

# Tour Club Leisure Guide 20/21

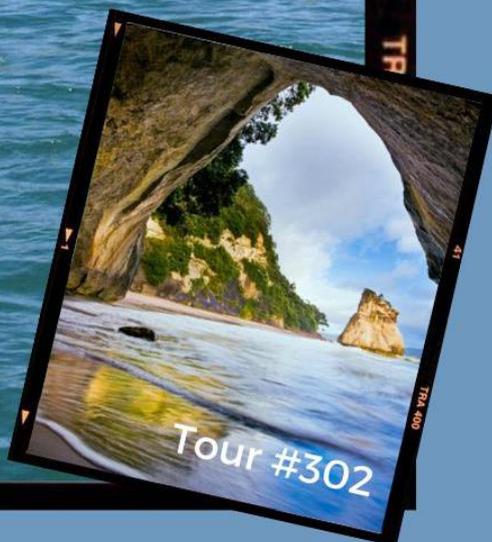
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# Welcome to Bay Tours & Charters

## Leisure Guide



This time 8 months ago when I sat down to write the introduction to the previous edition of our Leisure Guide, I couldn't have imagined for a moment what the first half of 2020 would bring. However, there clearly are some advantages in being at the outermost ends of the earth. Our country, we as New Zealanders, have united brilliantly to suffocate Covid-19 and prevent it from spreading into our communities. As I write this Melbourne has been plunged back into lockdown and a number of other places that were hailed as champions against the virus are seeing second waves hit them. I think all of us Kiwis who pulled together and helped each other during our lockdown are determined to stop that happening here. I'm hugely proud of us all and, rest assured, we remain vigilant in continuing our extra sanitising processes.

On the personal front Ken and I went from an empty nest not that long ago, to a full house over lockdown with two of our sons, Callum and Jayden – together with Jayden's partner Chelsie – returning from the UK to be part of 'Chateau Withington' and looking out for 'the olds'. Whilst the circumstances have been frightening, it's been great to spend some quality time together.

The business has weathered the health and economic storm better than many in our industry. This has been due to lateral thinking by many people. By initially engaging in meal deliveries to customers and then creating or re-scheduling some 20-odd tours to suit the evolving situation, I think we adapted well. And it's been exciting to get back out touring again.

Our last tour prior to lockdown was South Island High Country and we spent a wonderful week with a delightful group of Tour Clubbers touring the back country of the 'mainland'. Prior to that a summer highlight was our annual Cycle Trail tour which, this time, crossed the Far North from the Hokianga to the Bay Of Islands. Great sights and loads of laughs had by all. This latest edition is choc-full of new tours that we're super-excited about and we know there'll be plenty here to entice you. And continuing to support and highlight different destinations around our country is something we're always proud to do. At this time we and the team here at Bay Tours are especially grateful for your continued support. Enjoy!

Kerren, Ken & the Bay Tours team

# General Information

## Payments:

**Credit card:** We accept credit card payments by Visa or MasterCard but there is a 5% credit card handling fee. To avoid incurring this bank cost you can pay by;

**Cheque, cash or internet banking at no extra cost;** Internet banking, please place your phone number in the particulars field and the tour number with first 4 letters of your surname in the reference field i.e. 1014WITH. If you are paying for more than one tour, please place the other tour number in the code field.

This also applies if you visit a Kiwibank branch to make an over-the-counter deposit. You MUST highlight your reference details on your deposit slip to the teller to ensure they key them in for your transaction.

Our bank account number to pay into is: **Kiwi Bank 38 9014 0316437 00.**

## Dietary Requirements:

If you have any dietary requirements, please bring this to our attention when you are booking your trip to enable us to accommodate your needs.

## Accommodation Preferences:

If you wish to have a hotel room on a lower level or if you prefer two beds instead of a double, please let us know at the time of booking so we can accommodate your needs.

## Mobility Checkpoint:

Some tours which have an aspect to them that will require a specific level of mobility will be flagged with this **RED MAN** sign: This DOESN'T mean you will be unable to participate. It simply recommends you call the office to discuss the specific requirement.



## Shows:

If you hear about a show that is coming up and it is not in the Leisure Guide, we may not have been aware of it prior to going to print. Please phone or email us to see if we are going.

## Tour Club membership

It is FREE to join our "Tour Club" – there are no joining fees.



## Post to:

PO Box 12221, Ahuriri, Napier 4144

## Phone us at:

(06) 845 2736 – EXT 1

## E-Mail: Tour Co-ordinator

Kaye Waapu at:  
tourclub@baytours.co.nz

## Visit us at:

16 Turner Place, Onekawa, Napier 411

# Tour Club Booking Form

Date	Day	Tour	Tour Name	Cost
5 Aug	Wed	805	Country Day Out – Mangatainoka & Norsewear	\$155
11 Aug	Tue	811	Lunch at Craggy Range #1	\$145
13 Aug	Thur	813	Winter Progressive Dinner	\$155
20 Aug	Thur	820	Exotic Progressive Lunch	\$95
26 Aug	Wed	826	Lunch at Craggy Range #2	\$145
4 Sep	Fri	904	Spring Progressive Lunch	\$125
11 Sep	Fri	911	A Treasure Hunt	\$100
20 Sep	Sun	920	Ongaonga Historic Village Fair & Market	\$90
24 Sep	Thur	924	Wildbase Recovery Centre – Palmerston North	\$135
29 Sep	Tue	929	A Picnic Lunch Beyond Puketitiri	\$95
1 – 6 Oct	Thu-Tue	1001	Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan	\$1,975
3 Oct	Sat	1003	Oruawharo Garden Concert	\$135
5 – 9 Oct	Mon-Fri	1005	Molesworth & Rainbow Stations	\$2,325
10 Oct	Sat	1010	Feilding Craft Market	\$100
13 – 15 Oct	Tue-Thur	1013	Rangitikei & Manawatū Homesteads & Gardens	\$655
17 – 18 Oct	Sat-Sun	1017	Mary Poppins – Auckland	\$485
19 – 23 Oct	Mon-Fri	1019	Molesworth & Rainbow Stations	\$2,325
21 Oct	Wed	1021	A Visit to Timahanga Station	\$125
22 Oct	Thu	1022	Evening Progressive Dinner	\$155
28 Oct	Wed	1028	The Shows Must Go On	\$175
30 Oct – 4 Nov	Fri-Wed	1030	Marlborough: Mountains to the Sounds	\$2,585
3 Nov	Tue	1103	EIT Degustation Dinner	\$155
10 Nov	Tue	1110	Tukituki Cycle Trail & Lunch	\$120
12 Nov	Thu	1112	Hospice Holly Trail	\$220
14 Nov	Saturday	1114	Rod Stewart: Hastings & Napier Packages	\$450
16 – 23 Nov	Mon-Mon	1116	Islands & Gardens of the Hauraki Gulf	\$3,325
19 Nov	Thur	1119	Lunch at Porangahau Country Club	\$125
22 Nov	Sun	1122	Tahaenui Christmas Fete	\$140
27 Nov – 5 Dec	Fri-Sat	1127	Undiscovered Christchurch & Beyond	\$3,895
2 Dec	Wed	1202	Christmas Magic – Shopping & Market	\$115
8 Dec	Tue	1208	Shine Falls with Ken	\$100
11 Dec	Fri	1211	A Country Pub Lunch & Quiz: Summer Edition	\$120
24 – 28 Dec	Thu-Mon	1224	Christmas Mystery	\$1,995
14 – 20 Jan	Thur-Wed	114	Chatham Islands #1	\$4,560
19 Jan	Tue	119	Big Day Out	\$175
26 – 29 Jan	Tue-Fri	126	Snowy Waters Lodge & Blue Duck Station	\$1,450
4 – 10 Feb	Thu-Wed	204	West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail	\$3,785
16 – 19 Feb	Tue-Fri	216	Twenty Tunnels & Wairakei	\$1,175
23 – 27 Feb	Tue-Sat	223	Kawakawa Station Walk	\$1,450
27 Feb	Sat	227	Wings Over Wairarapa	\$210
2 – 9 Mar	Tue-Tue	302	Coromandel's Hidden Secrets	\$3,325
6 Mar	Sat	306	Martinborough Fair	\$100
18 Mar	Thur	318	Dinner at Mangapapa	\$150
14 – 23 Apr	Wed-Fri	414	Otago's Old Gold Road	\$4,895
22 – 28 Apr	Thur-Wed	422	Chatham Islands #2	\$4,560

# Tour Club

## Conditions & Important Booking Information

### **1. Reservations & Payments**

Generally, the price of day trips should be made in one payment, with the exception of those where a deposit is requested in the Leisure Guide.

For all overnight or longer tours, a deposit as stated in the Leisure Guide is payable to secure the booking. The balance must be paid in full by the declared date in the Leisure Guide.

Any customer who has booked a package with Bay Tours shall not assign, purport to assign, or attempt to re-sell the package (whether whole or in part), rights or interests under these Terms without prior consent from Bay Tours.

Any reservation made within six (6) weeks of the tour departure must be paid in full.

### **2. Medical**

Please notify us of significant medical issues when you are considering making a booking so that we can inform you of any potential risks that may present themselves as part of the tour. Bay Tours reserves the right to decline/refuse a booking because of medical concerns.

### **3. Health & Fitness**

At Bay Tours we pride ourselves on giving personal service to our customers. However, our guides are not qualified to provide individuals, who are not of reasonable, able-bodied health, the special time and attention they may need to make their tour a memorable experience. We're very happy for you to join us if you have a caregiver that can accompany you and provide help to you along the way.

### **4. Cancellation Insurance**

In association with Cover-More Travel Insurance we now offer to members insurance against unforeseen events which may necessitate you cancelling your travel with Bay Tours. This is part of a comprehensive cover policy. It will secure your refund in the event of you having to withdraw from a booking. There is a \$25 excess, payable for each claimable event.

- Should you decide to make use of this insurance, it must be purchased at the time you make your booking and paid in full with your tour deposit.
- Insurance Terms and Conditions apply and will be attached to your Cover-More Travel Insurance schedule which will be forwarded to you following purchase. Please ensure you take time to read through the policy wording and make yourself familiar with the cover it offers.
- Activation of your Policy by way of claim is between you as the policy holder and Cover-More NZ Ltd.

**\*\*Please Note:** There is no cover available on the policy if the reason for cancellation is related to Covid-19\*\*

### **5. Behaviour**

Bay Tours & Charters Ltd is not a common carrier and therefore reserves the right to refuse to carry or admit a person whose behaviour is considered detrimental to the enjoyment of the group. By travelling with Bay Tours & Charters Ltd the traveller agrees to accept the authority of Bay Tours staff leading the tour and accept their decisions. Our staff are entitled to a safe working environment and our passengers to a great holiday. Any threats to safety, either physical or verbal, or inappropriate behaviour by a passenger may result in their removal from the tour. If staff require a passenger to leave a tour, no refunds will be given and the passenger will be responsible for their own travel costs from that point.

### **6. No Goods Offered For Sale & Delivery Website Only**

Only excursion trips, group tours and ancillary items directly associated with these specific events are offered for sale on our website. No goods requiring any manner of delivery to a physical address are offered for sale.

## **7. Cancellations and Refunds**

### **With Cancellation Insurance**

Should you be forced to cancel your travel with us due to a claimable unforeseen event, Bay Tours will calculate the level of direct refund we are able to make to you. You then simply complete a Cover-More claim form for the difference between the Bay Tours refund and the amount you paid for the tour. Once approved, Cover-More will reimburse you less the \$25 excess.

### **Without Cancellation Insurance**

Cancellation fees without Cancellation Insurance with us are as follows;

#### **Multi-Day Tours**

##### **65 Days or more prior to commencement of the tour:**

20% of the deposit paid, plus any non-recoverable payments to suppliers of the tour.

##### **64 to 22 Days prior to the commencement of the tour:**

100% loss of deposit paid.

##### **21 Days or less prior to the commencement of a tour:**

100% loss of tour price paid.

If you cancel at any time, and you are able to get someone to take your place at the time of cancellation, you will receive a full refund of the amount paid, less an admin fee of \$100.00.

#### **Day Trips**

##### **4 Days or more prior to the Day Trip:**

Refund in full

##### **3 Days or less prior to the Day Trip:**

No refund

We strongly encourage the purchase of Cancellation Insurance in order to provide peace of mind that the full amount paid is protected (as per Item 4 above).

## **8. Itinerary Variations**

Bay Tours & Charters Ltd reserves the right to alter the tour package (including the itinerary) and substitute accommodation facilities and/or activities to those advertised should unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary. The company will always endeavour, at their discretion, to select appropriate alternatives.

## **9. Tour Cancellations**

Bay Tours & Charters Ltd reserves the right to cancel or withdraw any tour or any booking made for a traveller. In this event we will refund the total tour price, but will not have any further liability.

## **10. Liability**

Bay Tours & Charters Ltd are not liable for and deny all responsibility for personal injury or property damage arising out of these activities.

The arrangement providers, namely the carriers providing land, sea or air travel, the operators providing transfers, accommodation, tours, meals and other services, all do so according to their conditions. The traveller accepts the arrangements subject to those conditions and accepts that their rights may be limited to those conditions as found in tickets, vouchers, signs, forms, contracts and the like.

The traveller has no right to claim against Bay Tours & Charters Ltd for any loss, damage, delay or injury caused to the traveller or their baggage whilst under the care or control of an arrangement provider. A traveller's baggage and personal effects shall be carried at owner's risk as provided for under the Carriage of Goods Act.

Bay Tours & Charters Ltd is not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delays or alterations in air, land or sea travel due to inclement weather, acts of God, strikes, breakdowns, civil unrest, quarantine, or other circumstances beyond its control.

### **11. International Tours**

It is a condition of participation in any of our international tours that New Zealand residents purchase comprehensive travel insurance from the time of booking until the completion of the tour. The insurance must include cover for lost or damaged luggage, accident or sickness, loss or theft of personal belongings and documents and the need to cancel or curtail your holiday. Please note that special conditions apply for pre-existing medical conditions with all travel insurance policies.

You may wish to consider insuring with Cover-More NZ Ltd through Bay Tours. Ask us about it.

The traveller has full responsibility for ensuring they hold a valid passport and all visas, permits and certificates required for the selected tour as well as any necessary vaccinations to comply with applicable regulations.

### **12. Brochure Pricing**

The prices that appear in the Leisure Guide are valid at the time of publication. The Company reserves the right to change pricing at any time after publication should this be forced upon us. Should changes occur you will be notified at the time of booking.

### **13. Photographs**

The photographs reproduced depict typical scenes experienced, but the subject matter may not necessarily be seen or experienced whilst visiting that destination on any given day. Whilst away with Bay Tours you may be included in some photographs and/or video taken by our guides and drivers that will be used for future promotional advertising purposes and by booking on to this tour you authorise the use of any images you are captured in to be used without any further consent or payment.

### **14. Acknowledgement and Acceptance**

In booking a tour with Bay Tours & Charters the participant(s) acknowledge that they have read, understood and accept these conditions.

## A Few Notes from your Tour Club Co-ordinator Kaye Waapu

Kaye is your first point of call for all things Tour Club. When you call the office make sure you always choose **extension 1** (for Tour Club) so that you are transferred directly to her.

Are you a solo traveller who likes the look of an overnight tour but don't want to pay the single room rate? How about giving twin share a go? We can match you up with another solo traveller and who knows, maybe you will spark up a friendship and can book onto future tours together 😊

Note: we always match male/male, female/female.

Do you struggle to remember tour dates or numbers? Well I'll let you in on a little secret. The first number is the month of the year and the second number the day of the year. E.g Tour #904 would be September 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Tour No. 805

### Country Day Out – Mangatainoka & Norsewear

Date	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	\$155.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please.
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

A day choc full of great destinations and wonderful scenery is the promise of this day trip. After a delicious morning tea at **Dannevirke Services & Citizens Club** we trundle on



down to **Woodville** to check out the antique shops and the opossum wool shop before heading to the restaurant at the **Tui Brewery** in **Mangatainoka** for lunch. After lunch we begin heading north along the scenic Bluff Road above the Manawatū River on our way to the **Norsewear Factory Shop** in **Norsewood**. There's always bargains to be had either for yourself or as gifts for others and it's always great to buy NZ Made. Speaking of which, if we have time

we'll also stop in at the famed **Waipawa Butchery**. Owned now by the folks at Patangata Station, the butchery showcases the station's own meat and still makes all those delicious sausages. What a day out supporting our neighbouring communities.

## Tour No. 811 & 826

### Lunch at Craggy Range #1 & #2

Date	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August & Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	\$145.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch & a glass of wine

**Craggy Range Restaurant** has always been one of the finest in Hawke's Bay. Recipient of 2 Hats in the most recent Cuisine Magazine Awards, Craggy Range continues to be the standard-bearer for winery restaurants. We're delighted to invite you to join us for a very special lunch at this superb venue. **Head Chef Casey McDonald** will pay homage to perhaps the ultimate Kiwi lunch dish – **Roasted Hawke's Bay Lamb**. We'll enjoy a magnificent **3 course lunch** centred around Casey's personal take on this iconic centrepiece of family occasions.



Accompanied by a complimentary glass of Craggy Range wine, this promises to be one of the culinary highlights of the year and perhaps the epitome of supporting local producers. Numbers are strictly limited so book immediately to secure your place at the table. We will endeavour to secure further dates should this be oversubscribed.

## Tour No. 813

### Winter Progressive Dinner

Date	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 5.50pm
Cost	\$155.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner

In many ways winter is the ideal season for a progressive dinner. Yes, the weather could be a little inclement, but the delicious soups, hot and hearty braised and roasted mains



and 'stick-to-your-ribs' puddings are great for the soul. We begin with **Entrée** at the **Ahuriri Village Kitchen**. Sitting on the waterfront on Hardinge Rd, their superbly prepared, yet rustic, dishes will start the evening with a splash. And making a splash is exactly what relative newcomer **Central Fire Station Bistro** have done where we will enjoy our **Main**. Leaving legendary Auckland restaurant Clooney in late 2019 to move to Hawke's Bay, Head Chef and co-owner, Sam Clark, is delighted to have opened in such a beautiful heritage building in Napier. A special treat for our Dessert awaits us at **Black Barn Bistro**. **Head Chef Jason Brown** is fanatical about sourcing the finest ingredients and his decadent sweet offerings will perfectly round off a stunning evening.

## Tour No. 820

### Exotic Progressive Lunch

Date	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	\$95.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

As exports from our region continue to reach across the world, so too are communities from those countries now calling Hawke's Bay home. Join us as we visit three of the best exponents of their traditional national dishes. We first visit **Er Dee Wa** Thai restaurant in Clive, for our **Entrée**, where they offer their interpretation on popular South-East Asian street food dishes. The flavours are amazing and the dishes so easy to enjoy. Next, we head to Hastings and **Bollywood Stars** Indian restaurant – an old favourite of ours – for our **Main Course** cooked in a traditional clay Tandoor oven. The friendly service and beautifully presented dishes will enchant you. Then it's a stone's throw, and yet half a world away for **Dessert** at **Café Anatolia** who feature Turkish cuisine. The pastry makers of Turkey are legendary. What a great way to finish this incredible lunch.



## Tour No. 904

### Spring Progressive Lunch

Date	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	\$125.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3-course lunch



What better way to welcome in the season of bud and blossom than to celebrate the continued excellence of three of Hawke's Bay's hospitality mainstays. We begin our lunch with **Entrée** at the eternally enticing **Emporium** at the Art Deco Masonic Hotel. In these post-lockdown days fine restaurants like Emporium have never been more aware of the superb range of local produce they're lucky to choose from. A mere amble along the front of the Masonic Hotel brings us

to the venue for our **Main** today, **Lone Star** at the top of Emerson St. Situated in the uniquely bowed corner of what many of us know as the T & G Building, Lone Star is still true to its roots offering a welcome bigger than Texas and flavours equally generous. Finally, we travel to Hastings for **Dessert** at another favourite of long standing, **Jarks Café**. The atmosphere is homely and their sweet desserts induce broad smiles and full tummies. A perfect way to finish a memorable lunch.

## Tour No. 911

### A Treasure Hunt

Date	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	\$100.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

Who remembers the days when clubs used to include a motorised treasure or 'scavenger' hunt in their social activities? Lots of people racing around trying to be first to find all the answers to clues at various locations around the district. Great fun! Well we've come up with a **Treasure Hunt** of our own. Those who book on will be divided into smaller groups and each will receive a series of clues and questions posed to them about

**12 mystery destinations** around Hawke's Bay. Once your group gets there, you'll need to find the answer to a question and each fill in your answer form before moving on to the next location. Each destination has been selected as a place of historical or cultural interest. Some you'll know about and, perhaps, some you won't. But all the answers can be found at the destinations once you've worked them out. It's not tricky, just a day's fun around notable local landmarks. Come and join the fun and maybe win a prize.



## Tour No. 920

### Ongaonga Historic Village Fair & Market

Date	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	\$90.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch



Step back in time and explore the fun and wonder of **Ongaonga Historic Village** with their Village Fair and Market. With loads of market stalls, steam engines, artisan demonstrations, games for the children and adults alike, plenty of food, live music and face painting - and lots of locals dressed in period costumes, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Old fashioned sweets and home baking, beautiful giftware, fresh produce, heritage plants, Devonshire Teas, ice creams, as well as traditional Blacksmith demonstrations, knife and shingle making will feature.

Try your luck at some old games such as spin the wheel, horseshoe throwing, bottle cap poker and coconut shy.

This event is a fundraiser for the **Ongaonga Historical Society** to continue their amazing work restoring and protecting the history of the village. We're pleased to support them so come with us and enjoy a fabulous day out.

## Tour No. 924

### Wildbase Recovery Centre – Palmerston North

Date	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	\$135.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

Massey University's **School of Veterinary Science** in Palmerston North is a world leader in both the training of veterinarians and in animal health research. And, of course, there's a veterinary hospital attached to the school too. Very delicate or difficult animal health cases are brought from throughout the country for surgery or specialised treatment. Their post-treatment recovery, particularly of endangered native species, is conducted and closely monitored at the **Wildbase Recovery Centre**, also in Palmerston North. We invite you to join us on a guided visit to this facility that is tasked with ensuring veterinary care of the highest order, including specialty treatment rooms and walk-through recovery aviaries. We'll have lunch in Palmerston North before our visit and another surprise awaits us there as well.

This is a rare opportunity to look inside the centre of a world-class animal recovery centre.



## Tour No. 929

### A Picnic Lunch Beyond Puketitiri

Date	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 9.50am
Cost	\$95.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please.
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, ice cream

Today is one of those great Day Trips which can simply be described as a 'Road Trip'. The spring blossom will be out as we wind our way through the beautiful **Rissington, Patoka** and **Puketitiri** districts for a picnic lunch at **Balls Clearing**. We'll take the road as far as we can go and Ken has planned the route with great precision to maximise scenic vistas. He also reckons he's picked the perfect spot for a mid-afternoon ice cream.



Join us for a day out and about in the Hawke's Bay back-country full of fun, laughter and great company.

## Tour No. 1001

### Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan



Date	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	\$1975.00 Twin Share   \$2625.00 Single Room
Payment	\$750.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x5, breakfast x5, morning tea x2, lunch x4, dinner x5, all activities

The section of **State Highway 3** which follows the west coast of the North Island from **New Plymouth** up to **Hamilton** is rarely explored by those of us here in the east. Initially clinging to the coast and following the North Taranaki Bight before turning inland at Mokau to avoid Mt Messenger and head into King Country. Following the Waipa River through Otorohanga to Te Awamutu and the prosperous rolling dairy country of the Waikato it makes it's way into Hamilton itself where it morphs into SH23 out to Raglan back on the west coast. So we're going to spend a number of days wandering this area with plenty of reminders of classic New Zealand.



**Day 1:** We head west with lunch in **Whanganui** and a stop at the southern terminus of SH3 at **Hawera** then on to **New Plymouth** and the lovely **Devon Hotel**, our base for the next couple of nights.

**Day 2:** Begins with an opportunity to explore the city at leisure with destinations such as



**Puke Ariki Museum**, the amazing **Len Lye Gallery** or the **City Shopping Centre** mall. Then it's off to the magnificent **Pukeiti Garden**, in the shadow of Taranaki/Mt Egmont, for lunch and a guided tour. Taranaki must be amongst the best regions in the country for gardens and Pukeiti together with its sibling property, **Tupare**, closer to town and with its Chapman-Taylor homestead, are two of the best. We enjoy both today.

**Day 3:** We start heading north following the coast to the little fishing settlement of **Mokau** which is a mecca for whitebaiters during the season. We'll have morning tea here. Then it's on up State Highway 3, through Meadsville (Te Kuiti), and on to that national treasure, the **Glowworm Caves** at **Waitomo**, for a boat tour through the caves. After lunch at Waitomo we continue on SH3 through to **Te Awamutu**. Here, **Yarndley's Bush** is the largest stand of mature Kahikatea in the North Island. With an excellent boardwalk all the way, we'll enjoy a leg stretch. We spend the night in 'Rose Town'.

**Day 4:** Today sees us initially head further inland to stunning **Sanctuary Mountain** at Mangatautari for a guided tour around this bird, animal and plant reserve before we can resist the call of the coast no longer and turn west for the historic settlement of **Kawhia** and the beautiful inlet it overlooks. A special lunch at the Boating & Angling Club will be followed (weather & tides willing) with a little jaunt to **Kawhia's Hot Water Beach** for a paddle and brief soak. From here it's up through Pirongia Forest Park and Ngahinapouri to **Hamilton** and our hotel, the wonderful **Novotel Tainui** right on the Waikato River.

A day trip to **Raglan** is the focus of **Day 5:** A cruise on the tranquil **Raglan Harbour** is followed by a fish & chips lunch at The Wharf and a look around town. A view of the stunning **Bridal Veil Falls** is a must before a complete change of pace with a visit to the **Classics Museum**, a temple of homage to the American cars of the past with more than 100 on display. What a day!



**Day 6:** is home day but not before we visit the world-class **Hamilton Gardens** and, in particular their just opened **Picturesque Garden** themed on the story from Mozart's Magic Flute opera. This glorious new garden, together with all the other themed gardens at this most impressive venue, is bound to amaze and entertain. After morning tea here we begin our journey south towards home this afternoon and our own beds.

The Taranaki, King Country and Waikato regions are choc-full of hidden gems we'll be discovering on this tour. Join us to gain a greater appreciation of one of the North Islands least travelled highways.

## Tour No. 1003

### Oruawharo Garden Concert

Date	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Times	All collected by 12.35pm
Cost	\$135.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, entry to concert, high tea, glass of wine

The historic property of **Oruawharo** at Takapau has become renowned throughout Hawke's Bay and further afield for its award-winning restoration and for the many musical concerts and performances it has hosted over the years. Owners Peter and Dianne Harris have been enthusiastic supporters of the arts in their district and Bay Tours have been fortunate to enjoy many wonderful visits for these musical performances. We're delighted to invite you to join us for an afternoon of high culture and High Tea. Originally from London, **David Selfe** - pianist, musical director and record producer has settled with his family into the Old Dairy Factory in Norsewood which he has re-purposed as a recording studio and performance venue. This afternoon David and friends will perform a varied repertoire for us in the garden of the historic homestead whilst we enjoy a delicious **Oruawharo High Tea**. This promises to be a wonderful afternoon of music. Places are limited.



## Tour No. 1005 & 1019

### Molesworth & Rainbow Stations



Date	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October & Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Times	All collected by 10.00am
Cost	\$2325.00 Twin Share   \$2725.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x2, lunch x2, dinner x4, flights, all activities

This classic tour has become something of a Bay Tours institution. The experience of driving through New Zealand's largest farm – nearly 450,000 acres spanning a major part of the upper South Island – is a kiwi rite of passage. The stunning scale and rugged beauty of both **Molesworth** and **Rainbow Stations** are contrasted by the alpine tranquillity of the village of **Hanmer Springs** where we'll be based. A FREE DAY in Hanmer Springs itself allows you time to relax or explore this beautiful alpine village between our big station touring days. A new feature of this year's visit will be that we fly there and back with **Christchurch** as the hub city.



**Day 1:** We depart Hawke's Bay Airport at a very civilised hour this morning and head for Christchurch. There we'll meet our local guide, **Rick Stirling**, who has 40 years experience guiding into the Molesworth back country and who has been leading Bay Tours trips through Molesworth for more than a decade. Rick will transport us to our base at **Hanmer Springs**.



**Day 2:** Today we're collected by Rick in a special 4WD mini-coach and we head over **Jack's Pass** and into the Clarence Valley and **Molesworth Station**. We'll visit iconic points on the massive station such as the 150yo Acheron homestead, **Isolation Flat** with its hundreds of acres of rippling clover and tussock grass and the main central homestead complex with its century old cob buildings. Cattle share the sides of the sparkling rivers with Canada Geese and Paradise Ducks. It's difficult to prepare yourself for the sheer

vastness of the place. Passing through sections of the **Muller** and **Tarndale Stations** on the way back, we descend into Hanmer Springs again via the rugged **Jollies Pass**. A day heavy with memorable moments.

**Day 3:** There's time to relax and reflect on yesterday as you have a **FREE DAY** in Hanmer Springs today. Explore this beautiful alpine village with its many bush walks, wander the grounds of the old Queen Mary Hospital with its historic buildings or enjoy a soak in the pristine thermal pools of the spa which gives the town its name. Tonight we'll dine together at the hotel.

**Day 4:** We're back on the road with Rick today as he guides us through **Rainbow** and **St James Stations**. Renowned for its roving bands of station-bred horses, St James Station was formally one of the largest high country runs around. We'll have time to walk and wander to take in the unique atmosphere of this true wilderness. Following a cuppa at the St James cob homestead we traverse the Southern Alps – not for the last time today – and into Rainbow Station. After lunch by the homestead we pass through '**Hells Gate**' high in the Southern Alps and on to **Coldstream Creek** and **The Judges Valley** with its huge grazing flats and shiny cattle. But the literal 'Jewel In The Crown' is yet to come. The journey over the highest pass road in New Zealand, Island Pass' leads us to **Lake Tennyson** surrounded by the lofty peaks of the Spenser Range. If ever the word 'highlight' was appropriate, this spot it is! We return through Rainbow to Hanmer Springs for our last night together.

**Day 5:** After a relaxed start we depart Hanmer Springs and make our way back to Christchurch Airport where, after a late lunch, we catch our flight back to 'the Bay'.

**Molesworth** and **Rainbow Stations** make up a land truly alive with the evocative atmosphere of stockmen and shepherds, dogs and drovers, slough hats and well-worn saddles. It is still the land of the real cowboy, even today, and what an adventure it is to get a glimpse of their way of life. Places on this tour are extremely limited so do not hesitate in securing your spot.



## Tour No. 1010

### Feilding Craft Market

Date	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	\$100.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please.
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, entry to market



It'll be 6 years since we last attended this most popular of biannual craft markets. Still the largest indoor craft market in the country with over 200 talented stallholders displaying their wares, **Feilding Craft Market at Manfeild Stadium** is an event in its own right. Start your Christmas shopping early or just meander and take advantage of all the bargains for yourself. We'll stop at Dannevirke for morning tea on the way, just to build our shopping strength

Come and be part of the fun!

## Tour No. 1013

### Rangitikei & Manawatū Homesteads & Gardens

Date	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	\$655.00 Twin Share   \$855.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea x2, lunch x3, dinner x2, all activities

As one of the first major agricultural regions made available to settlers, the **Rangitikei** and **Manawatū** districts were well placed to benefit from the pre-World War I economic boom. Prosperous farming families built homes designed by the prominent architects of the time and lavishly decorated them in the prevailing styles. More than 100 years on, these grand houses are now set in mature grounds and gardens and, in some cases, are still occupied by the original families and hidden away in the countryside. Over three days we'll visit 7 such properties and learn about their history and the families who created and maintained them.



**Day 1:** Today will begin with morning tea with owners Dianne and Peter Harris at **Oruawhoro** at Takapau before we travel to the outskirts of Palmerston North and to **Kaingahou**, a house built in 1903 by the influential Monrad family who had strong links to Danish settlement in the central North Island. The Scandinavian influence continues when we also visit the magnificent Category 1 listed **Caccia-Birch House**, again in Palmerston North. Originally built for a Norwegian family in 1895, the stunningly restored house & stables originally stood on 20 acres overlooking the Hokowhitu Lagoon and has

been owned over the decades by such prominent local families as the Strangs' and Caccia-Birchs' from Marton. This evening we rest at the **Copthorne Hotel** in the centre of Palmerston North.

**Day 2:** We start with a trip along the road to the town of Bulls, in the Rangitikei district.



**Lethenty** was built in 1915 in the Arts & Crafts style for Scotsman James Wilson and it's still in the Wilson family today. We'll learn of the prominent community work over the decades by the 'Ladies of Lethenty'. This will be followed by morning tea in the **Bulls Town Hall**. After refreshments we're off to **Overton**, a stunning building designed in 1886 for retired British MP, Francis Arkwright and it stayed in the family until current owners, the

Duncans, purchased it in 1986. Lunch is at our third property of the day, **Maungaraupi**. Designed by architect Charles Natusch and built in 1906 for the Marshall family who owned it until the 1980's, the homestead is situated to take full advantage of stunning views across the Rangitikei district. Our host, Rita Thomson, will show us around the homestead and gardens. In keeping with our theme, tonight we stay in the **Grand Hotel** in Whanganui. A feature of the town since it was established in the 1920's.

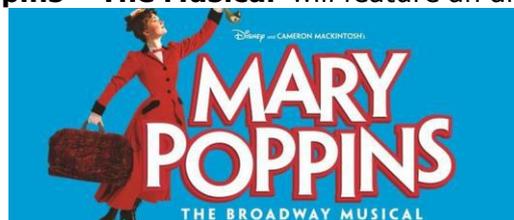
**Day 3:** Today sees our morning spent a little north of Whanganui at **Bushy Park**, another Natusch designed house built in 1906 for local cattle and racehorse breeder, Frank Moore. We'll enjoy a tour of the homestead with time to wander the extensive gardens before we have lunch here too. This afternoon we have a lovely drive home via **Feilding**.

## Tour No. 1017

### Mary Poppins - Auckland

Date	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	\$485.00 Twin Share   \$585.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show

Everyones' practically perfect nanny, Mary Poppins, is flying back into Auckland in this "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" musical adventure. Legendary theatre impresario, Cameron Mackintosh's stage production '**Mary Poppins – The Musical**' will feature an all New Zealand professional cast and crew and take to the stage of the magnificently restored **Civic Theatre**. Created as a blend of the original P. L. Travers children's books and the 1964 Disney movie, the stage production features all the wonderful songs from the movie together with an inspired script by Julian Fellowes (creator of Downton Abbey). Set in Edwardian London, the story is about the Banks family who are going through a rough time, not least of which is the seemingly out-of-control children who are in need of their umpteenth new nanny.



When a mysterious young woman named Mary Poppins appears on their doorstep, the family finds that she is the answer to their prayers. But in the most peculiar way! Much loved songs such as '**Chim-Chimney**', '**A Spoonful of Sugar**' and '**A Man Has Dreams**' as well as '**Supercalifrag.....**'(well, you know) have been sung in generations of households around the world. Join us for an evening of magic with just a touch of sugar.

## Tour No. 1021

### A Visit to Timahanga Station

Date	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	\$125.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please.
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



Established in the first wave of pastoral land purchases in the 1850s, **Timahanga Station**, off the Taihape Road, has been in Alan Roberts' family for 3 generations.

On 25,000 acres, **Timahanga Station** shears 28,000 Corriedale sheep and carries over 1,000 Angus/Hereford cross cattle and is one of the last remaining 'big farms' in the Hawke's Bay region.

Alan and his family will be our hosts and last summers' visit was so popular we've had plenty of requests to return to **Timahanga** once again. So, join us as we travel over 'The Annie' to enjoy a day in the high country with picturesque river and mountain views around every turn on a farm where scale still matters.

## Tour No. 1022

### Evening Progressive Dinner

Date	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Times	All collected by 5.50pm
Cost	\$155.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner

On this edition we visit three of Hawke's Bay's outstanding dining venues. Our **Entrée** start is at beautiful **Mangapapa Hotel**. What a sight this historic homestead and gardens will be as the sun is going down in the early evening. Head Chef Norka Mella Murnoz has wowed us with her lunch offerings before and no doubt tonight will be no different. Chef Francky Godinho, at **St Georges** restaurant between Havelock North and Hastings, has long been one of our favourites and many a lunch has been enjoyed at this charming spot. His dinner menu is his pride and joy so what better place to enjoy our **Main**. James Beck is the highly acclaimed owner and Head Chef of **Bistronomy** in Napier's city centre. Awarded 2 Hats (the equivalent of Michelin Stars) by Cuisine Magazine, James and his team always bring an air of sophistication to their dishes. Just what we want in our **Dessert** in order to conclude a memorable evening.



## Tour No. 1028

### The Shows Must Go On

Date	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 5.45pm
Cost	\$175.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium ticket

Dust off those showtime cobwebs and return to your seats to indulge in the magic of the very best songs from stage and screen. Showcasing an all-star cast of New Zealand voices



returned home from London's West End and Broadway, this glittering concert of musical theatre showstoppers is unmissable. Named in the spirit of post-lockdown recovery, **The Shows Must Go On** features a spectacular song list of your favourite toe-tapping numbers from the world's greatest musicals

including **The Phantom of the Opera**, **Les Misérables**, **Hairspray**, **Dreamgirls**, **The Greatest Showman**, **We Will Rock You** and **Priscilla, Queen of the Desert**. With stunning backdrops and theatrical staging in the newly re-launched **Opera House at Toi Toi Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre** in Hastings, **The Shows Must Go On** is a night set to delight. Featuring an exquisite cast of some of our best international performers, **The Shows Must Go On** will be an experience you will never forget. We'll enjoy dinner at the excellent **Jarks Cityside** restaurant before the show.

## Tour No. 1030

### Marlborough - Mountains to the Sounds

Date	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$2585.00 Twin Share   \$3145.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x5, breakfast x5, morning tea x2, lunch x3, afternoon tea x1, dinner x5, all activities

Few regions of New Zealand offer such a magnificent diversity of geography than **Marlborough** at the top of the South Island. From the glorious labyrinth of sounds, channels, islands and peninsulas where the region meets the sea, to mountains rising nearly 9,500 feet into the sky. **Marlborough** is a region of great contrasts and we're going to explore some of them with the help of a few locals. If the tranquillity of the sounds and the majesty of the high-country appeals, come join us. For more information on this tour please get in touch with Kaye on [tourclub@baytours.co.nz](mailto:tourclub@baytours.co.nz) or 845 2736 EXT 1



## Tour No. 1103

### EIT Degustation Dinner

Date	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Times	All collected by 6.15pm
Cost	\$155.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, degustation themed dinner

Our annual visit to the **Eastern Institute of Technology (E.I.T.) Culinary School** for their year-end **Degustation Dinner** is always memorable. E.I.T. is ranked in the Top 2 Institutes of Technology in New Zealand. Imagine the opportunity to enjoy a number of small, beautifully presented, 'sample' size courses designed to showcase the talents and diverse skills of the Hospitality School Level 5 Cookery and Patisserie Diploma students. We cannot speak highly enough of the quality of this **Degustation Dinner**. Those who attended last year left raving about the superb experience of both cuisine and service. Many of the students will earn their City & Guilds qualifications which will place them in high demand for kitchens worldwide. This once-a-year event is hugely popular and represents extraordinary value for a unique dining experience. Don't delay, book now.



## Tour No. 1110

### Tukituki Cycle Trail & Lunch

Date	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	\$120.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

The banks of the **Tuki tuki River** in Central Hawke's Bay have some wonderful and well-formed cycle trails. For some years we've been taking an annual multi-day tour to a different one of the great New Zealand Cycle Trails each year with people able to take their own bikes (See tour #204 for the latest upcoming one of these). But we've not yet offered a Day Ride, so here it is. For those not familiar with the process, we have a brilliant racking system, devised by Ken, that fits perfectly into our little furniture truck. We can transport your bike in safety and security to anywhere we wish. This ride, which is only about **23kms**, will largely follow the banks of the river around and between **Waipawa** and **Waipukurau**. We'll ride in the morning – breaking it up with a cuppa - and finish with a wonderful lunch. We'd love to see those who enjoy a bike ride and who haven't been on our cycle tours before. This could be your perfect starting point – as well as our regular biking crew. Because of logistics numbers are limited so book now.



## Tour No. 1112

### Hospice Holly Trail

Date	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	\$220.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, trail ticket, lunch

This year Bay Tours continues its support of **Cranford Hospice** by participating in the biennial **Hospice Holly Trail**. The 2020 event promises to be a wonderful occasion with ten to twelve inspiring and interesting homes in and around Havelock North being stunningly decorated with a Christmas theme and opened to a limited number of the public to enjoy. This occurs in November when gardens are looking beautiful in the full pomp of late Spring. The excitement of the day is added to by not knowing the list of properties to be visited until the day. The types of homes vary, ranging from traditional to contemporary.

We've been offering Tour Club members the opportunity to support this vital regional facility for a number of Holly Trails now and the collaborative creativity displayed by property owners in conjunction with garden and interior designers is always thrilling.

Join us for a superb day showcasing some of Hawke's Bay's finest properties and supporting the wonderful work of Cranford Hospice.



## Tour No. 1114

### Rod Stewart: Hastings & Napier Packages

Date	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 4.00pm
Cost	\$450.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, gold reserve premium seats (allocated)

What is there to be said about this performer that hasn't already? In fact, **'I Don't Wanna Talk About It'**. Universally hailed as the best Mission Concert performer ever, 'Rockin' Rod Stewart will be **'Sailing'** back into town and strutting his **'Hot Legs'** again on the Mission stage for likely the final time. So break out those leopard print pants, those **'Handbags & Gladrags'**, because **'You Wear It Well'** and **'Tonight's The Night'**.



We will collect you from home as usual, transport you to the concert, deliver you to your Reserved Seating right up close to the stage and see you home safe and sound after the concert. It couldn't be easier. Book your place now!

# Tour No. 1116

## Islands & Gardens of the Hauraki Gulf



Date	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	\$3325.00 Twin Share   \$4475.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, morning tea x2, lunch x6, dinner x7, all activities

Any discussion about the most picturesque areas of New Zealand wouldn't be complete without including the **Hauraki Gulf** – that body of crystal-clear water that lies off the east coast of Auckland. Framed by Matakana and Whangaparaoa to the north, Auckland's



Waitemata Harbour to the west, the Firth of Thames to the south and Coromandel Peninsula in the east, the **Hauraki Gulf** is blessed with many spectacular islands with diverse personalities, histories, climate and geography. From the earliest Māori settlers, through the threat of invasion of the two World Wars to today, the islands of 'the Gulf' portray a unique picture of northern New Zealand. Then there's the many fine gardens of the region. Influenced by the unique climate of 'the Gulf' and the soils created by thousands of years of volcanic activity, there are a number of outstanding public and private gardens to be celebrated.

Most of the islands can be visited within a day and it's these we'll be focussed on. We'll spend time discovering the distinct characters of five of these islands – **Waiheke, Kawau, Rangitoto, Tiritiri Matangi** and **Rotoroa**. Each with their own story. Here's a glimpse at our itinerary;

**Day 1:** We leave Hawke's Bay and head north to **Auckland** where we settle into the distinguished **Heritage Hotel**. Our home for the next 3 nights.

**Day 2:** Today we start with a visit to one of the lower profile public spaces in Auckland. Nestled up against the foot of Mt Eden in the heart of the city is **Eden Garden**, a tranquil sanctuary of glorious blooms and foliage. Here we'll enjoy a cuppa and a talk about the garden before having a wander at our leisure. Later we return to the waterfront and downtown Auckland's historic **Ferry Building** with a cruise across to the closest island we'll visit on this trip – **Rangitoto**. There we'll take a guided tour on the 'Volcanic Explorer' road train which will take us to the summit for spectacular 360 degree views of the city and Gulf.

**Day 3:** This morning we head to one of the Gulf's least visited islands. For more than 100 years **Rotoroa Island**, sitting on the 'far side' of Waiheke Island, was a world apart. Off-limits to all but a few souls isolated there for alcohol or drug rehabilitation with the Salvation Army. Today **Rotoroa Island** is a wildlife sanctuary accessible to all and a ferry journey of just over an hour brings us to this haven of beautiful golden beaches and wildlife free of predators. We'll be guided around the island by one of the rangers stationed there who will tell us about the fascinating natural and social history of the place.



**Day 4:** Still based in central Auckland, this morning we take the ferry to famed **Waiheke Island** for a visit with a twist. We'll use the Hop-on/Hop-off Bus service to tour the island. First we trundle through the villages of Surfdale and Ostend to **Onetangi** for a cuppa and a walk (or maybe even a swim) on the long, white, pristine sands of Onetangi Beach. Then we're back on the bus and heading for **Wild Estate** next to famous Stonyridge Vineyard

for lunch. After lunch it's a short hop to the main settlement of **Oneroa** for a wander to soak up the legendary island vibe before we return to **Matiatia Wharf** and our ferry off the island. This afternoon we disembark at **Devonport** and relocate ourselves to the wonderful **Spencer On Byron Hotel** in Takapuna for our visits to the more northerly islands.



**Day 5:** Our coach takes us north this morning to the **Whangaparoa Peninsula** and to Gulf Harbour where we ferry to one of the most important conservation islands in New Zealand. **Tiritiri Matangi** was farmed for more than 120 years until purchased by the Department Of Conservation in 1984. Volunteers planted nearly 300,000 trees over 10 years and today 60% of the island is back in forest and bush with the remaining 40% in grasslands for species that prefer open habitat. Today 'Tiri' is one of the most heavily populated bird sanctuaries in the country. Again, the D.O.C. rangers will

guide us and hopefully we'll be able to spot or at least hear any number of species including **Bellbird, Takahe, Kokako, Kereru, Kingfisher, Paradise Shelduck** and dozens more. Bring your togs for a swim at picturesque **Hobbs Beach** on the island too.

**Day 6:** The day starts with a lovely drive north on the Hibiscus Coast to **Sandspit** where we join the **Royal Mail Run** cruise around **Kawau Island**, viewing the hidden coves and abundant seabird life as mail and supplies are dropped to the isolated inhabitants. We'll have a bbq lunch on board before disembarking on the island at historic **Mansion House** – built by Governor George Grey. With stunning sub-tropical gardens full of **Weka, Wallabies** and **Peacocks**, as well as the magnificent mansion itself. Upon our return to Sandspit we head a few minutes north through Matakana to the glorious private garden owned and curated by Liz Morrow at **Omaio**. Rated 6 Stars and 'A Garden Of International Significance' by the NZ Gardens Trust, **Omaio** comprises 18 acres of predominantly native planting around the family's former holiday home. Enjoy the tranquillity and stunning layout before we head back to Takapuna and our hotel.

**Day 7:** Today we begin our journey southward....gradually. Firstly, an opportunity to pick up a bargain or two at the country's best outlet store venue – **Dressmart** in Onehunga. Every big brand you can think of has an outlet store here so there's something for everyone. Lunch at **Botany Town Centre** is followed by a visit to another outstanding 6 Star private garden. **Ayrlies** was first begun by Beverley McConnell and her late husband Malcolm 50 years ago. Inspired by the Hawke's Bay homestead gardens of her youth, Beverley has gradually converted 10 acres of scrub into rolling parklands and woodlands with more formal flower gardens and classical and sub-tropical planting closer to the house. Renowned Auckland Botanic Gardens curator, Jack Hobbs, says "*If you think of gardening as an art form, Ayrlies is the best expression of that art!*". We spend tonight in the wonderful **Novotel Tainui Hotel** in Hamilton.



**Day 8:** A relaxed departure from our hotel this morning and we start our return journey with a surprise destination visit. Lunch in **Taupō** and back to the Bay in the afternoon. For many, a trip to the islands of the **Hauraki Gulf** is a 'bucket-list' item. The opportunity to visit so many parts of this iconic maritime region of New Zealand is rare and coupled with the addition of some truly world-class gardens to view simply adds to the experience. This is the tour you've been waiting for, encompassing all the levels of Bay Tours service you've come to expect. Join us for an unforgettable odyssey around these island wonderlands.

## Tour No. 1119

### Lunch at Porangahau Country Club

Date	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	\$125.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



After the great popularity of our initial visit to the **Porangahau Country Club** we've been invited back for another wonderful country lunch. The drive from Waipukurau remains one of our firm favourites taking in the Wanstead and Wallingford areas and late Spring is the perfect time. We'll have a cuppa together in Waipukurau and then it's on down to Porangahau for the lunch. Join us for a fabulous day out.

## Tour No. 1122

### Tahaenui Christmas Fete

Date	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.20am
Cost	\$140.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, entrance to fete

We're very excited to be returning this year to the most anticipated annual Christmas Fete in Hawke's Bay. Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year, the fete in northern Hawke's Bay has raised thousands of dollars over the years for Starship Children's Hospital and is staged in the grounds of **Tahaenui Station**, owned by our friends Sara and Humphry Bayly. We've visited them and their **Cricklewood Clydesdales** a number of times and the Bayly family also operate one of the most prominent Angus Bull studs on the East Coast. Up to 80 stallholders from all over the North Island will be present with a huge array of high-quality unique jewellery, art, sculpture, ceramics, preserves, chocolates, children's clothing and plants and will be joined by artisan food producers. All within the beautiful grounds of **Tahaenui** homestead. Last year it was a brilliantly sunny day so make sure you bring a hat. This year we'll also enjoy a **picnic lunch** under the trees. Join us for a wonderful day in northern Hawke's Bay and experience the thrilling atmosphere of a country fete.



# Tour No. 1127

## Undiscovered Christchurch & Beyond



Date	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	\$3895.00 Twin Share   \$4915.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast x7, morning tea x2, lunch x8, dinner x6, all activities



Over the years our visits to Christchurch have been fleeting. Mostly using the city as a starting point for adventures further afield and spending only a little time exploring in and around it. But this tour is focussed fair and square on this fascinating city and the districts surrounding it.

It has been 170 years since the first ships of the London-based Canterbury Association arrived, brimming with migrants, into what is now Lyttleton Harbour. Just as European settlement of the province emanated outward from **Christchurch**, we invite you to join us as we base ourselves in the centre of the city and spend **6 days** exploring in every direction. From the northern districts of **Hurunui** and **Waimakariri** to **Ashburton** district to the south. West into **Selwyn** district and east to **Banks Peninsula** as well as some less-visited gems in Christchurch city itself. Here's a summary of what we'll be getting up to;

**Day 1:** We depart Hawke's Bay and make our way, by coach, to Wellington where we'll take the Interislander ferry through the beautiful Marlborough Sounds to Picton and on to **Blenheim** for the night.

**Day 2:** After a scenic drive via the completely rebuilt coastal highway we stop for a cuppa in **Kaikoura** before beginning our exploration through North Canterbury stopping for lunch in **Cheviot**. After a guided tour of magnificent **Flaxmere Garden** at Harwarden (awarded the maximum 6 Stars by the NZ Garden Trust) we make our way into Christchurch and the lovely **Novotel Cathedral Square Hotel**, our home for the next 6 nights.

**Day 3:** Today we visit a few places just outside the centre of the city starting at **New Zealand's largest outdoor market** followed by a guided tour of stately **Riccarton House**, seat of the pioneering Deans family. The afternoon is spent at the fabulous **International Antarctic Centre**. From meeting the Husky dogs, so long associated with Antarctic exploration, to a field trip in an amphibious Högglund ice vehicle and experiencing the authentic Antarctic climate in the Storm Dome, these are just a few of the amazing activities at this award-winning destination.



**Day 4:** This morning we take the impressive **Christchurch Goldola** to the top of the Port Hills with stunning views of both the city and Lyttleton Harbour. We'll drive around the harbour for lunch at **Governors Bay** before a visit to **Ohinetahi**, home to renowned architect Sir Miles Warren. Ohinetahi is an historic home, magnificent garden, outdoor

sculpture gallery and home to the Warren family's impressive collection of New Zealand paintings.

**Day 5:** Today you're free to explore the city of Christchurch at your leisure. We'll arrange an all-day pass for you on the **City Tram** that circulates the inner-city to help you get around. Perhaps the shopping on Lichfield, Cashel and New Regent streets, the historic **Arts Centre & Canterbury Museum**, enjoy an artisan lunch at the new **Riverside Markets** or visit the so-called '**Cardboard**' Cathedral. There's plenty to see and do.

**Day 6:** The direction is south today as we visit the Ashburton district. The **Plains Vintage Railway** folks will take us on a steam train ride and guided tour of their operation. Lunch today is at magnificent **Trotts Garden**. A guided tour with Leanne, the Head Gardener, will be a highlight. From here we head to **Ashburton Aviation Museum**, renowned for its collection of former RNZAF and RAF planes.



**Day 7:** Our final day exploring Canterbury sends us east to **Banks Peninsula**. After a cuppa at the locally famed **Little River Café**, we'll experience a breath-taking cruise around **Akaroa Harbour** before enjoying a brasserie lunch in this French enclave. A day spent on the peninsula wouldn't be complete without a visit to **Barry's Bay Cheese** for something tasty before we return to town.

**Day 8:** Today we depart Canterbury in style. The **Coastal Pacific** scenic train will convey us northwards in opulent comfort with, as the name suggests, plenty of opportunity to

enjoy the North Canterbury countryside and the rugged coastline as the train wends its way between the Pacific Ocean and the Kaikoura Ranges. We spend our last night together in **Picton**.

**Day 9:** An early start with our return ferry crossing this morning allows us to head home via the Wairarapa and a special end-of-tour lunch together at the historic **Greytown Hotel** before we arrive back in old Hawke's Bay.

This superb mix of experiences will truly showcase Christchurch and Canterbury at its best. Join us for the definitive exploration of this fascinating and exhilarating part of New Zealand.



**South Island High Country Tour – March 2020**

## Tour No. I202

### Christmas Magic – Shopping & Market

Date	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$115.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, entry to the market

In Palmerston North, the first Tuesday and Wednesday in December have, for a number of years, meant the **Magic Of Christmas Market** held at the **Awapuni Racing Centre** where organisers create a magical Christmas environment. The market boasts over 170 stallholders featuring arts and crafts, books, furniture, plants, home & giftware, gourmet food, fashion and lots more in aid of Arohanui Hospice.

Billed as a night market, we'll enjoy a wonderful morning tea at **Dannevirke Services Club** on the way down to set you up for the retail therapy ahead and aim at getting to Palmerston North at midday.

You'll have plenty of time for Christmas shopping at **The Plaza Shopping Mall** and elsewhere around **The Square** before we head to **Awapuni** as the market opens at 3.00pm. You can shop-til-you-drop and enjoy dinner from some of the many food stalls and trucks as you go. There'll be loads of space under the coach for your shopping and we'll depart for home at 6.15pm. A full day of pre-Christmas cheer. Come join the fun!



## Tour No. I208

### Shine Falls with Ken



Date	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 8.50am
Cost	\$100.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



This one's for the more active among us. Shine Falls, in the Putorino area north of Tutira, is Hawke's Bay's most spectacular waterfall. The falls cascade from Boundary Stream, 58 metres (190 feet), above into a crystal clear pool at the base. After a cuppa and a comfort stop, the walk to the base of the falls is along a well laid out track and takes us through bushland brimming with native birdlife, across farmland and beneath enormous jutting sandstone bluffs. A good level of fitness is needed as whilst the track is easy, the walk to Shine Falls and back is around 45 minutes each way with an area to rest when we reach the falls.

After our walk we'll drive out to where the Waikare River meets the sea and enjoy a picnic lunch. This day out enjoying the natural wonderland of our region in early summer will reward the senses and stretch the muscles.

## Tour No. 1211

### A Country Pub Lunch & Quiz: Summer Edition

Date	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 11.05am
Cost	\$120.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

Following the success of July's initial Pub Quiz trip, another edition was definitely called for. This time we're headed to the wonderful **Tikokino Tavern** where we'll divide into teams and, led by our Quizmaster, compete for awesome prizes together. With brains stimulated by a delicious lunch, competition will be keen. Don't miss out on this fun day for all.



## Tour No. 1224

### Christmas Mystery

Date	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	\$1995.00 Twin Share   \$2395.00 Single Room
Payment	\$700.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x5, lunch x5, dinner x4, all activities

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire" – oh no, wrong hemisphere!

The ongoing popularity of our Christmas 'mystery' getaway format means we have to try and keep another secret again this year. Christmas Eve will again find us heading somewhere different and taking in the sights, sounds and flavours of another 'not Hawke's Bay' destination. If you've always quite liked the idea of being whisked away for Christmas, then perhaps this is the year. Our Christmas regulars will tell you that once you try it, you're hooked!

Kerren and Ken, owners of Bay Tours, have everything planned and can't wait to take you on our own annual 'Magical mystery Tour'. What we can tell you is that you'll enjoy yourself with like-minded people and memorable experiences.



## Tour No. 114 & 422

### Chatham Islands #1 & #2



Date	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> January & Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	\$4,560.00 Twin Share   \$5,365.00 Single Room   \$4155.00 single with shared bathroom
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x5, lunch x4, afternoon tea x5, dinner x6, flights, all activities

Join our small group tour and experience the absolute uniqueness that is 'The Chathams'. Trees that lean one way, rugged landscapes containing an array of volcanic formations, ancient forest remnants, rolling farmland, sandy beaches, abundant oceans and spectacular, ever-changing scenery. Prepare to be surprised by these islands steeped in myth and mystery. The locals are true to their fascinating heritage whilst being friendly and welcoming. The isolation, moody climate and history that includes Moriori, Māori, sealers, whalers, missionaries, farmers and settlers gives them a strong community spirit. After an overnight stop in Wellington we'll fly into the Chatham Islands where our home for the next 5 nights will be **Hotel Chatham**. During our visit, we'll explore it all. Highlights will include the views from the 200m high **Rangi Ika Cliffs**, the life size statue of **Tommy Solomon**, the last known full blooded Moriori, visit **Blind Jim's Creek** and search the coastline for **fossilized shark's teeth**. Also, the beautiful **Hapupu National Reserve Moriori Tree Cravings**, enormous **Basalt Columns**, **Port Munning Seal Colony**, **Kaingaroa Fishing Village** and much, much more. The warmth of the local hospitality is legendary and the quality of the seafood will astound you. This is a bucket-list trip for many and we can't wait to show you around.



## Tour No. 119

### Big Day Out

Date	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	\$175.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please.
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, ice cream



This latest in what has become an incredibly popular day trip series takes us south to loop through the Central Hawke's Bay and Tararua districts. We first wend our way to **Porangahau** along one of the great scenic drives in Hawke's Bay. After morning tea here we carry on further south through **Weber** and **Pongaroa** and **Mangatainoka** before arriving into **Woodville** for lunch. There's time here to check out the antique stores. The route home takes us into **Norsewood** for ice cream before we take State Highway 50 through **Ashley Clinton** and **Tikokino** back to Hastings. Parts of this drive are familiar to us – or are they? There are always surprises to delight and entertain. Come join the fun.

# Tour No. 126

## Snowy Waters Lodge & Blue Duck Station

Date	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	\$1450.00 Twin Share   \$1695.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x3, lunch x3, dinner x3, all activities

Well, talk about something for everyone. We're taking a summer safari deep into the central North Island and visiting two unique venues for fun and frivolity. Fancy a unique atmospheric evening in a heritage building? Tick! How about a gondola ride to the highest altitude restaurant in New Zealand? Yep! A guided jet boat trip on the upper reaches of the Whanganui River? You bet! Create and cook your own pizza in a wood-fired pizza oven? Oh, behave! These 4 days are going to be exhilarating and rewarding amongst some of the North Island's most remote areas. Here's some highlights;



**Day 1:** We depart the Bay and drive over the 'Gentle Annie' road with a refreshment stop at **Kuripapango** and to enjoy the manuka in full bloom. Then it's on to **Snowy Waters Lodge** on the outskirts of Raetihi for a picnic lunch. The afternoon is free for you to wander the grounds or perhaps walk into town for a coffee. We're creating our own pizza masterpieces for dinner tonight. After dinner we have, in the finest traditions of old-fashioned entertainment, a **Murder Mystery** to solve. And some familiar faces will be participating in the drama that unfolds. Who's the villain? Who's the hero?

**Day 2:** This morning we're off to **Whakapapa Village** on the slopes of Mt Ruapehu and a ride on the new '**Sky Waka**' gondola to Knoll Ridge Chalet and **Pataka Café** for lunch. After lunch we head deep into the heart of the **Whanganui National Park** and **Blue Duck Station**. Here on the upper reaches of the Whanganui River there is still evidence of the numerous failed attempts at commercial farming in this remote wilderness. Tonight we enjoy the hospitality at the station.



**Day 3:** This morning starts with a **guided jet boat ride on the Whanganui River**. Our drivers will tell many of the ancient and more recent stories of this part of this mighty river and point out the many places of interest. We're back on dry land for lunch before heading up the western side of Lake Taupo to **Wairakei Resort** and the thermal wonderland of **Wairakei Terraces** for a soak.

**Day 4:** A **cruise on the Waikato River up to the base of Huka Falls** this morning precedes an easy wander home with time in Taupo on the way.

It's amazing how few Kiwis have ventured into this remote district west of Lake Taupo. We're in for an exciting few days so join in the fun and book today.

# Tour No. 204

## West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail



Date	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	\$3785.00 Twin Share   \$4385.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x4, lunch x4, dinner x6, flight & ferry, all activities

The fifth year of our annual summer cycle trail adventure will take us to the South Island's beautiful West Coast. There is no better way to get up close to 'the Coast's lush rainforest, pristine rivers, tranquil lakes and rugged beaches with the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as a truly sublime backdrop. This spectacular multi-day trail retraces old packhorse tracks, tramlines, railways, water races and historic bridges. All now linked by a meandering track. Many natural wonders are revealed along the way, while small towns and heritage sites offer a chance to delve deep into the region's fascinating history. Again this year, we'll be giving participants the opportunity to bring their own bike if they wish. Alternatively we can arrange the hire of a bike for you if you prefer. Here's a look at the itinerary;



**Days 1 & 2:** We'll depart Hawke's Bay and make our way to the West Coast over 2 days, staying overnight in **Picton** after our trip across the strait on the Interislander ferry. Then drive via **St Arnaud**, **Murchison**, the **Buller Gorge** and **Reefton** to **Greymouth** and the start of our ride.

### **Day 3: Greymouth to Kumara (31kms)**

Setting out from Greymouth's Railway Station we first cycle along the **Grey River** floodwall and then follow the coast before we detour at Paroa to **Shantytown** for lunch at the Saloon. After lunch the trail takes the historic **Kumara Bush Tramline** through regenerating forest and farmland finishing at the town of **Kumara** itself and the wonderfully restored **Theatre Royal Hotel**.



### **Day 4: Kumara to Cowboy Paradise (36kms)**

This morning we make the easy climb to **Kawhaka Pass**, the highest point on the trail. Old logging tramlines, water races and pack tracks form much of the trail this morning. After a delicious picnic lunch, stunning views of the Southern Alps feature before we descend through podocarp forest to a sprawling suspension bridge. Today's ride finishes at **Cowboy Paradise**, a

replica Wild West town. We spend the next 3 nights at the **Beachfront Hotel** in **Hokitika**.

### **Day 5: Cowboy Paradise to Hokitika (36kms)**

Before we begin our ride today we'll visit spectacular **Hokitika Gorge** for a cuppa, then we're back to **Cowboy Paradise** to begin our seemingly effortless sweep down towards the **Arahura River**. A gentle climb over Pyramid Hill follows and brings us to **Lake Kaniere** and lunch beside the water. The afternoon ride is great fun as we follow the old Kaniere Water Race into **Hokitika** itself.

### **Day 6: Hokitika to Ross (33kms)**

An action-packed final riding day today. We depart town across the Hokitika Bridge with the Southern Alps in full view ahead of us. A few kilometres down the trail we divert to the Mahinapua Creek where a boat waits to take us on a cruise around **Lake Mahinapua** amid ancient Rimu and Kamahi forest. The mirrorlike lake surface adds to the tranquility of the surroundings. Back on the bikes, the next stop is lunch at **West Coast Treetop Walk** where we'll also enjoy walking the suspension bridges 20 metres above the forest floor. The last leg of our ride follows the old Ross railway line along the coast to the old gold mining town of **Ross**.



**Day 7:** Today we say farewell to the magnificent West Coast and take **Arthur's Pass** through the Southern Alps and on to **Christchurch** Airport where we leave the coach and fly home to Hawke's Bay.

There's little that stirs the senses more than a bike ride surrounded by birdsong and with glorious vistas at every turn. The West Coast delivers this and so much more. Join us on what is becoming an annual highlight – cycling the converted rail trails of New Zealand's back country.

**Kerren's Note:** *On the last cycle trail tour in February I used, for the first time, an E-bike (electric bike). Most of the participants on this tour are using them now and I was delighted at how easy they were to ride and how much more enjoyable they made the scenic multi-day riding. For this year we're recommending that if you haven't thought about it before, you may want to consider using one as well. We can arrange hire of one if you wish.*

## Tour No. 216 Twenty Tunnels & Wairakei

Date	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$1175.00 Twin Share   \$1475.00 Single Room
Payment	\$400.00 upon booking, balance due 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x3, lunch, dinner x3, all activities

This **rail journey** like no other will travel along decommissioned railway lines between **Taumarunui** and the self-proclaimed republic of **Whangamomona**. We'll experience the Forgotten World from the comfort of rail-carts, cleverly adapted to be self-driven along



the tracks by us. Journey through tunnels, over bridges and rivers and to townships that time forgot. There'll be plenty of photo opportunities along the way as we take in the ever-changing vistas. It's a full day trip that will depart from, and return to, our accommodation in **Taumarunui**. We'll make our way home by first heading further north into the King Country and stopping at the beautiful **Lake Maraetai** before staying a night at the much loved **Wairakei Resort**, with the option to join us on the magnificent

geothermal walkway aptly named **Craters Of The Moon**. We have taken this Twenty Tunnels tour numerous times over the past few years as, not surprisingly, it is one of our most popular ever. Numbers are strictly limited so book early to secure your place.

# Tour No. 223

## Kawakawa Station Walk



Date	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	\$1450.00 Twin Share   \$1540.00 incl Wings Over Wairarapa
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x4, lunch x4, afternoon tea x4, dinner x4, all activities

Following on from the success of our now annual Rail Trail cycle tour we're offering one of the best-kept multi-day walk secrets in the North Island. **Kawakawa Station** has been a working sheep station for over a century. It is also the North Island's southernmost farm. It possesses a contrasting and impressive landscape from the foot of the Aorangi Forest Park to bush-clad high country, braided river streams and out to the stunning South Wairarapa coast. You'll experience endless coastal views, crystal-clear streams, abundant bird and wildlife and lots more. The **3 Day walk** is **limited to 9 participants** and fully catered with hearty country-style cooking. Our luggage and sleeping bags will be transported between huts for us and each rustic lodge will provide us with all the comforts you would expect including hot water and flushing toilets. You'll be treated to a comfy bed each night with fluffy pillows and bottom sheets, towels, face cloths etc. If you're a keen walker there's every reason to experience this unique and diverse walk in nature's coastal wonderland.



**Day 1:** After morning tea in Dannevirke we head south through the Wairarapa. Beyond Martinborough lies **Lake Ferry** and its legendary hotel. We'll enjoy lunch here. In the afternoon we warm up for the days ahead with a 2 hour return walk into one of New Zealand's natural wonders, the astonishing rock formations of the **Putangirua Pinnacles**. Featured in Peter Jackson's *Lord Of The Rings* films, 'The Pinnacles' as they're known to locals can be viewed from within as you wander between these towering columns or from a viewing platform above. The atmosphere is other-worldly. Only 15 minutes drive further on Cape Palliser Rd lies **Farm Cottage** our accommodation tonight on **KawaKawa Station**.

**Day 2:** After a hearty breakfast our walk begins along the beachfront before we gradually ascend 'The Ant' taking us to over 600m above sea level. Each walker can take things at their own pace and the 360 degree views from the top make it well worthwhile. The rest of today's **9km** walk is a gentle descent towards **Jakeb's Cabins** where a warm welcome awaits us. The cabins enjoy views of the sea and native bush and are so comfortable you won't want to leave.

**Day 3:** An undulating **9kms** awaits us today through **Double Saddle**, a track amongst magnificent mature native bush. Then finally we emerge into a series of clearings with spectacular views and a chance to re-orientate yourself. Then we arrive at **Purple Hut** set amongst the bush and with the sound of the Otakaha Stream nearby. Located near the Kawakawa Station boundary at the foot of **Aoraki Forest Park** full of ancient trees, the tranquillity will allow birdsong from kilometres away to reach you.

**Day 4:** Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and slow start to your morning today as there's only **7kms** to meander to the station homestead. The bush track criss-crosses braided streams



in easy fashion before we arrive at the homestead with the kettle on and hot showers available. Once we say our farewells to glorious Kawakawa Station we may have a late lunch at the **Land Girl Café** at Pirinoa before heading to the **Copthorne Solway Hotel** to relax and spend the evening.

**Day 5:** We enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the hotel this morning before beginning our journey back to Hawke's Bay.

**Optional Extra:** The famed air show **Wings Over Wairarapa** is also on in Masterton today and, before heading home, we'll drop any of our group wanting to experience this incredible celebration of aviation at Hood Aerodrome in Masterton to meet up with the Bay Tours coach bringing others down for the day's activities.

Kiwis are learning to re-introduce themselves to their own backyard due to global circumstances and we're blessed with many enriching and rewarding walks throughout the country. We hope this will be the first of a series of small group multi-day walking tours we offer in the future.

## Tour No. 227

### Wings Over Wairarapa

Date	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 7.15am
Cost	\$210.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, entry to air show

Back in 2015 we made our first trip to this most impressive air show. Since then there have been two further editions of this biennial event scheduled – both cancelled due to bad weather. Which is very unlucky given the time of the year. But we're determined to have another crack at getting there and the organisers are keen to have us. This year expect an even bigger and more spectacular days' flying at Masterton's **Hood Aerodrome** featuring civil, military and agricultural aircraft, gyrocopters and helicopters. This will include the T-6C Texan II, Hercules C-130, NH-90 helicopters, P3 Orion and Boeing 757. The highlight of their show will, as always, be the display by the Royal New Zealand Air Force **'Black Falcons'** aerobatic display team. We'll be setting up a **'Bay Tours HQ'** in the carpark on the day. With gazebos for cover (from the sun!!) and a picnic lunch running so you can come and go at leisure while you wander the many static displays of contemporary and vintage military vehicles, the onsite Food and Wine market and much more. As with last time, **we'll be aiming to get there in time for the first of the days' air displays at 11.30am.**



This will be a SELL OUT tour, don't miss out, book now!

# Tour No. 302

## Coromandel's Hidden Secrets



Date	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	\$3325.00 Twin Share   \$4195.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, morning tea x7, lunch x6, dinner x7, all activities



Simply known as 'The Coromandel', to Kiwis, this peninsula has long been a favourite holiday destination. With its pristine beaches, misty forests and laid-back atmosphere, the Coromandel Peninsula evokes the feel of easy living and slightly other-worldly mystery. The further north you go on the peninsula, the less populated it becomes as the rugged remoteness leads ultimately to the warm, balmy breezes of the Hauraki Gulf. On this tour we'll

spend time exploring this isolated northern paradise of golden sandy beaches and native bush-clad mountains as well as taking in many of the attractions for which the area is so beloved. Here's a brief indication of the itinerary highlights;

**Day 1:** We leave the Bay heading north and lunch in **Rotorua**. But leave space for a visit to the **Kowhai Gelato Creamery** near Matamata for a sweet treat. Then we're on to the newly refurbished **Hotel Armitage** in Tauranga for the night.

**Day 2:** Our first stop as we continue north today is the **Bullswool Farm Heritage Park** for a cuppa and discover this astonishing monument to the history of farming in New Zealand. From here we make our way across the Hauraki Plains to **Rapaura Watergardens** just north of Thames. Since the 1960's, Rapaura has gradually developed into an astonishing series of garden and native bush walks beside and across streams, ponds and waterfalls. After lunch, our northern trek resumes as we head into the heart of northern Coromandel. For the next two nights we'll stay at the tranquil and majestic **Tangiario Retreat** right in the midst of this natural wonderland.

**Day 3:** Today we explore this upper edge of the peninsula starting out on the west coast road to **Port Jackson**. Fantail and Goat Bays offer stunning views across untouched beaches and stony outcrops towards Kawau and Little Barrier Islands. Then the expanse of Port Jackson and solitude of **Fletcher Bay** with the silhouette of Great Barrier Island on the horizon. For those keen walkers there will be an opportunity at this point to embark on the renowned **Coromandel Coastal Walkway** with jaw-dropping views around every corner. Those who take the walkway option will be met at the other end at **Stony Bay** by those who go by road. This day will live long in the memory for its natural beauty.



**Day 4:** We begin our journey south along the peninsula's eastern coast stopping for a cuppa at the rarely visited **Little Bay**. On this Pacific coast don't be surprised to see pods of Orca or migrating whales in the bays. We cross the spine of mountains and arrive in **Coromandel Town** in time for lunch before heading to one of the must-do peninsula

experiences – the **Driving Creek Railway**. Built by acclaimed potter and Coromandel legend, Barry Brickell, beginning in the 1970's, the narrow 15 inch gauge track meanders 2.7kms up the hill (including a number of switchbacks, tunnels and viaducts) through native bush to the aptly named 'EyeFull Tower' with views across the peninsula and the Firth of Thames. A miniature engineering wonder! Tonight we stay in Coromandel Town.



**Day 5:** A guided walking tour of this historic town is first item on the agenda this morning. Then we're off over the hills again on our way to **Whitianga** on the Pacific coast with a picnic lunch at the glorious **Whangapoua Beach** on the way. There'll be a chance to wander the centre of old Whitianga in the afternoon. We stay in Whitianga tonight.

**Day 6:** This morning we experience a boating tour of the **Mercury Bay Marine Reserve**, **Cooks Beach Blowhole**, legendary **Cathedral Cove** and much more from the comfort of our glass-bottom boat. Again, dolphin and orca are often in the bay. After lunch on the waterfront we head for a relaxing, restorative soak at **The Lost Spring**, another testament to the single-minded determination of one man, this time to find the lost underground geothermal stream of Taputapuatea. Tonight we stay, again, in **Whitianga**.

**Day 7:** We continue south today and visit first **Cathedral Cove Macadamias** at Hahei for a tour and to taste these irresistible nuts then it's on to the beach resort of **Whangamata** for lunch. The afternoon finds us in **Waihi** for a guided tour of the famous **Martha Gold Mine** – an industry inextricably linked to the Coromandel for more than 150 years. Tonight we stay at the stylish **Trinity Wharf Hotel** in Tauranga.

**Day 8:** We return home today via Taupo for lunch before the excitement of sleeping in our own beds.

It's been 5 years since Bay Tours spent time in the Coromandel. And we've never ventured further north than Colville before now. Join us in experiencing this unique part of New Zealand, largely hidden from international visitors and so redolent of times past.

## Tour No. 306 Martinborough Fair

Date	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 7.00am
Cost	\$100.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea

The Rotary **Martinborough Fair** is held in the picturesque Martinborough Square. This iconic fair, reportedly the largest in Australasia, comprises over **480 stalls** selling artwork, crafts, clothing, food and other quality products. As usual, it'll be an early start in order to provide as much time in **Martinborough** as possible. We'll stop for morning tea on the way and plan to arrive around 11.30am. There'll be plenty of time to wander at your leisure (and plenty of space on the coach to stash your goodies). We'll depart by 3.00pm and head home, stopping at Woodville Domain to eat what you have purchased from the fair for dinner before the last leg of the journey. This is the fair everyone talks about so come and experience it for yourself.



## Tour No. 318

### Dinner at Mangapapa

Date	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 5.30pm
Cost	\$150.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner



We're so delighted to be able to spend an evening dining at this wonderful boutique hideaway. We've had wonderful culinary encounters with the cuisine **Head Chef Norka Mella Munoz** before. But usually only a single course as part of one of our popular progressive lunches. This time we'll enjoy a superb **3 course dinner**, together with other little surprise taste delights, whilst enjoying the early evening views of the property in late summer. Join us for an

evening of elegant dining at this most refined of venues.

## Tour No. 414

### Otago's Old Gold Road



Date	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
Times	All collected by 7.50am
Cost	\$4895.00 Twin Share   \$6095.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x9, breakfast x9, morning tea x4, lunch x5, dinner x9, all activities

As long as history has been kept, mankind has highly valued gold. Most civilisations have placed great worth on it and on possessing it. New Zealand experienced its first 'rush' for this precious metal after Gabriel Reid made his discovery near what is now the town of Lawrence in Central Otago in 1861. Two years later there were 22,000 people living in the gold fields strewn from Arrowtown to Dunedin. William Rees had barely established his sheep farm on the shores of Lake Wakatipu when gold was found in the Arrow River and within a few months the area around his homestead became the thriving town of Queenstown. Because of gold Dunedin was, by then, the largest and wealthiest city in the country. Places like St Bathans, Naseby, Middlemarch, Macrae's Flat and Lawrence owe their foundations to the rush to find the shiny stuff. This part of the country still hints of these boom times, though long gone now. Gold has been replaced by agriculture, horticulture and tourism which enjoyed its own boom until recently. In April 2021 we'll spend **10 days** travelling these roads and experiencing these places for what they are today. A route that will broadly take



us from the mountain peaks that surround the resort town of **Queenstown** to the university city of **Dunedin** on the coast and so many places in between. Here's a summary of the plan;



**Day 1:** We head to **Wellington** for the night in readiness to fly to Queenstown in the morning.

**Day 2:** We'll arrive at Queenstown Airport and be met by Ken who set out with our coach some days ago. Once we have checked into the lovely **Novotel Queenstown Lakeside Hotel** there will be time to acquaint yourself with town before we dine at the legendary **Skyline Restaurant** for dinner.

**Day 3:** This morning we take the infamous Cardrona Road to **Wanaka** and a morning cruise on the lake. After lunch in Wanaka there's time to wander and explore before we head to **Cromwell** for a look around and a fresh fruit ice cream at our favourite stall before returning to Queenstown.

**Day 4:** We spend today exploring picturesque **Arrowtown** after a stop at Coronet Peak for the views across Lake Wakatipu to the Remarkables range beyond. Enjoy wandering Arrowtown's historic tree-lined streets and have lunch in one of the many café's.

**Day 5:** Today is a big one. We start by following the shore of Lake Wakatipu to **Glenorchy** at the top of the lake's northern arm. From here we'll explore the amazing **Dart River** by jet boat. Unlike the deep canyoned Shotover River, the Dart is a braided river, the very kind that jet boats were built for. After a breath-taking and informative river ride deep into the heart of **Mount Aspiring National Park**, we'll tie up and take a brief walk amongst the ancient beech tree forests – a world apart. The return jet boat ride down the river back to Glenorchy is an adrenalin-filled rush as we skim across the shallowest of water channels. Phew! We head back to town for lunch and some free time to relax in Queenstown before a very special dinner experience. Firstly, we cross Lake Wakatipu on the legendary **TSS Earnslaw** for a delicious Gourmet BBQ dinner at **Walter Peak Station**. Enjoy the after dinner entertainment before returning across the lake again. Perhaps have a sing-along with the ship's pianist on the way. What a day it has been!

**Day 6:** Today it's time to de-camp from Queenstown. Our destination today is **Ranfurly** deep in the Maniototo but not before we've firstly stopped for a morning cuppa at the old Post Office in **Clyde** and a look at the mighty **Clyde Dam** and power station. Then it's on to **St Bathans** and arguably, NZ's most haunted building, the **Vulcan Hotel**, for lunch. This afternoon we visit and enjoy the magnificent **Clachanburn Gardens** before reaching Ranfurly for the night.



**Day 7:** Another day packed with action. Our first stop is **Naseby** and a visit here must include a crack at the the most distinct of southern sports, curling. Local experts will on hand to help us get those stones moving. And if you think those stones are big, a wonderfully scenic drive to the coast will bring us to our next destination, the famous **Moeraki Boulders**. These massive spherical concretions are up to 60 million years old and, believe-it-or-not began life as either pebbles or fossils. Just down the road from the boulders is one of the most renowned restaurants in New Zealand – **Fleur's Place**. So respected by restaurateurs around the world is the owner, Fleur Sullivan, that when celebrity chef and food author Rick Stein was offered a chance to go anywhere in the world for a one-off food article for a British newspaper, he choose Fleur's Place. So let's lunch.

After lunch we gradually make our way to **Dunedin** via the pioneering gold mining settlement of **Macrae's Flat**.

**Day 8:** Our first day in Dunedin begins with a visit to the **Royal Albatross Centre** out at the heads of Dunedin Harbour where we'll be shown around and have the chance to observe the new season's chicks sitting in their nests on their own while their parents gather fish for them. Then it's on to perhaps Dunedin's most famous landmark – **Larnach Castle**. After a guided tour we'll enjoy lunch in the ballroom. A post-lunch walk in the gardens is in order before we depart for the northern side of the harbour to **Orokonui Ecosanctuary** with a stop at Port Chalmers Lookout on the way. At Orokonui we'll learn about some of the major wildlife programs going on in the South Island and encounter many of the endangered species.

**Day 9:** We stick close to town today visiting a number of wonderful places. There's the grandeur of the historic house, **Olveston** and the magnificent **Dunedin Railway Station**. Then there's the **Otago Settlers Museum** and the **Botanic Gardens**. And how about the views from the world's steepest street and the **Signal Hill Lookout**. There's a lot to take in today.

**Day 10:** After a jam-packed 9 days you'll be pleased to have a **FREE DAY** to relax or wander central Dunedin at your leisure. Perhaps a bit of shopping, a visit to the amazing World Of Butterflies at Otago Museum or time spent in the famous Octagon watching the bustle of this 'Edinburgh of the South'.

**Day 11:** We say farewell to the South today and fly home from Dunedin to Hawke's Bay. Spectacular sights, amazing once-in-a-lifetime experiences and, above all, that fabulous Southern hospitality. Join us on this memorable journey from Otago's gold rush past to its exciting present.



## Kerren's Whisper

As we continue to emerge cautiously from the Covid crisis I'm already thinking about some exciting new tours for the next Leisure Guide due for release in December;

- With the news, as I write this, that the Government is working with their Cook Islands counterparts on opening a travel 'corridor', we're looking at taking a **Rarotonga & Aitutaki** tour again next winter. We'd love to hear from anyone interested
- We're keen to expand our Cycle Trail offerings and there's a wonderfully scenic **1 Day ride between Ohakune and Horopito**. Because of the remoteness of the trail the ride itself would be bookended by a night each side in Ohakune. It's a stunning experience so keep a look out for that
- A number of people have asked about a visit to the **Bluff Oyster Festival** which Ken and I have attended before. It's a wonderful celebration of not only Bluffs most famous export, but of New Zealand's abundant seafood in general. The 2020 festival was cancelled due to Covid-19, however the next festival is in **May 2021** and we're keen to go!
- For those who were booked or interested in our trip on **The Ghan**, Australia's famous train from Darwin to Adelaide, we're working on new dates for this trip in **September 2021** and this will definitely proceed once borders re-open
- For music lovers, look out for **Ten Tenors** and Geoff Sewell's **Bravo Amici** in the next Leisure Guide. We've already secured tickets for these concerts in Napier in **May 2021**

**If you are keen to join us on any of the above tours, please get in touch with Kaye on 845 2736 EXT 1 or [tourclub@baytours.co.nz](mailto:tourclub@baytours.co.nz)**

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