



TranzScript
May 2021

Welcome

Let's face it! We are a nation of weather discussers! But there is always something to talk about, and the enjoyment of our tours is without doubt influenced by it. We have had a great run so far this year with our March and April tours: crystal-clear skies, crisp autumnal mornings and of course the gorgeous colours of Autumn, especially in the South Island as our recent travellers to that part of the country will attest. Even our venture to the Far North this month squeaked in with some enviable days with which to enjoy their adventures. We are hoping that this will continue through until the end of May as we get to tick off our Great Barrier Island duo of tours.

Then, with the exception of a couple of exciting little winter expeditions, we will hunker down and get on with the planning in earnest. That's because when we are not on the road, we are actively working on the tour calendar and we are now feeling increasingly confident at moving the horizons out to 2022.

Meanwhile, as the days get shorter, we have some great day trips in the pipeline to provide short winter interludes. We enjoyed stunning weather and a very successful day out in the Wairarapa recently, visiting Hattenburn Garden near Carterton followed by a delicious lunch at the White Swan.

We welcome the chance to catch up with you soon.

Warm regards,
The Tours Team
Ali, Kath and Robin



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Tranzit style morning tea

Featured 2021 Tours

South Island National Parks Walking

6-13 September.
Releasing soon - register your interest now!



Hobbiton Movie Set Tours

Mountains to Sea

26-30 September.
Don't delay - book now.



Here is a new opportunity for our active travellers, visiting the South Island during early spring to hike quiet trails under crisp blue skies. You will be surrounded by stunning snow-clad mountains on this adventure. Hear the rumble of avalanches in Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, spot birdlife and immerse yourself in ancient beech and podocarp forest. This is a wonderful sample of hikes in Mount Cook, Mt Aspiring and Fiordland National Parks as well as walks in the Mackenzie Basin, Wanaka and a taste of the stunning Kepler track on the shores of Lake Te Anau.

Read a sample of the itinerary:
The highest mountain in NZ, Mt Cook was first named Aoraki or 'cloud piercer' by South Island Maori. Feeling inspired, we will take an impressive hike up to a lake at the base of the Hooker Glacier, complete with icebergs! The track is surrounded by peaks, glaciers, native vegetation and mountain streams, and provides excellent views of Mt Cook on a fine day.



Aoraki Mt Cook



Mt Ruapehu

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, all inclusive tours and the best destinations & attractions

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. 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. Our tours offer a mix of big-ticket WOW factor attractions and destinations such as Doubtful Sound, the Moeraki Boulders and Taupō to lesser-seen landscapes - all from the comfort of a world class coach.

Touring Icons: A quick visual guide for what you're in for.

-  **Heritage**
NZ's home and gardens on show
-  **Walking**
A good level of fitness is required
-  **Culture**
Shows, history and the arts
-  **Travel by Train**
Train enthusiasts a must!
-  **Wine and Food**
Enjoy local delights on tour
-  **Boat trip offered**
Enjoy a cruise on the water
-  **Flight/s included**
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Take a gander at our 2021 tours...

September

The Far North

8-17 September.

Book now.

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.



October

Wairarapa Escape

4-7 October. Proposed dates.

Register your interest.

It doesn't take long until you're off the beaten track here in the Wairarapa, so this tour showcases our isolated beaches, iconic stations and homesteads, history, nature and art, while enjoying some of the best in Wairarapa foods and wines. A short tour packed with something to appeal to everyone.



Rural Round Up North Island Farms and Stations

18-24 October. Proposed dates.

Register your interest.

Come and join us on this new rural adventure. We've tracked down more amazing farms and stations - this time in the North Island, with East Cape and Waikato our focus. From remote hill country properties to rolling Waikato pastures, we discover diverse farming methods and unusual rural lifestyles.



November

Taranaki Gardens

31 October-3 November.

Register your interest.

Taranaki boasts some of the best gardens in the country. Join us as we visit at the height of spring, amid the colourful flurry of rhododendron season.



The Greenstone Trail

Dates to be confirmed.

Register your interest.

Explore the wild West Coast of the South Island - one of New Zealand's most unspoilt regions. The Greenstone Trail is full of attractions that cover many of the 'must see and do's' of this area. Have you ever walked among the treetops in a South Westland Rainforest? Explored the secret waterways of Ōkārito searching for the beautiful white heron? This is your chance!



The Deep South

Dates to be confirmed.

Register your interest.

Join us on our southern-most sojourn as we travel the full Southern Scenic Route from Dunedin via the ruggedly dramatic Catlins Coast to Invercargill, and on to stunning Fiordland. A cruise in tranquil Doubtful Sound and an overnight stay on Stewart Island are special highlights.



May

Great Barrier Island Rescheduled date

31 May-4 June.

Full, waitlisting.

This is our rescheduled date for our February tour. It's currently full, but if the dates appeal, give us a call and add your name to the waitlist.



June

Mid Winter Christmas

23-25 June.

Full, waitlisting.

We pack the tinsel and head to the Hawke's Bay for wintry festive fun.



August

Iconic Rotorua

18-20 August.

Register your interest.

Treat yourself to this late winter escape to Rotorua. Staying at the beautiful historic Princes Gate Hotel, we rediscover what makes Rotorua such an iconic tourist destination. Visit Te Puia - home of the famous Pōhutu Geyser, enjoy an authentic Tamaki experience with preparation of kai, storytelling and tradition, and take a relaxing dinner cruise on the historic Lakeland Queen.

We have packed plenty into this short getaway!



November

Top of the South Walking

29 November-5 December

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.



Top of the South - Abel Tasman

What is 'waitlisting'?

It means the tour is currently at capacity. However - give us a call and add your name to our list and if any seats become available, we'll let you know.

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.

December

Chatham Island

3-8 December.

Register your interest.

Tick this one off your bucket list as we return to this remote part of NZ, with a tour package specially designed to suit our valued clients. Enjoy comfortable accommodation and fabulous meals featuring abundant seafood as we discover the landscapes, natural history and the lifestyle of the hardy islanders. 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.



Christmas in Gisborne

22-29 December.

Book today.

Enjoy the festive season and be the first to see the sunrise here in this stunning and unique corner of Aotearoa.



East Cape Pohutukawa

Overseas Experiences in 2021

We are continuing to "watch this space" so if one of our wish list tours appeals, pop your name on our register of interest.

In the meantime, we are throwing our heart and soul into producing tours to all the great New Zealand destinations we can still help you travel to!

- Cairns
- Western Australia Wildflowers



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.

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

Important Notice: Cheques

We regret to advise that our bank is phasing out cheques due to the continued decline in use as more and more New Zealanders make payments electronically.

This means that we will unfortunately no longer be able to accept payments via cheque from **31 May 2021**.

So while you will not be able to tell us any longer that "the cheque is in the mail"...there are other ways we can receive payment from you such as:

- Internet, mobile or telephone banking
- Credit card, EFTpos or cash

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Day Trips

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Mid Winter lunch at Makoura Lodge

Thursday 17 June

Just a few seats left!

Our travels today take us up the scenic Pohangina Valley, our destination Makoura Lodge at the top end of the valley and located on surrounding farmland.

Here we can relax and unwind in this tranquil spot, enjoying country hospitality at its best. We will learn about the history of the property, and after lunch we have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of fun activities from a scavenger hunt to axe throwing.

Our travels home take us through the tiny rural villages of Apati and Kimbolton in a continued loop, which also takes in the rural townships of Cheltenham and Colyton.

Depart: Matipo St 9.30am

Return: Matipo St 4.15pm

Price: \$99.00 – due ASAP

Includes: coach, lunch and activities

Art and Amazing Archives

Tuesday 24 August

Today the National Library opens its doors and invites us in to discover the wonders held within. The library is a storage place for the nation's treasured documents and publications, and after morning tea we will get to view the Treaty of Waitangi, the Women's Suffrage Petition and other fascinating historical documents as we enjoy a guided experience.

Then we are off to Te Papa to discover the Surrealists, joining our knowledgeable guide to be treated to a deeper understanding of these breath-taking works, the first major Surrealism exhibition to be held in NZ since the 1970's.

Lunch today is Te Papa's famous High Tea, a charming selection of savoury and sweet items to tempt.

Depart: Matipo St 7.30am

Return: Matipo St 6.15pm

Price: \$147.00

Includes: coach, morning tea, lunch and guided tours of exhibitions.



Makoura Lodge



National Library

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Woven In-tent, Kirsten Fletcher, Australia. Image courtesy of World of WearableArt Ltd.

World of WearableArt Awards Show

Sunday 17 October

It's back! The World of WearableArt Awards Show is NZ's largest theatrical production, showcasing incredible works of wearable art from designers across New Zealand and around the world from 30 September to 17 October.

The WOW Awards Show is an extraordinary fusion of world-class dance and theatrical performance, stirring music, visual projections and larger than life backdrops. Audiences are captivated from the moment they step through the door and are invited on a journey beyond imagination.

Join us for a Sunday matinee performance. We will be departing in plenty of time to allow you to enjoy a bite of lunch in Wellington (own cost) before the show. Alternatively, you may wish to pack your own picnic to bring with you.

Depart: Matipo St 9.00am

Return: Matipo St 6.30pm

Price: \$197.00

Deposit: \$150.00 - due ASAP

Includes: coach and premium show ticket.

Manawatu

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Come in and see us:

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.....Te Papa - The Surrealists.....



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.

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