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Welcome to Bay Tours & Charters

Leisure Guide

As I write this, and we head into Christmas and the holiday season it's hard not to reflect on what has been a difficult year for all of us. Not too many of us will be sorry to see the back of 2020.

From a business perspective, there's never been a more difficult time to be in the tourism industry. The international visitors are no longer here and who knows when they'll be back. No more cruise ships stopping at Napier until further notice. And whilst some may say *"Thank goodness for that. No more traffic nightmares in central Napier, no more hordes of people up Te Mata Peak!"* the reality is that thousands of households in Hawke's Bay



rely on the income generated by tourism and a very significant chunk of that has simply disappeared. Napier, in particular, has relied heavily on tourism for decades and whilst the international visitors are no longer currently here, Kiwis have returned to Hawke's Bay in droves and I suspect this summer, visitations to the region will have more of a family feel.

Here at Bay Tours, whilst we certainly haven't been immune to the huge drop in overseas visitors, we're thankful for the continued success of the Tour Club. It has been truly heartening to look back at the last 6 months and recall how enthusiastically members responded to our first tentative steps to get out and about again after the lockdown. Your willingness to embrace the world again, one step at a time, has been inspirational to us here at Bay Tours.

We're enormously proud to present this latest edition of the Leisure Guide which is chock-full of fantastic trips and tours we think you'll thoroughly enjoy. In fact it's our biggest ever! We cannot wait to showcase our beautiful region and country to our tour clubbers in 2021, and create memories together.

We thank you for your loyalty in supporting us when so many new 'Johnny-come-lately's' are bombarding you with domestic travel offers. We like to think our level of service, care and understanding of your needs and interests, built over many years together, continues to stand us in good stead.

From our family to you and yours, we all here at Bay Tours wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to enjoying your company again soon.

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.



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Tour Club Booking Form

Date	Day	Tour	Tour Name	Cost
12-14 Jan	Tue-Thu	112	Wallingford Retreat	\$1,315
14 – 20 Jan	Thur-Wed	114	Chatham Islands #1	\$4,560
19 Jan	Tue	119	Big Day Out #1	\$175
26 – 29 Jan	Tue-Fri	126	Snowy Waters Lodge & Blue Duck Station #1	\$1,450
27-31 Jan	Wed-Sun	127	St James Station Horse Sale	\$2,550
2 Feb	Tue	202	Ken Does Mahia & Wairoa	\$162
4 – 10 Feb	Thu-Wed	204	West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail	\$3,785
10 Feb	Wed	210	Howard Morrison Quartet – Take Two	\$190
11-13 Feb	Thu-Sat	211	WOW Up Close	\$1,025
15 Feb	Mon	215	In Our Own Backyard	\$135
16 – 19 Feb	Tue-Fri	216	Twenty Tunnels & Wairakei	\$1,175
18 Feb	Thu	218	CHB Progressive Lunch	\$125
20-22 Feb	Sat-Mon	220	Luxury Lodge Lunches	\$1,450
22 Feb	Mon	222	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #1	\$185
23 – 27 Feb	Tue-Sat	223	Kawakawa Station Walk	\$1,450
24 Feb	Wed	224	Dinner at Poivre & Sel	\$150
27 Feb	Sat	227	Wings Over Wairarapa	\$210
1 Mar	Mon	301	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #2	\$185
2 – 9 Mar	Tue-Tue	302	Coromandel's Hidden Secrets	\$3,325
6 Mar	Sat	306	Martinborough Fair	\$100
11 Mar	Thu	311	Summer Progressive Lunch	\$130
12 Mar	Fri	312	Sister Act – Dinner & Show	\$138
13 - 17 Mar	Sat-Wed	313	Great Barrier Island	\$2,495
15-19 Mar	Mon-Fri	315	Molesworth & Rainbow Stations	\$2,325
18 Mar	Thur	318	Dinner at Mangapapa	\$150
24 Mar	Wed	324	Lunch at the Peak	\$130
25-28 Mar	Thu-Sun	325	Snowy Waters Lodge & Blue Duck Station #2	\$1,450
26 Mar	Fri	326	A Visit to Timahanga Station	\$125
28 Mar – 4 Apr	Sun-Sun	328	East Coast Getaway	\$2,885
29 Mar	Mon	329	A Special Golf Day at Cape Kidnappers	\$250
31 Mar	Wed	331	Mystery Day Out	\$150
7-12 Apr	Wed-Mon	407	Golden Bay & Farewell Spit	\$3,115
9 Apr	Fri	409	Beach, Pub Lunch & Norsewear	\$145
14 – 23 Apr	Wed-Fri	414	Otago's Old Gold Road	\$4,895
15 Apr	Thu	415	Rural Explorer	\$130
20 Apr	Tue	420	Mystery Country Pub Lunch	\$135
22 – 28 Apr	Thur-Wed	422	Chatham Islands #2	\$4,560
23 – 25 Apr	Fri-Sun	423	ANZAC Vintage Train to Waiouru	\$895
1-2 May	Sat-Sun	501	Jersey Boys – Auckland	\$555
4 May	Tue	504	The Ten Tenors – Napier	\$240
11 May	Tue	511	Lunch at Craggy Range #1	\$145
14 May	Fri	514	Big Day Out #2	\$189
21-24 May	Fri-Mon	521	Bluff Oyster Festival	\$2,195
26 May	Wed	526	Lunch at Craggy Range #2	\$145
30 May	Sun	530	Bravo Amici	\$229

Date	Day	Tour	Tour Name	Cost
2-3 Jun	Wed-Thu	602	Cross Country Back Roads	\$595
8 Jun	Tue	608	Lunch at Craggy Range #3	\$145
10 Jun	Thu	610	Murrayfield & More	\$159
16 Jun	Wed	616	Progressive Country Pub Lunch	\$130
25 Jun	Fri	625	Exploring Ormondville	\$120
13-19 Jul	Tue-Mon	713	TranzAlpine	\$3,075
2-3 Oct	Sat-Sun	1002	WOW #1 - Wellington	\$595
8-10 Oct	Fri-Sun	1008	WOW #2 with extra day - Wellington	\$855
12-21 Oct	Tue-Thu	1012	North of the North	\$4,285
26 Oct – 1 Nov	Tue-Mon	1026	Magical Mackenzie Country	\$3,935
29 Oct – 3 Nov	Fri-Wed	1029	Taranaki Garden Festival	\$1,995
1-12 Nov	Mon-Fri	1101	South of the South	\$6,895
12-14 Nov	Fri-Sun	1112	Rotorua Festival of Gardens	\$1,075

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

I am your first point of contact 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 me.

All of our tours include door to door transport from urban areas in Hawkes Bay. If you live rurally, we can discuss an alternative pick up point. For our members who live in CHB, if the tour is going through your hometown, we can pick you up on the way, otherwise you are welcome to park your car in our yard in Onekawa for the duration of the tour.

Please make sure you note down final payment due dates on your calendar or diary as we do not send payment reminders or invoices. This can be found in the details section of each tour.



Our main touring coach

Tour No. 112

Wallingford Retreat

Date	Tuesday 12 th – Thursday 14 th January
Times	All collected by 11.15am
Cost	\$1315.00 Twin Share \$1695.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, lunch x3, dinner x2, all activities

Here at Bay Tours, we've been paid the great honour of being invited to bring a party to stay at one of the foremost historic homes of Hawke's Bay – **Wallingford**. This will be a small group and we would love you to join us. Seat of the Ormond family for more than



160 years, Wallingford has played a prominent part in the life of Hawke's Bay for generations. For many years the largest single-level private house in New Zealand, the sprawling homestead boasts 10 bedrooms and sits amidst gardens and lawns with views across the farm and surrounded by stands of oak trees that bear truffles in the season. Our hosts, Jeanette & Christopher will ensure our stay is relaxing and rewarding,

showcasing Chef Christopher's award-winning cuisine and allowing us to simply enjoy the gracious house and grounds of this majestic property. Relax by the pool or on one of the many verandahs with a book from the library, meander the multitude of paths across the property or wander the oak groves. A summer house party reminiscent of a gentler age. Here's an idea of how it might go;

Day 1: Our first country house experience of the trip is, in fact, lunch at **Oruawharo** at Takapau. Hosts Peter and Dianne Harris will show us around the fully restored homestead before lunch is served. Just the start to our special trip. Then it's on through Wanstead to Wallingford where we'll be met by Jeanette and Christopher together with **Mick Ormond** who will welcome us to the house he grew up in. After Mick has shared some of his memories of the place with us, we'll have time to settle into our rooms and familiarise ourselves with our surroundings before pre-dinner drinks in the library followed by a special dinner created especially for us by Chef Christopher.

Day 2: Today we'll offer the opportunity to venture further south to **Porangahau** to enjoy the amazing beach and maybe a dip, before lunch at one of a number of local country pubs. For those who want to simply relax and unwind in and around Wallingford itself, there's plenty to enjoy and savour. At the end of today we come together again to share stories and enjoy more of Chef Christopher's culinary magic. This time with a slow-cooked dinner shared in the time-honoured familial fashion of the house.

Day 3: After a relaxing, laid-back start to the morning, we join Chef Christopher in his kitchen for a **Brunch Cooking Masterclass**. Pick up some tips from the maestro on how to add flair and creativity to a traditional late morning feast. And we'll enjoy the results of his talent, of course.

Fresh, summer flavours have never tasted so good! Mid-afternoon we say our farewells to this most iconic of Hawke's Bay country houses, and to the superb hospitality of Jeanette and Christopher before we enjoy a drive through the **Blackhead** and **Omakere** districts on our way home. We'd love you to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the elegance, grace and sense of place that only a house of Wallingford's pedigree can provide. Hooray! for the ultimate summer house party.



Tour No. 114 & 422 Chatham Islands #1 & #2

Date	Thurs 14 th – Wed 20 th January & Thurs 22 nd – Wed 28 th 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	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x4, 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 th 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 & 325

Snowy Waters Lodge & Blue Duck Station #1 & #2

Date	Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th January & Thursday 25 th – Sunday 28 th March
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	\$1450.00 Twin Share \$1695.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x1, 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. 127

St James Station Horse Sale

Date	Wednesday 27 th – Sunday 31 st January
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	\$2550.00 Twin Share \$3050.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x3, dinner x4, flights, All activities

We're excited to have been invited to the biennial **St James Station Horse Sale**. Staged every second January on the 80,000 hectare station in the North Canterbury high country,



the sale has, over nearly a century, become a highlight of Canterbury rural life and a 'must' for those wanting a fine mountain horse or potential eventer. Clydesdale genes run strongly in the cross-breed and with carefully selected stallions and light stocking, the St James Station horse has established a firm, if feisty, reputation for its sure-footedness and stamina. Stockmen and competitive equestrians gather at the station yards by the Clarence River every 2 years to try to secure one of the roughly 20

young horses to be auctioned. Our friend and guide through many a tour around neighbouring Molesworth Station, **Rick Stirling**, will again take care of us over our 3 days in the district. Here's a guide to the action;

Day 1: Today we fly to Christchurch where Rick will meet us and take us to our Hanmer Springs accommodation for the next 4 nights.

Day 2: Neighbouring St James Station to its south is **Glenhope Station**. Bound by the Waiau and Hope Rivers, the station has one of the longest drives from the gate into the homestead of any station in New Zealand and runs Angus/Hereford cross cattle, like Molesworth. Rick has been 4WD guiding through spectacular Glenhope for more than 30 years.

Day 3: On the other side of the St James Range and heading in the direction of Kaikoura is **Woodchester Station**. The winding, narrow drive into the property and new lake 'Rebekah' provides ample opportunity to survey the astonishing rips created in the land by nature. The Kelly family will kindly host us for lunch. After lunch we'll loop around towards Cheviot and beautiful **Gore Bay** before returning to Hanmer over the 4WD only Kaiwara Range.



Day 4: St James Station Sale Day. This morning it's on to the sale yards with plenty of time to check out the horses and enjoy a picnic lunch before the sale starts. They're expecting approx 100 registered bidders this time around plus plenty of onlookers to egg them on. And what better way to relax after the excitement (and dust) of the day than a soak in the hot springs back in Hanmer.

Day 5: We say farewell to Hanmer Springs today, and to our friend Rick, and return to Christchurch for our flight home to **Hawke's Bay**. This tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore rarely visited examples of epic high-country farming and to experience one of the last great muster-and-sale events in New Zealand rural life. **Only 3 places left, book your place now!**

Tour No. 202

Ken Does Mahia & Wairoa

Date	Tuesday 2 nd February
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$162.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, glass of wine, ice cream

Following the coast road north towards **Wairoa** and ultimately out to the **Mahia Peninsula** is one of the great drives in Hawke's Bay. Join Ken as you drive via Tutira and



Mohaka enjoying the scenery along the way before arriving at **Wairoa** for morning tea on **Marine Parade** beside the Wairoa River. Legendary **Osler's Bakery** will provide our morning tea treats before we check out the recently refurbished **Wairoa Museum** in the old ANZ Bank building. The we're on the road again heading through Nuhaka and on to **Mahia** and the wonderful **Rocket Café**, sitting high above the East Coast Road, for a delicious lunch accompanied

by splendid views. A gentle walk on **Mahia Beach** is just the thing after lunch before we begin our journey homeward, stopping back in **Wairoa** for an ice cream at the popular Riverview Dairy. This promises to be a great summer's day out enjoying the countryside and hospitality of northern Hawke's Bay. Don't miss this one.

Tour No. 204

West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail

Date	Thursday 4 th – Wednesday 10 th February
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	\$3785.00 Twin Share \$4385.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
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 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.*

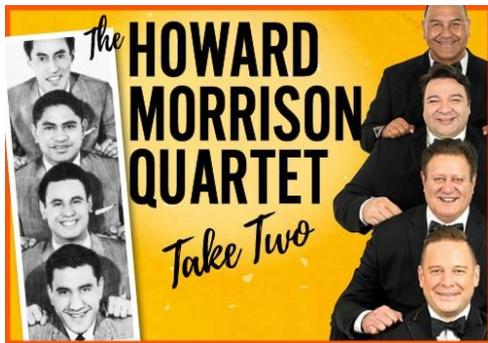


Tour No. 210

Howard Morrison Quartet – Take Two

Date	Wednesday 10 th February
Times	All collected by 5.45pm
Cost	\$190.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium show ticket

The 1950's and 60's saw the emergence of collectives of entertainers who brought glitz and glamour to the towns and cities across Aotearoa. Combining the stylish, professional presentation of a Las Vegas show with a variety of musical styles and their uniquely kiwi humour, these show bands would launch the careers of some of New Zealand's best loved



entertainers. And none were more popular or more polished than the **Howard Morrison Quartet** who packed out venues wherever they went and became radio, and later, TV stars as well. To celebrate that heyday of live entertainment the Quartet has been revived by none other than **Howard Morrison Jr** himself. With a musical career that started with backing his famous father as rhythm guitarist and vocalist, Howie has worked with a list of the greats of NZ entertainment as diverse as *Billy T. James*, *Dame Malvina Major*, *Sir John Rowles* and *Dalvanius*.

His musical prowess and quick wit is complemented by the silky tenor voice and larger-than-life stage presence of **Russell Harrison** who will be a familiar face to many due to his multitude of TV appearances. **Chris Powley** brings another heavenly voice to the quartet having had a successful singing career sharing the stage with superstars such as *Andrea Bocelli* and *Bonnie Tyler*. Rounding out this 'Take Two' of the **Howard Morrison Quartet** is comedian and singer **Andre King**, returned to NZ after headlining top comedy venues in the UK and Europe. Together these four hugely talented and experienced entertainers will rekindle the spirit of the finest of all the show bands with an evening of music and laughter that will live long in the memory. Enjoy dinner with us before you take your premium seat for the show.

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Tour No. 21 | WOW Up Close

Date	Thursday 11 th – Saturday 13 th February
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	\$1025.00 Twin Share \$1225.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea x2, lunch x2, dinner x2, entry to WOW Up Close, all activities

For more than 30 years the **World Of Wearable Art** has been at the crossroads of art, design and fashion and the international competition has resulted in a truly world class



awards show in Wellington which Bay Tours has been supporting for some years now. It has become an iconic annual event with world leaders in their field such as Cirque du Soleil and Weta Workshop involved. This summer we invite you to experience the **World Of Wearable Art** like never before. **Te Papa** will host an exhibition entitled '**WOW Up Close**' that translates the theatricality of the annual WOW Awards Show into an unforgettable, immersive experience. Journey through magical worlds inhabited by the most incredible collection of wearable art by

designers from all around the world. From natural worlds featuring garments inspired by Aotearoa, to modern mirror infinity rooms inhabited by garments made from the most unlikely materials such as wood, latex, carpet and bicycle tubes. Gain insights into the designer's creative process and learn how they craft their unique materials to bring their stories to life.

Our itinerary will go something like this:

Day 1: Today we travel through to Wellington, reaching our hotel for the next two days, **Copthorne Hotel**, mid afternoon. You'll have time to catch up with friends or family, go for a stroll or just relax and soak in the ambience of the hotel.

Day 2: After a leisurely start, we will enjoy morning tea in **Spicer Botanical Park** on our way to the **Pataka Art + Museum** for the **2020 Wallace Art Awards Finalists & Winners** and **The Dowse Museum**.

Our final museum today will be **Te Papa** and the wonderful **WOW Up Close** exhibition, prepare to be "wowed"

Day 3: We head home today, with a stop at a little gem along the way, but we're leaving that one as a surprise.

This is a rare opportunity for those interested in the arts and design to get 'Up Close' with one of this country's truly original experiences.

Tickets, and the exhibition season, are strictly limited so don't delay in booking your place.



Tour No. 215

In Our Own Backyard

Date	Monday 15 th February
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	\$135.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please.
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

In this latest of our very popular series of outings showcasing some rarely seen aspects of Hawke's Bay, we focus on the historical, the restored, and the brand new. Our first stop is at the historic **Napier Woollen Mill** on the incongruously named Main Street on Hospital Hill, Napier. Established in 1901 and running for 50 years, the mill was revived by Fritz and Anne Vink in the 1960's as a specialist wool carding operation exporting to home spinners and weavers all over the world. Anne will give us a tour of these wonderful old



buildings and, over a cuppa, tell us about their colourful history. Then we're off to Hastings for a behind-the-scenes tour of the painstakingly and beautifully restored **Hawke's Bay Opera House** and surrounding buildings. The various venues have been renamed **Toitohi HB Arts & Events Centre** and has proven one of the most complex restoration and strengthening projects ever undertaken in NZ. Following this we head towards Havelock North for lunch. Nestled amongst 10 acres

between St Georges and St Andrews Roads are the beautiful **Lodge On St Georges** and **Cottages On St Andrews** whose chatelaine hostess is our good friend, Di Ross. Following a delicious lunch, Di will show us around the Lodge and Cottages as well as other parts of the property. These amazing and fascinating destinations certainly emphasise the diversity of our region and it's great to get the opportunity to be guided around them by the passionate people who know them best. Hurrah for Hawke's Bay!

Tour No. 216

Twenty Tunnels & Wairakei

Date	Tuesday 16 th – Friday 19 th February
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$1175.00 Twin Share \$1475.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
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. 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.



Tour No. 218

CHB Progressive Lunch

Date	Thursday 18 th February
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	\$125.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

Today we have three fabulous venues across Central Hawke's Bay for lunch. Starting in Pukehou we enjoy our **Entrée** at the fabulous **Paper Mulberry Café**. Serving up delicious food since 1999, the café continues to attract locals and travellers alike and the talented Sophie will no doubt have something wonderful for us. We head to Waipukurau and the **Copperpot Gastropub** for our **Main Course**. Some classic quality pub grub with an extra twist of originality makes this spot very popular with the locals. For **Dessert** we head towards the Tukituki River and the **Patangata Tavern** out of Otane. Delicious and heart warming, their sweet things will finish off our lunch perfectly. It's always great to get into the beautiful Central Hawke's Bay countryside....especially with three great lunch venues like these to visit.



Tour No. 220

Luxury Lodge Lunches

Date	Saturday 20 th – Monday 22 nd February
Times	All collected by 9.05am
Cost	\$1450.00 Twin Share \$1725.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch x3, dinner x2, all activities

As international travel continues to be prohibitive, we have to indulge our desire for different experiences in a different way. And at the same time the many **Luxury Lodges** and retreats dotted around New Zealand have been deprived of most of their traditional sources of guests. So with every situation, an opportunity arises. We're very excited to invite you to experience lunch at three very different **Luxury Lodges** across the central North Island over **3 Days**. Each has their own style and personality and each has been rated very highly in the ultra-competitive international luxury market. Here's a summary of what you'll experience;



Day 1: After we get to know each other over morning tea at the **Art Deco Café** in Esk Valley we head around the northern edge of Lake Taupo to **Kinloch Manor**, part of the world-class Kinloch Golf Club establishment. Here we'll take a guided look around the Manor itself and the surrounding villas before sitting down to a superb lunch. In the

afternoon we head to the stylish **Hilton Lake Taupo** for dinner and a wonderful night's sleep.

Day 2: We head north to Rotorua this morning and a visit to the wonderful **Garden Art Gallery** of Jeanette Blackburn. This urban cottage garden is full of old fashioned roses, rhododendrons, perennials, aviaries and dovecotes. Jeanette's gallery is set amongst the roses and showcases her art which is in high demand internationally. From here it's a short drive to Kawaha Point on Lake Rotorua and the glorious location of **Peppers On The**



Point. Here Head Chef, Englishman, Ali Wakefield can indulge his passion for the freshest of local produce with the lodge's own kitchen garden and eggs from their own hens. The stunning outlook over the lake and the amazing cuisine will make for a memorable lunch. Tonight we stay at our favourite Rotorua hotel, **Novotel Lakeside** with their own thermal pools. So bring your bathers.

Day 3: Without doubt, the opportunity to visit the world renowned **Treetops Lodge & Estate** is a highlight rarely granted. Nestled in 800 acres of native forest, this award-winning lodge is the life-long dream realised by owner John Sax. This uniquely Kiwi experience is a sanctuary and retreat of breath-taking terrain offering the ultimate in world-class accommodation and cuisine. With their '**Estate to Plate**' philosophy, the dishes created by the team of chefs feature ingredients reared or grown on the vast estate. A truly memorable culinary experience is in store. Sadly, we begin our homeward journey in the afternoon, replete and revived after 3 days of amazing cuisine in rarefied surroundings.

This is a unique opportunity to sample the very best New Zealand has to offer and, by their nature, places are strictly limited.

Tour No. 222 & 301 Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #1 & #2

Date	Monday 22 nd February & Monday 1 st March
Times	All collected by 11.20am
Cost	\$185.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch including 2 drinks

This delicious 3 course lunch is put on especially for us at this stunning location – **The Farm at Cape Kidnappers** and will once again be popular. After last year's cancellation due to Covid, we can't wait to get back there. There is also an opportunity to have a guided tour of the **Lodge**. This is a lovely day out to one of Hawke's Bays' exquisite locations. Hurry as numbers fill fast for this!





Tour No. 223

Kawakawa Station Walk

Date	Tuesday 23 rd – Saturday 27 th 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 th 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. 224

Dinner at Poivre & Sel

Date	Wednesday 24 th February
Times	All collected by 6.00pm
Cost	\$150.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner incl glass of beer, wine or juice

We're delighted to invite you to a very special **3 course dinner** and to savour the fine French cooking of Head Chef Samuel Goslin at their restaurant, **Poivre & Sel** (Pepper & Salt) in Napier. It's nearly 20 years since Samuel began his career working school holidays in the kitchen of a Michelin Star restaurant in Belgium and, together with his wife, Severine, established **Poivre & Sel** in Whitianga 5 years ago.



Their recent move to Hawke's Bay with their children, Morgane and Matius, has also seen the re-establishment of their restaurant in one of the Six Sisters heritage buildings on Marine Parade. Samuel says his style of French cuisine suits Hawke's Bay produce perfectly. Simply prepared and beautifully presented dishes packed with flavour is what he aims for.

Come join us for the evening, immerse yourself in the atmosphere of an authentic French brasserie, and enjoy the superb cuisine and passionate service of a family committed to fine food.

Tour No. 227

Wings Over Wairarapa

Date	Saturday 27 th 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

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 nd – Tuesday 9 th 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 th 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.

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 th 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. 311

Summer Progressive Lunch

Date	Thursday 11 th March
Times	All collected by 11.35am
Cost	\$130.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

What better way to enjoy the latter part of Hawke's Bay's summer than with a lunch involving three of the area's best restaurants. And the fun starts today at the outstanding restaurant and perennially popular lunchtime destination, **Clearview Winery** at Te Awanga. Creating our **Entrée** today will be long-standing Head Chef Peter Hallgarth. For



our **Main** we head to central Napier and the elegant surroundings of the **County Hotel**. For nearly 80 years from its opening in 1909 the building was the home of the Hawke's Bay County Council. In 1993 an extensive renovation began transforming Napier's only remaining Edwardian Gothic style building into a hotel of character and distinction. No doubt the grandeur of the hotel restaurant will complement the outstanding cuisine.

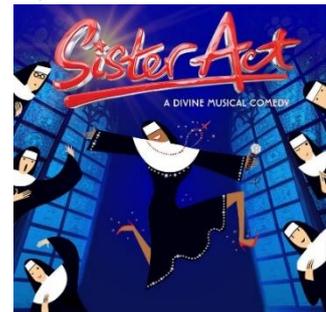
Finally, it's to Greenmeadows and the atmospheric surroundings of the Tom McDonald Cellar at **Church Road Winery** where we stop for our **Dessert**. Head Chef Grant McHenry will display all the skills that have made him a much sought-after culinary judge at many *Salon Culinaire* competitions nationwide. What a treat today will be, showcasing cuisine from three distinctly different restaurants.

Tour No. 312

Sister Act – Dinner & Show

Date	Friday 12 th March
Times	All collected by 6.20pm
Cost	\$138.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, show ticket, 2 course dinner

We're super-excited to continue our wonderful relationship with the perennially excellent **Napier Operatic Society** and showcase their latest production, **Sister Act – The Musical**. Based on the hit movie of the same name which starred Whoopie Goldberg, the musical is a story of the misadventures of Deloris Van Cartier, a talented Philadelphia nightclub singer who's forced to hide from the rage of her mobster boyfriend, Shank. As the worldly Deloris tries to adjust to cloistered convent life, whilst at the same time trying to help the hapless convent choir, the often hilarious and sometimes touching situations lead to an unexpected climax that none of the characters have predicted. Another unique element to **Napier Operatic** shows at the Tabard Theatre is the excellent pre-show dinner they put on in the rehearsal room. It all makes for a wonderful night with the quality of their productions invariably dazzling. Prepare for one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year.



Tour No. 313

Great Barrier Island

Date	Saturday 13 th – Wednesday 17 th March
Times	All collected by 7.00am
Cost	\$2495.00 Twin Share Single Room – check with Kaye
Payment	\$850.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 13 th January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, lunch x4, dinner x4, flights, 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. And without doubt the jewel in the crown of the Hauraki Gulf is **Great Barrier Island**. This almost mystical place 100km northeast of central Auckland has always seemed so far away and 'other-worldly' and yet,



always part of the New Zealand idyll. These days it's much easier to get there than ever before. So, we're going to fly out and spend a few days with the locals to get a feel for 'the Barrier' and experience one of New Zealand's last untouched paradises. Here's a glimpse at the itinerary;

Day 1: Today we fly first to **Auckland** and then on to **Great Barrier Island** itself. Enjoy spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf and Waiheke Island before landing at **Claris** and being met by Steve, our local guide for the next 3 days.

We head off to the southern end of the island to the famous **Milk, Honey & Grain Museum** before having lunch at My Fat Puku cafe. After lunch, a gentle walk along majestic **Medlands Beach** and a few surprise stops before we arrive at our lovely accommodation at **Great Barrier Lodge**. Take time to explore before dinner at the Lodge.

Day 2: After breakfast, we board 'Sundancer' and cruise up the island's west coast. As well as old Kauri sawmills and deserted whaling stations we head through the spectacular **Broken Isles** and **Man-O'-War Passage**. Then enjoy a delicious lunch on board in the sheltered waters of **Port Fitzroy**. After lunch, we disembark and visit the amazing **Glenfern Sanctuary**, a predator-free forest, where we'll be guided around their native plant and bird reintroduction facilities. Up to **Sunset Rock** for panoramic views of **Port Fitzroy Harbour** before Steve drives us down the east coast by bus, enjoying great views of **Rakitu Island, The Windy Canyon** and **Pacific Ocean Panoramas**. Then it's back to the deck at Great Barrier Lodge to enjoy dinner and the sunset.

Day 3: Today we visit some of the extensive creative arts community on the island. We begin with a visit to **Tryphena** where we visit the **Shoal Bay Pottery, Tryphena Wharf** and **Elephant Gallery**. We'll have lunch at the **Pa Beach Café** before heading back to Claris. In the afternoon we visit the **Great Barrier island Community Arts Village** and local copper artist, Viv Keenan before heading back to the lodge.



Day 4: Steve collects us and we're off to **Hot Springs Track** for a 10-minute bush walk and to see a magnificent **Nikau Palm** grove. Bring your togs for a dip in the natural hot pools. Afterwards we head to Steve's place for a ride on 'Crazyhorse', his Harley-style 3 wheeled motor trike to feel the pure Great Barrier wind in your hair. Then we're back to the lodge for a late lunch with free time to relax this afternoon.

Day 5: Steve collects us this morning and we call into **Okupu Beach** to see some ancient Pohutukawa trees and then to the 'Forgotten Wharf' at **Blind Bay**. This route is so scenic with some of the old stone bridges still intact. We enjoy a picnic lunch on the shores of a private beach. After lunch we return to 'civilisation', and visit the **Pigeon Post** for any souvenirs you may want before we say farewell to **Great Barrier Island** and fly back to Auckland and then home. For many, a trip to **Great Barrier** is a 'bucket-list' item. The opportunity to visit this iconic maritime region of New Zealand is rare. This is the chance 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 this island wonderland.



Kerren's Whisper

One of the scheduling casualties of the Covid Lockdown was our trip to **Alexandra Park Raceway** for the running of the **2020 Auckland Winter Cup**.

We had a great response for it too and many will wonder why a trip to the 2021 running of the Auckland Winter Cup doesn't feature in this Leisure Guide. We can assure you we're very keen to go again but unfortunately, as we go to print a date for 2021 has yet to be confirmed.

As soon as our friends at the **Auckland Trotting Club** have set a date we'll be making a song-and-dance about it and certainly contacting all those who had expressed interest this year to see if you're still a starter. If you would like us to contact you once we know more, please get in touch with Kaye on 845 2736 EXT 1 or tourclub@baytours.co.nz

Check out our back-to-back tours down South, in April & October/November!



Tour No. 315

Molesworth & Rainbow Stations

Date	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th March
Times	All collected by 10.00am
Cost	\$2325.00 Twin Share \$2725.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due by Tuesday 12 th January
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. A new feature of this years' 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 it's 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'.

Tour No. 318

Dinner at Mangapapa

Date	Thursday 18 th 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. 324

Lunch at the Peak

Date	Wednesday 24 th March
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	\$130.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch incl glass wine, beer or juice

After a number of years in abeyance, the restaurant with the hands-down best view in the



Bay is back in business. **Peak House**, sitting halfway up Te Mata Peak has been waiting for skilled new operators, **Haydn Middleton and Juliet Burton**, to breathe new life into it and they sure have done that.

Join us for an 'al fresco' (outdoor) **3 course**, late summer lunch on the stunning lawn terrace with views across the Heretaunga Plains and Clive to Napier and Mahia beyond. An exciting menu awaits us at this wonderful venue.

Places are limited so book your spot now!

Tour No. 326

A Visit to Timahanga Station

Date	Friday 26 th March
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

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. 328

East Coast Getaway

Date	Sunday 28 th March – Sunday 4 th April
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	\$2885.00 Twin Share \$3685.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 12 th January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, morning tea x3, lunch x6, afternoon tea, dinner x7, all activities



Some of the paths least travelled in the North Island are around the **East Cape**. It's a unique and special corner of New Zealand not often visited by travellers. We'll start with some time in the gateway to the east, **Rotorua** and gradually follow the coast around to **Gisborne**. Here are some highlights;

Day 1: The highlight of today (besides the morning tea at the **Rangitaiki Tavern**) will undoubtedly be the

Treetop Walk through the giant redwoods just out of **Rotorua**. 23 suspension bridges traverse the gaps between 116-year-old Californian Redwood trees and the heights of the observation decks range between 6 and 12 metres above the ground. Those who have done it – including Tour Club members – say it's a 'must do' when we're there. We stay at the much-loved **Novotel Lakeside Rotorua Hotel** for two nights.

Day 2: This morning we visit the world's youngest geothermal valley at **Waimangu** south of Rotorua. Created largely by the enormous **Mt Tarawera** volcanic eruption of 1886, this valley, which meanders down to the legendary **Lake Rotomahana**, is laden with a myriad

of hot springs and vents including the giant Frying Pan Lake along its many walking paths. A guided walk down to the lake is offered to those interested whilst a bus can convey the rest of us to the meeting point at the jetty on **Lake Rotomahana**. From here we enjoy a guided cruise of the lake under which lays the remains of the world-famous **Pink & White Terraces** together with over 200 hot water vents. We'll hear the history and tales and enjoy the experience of cruising this mystical body of water. We conclude our visit to Waimangu with lunch in their café before returning to Rotorua and a free afternoon to explore.



Day 3: We depart Rotorua this morning and after morning tea on the shores of **Lake Rotoiti** we head east to **Whakatane**, firstly to take in the incredible views from the Heads, and then into town for lunch. We'll check out the giant rock formations and memorials on The Strand in the middle of town and take in the breath-taking views to Whale Island from the **Kohi Point Lookout**. Then we continue our trek east through **Ohope** and **Opotiki** to our next stop at a small bay called **Torere**. Here Vanessa Hayes cares for her ancestral land and is having great success growing macadamias. We'll take a look around her operation and enjoy a cuppa before heading to our final destination of the day and our accommodation at the tiny settlement of **Te Kaha**.

Day 4: What better place for a **FREE DAY** than the sunniest place in New Zealand. Today is an opportunity to relax after a few pretty busy touring days. Ken has some contacts for fishing charters in these parts so a day on the water could be on for those interested. Or just wander the beach and enjoy a relaxing day in the eastern Bay Of Plenty.

Day 5: We continue our journey east today stopping firstly at **Raukokore** for a look at the century-old white church. Look out here for the wandering 'wild' horses the area is



renowned for. Then it's on to **Waihou Bay** and lunch at the Lodge overlooking the inlet and the pier. After lunch and a look around we head towards **Cape Runaway** before finally arriving at our accommodation for the night at **Hick's Bay**.

Day 6: Our first stop this morning is the settlement of **Te Araroa**, birthplace of Sir Apirana Ngata and site of the oldest Pohutukawa tree on the NZ mainland at around 600 years old. From here our journey turns south with a stop at historic St Mary's church at **Tikitiki** for a cuppa before we head on through Ruatoria and a stop at **Tokomaru Bay** before a picnic lunch at **Tolaga Bay**. After our picnic we'll take a walk out on the lengthy Tolaga Bay Wharf and then it's on down the coast to **Gisborne** and the wonderful **Emerald Hotel**.

Day 7: A **FREE MORNING** to explore Gisborne before we meet up back at the hotel and head out to the historic **Bushmere Arms** for lunch. Built in the 1870's the old pub has been painstakingly restored and extended by the owner of the last 20 years, Robin, who will tell us about the place and show us around. Later in the afternoon we visit pioneering winery **Matawhero Wines** and taste a selection of their wines before returning to our hotel in Gisborne.

Day 8: This morning holds a special treat in store. We visit **Tatapouri Beach** and don the waders to **feed the Stingrays**. An incredible experience that you'll never forget. Later in the morning we begin our journey back to Hawke's Bay stopping at **Morere Hot Pools** for a soak and a bite of lunch before continuing our drive home. We've called this tour a 'Getaway' as it takes us to a part of our country rarely visited by tourists and puts us in touch with a New Zealand that hasn't changed much in 50 years. And that's worth getting away to!



Tour No. 329

A Special Golf Day at Cape Kidnappers

Date	Monday 29 th March
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	\$250.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, golf fees incl cart

Our long relationship with The Farm at Cape Kidnappers has enabled us to offer this special day for a round of golf at famed **Cape Kidnappers Championship Golf Course**. Rated in the world's top 20 courses by both Golf Digest and Golfscape magazines, **Cape Kidnappers** has been one of the great modern marvels in golf since its opening in 2004.

All those who enjoy a round of golf should experience the breath-taking vistas and world-class surfaces this course provides at least once in their golfing lives. So in association with **Jon McCord, Director of Golf** at both **Cape Kidnappers** and **Kauri Cliffs** golf courses, and his colleagues at **Cape Kidnappers** we're offering the opportunity in February to make a day of it out at the Cape.



We'll collect you (and your clubs) from your home and transport you out to the Clubhouse at **Cape Kidnappers Golf Course** late morning. The golf staff will have a **finger food lunch** ready for you whilst you enjoy the facilities of the Clubhouse and perhaps warm up before your round. And they'll be on hand to lend any assistance or advice you may need.

We'll aim for a 12.30pm tee off with a shotgun start which will assist in everyone finishing more or less together. Depending on your finish time (Jon advises allowing 4.5 to 5 hours for the round) you may wish to enjoy a drink in the Clubhouse before we depart the course around 6.30pm to return you home. This is a great time to enjoy a world-class golf course, a bite of lunch beforehand and return transport from your home – all at a price less than the usual charge for a round of golf alone.

Get your golfing friends together and book now. Places are strictly limited.

Tour No. 331

Mystery Day Out

Date	Wednesday 31 st March
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	\$150.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities



Well, not much to be said about this one. The clue is in the title. Although it's not an entire mystery. We can tell you that it takes place, err, during the day.....and that you'll be 'out', whatever that means. Other than that, our lips are sealed. But be warned, these are very popular. Must be the way we talk them up!

Tour No. 407

Golden Bay & Farewell Spit

Date	Wednesday 7 th – Monday 12 th April
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$3115.00 Twin Share \$3675.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 10 th February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x5, breakfast x5, morning tea x3, lunch x4, dinner x5, flight, all activities

There are few parts of New Zealand that are as enticing and attractive, and yet so rarely visited by Kiwis, as the north-west corner of the South Island. It is unique in that the crystal-clear waters and, literally, golden sand beaches would, anywhere else in the country, be cause for an avalanche of people for most of the year. But the somewhat isolated location west of Nelson of the **Abel Tasman National Park** and **Golden Bay** beyond has meant that the region has remained relatively untouched by either big tourist numbers or a population explosion so familiar to similar seaside spots elsewhere. Perhaps it is because of the relative quiet of the place that the region has also become a 'Mecca' for artists and artisans. We're going to explore and experience the unique face of this magnificent region and get a taste of what it has to offer. Here's a brief itinerary featuring some of the highlights we have planned;



Day 1: Travel to, and overnight in, **Wellington** in readiness for our ferry journey tomorrow. There'll be time to catch up with friends in the capital.

Day 2: After our ferry crossing we drive via the **Rai Valley** to the famous **Mussel Pot** at Havelock (South) for lunch. Then it's on to **Nelson** with a stop at the beautiful **Pelorus River**.

Day 3: We continue west today to beautiful **Kaiteriteri Beach**, gateway to the magnificent **Abel Tasman National Park**. Here we depart by boat to cruise the sparkling coastline past *Split Apple Rock*, the seal colony and *Tonga Arches* to *Awaroa* and *Totaranui* before stopping at **Anchorage Beach** for a succulent seafood lunch and time to wander. After lunch we return to **Kaiteriteri Beach** and resume our westward journey into **Golden Bay** and to the little settlement of **Pohara** where we lay our weary heads for the night.



Day 4: This morning we head to **Collingwood**, Golden Bay's largest town, for morning tea before we depart on our **4WD guided tour out to Farewell Spit**. Along the way we'll stop at **Cape Farewell**, the most northerly point of the South Island, and **Fossil Point**, a popular 'hauling out' point for fur seals and where sea life abounds in the rock pools nearby. Thirty kms further along the sandy spit sits the **Lighthouse and Keeper's Cottage** where we'll have lunch as our guide regales us with stories of the area. There will likely still be some of the

more than 20,000 godwits and 30,000 knot and other northern migratory birds that nest on the spit each summer. As we return from the lighthouse we'll climb a giant sand dune at **Mullet Channel** to get spectacular panoramic views around the spit and out to the inter-tidal plain where the migrant wader birds feed. After our day in the sea air we'll return to **Pōhara** for our second night there.

Day 5: This morning we head a little way inland to **Te Waikoropupu Springs**. Not only are these the largest cold water springs in the Southern Hemisphere, but they contain some of the clearest water ever measured with an average vertical visibility of 63 metres!

After morning tea in **Takaka**, we continue our exploration of the natural wonders of the district with a visit to the spectacular **Ngarua Caves** beneath Takaka Hill. With its cavernous interiors and amazing stalagmites and stalactites, it's truly a wondrous experience. A late lunch in **Motueka**, back on the Tasman side of the hill, and it's back to our **Nelson** hotel and a little time to explore the town before dinner.

Day 6: A leisurely start to the morning before we make our way to **Nelson Airport** and our flight back to Hawke's Bay.

For many, a trip out to the end of Farewell Spit is a 'bucket-list' experience. But this part of New Zealand has so much more of its natural beauty to offer and we look forward to sharing some of it with you. Due to accommodation limitations numbers on this tour must inevitably be limited. Don't miss out on booking your spot on this wonderful adventure.

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We'll be finishing the **Golden Bay & Farewell Spit** tour in Nelson, and instead of flying home, you have the option to travel by coach from Nelson with Ken and the other "back to backers", arriving in Queenstown 2 days later, in time to start the old Gold Road tour.

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Tour No. 409 Beach, Pub Lunch & Norsewear

Date	Friday 9 th April
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$145.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, ice cream

We know what makes a winning combination for a day trip and we've got a great bunch of them in this tour. It seems ages since we went to **Blackhead Beach** north of Porangahau. Home to Te Angiangi Marine Reserve which spans between Blackhead and Aramoana Beaches, a beach walk will provide lots of rockpools to explore. We'll have a cuppa here and have plenty of time to enjoy the beach. Then we follow the coast south to the historic **Herbertville Hotel** where we'll enjoy a slap-up lunch with the sounds of the sea still in our ears. We head inland for a surprise real fruit ice cream stop before turning north and stopping at Norsewood and the **NZ Natural Clothing Co.** Home of Norsewear and Swannndri amongst other brands of good Kiwi clothing. Wanting to get some new woolly socks for the coming winter? Or maybe a gift for a new grandchild? These are the best prices anywhere around! A dose of sea air, some good country kai and quality retail bargains. What's not to like about this day?



Tour No. 414

Otago's Old Gold Road

Date	Wednesday 14 th – Friday 23 rd 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 th February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x9, breakfast x9, morning tea x4, lunch x5, dinner x9, all activities



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: This morning we'll fly out of Napier Airport and arrive in Queenstown to meet up with 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 2: 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 chose 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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.

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Tour No. 415

Rural Explorer

Date	Thursday 15 th April
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	\$130.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

On this first outing in what we hope will be a series dedicated to finding the different and the quirky in our rural hinterland, we start out in a pretty straight-forward way with morning tea at the divine **Paper Mulberry Café** at Pukehou. Although from its beginnings as a converted (no pun intended) church, the café sitting in the middle of maize fields opposite Te Aute College has always had its eccentricities. Next we head to the Ashley Clinton area where the White family, sixth generation farmers on the property, have been consciously creating the best environment possible for their cows, sheep, pigs and chickens and have developed **Sentry Hill Organics** – a range of organic produce – from the soil up. Phillipa and Tom will tell us all about their philosophy and operation at Sentry Hill. Then it's time for lunch, and a **picnic in the beautiful Dannevirke Domain** is the order of the day before we take in our last destination, situated in the old Courthouse in Dannevirke, the **Dannevirke Gallery of History**. It is the repository of all things historic around Dannevirke. From historic maps, plans and photographs to church archives, fine arts, artifacts and natural history specimens. Locals who see things a little differently or have a particular dedication to what we might find obscure, add tremendous texture and colour to our communities and today we celebrate some of these folks and their endeavours. Don't miss this one!



Tour No. 420

Mystery Country Pub Lunch

Date	Tuesday 20 th April
Times	All collected by 9.10am
Cost	\$135.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please.
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, all activities

So, again, not much to be said ahead of time here. But let us consider the evidence in front of us. The title would suggest we're heading for the country. By definition, does this, therefore, mean we're heading away from urban areas? Let's assume so. Now let us examine the next word in the title – 'Pub'. Not unreasonable to expect that at least part of the destination is a Public House. We're really getting into our detective work now! And then possibly the least ambiguous part of the title.....Lunch. Again, suggesting that a middle-of-the-day repast is in the offing. So let's summarise. On the face of it, a midday meal, possibly at a Public House may be on the cards, and that Public House may be in a non-urban environment. Now where, exactly, is it again? Oh, yes. IT'S A MYSTERY!



Tour No. 423

ANZAC Vintage Train to Waiouru

Date	Friday 23 rd – Sunday 25 th April
Times	All collected by 9.45am
Cost	\$895.00 Twin Share \$1095.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 23 rd February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea x2, lunch x2, dinner x2, all activities

Not since 2018 have we had the opportunity to join our friends from **Steam Incorporated** at Paekakariki on a magical train ride through parts of the North Island. And this experience is special. On 24th April – the day before ANZAC Day – we’ll be joining the train at Palmerston North as it heads north, and riding the Main Trunk Line through the picturesque countryside of the **Rangitikei, Taihape** and **Waimarino** districts to **Waiouru** to enjoy a very special visit to the **National Army Museum**. Here’s an outline of the itinerary;



Day 1: After you’re collected at a civilised hour we’ll make our way towards Palmerston North with a wonderful stop on the way at the spectacular **Greenhaugh Gardens**, designated by the NZ Garden Trust as ‘A Garden of International Significance’, for a tour and a picnic lunch. We check into the lovely **Copthorne Palmerston North Hotel** mid-afternoon to allow those who enjoy a little retail therapy some time to indulge themselves in town.

Day 2: This morning we meet our vintage train at **Palmerston North Railway Station** and depart on a wonderfully scenic journey through parts of the central North Island, gently climbing all the way to our destination of **Waiouru**. Here, a shuttle bus will convey us to the excellent **Rustic Eating House** for lunch before we wander 5 minutes along the road to the **National Army Museum** to experience the special ANZAC exhibitions and displays on show. Later in the afternoon the shuttle bus will convey us back to the railway station where we re-join our train for the return journey south to Palmerston North where we stay a second night in our hotel.



Day 3: As today is **ANZAC Day** some may wish to attend one of the morning ANZAC ceremonies in Palmerston North before we head back to the Bay and home by early afternoon. These vintage train journeys, with their classic locomotives and beautifully restored carriages are always very popular. And this one will be even more special given the ANZAC commemorative timing. The ever-changing vistas of the central North Island and

the excitement of a living, breathing vintage train as it passes through various communities along the way is a unique travel experience in this day and age. Don’t miss the opportunity to be part of it.

Tour No. 501

Jersey Boys - Auckland

Date	Saturday 1 st – Sunday 2 nd May
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	\$555.00 Twin Share \$675.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 25 th February (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium show ticket

It's been a long wait for the return of what may be the most popular single show Bay Tours has ever promoted. Nine years ago the demand was such that we had to make two separate trips to the Civic Theatre in Auckland. This internationally acclaimed musical, seen by 26 million people worldwide, is the story of **Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons** and how four blue collar boys from the wrong side of the New Jersey tracks became one of the biggest American pop sensations of all time. Writing their own hits and developing their unique sound, they sold over 175 million records before they were 30! They were just four young nobodies until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard... and radio stations just couldn't get enough of it. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story. Featuring hit after legendary hit including 'CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU', 'OH WHAT A NIGHT', 'SHERRY', 'WALK LIKE A MAN', 'BYE BYE BABY', 'BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY' and many more, **Jersey Boys** is a story full of heart, humour and 'sheer musical razzamatuzz'. Don't miss out on seeing this magnificent show.



Tour No. 504

The Ten Tenors - Napier

Date	Tuesday 4 th May
Times	All collected by 6.30pm
Cost	\$240.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium ticket to show

The legendary Classical Crossover vocal group are touring New Zealand in 2021 after Covid-19 put paid to their planned visit in 2020. Renowned for their spectacular 10-part harmonies and their irresistible repertoire of romantic pop songs, ballads and arias. With now more than 2400 sold-out shows and 1.25 million album sales, **The Ten Tenors** will charm you with their soaring vocals interpreting a wide variety of magnificent melodies. With dinner at



Breakers before the show and, as always, premium tickets at the **Municipal Theatre**, this will be a night to savour. Secure your seat now.

Tour No. 511, 526 & 608

Lunch at Craggy Range #1, #2 & #3

Date	Tuesday 11 th May, Wednesday 26 th May & Tuesday 8 th June
Times	All collected by 11.50am
Cost	\$145.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch incl a glass of beer, wine or juice

Craggy Range Restaurant has always been one of the finest in Hawke's Bay. Recipient of 2 Hats (NZ's equivalent to Michelin Stars in France) 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 version of 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.



Tour No. 514

Big Day Out #2

Date	Friday 14 th May
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$189.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please.
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

We're back with another episode of Ken's very popular **Big Day Out** series. The clue is in the name, really, and this time we're headed for the southern shores of Lake Taupo. After we've gathered at Bay Tours HQ in Onekawa, we initially head north along SH5 for our first stop and a hearty country morning tea at the **Rangitaiki Tavern**. Next it's down to Taupo and around the eastern edge of the lake to Turangi and the **Tongariro National Trout Centre**. Here we can be guided through the trout hatchery, with up to 16,000 baby trout in residence, and learn how adult female 'hen' trout look after up to 3,500 eggs. Also wander the aquariums, home to one of the best collections of New Zealand freshwater fish in the country. There's also a museum that tracks the history of trout and fly fishing in this world-class trout fishery. Then we head further around the lake past Tokaanu to the little village of Waihi and the **Braxmere Lakefront Resort** where a delicious lunch awaits us. This area, which borders the Tongariro National Park is spectacular in autumn and promises to be a feast of sights and experiences.



Tour No. 521

Bluff Oyster Festival

Date	Friday 21 st – Monday 24 th May
Times	All collected by 10.45am
Cost	\$2195.00 Twin Share \$2525.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 10 th March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, lunch, dinner x3, flights, all activities

One of the many benefits of being an island nation is the bounty we reap from the sea – kaimoana. All manner of fresh fish, shellfish and other seafood are readily available to us. This situation is the envy of most other countries. As commercial fishing and seafood farming has increased the seasonal appearances of delicacies



such as the Bluff Oyster or West Coast whitebait are even more keenly anticipated. And one of the most iconic celebrations of all things seafood is the **Bluff Oyster Festival** in Invercargill. But the festival is about much more than just the humble oyster. All manner of seafood and other 'wild' foods are celebrated and presented in ways you never dreamed about. So much of the southern economy is tied into the sea and we're going to celebrate with the locals in 2021 after Covid-19 caused the cancellation of the 2020 festival.

Day 1: First day of our adventure we'll fly from Hawke's Bay to **Invercargill** and settle into our accommodation.

Day 2: Today is the day of the **Bluff Oyster Festival** itself. Imagine an abundance of oysters (surprise, surprise), pāua, salmon, blue cod, mussels, crayfish and whitebait. Add local wild venison, muttonbird, wild pork and escargot (yep, that's snails!) and this is a festive feast like no other. Last year one of the stalls even offered the traditional Southland cheese rolls with crayfish!! We'll transport you to and from the festival grounds.



Day 3: We visit **Transport World** in the morning. Still privately owned, this temple of transport pays homage to all manner of motor vehicle and a lot else besides. It's absolutely world-class in its scale and presentation and there's definitely something here for everyone. After lunch at their café your afternoon is free time. Perhaps a walk through beautiful **Queens Park**, solve a mystery at **Solve It And Escape**, or bring out your inner child in the worlds' biggest sandpit at the controls of real size diggers and bulldozers at **Dig This**. There's certainly

plenty to see and do in this most southerly city in the world.

Day 4: We make our way home after a superb weekend in the deep south. The **Bluff Oyster Festival** celebrates all things Kiwi and is an event not to be missed. Places are limited so book now.

Our own born and bred Southlander and oyster fanatic, Ken, now living in exile here in Hawke's Bay will lead this tour onto his native patch.

Tour No. 530

Bravo Amici

Date	Sunday 30 th May
Times	All collected by 3.45pm
Cost	\$229.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium ticket to show

From the creator of the world's first opera band, **Amici Forever**, multi-platinum selling New Zealand tenor **Geoff Sewell**, a local lad from Hawke's Bay, presents **Bravo Amici** - a stunning company of stars from The West End and Broadway and performing Amici Forever's biggest hits including; *Senza Catene (Unchained Melody)*, *Whisper of Angels*, *Nessun Dorma*, *The Prayer*, and the hits from **Les Miserables**, **Phantom of the Opera** and **West Side Story**. Join us to celebrate some of the world's favourite music and a Hawke's Bay boy made good. This concert replaces their cancelled 2020 visit due to Covid-19 restrictions.



Tour No. 602

Cross Country Back Roads

Date	Wednesday 2 nd – Thursday 3 rd June
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$595.00 Twin Share \$795.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 2 nd April
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea x2, lunch, dinner, all activities

On this 2-day road trip we guarantee there'll be some places you've never been before. Prepare for some awesome scenery amongst some of the North Island's most remote spots. Here's a taster;



Day 1 we head north stopping for morning tea beside the **Wairoa River**. Then we head inland and northeast for a beautiful picnic lunch on the shores of stunning **Lake Waikaremoana**. From there we follow the road further around the lake and deeper into **Te Urewera** through some of the most magnificent native bush you'll ever see. A special ice cream stop in **Murupara** rewards our drivers' concentration....OK, you can have one too. Then it's on to **Rotorua** and a well-deserved rest at the **Distinction Hotel** just around the corner from Whakarewarewa.

Day 2 begins with a visit to some not-so-well-known, but beautiful, **thermal pools in a secret valley** south of Rotorua where we'll have morning tea and those that want to can have a soak. Then it's back onto more familiar ground as we continue south to **Taupō** and some free time for you to wander and have some lunch. As we head home in the afternoon there's ample time to reflect on the roads less travelled that we've experienced over the last two days. And yet, it's like we've never been away!

Tour No. 610

Murrayfield & More

Date	Thursday 10 th June
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	\$159.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

For many years **Murrayfield** has been a popular destination. We're not talking about the famous rugby ground in Edinburgh, but the nearly-as-famous venue a little outside Levin. As well as the excellent café, there's a Settlers Museum and Miniature Village displays to be checked out. A Petting Zoo also covers part of the 11 acre complex. But before we get to **Murrayfield** to enjoy a delicious lunch and wander through the museum there's one of the district's best kept secrets to visit. That's the **Old Country Furniture & Antiques Store** in the tiny settlement of **Aokautere**. So easy to miss as we've raced past this little gem so many times on our way to Wellington, it's a veritable cornucopia of country furniture, an eclectic selection of paintings and prints and vintage everything. Organised chaos is the theme with bargains and genuine treasures to be discovered. Then it's on to Murrayfield for a warming autumn lunch and wander. These opportunities to discover somewhere new to us are always very satisfying. Book now.



Tour No. 616

Progressive Country Pub Lunch

Date	Wednesday 16 th June
Times	All collected by 10.50am
Cost	\$130.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

The latest edition of this popular series that combines country hospitality with wonderful countryside sees us heading first down SH50 for our **Entrée** at the **Tikokino Country Hotel**. The fire will be roaring, the welcome warm and the food hearty. What a great start to a winter's lunch. Next we take the wonderfully scenic Tikokino Rd through to Waipawa and on to the **Otane Hotel** for our **Main Course**. The hotel has been at the centre of this community for over a century and the food is always guaranteed to please. Our **Dessert** is a few minutes away at the **Patangata Tavern** on the banks of the Tukituki River. Aaron and the crew here are always the warmest of hosts and they'll have some sweet sensations and warming puds in store. These lunches in the country are always satisfying and fun. We're committed to supporting our local publicans and their genuine hospitality.



Tour No. 625

Exploring Ormondville

Date	Friday 25 th June
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	\$120.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

Until the Railway arrived in the district in 1880, the main town of Southern Hawke's Bay was the Scandinavian settlement of Norsewood. Soon, though, and for most of the next century, **Ormondville** would predominate. Named after J. D. Ormond, a prominent local landowner and District Superintendent for Hawke's Bay at the time, **Ormondville**, like many other 'railhead' towns, boomed with the movement of goods and passengers in and out of the area by rail. Through the latter years of the 19th century the Government established the districts service and communication infrastructure at Ormondville (i.e. courthouse, police station, post & telegraph office) which all brought more people to the town. At its height, in the 1950s, there were 15 people employed at the Railway Station alone. But as motor cars became more prevalent and State Highway 2 was developed, **Ormondville** fell into decline. Join us as we explore the beauty and history of this former most influential of settlements that now sits in splendid isolation. After morning tea at Nola's Café and a stop to look around the wonderful **Central Hawke's Bay Theatre** in Waipawa, we'll meet Juliet van der Oord at her extraordinary garden in Ormondville. Juliet will host us for lunch and has arranged for us to visit the exquisite **Church Of The Epiphany** and the fully restored **Ormondville Railway Station** and remember the heady days now gone. This day will celebrate the rise, decline and rebirth of one of our regions most important settlements nestled in the beautiful southern Hawke's Bay countryside.



Tour No. 713

TranzAlpine

Date	Tuesday 13 th – Monday 19 th July
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	\$3075.00 Twin Share \$3675.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 11th May
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x2, lunch x3, dinner x5, all activities

For a number of years now one of the 'must do' experiences for both international and local travellers alike, has been the scenic train trip from **Christchurch** through **Arthurs Pass**, across the **Southern Alps** and into **Greymouth** in the heart of the West Coast. Hailed by many as one of the great train journeys of the world, the **TranzAlpine** delivers an unbeatable range of scenery whilst travelling in rail luxury. This experience has proven very popular with Tour Club members in recent times and we think the current absence of international visitors will



make it even more intimate. In the crystal-clear July air, the vistas of the **Canterbury Plains, Waimakariri River** and the snow-clad **Southern Alps** will be truly spectacular and on many people's 'Bucket List'. We've planned a wonderful round trip worthy of the crossing. Here are some features;

Day 1: Hawke's Bay to Picton taking the Interislander ferry through the beautiful **Marlborough Sounds**.

Day 2: Today we travel the new **Coastal Pacific Highway** completely rebuilt south of Ward, after the carnage of the Kaikoura earthquake, and have a quick stop at Ohau Point to view the seal colony before a lunch stop at **Kaikoura** itself. Then on through Waipara and Amberley to **Christchurch** and the lovely **Novotel Cathedral Square Hotel** for the night.



Day 3: A FREE DAY in **Christchurch** today. Perhaps take the restored visitor tram around town, visit the 'cardboard cathedral', new Regent St or the beautifully restored Arts Precinct. A perfect opportunity to catch up with local friends or family.

Day 4: After breakfast, we board the **TranzAlpine** train for our spectacular journey crossing the **Southern Alps** from east to west. Who knows, there may even be fresh snow to further enhance the experience. The superb service aboard the train together with the staff's expert commentary will ensure you don't miss a thing. After our arrival in **Greymouth** we'll visit the famous **Monteiths** brewery for a tour and tasting before settling into our hotel.

Day 5: Today we experience the mining heritage of 'the Coast' as we follow the road north through **Punakaiki**, to **Wesport**, the famed **Denniston Plateau** and **Granity** then on to the great **Stockton Coal Mine**, New Zealand's largest, for a guided tour. Tonight we stay in **Westport**.

Day 6: We begin our return journey by following the rugged **Buller Gorge** through to **Murchison** for morning tea. Then after a quick comfort stop in the lakeside ski town of **St Arnaud**, it's on to Picton and the Interislander ferry for an early-afternoon crossing to Wellington. Tonight we stay in the capital at the lovely **Copthorne Oriental Bay Hotel**.

Day 7: We head home to the Bay via the picturesque Wairarapa. This is one of the most visually stunning tours we have taken. With a combination of city and country, coach, ferry and train, alpine and coastal landscapes, this is a trip that will create images for a lifetime.

Tour No. 1002

WOW #1 – Wellington

Date	Saturday 2 nd – Sunday 3 rd October
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	\$595.00 Twin Share \$715.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show



What can we say about the **World of Wearable Art** show that hasn't already been said? It is simply this, a truly world-class exhibition show, created entirely in and by New Zealanders, which combines theatre, music, dance and even circus to showcase stunning pieces of 'art-to-be-worn' by designers from around the world. Each year the show seems to get even better. Bay Tours have been securing premium viewing seats

and taking local Hawke's Bay people to the show in Wellington for years now. Get together with friends or make new ones on the journey to this experience that will dazzle the senses.

Tour No. 1008

WOW #2 with extra day – Wellington

Date	Friday 8 th – Sunday 10 th October
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	\$855.00 Twin Share \$1095.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch, dinner x2, premium ticket to show

It has often been observed by Tour Clubbers that they'd love a little extra time in Wellington during **WOW** visits. So here it is, folks. We'll head down to the Capital on the Friday allowing you a **FREE DAY on Saturday** to catch up with loved ones or simply wander the city's waterfront and shops. We'll come together on Saturday evening for dinner and then it's off to this world-class show. And another highlight on Sunday will be lunch at the legendary **Ruth Pretty Catering** in Te Horo on our way home.



Tour No. 1012

North of the North

Date	Tuesday 12 th – Thursday 21 st October
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	\$4285.00 Twin Share \$5485.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 5 th August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x9, breakfast x9, morning tea x4, lunch x4, dinner x9, all activities

Other than the Christmas tour of 2018, it's been 5 years since the warming balmy breezes of 'The Winterless North' have beckoned us. With more time to spend in the jewel that is the **Bay of Islands** and the addition of a wonderful sojourn even further north to beautiful **Doubtless Bay**, this edition of our wonderful tour will be the most comprehensive and satisfying yet. In all, this **10 Day** tour will allow us to better experience this most important



of regions. And the weather's usually pretty good too! Here's a summary of this amazing itinerary;

Day 1: Hawke's Bay to Auckland

We set out on our summer adventure heading north as far as Auckland today and staying at the fabulous **Waipuna Hotel**.

Day 2: Auckland to Bay of Islands

Today we continue northwards. A brief stop in pretty **Warkworth** for a cuppa and then it's onward, over the Brynderwyns, and on to **Whangarei** for a lunch stop down by the marina. As we reach the Far North our first stop is at **Kawakawa**, home of the world famous **Hundertwasser Toilets**. We'll have an ice cream and check out the brand new Frederich Hundertwasser Centre dedicated to the art of this world-renowned artist who made Kawakawa his home. Then it's on to our base for the next 3 days, the wonderful **Kingsgate Autolodge** in **Paihia**, right in the heart of the

Bay of Islands. Situated right on the beachfront just 3 minutes' walk from the village and the wharf, the Kingsgate is perfect for our stay.

Day 3: Paihia and The Bay

This morning we walk to Marsden Wharf and board the 'Dolphin Seeker' to cruise through the bay and out to the famous '**Hole-In-The-Rock**' where the open ocean meets us at **Cape Brett**. On the way, our skipper and crew will be looking out for the opportunity for us to interact with the schools of dolphin and perhaps penguins that live in the bay and playfully follow our boat. We'll have lunch on the stunning **Urupukapuka Island** where afterwards you can swim in the warm crystal-clear water of the bay, walk to the top of the island for panoramic views, or simply relax under the Pohutukawa or on the beach. We disembark at **Russell** on the way back and enjoy a guided driven tour of our country's first capital before returning on the ferry to **Paihia** mid-afternoon to relax or explore.

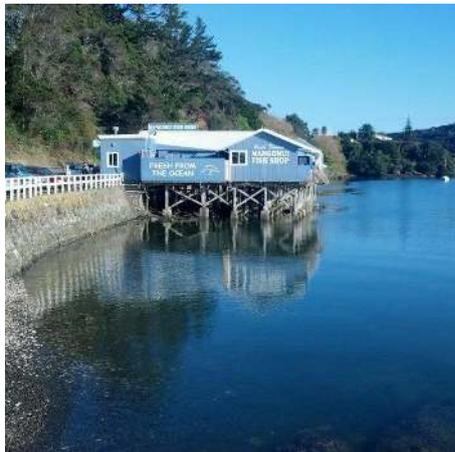


Day 4: Paihia

A **FREE DAY** of leisure today. Perhaps wander the **Paihia Arts & Crafts Market** on the Village Green or go further along Marsden Rd to the beautiful stone church of **St Paul**, site of missionary Henry Williams Paihia Mission Station. Maybe grab some delicious fish & chips from Vinnies for lunch and enjoy them on the waterfront or visit the **Paihia Library**. Enjoy a scrumptious ice cream at either Mövenpick or Cellini's. If you enjoy a swim there are 3 excellent beaches within 10 minutes' walk of the hotel or maybe just relax poolside. Tonight, we come together to enjoy an amazing dinner cruise up the Waitangi River to the **Haruru Falls**.

Day 5: Paihia & Waitangi

This morning we visit the first Mission Station established by Samuel Marsden at **Waimate** in 1832 and enjoy morning tea in the gardens. Later we make our way to the magnificent **Waitangi Treaty Grounds** and lunch at the tranquil Wharewaka Café. After lunch a guide will show us around Hobson's Bay and up to the Treaty Grounds themselves where there will be plenty of time to look through **James Busby's Treaty House** and the very new museum dedicated to the **28th Māori Battalion**. The views across the bay to Russell and Paihia from the giant Treaty Ground lawn are fabulous. Tonight we take the ferry back to Russell for a memorable dinner at the elegant **Duke Of Marlborough Hotel**.



Day 6: Paihia to Doubtless Bay

We say farewell to Paihia today as we head north, firstly to **Kerikeri** to visit the historic **Stone Store** and New Zealand's oldest building, **Kemp House**. There's so much to see around this complex. We then head still further north to **Doubtless Bay** and our first stop in the district is lunch at the legendary **Mangonui Fish Shop** which sits out over the water. There's time after

lunch to explore this beautiful seaside settlement before we head a little further around the bay past Coopers Beach and Cable Bay to our new home at the lovely **Ramada Resort at Taipa Beach**. With its palm trees, beachfront location and warm sea breezes it's easy to imagine you're in the Islands.

Day 7: Cape Reinga & Ninety Mile Beach

We spend today taking the custom-built **Dune Rider** coach to the very northern tip of New Zealand, **Cape Reinga**. What a thrill to speed along the sands of **Ninety Mile Beach** and power through the streams and gullies around the giant sand dunes south of the Cape. There's time, when we get back, for a swim before we enjoy an al fresco BBQ dinner at the resort.

Day 8:

The memorable days continue. This morning we visit **Gumdiggers Park** dedicated to the memory of all those who, more than a hundred years ago, came to the Far North to dig for the precious Kauri Gum. Set amidst a real former gumfield, the Park gives a fabulous insight into the lives of the gum diggers and the value of the Kauri Gum (or Amber) they extracted. Later we have the great privilege to enjoy the hospitality of **The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs** – sister property to The Farm at Cape Kidnappers. At **Kauri Cliffs** we'll enjoy an exquisite lunch and a tour of the Lodge. Some free time back at Ramada Resort will be welcome this afternoon.



Day 9: Far North to Auckland

Today we begin our journey home via the **Hokianga** and the west coast of Northland. After morning tea at **Opononi**, famous for Opo The Dolphin who entertained beachgoers there in the mid-50's, we visit the giant kauri tree **Tane Mahuta** deep in the magnificent Waipoua Forest. Then it's on to **Matakohe** for lunch and the Kauri Museum there. After lunch we make our way back to Auckland for the night.

Day 8: Auckland to Hawke's Bay

Today we return home to Hawke's Bay with wonderful memories of an amazing time in the North and perhaps a tan as well.

The **Bay of Islands** and the **Far North** can rightfully be considered foundational to our nation. It is where the New Zealand we know today began to take shape. Places like Russell, Waitangi, Kerikeri, Doubtless Bay, Waimate and Paihia remain prominent in our country's brief history. Add to this the wonderful sub-tropical climate of the region and it's obvious why the **Bay of Islands** is such a magnet for visitors.

Join us for the most comprehensive visit to the region that we've ever undertaken. Giving you the time to enjoy and savour the pace, the people and the primacy that is New Zealand's **Far North**.



Tour No. 1026

Magical Mackenzie Country

Date	Tuesday 26 th October – Monday 1 st November
Times	All collected by 7.00am
Cost	\$3935.00 Twin Share \$4695.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 24 th August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x5, lunch x4, dinner x6, flights, ferry crossing, all activities

Whichever way you enter the vast Mackenzie Basin, situated pretty much in the centre of the South Island, a distinct change in the landscape greets you. Whether over the low, windy hills through Burke's Pass from the north or the higher Lindis Pass from the south,



you're presented with sudden, striking views that peak the senses. The often sunny blue skies highlight a backdrop of snow cloaked mountains that seem to rise from nowhere. The golden tussock grasslands that carpet the district seem, in the sunlight, to sit on the hill sides like velvet and the turquoise coloured glacial lakes glisten and beckon. Though Maori had lived in the basin intermittently over the centuries, it was virtually empty

of human habitation when, in the 1850's, Scottish shepherd, James MacKenzie began driving the sheep he had stolen through a little-known pass and into this vast expanse with the assistance of his trusted sheep dog, Friday. It wasn't long after the authorities discovered this vast inland basin – and the rustled sheep – that farming began to expand into the area. Bay Tours invite you to join us for a **7 Day tour**, in late Spring, exploring this most fascinating of southern districts. Here's a snapshot of the planned itinerary;



Day 1: We drive to Wellington and take the Interislander ferry through the beautiful **Marlborough Sounds** to Picton and on to our night's accommodation at the stunning **Chateau Marlborough** in the heart of Blenheim.

Day 2: This morning we follow the eastern coastal route to **Kaikoura** taking in all the astonishing new engineering on the road since the recent earthquakes. After a cuppa and comfort stop it's on to lunch at the **Old Leithfield Hotel** outside Amberley before heading to **Rangiatea Station** where owners, Sara and Blair Gallagher, will show us around their beautiful property. Tonight we stay in **Ashburton**.

Day 3: Today we head into the MacKenzie Basin, but not without a stop first at one of NZ's finest artisan food producers, **Barkers of Geraldine**. We'll enjoy morning tea at this superb maker of preserves and real cordials before we carry on through Fairlie and over **Burke's Pass** as the first vistas of the MacKenzie Basin come into view. We'll have lunch at **Lake Tekapo** and check out the famous Church of The Good Shepherd on the shores of the lake before checking in to our accommodation **Pepper's Bluewater Resort**. A leisurely soak at **Tekapo Springs** with views across the lake is a great way to end our day.

Day 4: No visit to the MacKenzie Basin is complete without experiencing the views across the district from atop **Mt John**. Recognised as one of the finest places in the world for observing the night sky, nonetheless the daytime 360 degree views across the lakes, tussock land and mountains will take your breath away. From here we head south towards the turquoise waters of Lake Pukaki and to **Braemar Station**, a Perendale sheep farm on the lake's eastern shore, for lunch with owners Hamish and Julia MacKenzie. After lunch we follow the shoreline around Lake Pukaki and up into **Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park** and the legendary hotel, **The Hermitage**, our home for the next 2 nights.



Day 5: Today is a very special day! For today we will join **Mt Cook Ski Planes** for an amazing **scenic flight across the Southern Alps culminating with a landing on the Tasman Glacier**. This is an experience of our most acclaimed alpine region like no other. Flights will be staggered through the day so the rest of your day is FREE to explore the extensive Hermitage complex. Perhaps check out the **Sir Edmund Hillary Museum** or the

Planetarium, or simply enjoy the alpine views from one of the many vantage points inside the hotel itself.

Day 6: We say farewell to The Hermitage this morning and make our way back into the MacKenzie Basin and towards **Omarama**. We'll visit the famous '**Clay Cliffs**' of Omarama and walk through these 'other worldly' pinnacles and ridges that tower over us. Then we make our way down the Waitaki River Valley stopping atop the impressive **Benmore** and **Aviemore** Dams before arriving for lunch at **Station Peak Homestead** at Hakataramea.

After lunch we head for the mountainous **Dansey's Pass**, an old stock route between the MacKenzie/Wataki districts and the Maniototo district of Central Otago. After a comfort stop at the settlement of **Duntroon** we head up **Dansey's Pass** to the old **Coaching Inn** at the top of the pass for a traditional spit-roast dinner before descending into the town of **Ranfurly** where we'll stay tonight.

Day 7: On this, our last day together, we follow the highway west through settlements like Wedderburn, Ida Valley & Clyde to **Queenstown Airport** and our flight back to Hawke's Bay. The magical region that will always be known to kiwis as 'Mackenzie Country' has captivated visitors with its big skies, rolling golden tussock and pristine lakes for generations. Countless artists and writers have been inspired by its grandeur and yet it remains largely unchanged today. Join us as we explore and celebrate this most iconic of New Zealand environments whilst only Kiwis can.

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Tour No. 1029 Taranaki Garden Festival

Date	Friday 29 th October – Wednesday 3 rd November
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	\$1995.00 Twin Share \$2495.00 Single Room
Payment	\$750.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 12 th August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x5, breakfast x5, morning tea, lunch x5, dinner x5, all garden entries

Every year, at the end of October, the eyes of New Zealand's gardening enthusiasts turn to Taranaki and its annual **Garden Festival**. A collection of gardens, both public and private, are selected to be viewed by visitors from around the country and further afield. The selection of gardens won't be available until after we go to print, but rest assured we'll be incorporating the very best into our itinerary, and with 4 days to visit these gardens, we won't be rushed. You may even like to have one day as a free day? We have secured rooms at the wonderful **Devon Hotel**, and following our recent stay, we can't wait to again experience the hospitality from Peter and his team. Oh and did I mention we are calling into **Bushy Park** on our way home? We'll have a tour of the Natusch designed homestead which was built in 1906, a delicious lunch and a wander around the stunning gardens. Don't miss an opportunity to spend a few days amongst some of this country's finest gardens as well as enjoying springtime in the beautiful Taranaki.



Tour No. 1101

South of the South

Date	Monday 1 st – Friday 12 th November
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	\$6895.00 Twin Share \$8295.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 26 th August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x11, breakfast x10, morning tea x2, lunch x6, dinner x11, flights, all activities

Bay Tours owner Ken Withington is Southland born and bred and with wife Kerren, will lead this **12-day** pilgrimage back to his roots and show off the scenic grandeur and southern hospitality of **The South of the South**.



Day 1: We fly to beautiful **Queenstown** this morning where Ken will meet us with the coach and then it's the lovely drive to **Te Anau** where we settle into our hotel.

Day 2: Our exploration of **Fiordland** begins today with a trip to **Doubtful Sound** via **Lake Manapouri** and the **Wilmot Pass**. Three times longer than Milford Sound and ten times the surface area, a cruise of remote **Doubtful Sound** will reward with abundant wildlife and incredible vistas and birdsong.

Day 3: An amazing morning awaits as we cross **Lake Te Anau** and experience a guided tour of the hugely popular **Te Anau Glowworm Caves** by path and small boat. On our return to Te Anau you have a Free Afternoon with perhaps a visit to the Te Anau Bird Sanctuary for those interested.

Day 4: Today we head to the iconic **Milford Sound** for an astounding scenic cruise around one of this country's greatest natural wonders. Then we're back to **Te Anau** for the night.

Day 5: Head south to **Riverton** on the south coast via **Lake Manapouri** and the famous **Clifden Suspension Bridge**. Then it's on to Kens' hometown – **Invercargill** for the night.

Day 6: In the morning we're off to **Bluff**, southern-most point of the New Zealand mainland. For those who enjoy an oyster there will no doubt be lots of shucking and slurping from the shell. Then it's the beautiful **Maple Glen Gardens** for lunch and **Oreti Beach**, the scene of many heroics by Kiwi motorcycle speed legend Burt Munro.

Day 7: Off to **Stewart Island** by plane and a guided tour of the island. Enjoy some leisure time in the afternoon for bush or beach walks. After dinner in **Oban** there will be an **OPTIONAL** Kiwi Spotting Night Tour for the hale and hearty.

Day 8: Today we take the water-taxi to **Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary** for a gentle guided amble around this unique environment where they say the bird life is so friendly, they'll come too close for your camera lens.

Day 9: Following a return to the mainland we'll head to beautiful **Queens Park** in the centre of Invercargill. Perhaps a legendary **Southland cheese roll** at the Tea house, anyone? Then it's off to the incredible **Bill Richardson Vintage Truck Museum** for a nostalgic view of over 200 stunningly restored vehicles.



Day 10: The Catlins area of eastern Southland. We'll spend the day wending our way through this remote wonderland with lighthouses, waterfalls, pristine harbours and lounging sea lions. Then suddenly we're in **Dunedin!**

Day 11: We begin with a visit to the **Royal Albatross Centre** out at the heads of Dunedin Harbour where we'll have morning tea and a tour. Lunch is at stunning **Glenfalloch Gardens** today, followed by Dunedin's most famous landmark – **Larnach Castle**.

Day 12: Time to head home and leave the stunning South. We'll fly directly back to 'the Bay'.

With Ken and Kerrens' insight and local knowledge, this tour is a once in a lifetime 'Bucket List' experience not to be missed. It's the trip you've always promised yourself. Now it's possible. Come join us ... but hurry, as numbers are limited.

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Tour No. 1112 Rotorua Festival of Gardens

Date	Friday 12 th – Sunday 14 th November
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	\$1075.00 Twin Share \$1275.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 30 th August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, lunch x3, dinner x2, all garden entries

The first festival Rotorua Festival of Gardens held was in 1993 and has been held every second year since. It's a perfect chance for garden lovers and others to enjoy beautiful gardens while also enjoying the wonderful sights and features that make Rotorua a prime tourist destination. We've listened to the many garden lovers in our Tour Club, and have added this Festival of Gardens to our calendar for the very first time.



Day 1: We'll have lunch at **L'arté Café & Gallery in Acacia Bay** for lunch and time for a wander, then onto Rotorua for the first of our garden visits. We'll then settle into our hotel, have dinner inhouse and then head out for a light show experience.

Day 2: Gardens galore today for us to enjoy as we head from one to the other in the comfort of our luxury, air conditioned coach. You can relax and leave the rest to us.

Day 3: More gardens today, both public and private, before we head back home, happy and full of inspiration for our own gardens.

Join like-minded members in this garden extravaganza and experience the high level of Bay Tours service you've come to expect. Don't delay, book now.

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