



TranzScript

# January 2021

## Welcome

Happy New Year to you all; never before have these sentiments been so keenly expressed, as we kicked 2020 out the door. We fully appreciate that no-one has been untouched by the year that was, and we thank you all for your support and friendship as we surfed our way through its enormous highs and sometimes deep lows.

We hope Santa managed to squeeze down your chimney, and that you had a happy and relaxing festive break. With our doors closed over the Christmas break the team here at Tranzit grabbed a bit of relaxation to recharge the batteries ready for another year of adventures! We arrived back at work with plenty to do to keep us out of mischief, and a number of tours still to be finalised and released. Keep your enquiries coming and we will have the itineraries out to you as soon as we can.

And if a day outing is more your cup of Dilmar, why don't you make the most of some great summer weather and join us as we head out and about around the wider region discovering new activities and reacquainting ourselves with old favourites.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard in 2021.

The Tours team

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Tranzit style morning tea

**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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touring family...**

*psst...!*

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**Ali**



**Kath**



**Les**



**Robin**



**Andre**



**Craig**



# Featured Tours

## Ride the Rails



13-19 March

Rediscover the joys of train travel as we enjoy the world renowned TranzAlpine (Christchurch to Greymouth) and the scenic Coastal Pacific (Christchurch to Blenheim) excursions. Uncover the unique history of NZ rail and talk to genuine railway enthusiasts.

### Read a sample of the itinerary

*This morning we visit Ferrymead Heritage Park featuring an Edwardian township including a historic railway station, workshops and model railways, to name but a few of the exhibitions/museums on site. A favourite with many is the vintage machinery and hall of flame (fire engines). We meet with members of the Canterbury Railway Society for a special charter and tour of their workshops, enjoying a picnic lunch today (included). This afternoon we journey out to Waipara to join the historic rural Weka Pass Rail excursion from Glenmark Station to Waikari and return.*

*Our train today will either be their 1909 'A' class Pacific steam loco no. 428 - the only one of its type still operating, or one of their equally impressive Dg class Diesel-electric locos, built in 1956 and weighing over 65 tons. We return to Christchurch, dining in again in anticipation of our early start to board the TranzAlpine next morning.*



TranzAlpine Express

## Garden City Getaway



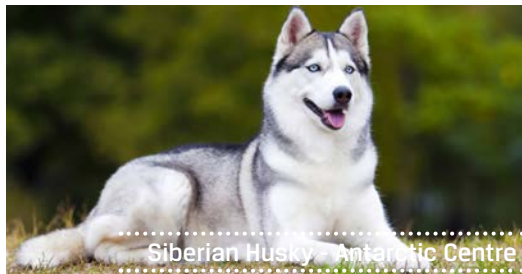
22-28 March

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 and visit Ohinetahi - the famous garden of Sir Miles Warren. Set the alarm to get up for breakfast with the huskies at the Antarctic Centre and encounter the rare Hector's Dolphin on Akaroa Harbour.

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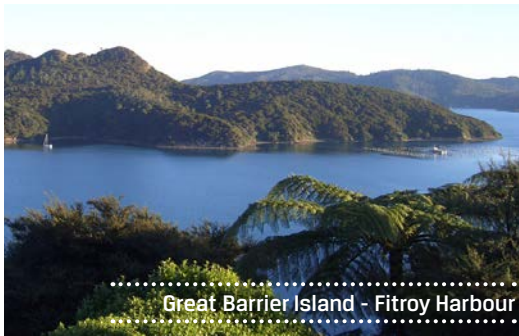
*Set the alarm, as we don't want to be late for our breakfast date with the huskies and penguins at the International Antarctic Centre. We get close and cuddly with these incredible animals and enjoy an informative talk with Husky Rescue NZ over breakfast, and then you will be free to explore the other fantastic exhibitions at the centre.*

*This afternoon we visit the Transitional Cathedral, affectionately known as the "Cardboard Cathedral". The Cathedral makes use of varied construction materials from cardboard tubes to timber beams, structural steel and concrete, and its feature triangular window design incorporates images from the original Cathedral's rose window. We then make our way back to our hotel for a little relaxation, and a chance to freshen up for dinner before we take you out for a special dining experience on the Christchurch tram. Combining colonial style fine dining with an inner-city sightseeing tour, this is a must do Christchurch experience.*



Siberian Husky - Antarctic Centre





Great Barrier Island - Fitroy Harbour

## February 2021

### Great Barrier Island



15-19 February – full, but May dates releasing soon

This is an all-round stunning destination for a smaller group, and so popular we are releasing a new date in May. 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!



Molesworth - Cattle crossing

### 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.



Far North Lighthouse

## March 2021

### The Far North



1-10 March & 3-12 May – both dates full, waitlisting

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.



Rare sheep breed

## April 2021

### Rural Round Up – North Island Farms and Stations



8-14 April – releasing soon

Our brand-new North Island farm themed tour now moves into April. 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.



Abel Tasman

## April 2021

### Top of the South Walking

17-25 April – *register your interest*

Enjoy the Top of the South at walking pace, as we take you to one of the most popular walking destinations in the country: Nelson/Marlborough. Hike on the Queen Charlotte Track and discover an island bird sanctuary in the Marlborough Sounds, feel the golden sands of the Abel Tasman between your toes, and walk amongst the cool canopy of the incredible beech forests of Nelson Lakes. Another must do for all walking enthusiasts.



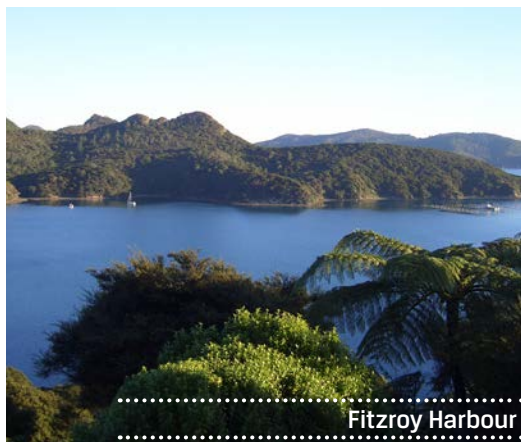
### Autumn Colours

19-28 April – *register your interest*

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.



Cardrona Hotel



Fitzroy Harbour

## May 2021

### Great Barrier Island

24-28 May – *look, new dates!*

This is an all-round stunning destination for a smaller group, and so popular we are releasing new dates in mosquito free May! Discover this hidden gem of the Hauraki Gulf.



### Savour the South

May – *dates to be confirmed, register your interest*

Feeling hungry for a food lovers foray in the Deep South? Visit artisan food and drink producers, dine at the best cafés 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.



Bluff Oyster Festival





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

- Mountains to Sea - September
- Top of the South Walking - December
- Hurunui Hakataramea - November
- Chatham Islands - December
- Christmas tour - destination top secret (for now)

## June 2021

### Mid Winter Christmas

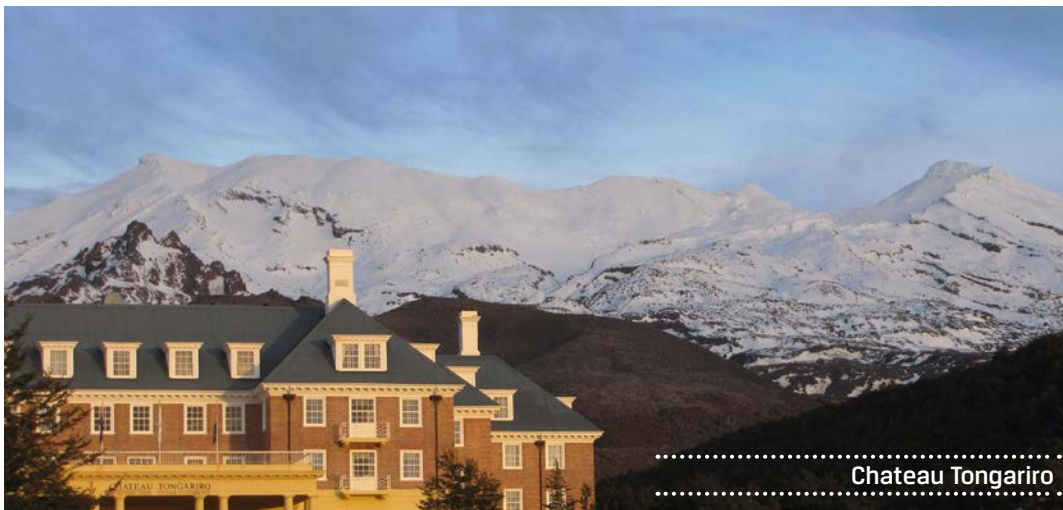
23 -25 June - *Register your interest*

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

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

**[www.tranzittours.co.nz](http://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.



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**Chateau Tongariro**  
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## 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.



## Tour Guide Tales

### Southern High Country Adventures

As you probably know, a number of our tours this year were rescheduled into the latter part of 2020, due to the dreaded Covid-19. This made for a very busy end to our touring year, when it began to feel like I was never home. Lucky for me I got to pack my husband as well, but my fur family were less impressed.

However, Te Waipounamu (the South Island) was calling, and our series of High Country adventures kicked off in November. Without a doubt this is my favourite part of the world; the incredible tussock landscapes scoured by great glaciers, the lakes that look like cut glass, the rolling countryside dotted with sheep and backdropped by the Southern Alps, the massive, braided river valleys. We hugged Clydesdales and ancient totara, glimpsed tiny spotted fawns hiding in the grass and lunched on the banks of the Rakaia River with views up into its headwaters. We went 4 wheel driving over remote landscapes and jet boating far up the Waimakariri River, and we met amazing, strong, rural people with fascinating stories to tell of their lifestyles.

## Overseas Experiences in 2021

We are optimists in this game, and we are still dreaming of our borders opening this year. So if one of our wish list tours appeals, pop your name on our register of interest. In the meantime, keep thinking what a great place it is that we call home, and of all the great New Zealand destinations we can still help you travel to!



### Cairns July 2021

### Western Australia Wildflowers September 2021



Rangitata River

### Keeping Safe on Tour

Our passengers and team members health and safety are our highest priority. We have been and continue to take advice from the NZ Ministry of Health on best practice personal safety protocols. We have contacted all our key suppliers before going on tour to ensure that they are observing the same safety protocols as a minimum.

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

- **Hygiene** - We are providing hand sanitizer, and encourage it to be used when disembarking and entering the coach
- Provide individual snaplock bags for each passenger to dispose of personal rubbish including tissues and face masks
- **Cleaning** - All hard surfaces daily with a disinfectant and have a disinfectant to use in the air con filters.
- We have changed our food and drink handling procedures by moving from washable cups on the road to biodegradable disposable cups.
- We are carrying tongs for any food handling and our Staff are using gloves for any food handling
- **Personal Protective Equipment** - We have disposable face masks available for those that wish to wear them, or passengers are welcome to bring and use their own. However these are not compulsory.
- Contact Tracing - QR Codes are available for those that wish to scan using the NZ COVID-19 contact tracing app. We also have a detailed Itinerary which is kept with the guide.
- **First Aid Kits** and our staff are fully trained in first aid.



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## Day Trips



WOW Up close

### WOW Up Close

Thursday 4 February

*Just about to depart...give us a call to see if there are any spots still available.*

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.

**Meet at:** Te Papa 11.30am

**Depart:** 3.00pm

**Price:** \$81.00 – due NOW

**Includes:** lunch, guided tour

### Wairarapa Great Escape

Thursday 29 April

Meet our guide at Wellington Railway Station and board the train as we head to Carterton to visit Hattenburn, a rural garden tucked beneath the Tararuas. Our hosts provide morning tea as we discover their passion for art which is everywhere: Malcolm's art figures, and Anna-Marie's mosaic sculptures. Also committed to working towards a self-sufficient lifestyle, they have adopted clever strategies for fruit and vegetable growing. Lunch today is at the iconic White Swan Hotel in Greytown, sure to be a great dining experience. Finally, we'll return to Carterton to show you the town's uplifting new mural (also created by Anna-Marie), a giant pair of rainbow coloured angel wings which are rapidly becoming a must-do photo opportunity. Please advise of any dietary requirements.

**Meet:** Platform 9, Railway  
**Station:** 8.00am

**Depart:** 8.21am

**Return:** Wellington 5.18pm

**Price:** \$127.00 – Due by 15 April

Includes: return train fare, coach, morning tea and garden tour, lunch



Hattenburn



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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.



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