces left!

We visit NZ's largest South Island station and discover 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.

You will love this tour.

"I hate travelling, no traveller ever said."

March 2021

The Far North

1 - 10 March & 3 - 12 May.

Two dates for this popular tour.

The Far North returns as we plot the history of the unique Northland kauri industry and commune with ancient kauri. We've packed in all of the Far North's favourites along with some great new hot ticket temptations. Drive along the endless sands of 90 Mile Beach, cruise to the Hole in the Rock, visit an amazing sculpture park, discover the Kumara Capital of Dargaville and uncover an amazing whaling museum in a remote tranquil spot.

Ride the Rails

Dates to be confirmed.

The planning has begun, dependent on the return of our major rail partners, so that we may rediscover the joys of train travel. Ride the scenic Coastal Pacific (Blenheim to Christchurch) and the world renowned TranzAlpine (Christchurch to Greymouth) excursions.

Uncover the unique history of NZ rail and talk to genuine railway enthusiasts.





Rare Sheep breeds

May 2021

Savour the South

May. Dates to be confirmed.

Feeling hungry for a food lovers foray in the Deep South? Visit artisan food and drink 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.

April 2021

Rural Round Up

North Island Farms and Stations

8 - 14 April. New dates - register your interest!

Our brand-new North Island farm themed tour now moves into 2021. East Cape and Waikato get the nod, from remote hill country properties to rolling Waikato pastures, where we discover diverse farming methods and unusual rural lifestyles.

Autumn Colours

April. Dates to be confirmed.

The colours of autumn are so much more spectacular in the south where golden poplars line the vivid blue lakes and rivers. We travel deep into the heart of Central Otago, exploring old towns founded on a history of gold, stunning gardens in their autumn glory, and all the fun of the Arrowtown Autumn Festival.



Bluff Oyster Festival

June 2021

Mid Winter Christmas

23 - 25 June

We pack the tinsel and head to a favourite spot for festive fun.



Autumn colours, Cardrona





Tour Guide Tales

October Adventures - tales from back on the road.

There were times when I thought my job would never return to any sense of what I thought of as normal, but that proved not to be the case as alert levels dropped and we were finally cleared for lift off in October, setting off with a very real sense of celebration (both tour team and travellers) on a belated "Mid Winter Christmas" to Rotorua.

This was followed a week later by an exciting adventure in the Coromandel, when gorgeous spring weather accompanied us on our travels. It seemed that tour groups had become an endangered species as our hosts welcomed us with open arms!

We got the sand between our toes on magical isolated beaches at the top end of the Coromandel, went dotterel spotting, hugged mighty kauri and gazed in awe at incredible coastal scenery at Cathedral Cove. We enjoyed the quirky, unique and delightful attractions at Driving Creek Railway and Waiau Waterworks, and as always ate far too much!

Now that's what I call back to normal, or as near as good as...long may it last!



2021 Tours

Other tours that will be popping up on the calendar soon:

- Mountains to Sea - September
- Top of the South Walking - December

Plus many more.

To discover more of our tours and for full itineraries go to our website

www.tranzittours.co.nz

You can even book your next tour or make sure you are on the register of interest to be the first to receive our new releases.

Sustainability statement

Join the green team and receive your information by email! Get in touch today to update your details - save time, save cost and save the planet - we all win!

Keep us In the Loop

Have you recently moved or changed your email address? Do let us know, as we don't want you to miss out on receiving all the latest news, views and exciting new tours hitting the press.



Skyrail, Cairns

Overseas Experiences in 2021

We are keeping our eye on that Australian bubble and are still hopeful that we might be able to run a couple of great tours to Australia in 2021. However we will only be travelling across the Tasman if it is absolutely safe to do so, as well as being feasible in relation to managed isolation.

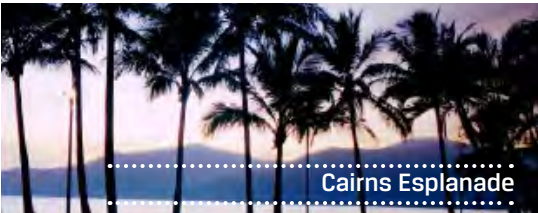


In the meantime, register your interest for these proposed tours, but keep thinking what a great place it is that we call home!

Cairns

July 2021

Our favourite trans-Tasman adventure, a wonderfully relaxing 'stay-put' tour in Cairns, in tropical North Queensland. On the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, we take a cruise out to this world heritage listed attraction, explore Daintree Rainforest in the wet tropics, take a rail excursion on an historic railway, discover the Atherton Tablelands and a host of other unique and exciting attractions in our travels around the region.



Cairns Esplanade

Western Australia Wildflowers

September 2021

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 waterways and uncover untouched forests as we explore the South West together. Phone us now to register your interest.



Wildflowers, Western Australia

Keeping you Safe

Your safety as well as the safety of our team members are our highest priority. We have taken direction from the Ministry of Health on best practice around personal safety protocols. We are now contacting all our key suppliers, before going on tour, to double check that they are observing the same protocols so that everyone feels safe.

On board our coaches we will be carrying out the following:

- We are providing hand sanitizer (which we always have - but encourage you to use regularly)
- Cleaning (with disinfectant) all hard surfaces daily
- We have a disinfectant to use in the air con filters.
- We have stopped using our washable cups on the road and when required are using biodegradable disposable ones
- We are carrying tongs for any food handling.
- Staff are using gloves for any food handling



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TranzScript Manawatu

**December
2020**

Day Trips



The Landing

Christmas at the Landing

Thursday 3 December

Just about to depart...give us a call to see if we still have seats available.

Join us for our final get together to enjoy a good old-fashioned Christmas in the elegant country garden setting of the Landing at Homebush.

This delightful venue is in a secret spot close to Masterton and features several acres of landscaped gardens to stroll or relax in.

Enjoy a game of croquet or petanque, giant checkers or jenga, or simply enjoy a Christmassy catch up with your Tranzit friends.

No prezzies please. Just bring your lovely selves and relax and enjoy the day.

Depart: Matipo St 9.00am

Return: Matipo St 4.15pm

Price: \$134.00 - due now

Includes: coach, lunch, drinks, entertainment and games

WOW Up Close

Thursday 4 February

We missed out on our annual WOW pilgrimage in 2020, but this event at Te Papa will be a wonderful substitute.

Take a special guided journey through this extraordinary exhibition featuring over 35 award-winning garments, created by designers from New Zealand and around the world.

This tour will share the stories of how these breath-taking works of art have been created and is an opportunity to discover the jaw-dropping detail and unconventional creativity of wearable art.

These are no ordinary works of art, and this is no ordinary exhibition.

Our visit includes lunch: Te Papa's famous High Tea at the Espresso Cafe, a charming selection of savoury and sweet items to tempt.

Depart: Matipo St 8.30am

Return: Matipo St 5.15pm

Price: \$131.00 - Due 8 January

Includes: coach, lunch and guided tour



WOW Up close

*NB: Payment now due

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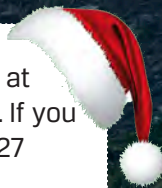
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Reservations - Terms and conditions

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 purposes 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 Extension 2.

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