

# TOUR CLUB LEISURE GUIDE

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# Welcome to Bay Tours & Charters Leisure Guide

Here at Bay Tours we always find the creation of a new edition of the *Leisure Guide* exciting.....and, at times, stressful. We're often asked whether we do field trips to check out every destination and activity before we put them into a tour itinerary. We wish we



had the time to do that, but with so many tours being created it would be an impossible task. But we've become very good at researching new destinations and experiences and our collective knowledge, here in the office, informs our decision making on restaurants, activities and the like. We hope you'll agree that our success rate with these things is reliable.

We've settled into our new long-term home at 26 Turner Place in Onekawa now. It's great having all our operation based at the one site and as our landscaping and other improvements to the place continue, we're enjoying it more and more. Since the publication of our last *Leisure Guide* in July, our lovely Kaye and her partner Af, have welcomed their first child – a beautiful bouncing baby girl, Mererangi – into the world. The digital age we live in is enabling Kaye to help us with this publication from

home, while she looks after her little one, and we look forward to her continuing to be part of the Tour Club team from home in the future.

A new innovation for the Tour Club that you'll read more about further into this edition is the creation of a '**Patrons Membership**'. For the price of a modest yearly subscription, Patron Members will receive discounted tour pricing, exclusive lunch offers and discounts at various businesses around Hawke's Bay. Members for whom these discounted tours and special offers are of little interest will still receive each edition of the *Leisure Guide* free of charge as usual.

We recently returned from our epic South Of The South tour and the weather in the deep south was perfect! (See the cover photo of this edition) Ken, a Southlander through and through, couldn't believe it. Day after day of cloudless sunshine. We're very excited to introduce a 6 Day Fiordland Cruise in August 2022 in this edition. The winter weather in Fiordland is the calmest of any time of the year and the small group that goes will enjoy luxurious sailing and expert guides aboard. It's just one of the many tours we're proud to present to you in this edition of our *Leisure Guide*.

Members will be aware that from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 we require all those who travel with us to be fully vaccinated against Covid 19. It is an unfortunate situation that the country, all countries, find themselves in. And we can envisage a time when vaccination rates are so high that it won't be necessary to limit the movement of the few unvaccinated people. But for now, we must do all we can to ensure the ongoing safety and peace-of-mind for both our travellers and our staff. We trust you understand our position in introducing this policy. The feedback from members has been overwhelmingly positive.

Ken and I, on behalf of all the Bay Tours team, wish you a happy and relaxing holiday season. We hope that 2022 is not as testing on us all as 2021 has been and we look forward to catching up with you on tour soon.

# 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;

**Cash or internet banking;** 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.

## Bring a Friend Promotion!

If you **introduce a friend to Tour Club** who isn't already on our database, once they take their first trip with us, we will hold a credit for you to use towards any Bay Tours and Charters tour. If their 1<sup>st</sup> trip is a day trip you will receive a **credit of \$50**. If it's an overnight or longer tour you will receive a **credit of \$100**. Make sure they say that you referred them when they register so we can keep track for you. *Credit amounts effective from Leisure Guide Issue No. 18*



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# Tour Club Booking Form

Date	Tour	Tour Name	Patron	Member
Thu 13 - Wed 19 Jan	113	Chatham Islands #1	\$4,775	\$5,255
Wed 26 Jan	126	Summer Pub Lunch & Quiz #2	\$135	\$150
Thu 3 Feb	203	A New 'Big Day Out'	\$165	\$185
Tue 8 – Sun 13 Feb	208	Remutaka Rail Trail	\$2,825	\$3,110
Mon 14 Feb	214	Huka Lodge Lunch & Tour	\$225	\$250
Wed 16 Feb	216	Progressive Country Pub Lunch	\$130	\$145
Sat 19 – Sun 27 Feb	219	Exploring Blenheim to Christchurch	\$4,250	\$4,675
Sun 20 Feb	220	Taupō Market & Glassblowing	\$110	\$125
Thu 24 Feb	224	Summer Progressive Lunch	\$135	\$150
Mon 28 Feb – Wed 2 Mar	228	The Bridge to Nowhere	\$1,195	\$1,315
Wed 2 Mar	302	Patrons Only Lunch at Silky Oak	\$85	N/A
Sat 5 Mar	305	Martinborough Fair	\$100	\$110
Mon 7 Mar	307	A Visit to Ngamatea Station	\$135	\$150
Wed 9 Mar	309	Evening Progressive Dinner	\$160	\$175
Fri 11 – Mon 14 Mar	311	Hokitika Wildfood Festival	\$2,775	\$3,055
Mon 14 Mar	314	Mystery Day Out	\$145	\$160
Tue 15 – Mon 21 Mar	315	Golden Bay & Farewell Spit	\$3,285	\$3,615
Sat 19 Mar	319	Baches to Beautiful Homes	\$220	\$245
Mon 21 – Fri 25 Mar	321	Molesworth Station #1	\$2,525	\$2,895
Thu 24 – Wed 30 Mar	324	Chatham Islands #2	\$4,775	\$5,255
Sat 26 Mar	326	NZ House & Garden – Manawatū	\$255	\$280
Mon 28 Mar – Fri 1 Apr	328	Molesworth Station #2	\$2,525	\$2,895
Tue 29 Mar – Fri 1 Apr	329	Kapiti & Mātiu/Somes Islands	\$2,075	\$2,285
Mon 4 Apr	404	Patrons Only Lunch at Lone Star	\$85	N/A
Tue 5 – Fri 8 Apr	405	Back Country Stations	\$1,725	\$1,895
Tue 12 Apr	412	Lunch Cruise on Lake Taupō	\$195	\$215
Wed 20 Apr	420	Dinner at Clearview Estate	\$160	\$180
Tue 26 – Sat 30 Apr	426	Historic Tauranga & Surrounds	\$2,020	\$2,225
Wed 27 Apr	427	Mystery Country Day Out	\$115	\$130
Tue 3 May	503	Lunch at Craggy Range #1	\$170	\$190
Thu 5 May	505	Holts Forest & Tūtira	\$145	\$160
Fri 6 – Fri 13 May	506	East Coast Getaway	\$2,915	\$3,210
Thu 12 May	512	Lunch at The Duke, Pōrangahau	\$130	\$145
Mon 16 May	516	Racing Siberian Huskies	\$185	\$205
Tue 17 – Thu 19 May	517	From Ruapehu to Hunterville	\$975	\$1,075
Thu 19 May	519	Lunch at Craggy Range #2	\$170	\$190
Wed 25 May	525	A Visit to the National Army Museum	\$145	\$160
Wed 1 June	601	A Farmhouse BBQ Lunch	\$115	\$130
Tue 7 June	607	Lunch at Craggy Range #3	\$170	\$190
Mon 13 June	613	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #1	\$195	\$215
Tue 21 June	621	The World of Musicals	\$220	\$245
Mon 27 June	627	Mystery Country Pub Lunch	\$120	\$135
Mon 4 July	704	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #2	\$195	\$215
Tue 19 – Mon 25 July	719	TranzAlpine	\$3,275	\$3,605

Tue 9 Aug	809	Brian Hales & His Exotic Sheep Breeds	\$140	\$155
Fri 19 – Fri 26 Aug	819	Exploring Fiordlands Finest #1	\$8,175	\$8,995
Wed 24 – Wed 31 Aug	824	Exploring Fiordlands Finest #2	\$8,175	\$8,995
Mon 5 – Fri 9 Sep	905	Auckland Style: DC3's & High Teas	\$2,525	\$2,780
Thu 22 – Tue 4 Oct	922	The Ghan, Darwin & Adelaide	TBA	TBA
Sat 1 – Sun 2 Oct	1001	WOW #1 – Wellington	\$610	\$670
Sat 8 – Mon 10 Oct	1008	WOW #2 with extra day – Wellington	\$940	\$1,035
Mon 10 – Sun 16 Oct	1010	Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan	\$2,495	\$2,745
Tue 25 – Sun 30 Oct	1025	Northern Explorer Getaway	\$2,655	\$2,920
Wed 9 – Tue 15 Nov	1109	Stations of the Canterbury High Country	\$4,295	\$4,725
Mon 21 – Fri 25 Nov	1121	Wonderful Waikato Gardens	\$2,510	\$2,761

## 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. **We just need your date of birth in order to provide you with a quote.** 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. Covid-19 Vaccination**

From 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021, only those who have been fully vaccinated can travel with Bay Tours & Charters. We will require all travellers with us to produce their **My Vaccine Pass** for the Tour Host at the beginning of each tour. Those unable to produce their **My Vaccine Pass** at that time will be unable to travel with us and will be returned to their home by their Pick-up driver.

## **6. 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.

## **7. 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.

## **8. 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).**

## **9. 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.

## **10. 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.

## **11. 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.

## **12. 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.

## **13. 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.

## **14. 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.

## **15. 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 Melanie Childs**

This year we moved into new premises, albeit across the road from our old offices. Some of you may have already visited us here at 26 Turner Place, Onekawa. If you haven't, just look out for our fleet at the very end of the cul-de-sac. For our out-of-town members, you are welcome to leave your vehicle in our secured parking lot, whilst on tour. We look forward to seeing you on tour soon!

## Tour No. 113 & 324 Chatham Islands #1 & #2

Date	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January & Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$4775.00 Twin Share   \$4365.00 Single shared   \$5685.00 Single Room Member: \$5255.00 Twin Share   \$4805.00 Single shared   \$6255.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x5, lunch x4, afternoon tea x4, 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. 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. **Please note shared single not available on March departure.**



## Tour No. 126 Summer Pub Lunch & Quiz #2

Date	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
Times	All collected by 12.00pm
Cost	Patron: \$135.00 Member: \$150.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

This edition will be at the popular **Westshore Inn**. Remember, this is a team event with each lunch table forming a team to participate in the Pub Quiz after lunch. There will be 8 rounds of questions with each round having a broad category such as 'Geography' or 'Television & Movies'. Peter, our Quizmaster will ask 10 questions in each round. Ken collects each team's completed answer sheet at the end of the round whilst Kerren tallies the scores. Every few rounds Peter will read out the correct answers for the rounds just gone so that everyone has an idea of how they're going. It's huge fun and everyone contributes something to their team at some stage. Prizes and prestige for the winners are up for grabs and there's also spot prizes so everyone's in with a chance. Join us for a great lunch and lots of laughs as the teams battle it out to be Bay Tours Pub Quiz champions.



## Tour No. 203

### A New 'Big Day Out'

Date	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$185.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

If you fancy getting out into the Hawke's Bay countryside then this Day Trip is for you. This latest edition of the popular format sees us headed for Northern Hawke's Bay with, firstly, a stop for a morning cuppa at the giant **Mohaka River Viaduct** before we head towards **Lake Waikaremoana**, with a picnic lunch at historic **Tuai Power Station** along the way. We spend time at **Onepoto Bay** on the shores of the lake before turning for home, stopping at **Wairoa** for an ice cream on the way. It's always great to get out into the north of our region, particularly on roads less travelled and these tours sure do that. Join us for a fabulous day away from the hustle and bustle.



## Tour No. 208

### Remutaka Rail Trail

Date	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$2825.00 Twin Share   \$3450.00 Single Room Member: \$3110.00 Twin Share   \$3795.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x5, breakfast x5, morning tea x4, lunch x5, dinner x5, all activities



2022 will be the sixth year of our annual exploration of part of the great New Zealand Cycle Trail. Since year 2 we've enabled participants to bring their own bikes by accompanying our coach with a specially racked box truck that keep the bikes safe and secure. We've noticed the significant increase in the number of E-bikes participating but our planning takes into account all riders and participants generally ride in a bunch. Over a number of relaxed days we ride a particular region's trails as well as experiencing other delights of the district we're in. Safety is always paramount and significant effort and logistical planning goes into the itinerary. This time it's the turn of a North Island trail and we're really excited to cycle the **Remutaka Rail Trail** and we'll ride some interesting and picturesque trails in the **Wellington** and **Wairarapa** regions. Come and enjoy an incredible atmosphere as we cycle another great trail together. Please contact the office for more information on this tour, there are just a few places left.

## Tour No. 214

### Huka Lodge Lunch & Tour

Date	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$225.00 Member: \$250.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch, complimentary glass of wine, beer or juice, tour of Huka Lodge

Here is your chance to experience a delicious 3 course lunch at **world famous Huka Lodge**. Founded in the 1920s, Huka Lodge is considered to be the iconic New Zealand luxury retreat and we are looking forward to dining like royalty. We will also have the opportunity to tour this stunning property on the banks of the Waikato River. These lunches have proven to be hugely popular in the past. The intimate dining room at Huka Lodge means **numbers are limited. You MUST be quick to get your space booked!**



## Tour No. 216

### Progressive Country Pub Lunch

Date	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 10.50am
Cost	Patron: \$130.00 Member: \$145.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

Two of the most reliable ingredients for a Tour Club Day Trip is scenic countryside and a good lunch. These merge superbly in our popular progressive Lunch – country style.



Our day begins with that lovely drive out through Maraekakaho on State Highway 50 to the **Sawyer's Arms** at Tikokino. The recently arrived new owners are keen to see us and we'll enjoy our **Entrée** here. Then it's on down the Tikokino Road, following the Waipawa River, and on to the **Otane Hotel** for our **Main Course**. The recent resurgence of settlement in Otane has breathed new life into this pretty CHB town and the pub continues to grow in popularity. From here it's just a hop and a step to our

**Dessert** venue, the always excellent **Patangata Tavern**. Our hosts, Aaron & Rhonda Bartlett, always create delicious desserts and this atmospheric tavern is a great place to finish our special lunch. We complete our day with that wonderful drive along Middle Road into Havelock North. These lunches are always super-popular so reserve your place today.

## Tour No. 219

# Exploring Blenheim to Christchurch

Date	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	Patron: \$4250.00 Twin Share   \$5065.00 Single Room Member: \$4675.00 Twin Share   \$5570.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x8, breakfast x8, morning tea x2, lunch x6, dinner x7, all activities

Over **9 days** this tour will focus squarely on the north-east of the South Island with **Marlborough** as our northern boundary and **Christchurch** further south with a lot going on in between. Places like **Kaikoura** and **Hanmer Springs** have a lot going on in their districts and we look forward to showing you some wonderful places that you've not been before and perhaps returning to a favourite spot from the past. Here are some highlights;



**Day 1:** We set off from Hawke's Bay to Wellington, enjoying a picnic lunch along the way, arriving in time for our mid-afternoon **Interislander** ferry sailing through the magnificent **Marlborough Sounds** to Picton and on to **Blenheim** where we overnight.

**Day 2:** We continue our road trip south from Blenheim this morning through Seddon and Ward towards **Kaikoura**. This is an opportunity to see, close-up, the extent of the massive engineering works that have taken place on the coastal highway since the devastating 2016 earthquake. We'll stop at the remodelled **Ohau Point** to view the seal colony – not even an earthquake and major earthworks can keep them away. Then it's into Kaikoura for lunch before we head to the 'Whaleway Station' to check-in for our afternoon out with



**Whale Watch Kaikoura.** This part of the NZ coastline is one of the few places in the world where *Sperm Whales* can be seen close to shore all year round. The 3km deep Kaikoura Canyon just offshore ensures an abundance of food that attracts *Humpback Whales*, *Southern Right Whales*, *Pilot Whales*, *Minke Whales*, *Orca* and even the largest animal to have ever lived on the earth – the *Blue Whale*. We will see any mixture of these up close together with loads of other sea

creatures. There's no hurry for us as tonight we stay right in the heart of Kaikoura so there's even time to visit the legendary **Kaikoura Seafood Barbeque Shack** for their famous Crayfish. Dinner tonight is at the historic **Pier Hotel**.

**Day 3:** Today we explore the **Hurunui** and **Cheviot** districts starting with a visit to the seat of one of the largest sheep runs in the history of Canterbury – **Cheviot Hills Estate**. We'll have a cuppa here and learn about the forceful character responsible for this enormous enterprise and the breath-taking extent of his influence. Then it's on to the beautifully restored **Hurunui Hotel** for a delicious country lunch. In the afternoon we'll cross the Amuri Basin through the towns of Culverden and Rotherham to the village of **Waiau**, epicentre of the so-called Kaikoura earthquake. We'll have an afternoon cuppa on the village green with a prominent local family who have lived in Waiau for generations.

And they have some amazing sights to show us. Finally we head to **Hanmer Springs** and our base for this evening, the **Hanmer Springs Resort Hotel**. There's definitely time for a soak in the **Hot Pools** before dinner.

**Day 4:** We have the rare opportunity today to visit two '*Gardens Of National Significance*'. Our first visit is to **Coldstream** at **Culverden**. Owner Vicki Collett will tell us about, and show us around her mature garden of 2 acres which surrounds the house built of Oamaru stone. Then it's on to **Hawarden** and the large country garden of



**Flaxmere** which has been recognised by the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture for 50 years. We'll have lunch here as well as being shown around this awesome property. In the afternoon we continue our drive to **Christchurch** and stay the next 2 nights at the lovely **Rendezvous Christchurch Hotel**.

**Day 5:** We explore south of Christchurch city today, firstly with a ride to the top of the Port Hills on the **Christchurch Gondola** and a cuppa at the café at the top. Then we'll drive through to **Lyttleton** for a look around, before venturing further around **Governors Bay** to the historic **Otoromio Hotel** for lunch. A real treat awaits us this afternoon – a visit to **Otahuna Lodge** one of the finest 19<sup>th</sup> century houses built in NZ. Now a private luxury lodge, the house and gardens continue to evoke the grandeur of the late Victorian period.

**Day 6:** A welcome **FREE DAY** for everyone today. We have a complimentary Day Pass for the **Christchurch City Tram** so you can get on and off at will as you look around the city centre. Check out the recently renovated **Arts Precinct** in the old Canterbury University buildings, perhaps the **Botanic Gardens** in Hagley Park, the '**Cardboard Cathedral**' in Latimer Square or the shopping on Colombo St or New Regent St. The day is yours to do as much, or as little as you wish.

**Day 7:** This morning we're up early to board the **Coastal Pacific** train to **Picton** for a very different perspective on the coastal landscape. The huge panoramic windows and expert staff onboard will make sure you don't miss a single moment of this incredible journey along the Pacific coast. River bridges, viaducts over gorges and tunnels through mountains. These are all part of the exciting **Coastal Pacific** experience. But the day's



excitement doesn't end when the train pulls in to **Picton** because then we take to the water for an amazing cruise of **Queen Charlotte Sound** and a chance to try the myriad of seafood farmed along its shores and in its coves. Phew! What a day to stimulate the senses. We overnight in **Blenheim** tonight.

**Day 8:** Today we visit some of the quiet jewels of the Marlborough region. Like **Marfells Beach** and **Lake Grassmere saltworks** at Cape Campbell, local chocolate producer **Makana**, the stunning **Saint Clair** winery restaurant for lunch and magnificent **Barewood** garden nestled in the Awatere Valley. These treasures of Marlborough – some well hidden – are all on the agenda.

**Day 9:** Our journey home today starts, of course, with a return ferry crossing of Cook Strait before we drive northward back to the Bay and home.

This incredible tour promises to deliver new destinations and experiences with perhaps new perspectives on places visited before.

## Tour No. 220

### Taupō Market & Glassblowing

Date	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$110.00 Member: \$125.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, glassblowing and garden entry

One of the great market days occurs in Taupo every Sunday. **Market Central** is a blend between the Taupo Farmer's Market with local artisan craft producers. Set on the lakefront next to town, **Market Central** is a fabulous destination for all those who love the atmosphere of a great market and who enjoy finding unique creations and wonderful food. We'll also be visiting the **Glassblowing Studio** of renowned artist Lynden Over. We'll watch the



creation of beautiful art pieces in the studio and wander Lynden's **Glass Sculpture Garden** to experience the effect that natural light has on the sculptures in a garden setting. This day trip will reward all the senses so don't delay in booking your place.

## Tour No. 224

### Summer Progressive Lunch

Date	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	Patron: \$135.00 Member: \$150.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

This latest version of our extremely popular lunch series sees us enjoying a 3 course lunch in both city and seaside surroundings. The excellent **Market Street** restaurant in the old Criterion Hotel in central Napier is our first stop for **Entrée**. Whilst a place of hustle and



bustle in the evenings, at lunch there's a more relaxed feel to this outstanding venue. Next we're off to the beach – Clifton Beach to be precise – and the wonderful foodie haven that is **Hygge At Clifton Bay**. Here, the talented kitchen staff led by Head Chef, Bruce Dawkins, will create a memorable **Main Course** for us to savour. We then tear ourselves away from the beach views and head back to town for what

will no doubt be a memorable **Dessert** at **Lone Star**. Renowned for their generosity, the desserts here will satisfy the most demanding appetite. Join us for another hugely enjoyable lunch with great food, fine company and our usual door-to-door service.



## Tour No. 228

### The Bridge to Nowhere

Date	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$1195.00 Twin Share   \$1435.00 Single Room Member: \$1315.00 Twin Share   \$1580.00 Single Room
Payment	\$400.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch x3, dinner x2, all activities

Our first visit to the legendary '**Bridge To Nowhere**' since the events surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, heralds some changes to our popular pilgrimage. As you venture upstream and inland on the **Whanganui River** you begin to enter the unique world that centres around this waterway. It's one such valley – and stream – that is at the heart of the Bridge To Nowhere story. Returning WWI soldiers were balloted land in the isolated **Mangapurua Valley**. But with no road access



the hard life and meagre income that the rugged land offered up was near impossible to endure. Through the 1920s many of the families up the valley simply walked off their land. And by the time the government got around to completing the building of a permanent bridge across the stream giving road access, in 1936, there were few families left farming there. When funds for the maintenance of the road to the bridge were declined in 1942 the remaining families packed up and left. In the decades since, the bush has reclaimed the farmland and the road in as well. Only the pristine bridge remains as a reminder of human occupation. Here's a summary of our trip into this 'other-worldly' place;

**Day 1:** We leave Hawke's Bay via the '*Gentle Annie*' route from Omahu. We'll stop for a cuppa at **Kuripapango** before climbing *the Annie* into the Inland Patea and on towards Taihape. After lunch in **Waiouru** we pass through **Tangiwai** and **Ohakune** to our home base at **Raetihi**, the warm, rustic surroundings of **Snowy Waters Lodge**.



**Day 2:** This morning we drive down to **Pipiriki** on the banks of the **Whanganui River**. There our local guides will meet us and we'll board jet boats and head upstream taking in the majestic scenery of the river and enjoying the stories and anecdotes of our experienced hosts. After nearly an hour travelling up the River we arrive at the **Mangapurua** jetty to begin the beautiful 40 minute walk that follows

the stream and bush into the structure now known as '**The Bridge To Nowhere**'. We'll enjoy lunch here listening to tales of the history of this place and the unforgiving land. There'll be lots of time to explore before we begin the walk back to the River and our jet boat journey back downstream. On our return to Pipiriki we board our coach and follow the winding river road down to the isolated settlement of **Jerusalem** and the pretty **St Joseph's Church**. The history of this place and some of the characters who made it home is fascinating.

**Day 3:** We say farewell to the Waimarino District and begin our journey homeward enjoying the stunning vista of **National Park** and the central plateau. A picnic lunch on the shores of **Lake Taupo** concludes our encounters with NZ's natural wonders before we return to 'the Bay'.

This journey into one of the most remote parts of the North Island visits places barely touched by human habitation. The nature of this tour means places are strictly limited. Make sure you don't miss out.

## Tour No. 302

### Patrons Only Lunch at Silky Oak

Date	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	\$85.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

Welcome to the first of our informal lunches for Patron members. These will be offered at a very special price giving Patrons an opportunity to get together. And our first lunch venue is the **Café at Silky Oak** at Waiohiki. Enjoy **2 courses** either from the cabinet or off the blackboard menu plus a cup of tea or coffee. This sort of value is what being a Patron is all about. Door-to-door service, lovely food and great company. What's not to like?



## Tour No. 305

### Martinborough Fair

Date	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 6.40am
Cost	Patron: \$100.00 Member: \$110.00
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 4.00pm and head home, stopping in Dannevirke for a bite to eat before the last leg of the journey. This is the fair everyone talks about so come and experience it for yourself.

## Tour No. 307

### A Visit to Ngamatea Station

Date	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$135.00 Member: \$150.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

There is really only one property in the North Island that compares in reputation and sheer scale to the great high country stations of the central South Island, and that is **Ngamatea Station** on the Taihape road. Covering 70,000 acres, it is the biggest farm in the North Island. Wintering 80,000 stock units, the wool clip is 180,000kgs annually. The 18-stand shearing shed is kept busy with the shearing contractor needing to hold reserve staff in the inevitable case of injuries resulting from handling the 70kg ewes known in the trade as 'Taihape Tigers'. We are very excited to have been invited to Ngamatea and learn more about how this giant farming property operates. We'll stop at **Kuripapango** for a cuppa before we climb the 'Gentle Annie' on our way there and check out **Blowhard Bush** on our way back. This promises to be a fantastic visit to one of the great farming properties of New Zealand.



## Tour No. 309

### Evening Progressive Dinner

Date	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 6pm
Cost	Patron: \$160.00 Member: \$175.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner

What could be better on a Hawke's Bay summer evening than a course each at three of the region's finest dining rooms? Our latest edition begins with **Entrée** at **Mangapapa Hotel**. Creativity takes a front seat here with new Head Chef Jeffery Laurente utilizing the extensive kitchen gardens and orchards that surround the property. Then, for **Main Course**, we head into the centre of Havelock North and **Malo** restaurant in Porters Boutique Hotel. Head Chef, Bert van der Steeg, hails from The Netherlands and brings his European flair and Dutch influences to the outstanding Hawke's Bay produce he sources for his dishes. One of the great **Dessert** kitchens in any Hawke's Bay restaurant is surely that of Francky Godinho at **St George's**. His sweet creations are irresistible and the perfect way to finish this incredible movable feast. Book now as this is bound to be popular.



# Tour No. 3 | |

## Hokitika Wildfood Festival

Date	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 11.00am
Cost	Patron: \$2775.00 Twin Share   \$3125.00 Single Room Member: \$3055.00 Twin Share   \$3440.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x2, lunch, dinner x3, flights, all activities

It's fair to say that we've taken members to a fair few food festivals. We've celebrated scallops in Whitianga and oysters in Bluff and we've even enjoyed a dizzying array of food at events like the gigantic Food Show in Auckland. But we've never been to the Big Daddy of food festivals, the **Hokitika Wildfoods Festival**.....UNTIL NOW!



On the second Saturday of March 2022, Hokitika will stage the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual **Wildfoods Festival** and Bay Tours will be there. Since 1990 local hunters and foragers, together with specialist food suppliers from all over New Zealand, have been presenting an extravaganza of tasty morsels for the bush tucker gourmet. Apart from hunting the mountains for pig, deer, thar and chamois and fishing the sea, stallholders have not left many stones unturned in their efforts to unearth edible possibilities. Even garden weeds have been discovered as herbs useful in festival salads and beverages. All wild game and fish must have MAF certification to be served at the festival and inspectors are on the job to ensure food safety. Dishes featuring wallaby, kangaroo, wild local fruits and berries, buffalo, boar, venison, emu, huhu grubs, snails, raw fish, crayfish, marlin and eel are likely to be amongst the culinary offerings. But our visit will take in much more than just the Wildfoods Festival;

**Day 1:** We fly from Hawke's Bay to **Christchurch** where we meet our own Bay Tours coach before heading west through **Arthur's Pass** and, via the magnificent **Otira Gorge**, arriving at our first taste of authentic West Coast hospitality, the **Theatre Royal Hotel at Kumara**. This wonderful hostelry has been painstakingly restored and is the perfect introduction to this amazing part of NZ.



**Day 2 - Festival Day:** After a leisurely start to the morning in Kumara we make our way to Hokitika arriving late morning in time for the start of the **2022 Hokitika Wildfoods Festival** at Cass Square in the middle of town. We'll leave you, armed with maps and other useful info, to wander and enjoy the festival at your leisure throughout the day. Just a short walk from the festival site is the excellent **Beachfront Hotel**, our home for the next 2 nights. Here, when you've tried everything the festival has to offer, your luggage will be waiting in your Ocean View room.

**Day 3:** This morning, but not too early, we take off for **Coal Creek**, north of Greymouth, and a guided quad bike tour through enchanting native bush and forest. After a hearty lunch in **Greymouth** we turn back south to enjoy, first, NZ's most incredible **Treetop Walk** where you can experience life with the birds while you wander – at canopy height –

through a forest of mature Rimu and Kamahi with views to the **Southern Alps** and the **Tasman Sea**. Then, as if the spectacular scenery couldn't get any better, we head to the stunning **Hokitika Gorge** to enjoy the new walkways around and across this natural wonder. Phew, a day filled with uniquely West Coast experiences.

**Day 4:** Today we leave the West Coast, full of wonderful memories of our last 3 days, and retrace our route back to **Christchurch** experiencing Arthurs Pass and the Canterbury hinterland from another direction before taking our return flight back to the Bay.

This is a tour centred around a quintessentially West Coast celebration. But it also explores much more than just the festival. Come and join us and the locals in this remarkable part of New Zealand. This will be a small group tour with restricted numbers, get in quick!

## Tour No. 314 Mystery Day Out

Date	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$145.00 Member: \$160.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

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. 315 Golden Bay & Farewell Spit

Date	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$3285.00 Twin Share   \$4115.00 Single Room Member: \$3615.00 Twin Share   \$4530.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea, lunch x5, dinner x6, flights, 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, have 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 that's so familiar to other seaside spots elsewhere. Perhaps it is because of the relative quiet of the place that the region has also become a haven 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:** We're all collected and meet at **Hawke's Bay Airport** and board our flight to **Nelson** via Wellington. On arrival we'll head to **The Honest Lawyer** pub for lunch before settling into our home tonight, the lovely **Hotel Nelson**.

**Day 2:** This morning we leave Nelson and head westward to **Collingwood**, Golden Bay's largest town. After an early lunch we depart on our **4WD guided tour 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 a cuppa 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. We spend the night in Collingwood after our day in the sea air with dinner at the **Collingwood Tavern**.

**Day 3:** Our first destination this morning is a little way inland at **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 anywhere in the world 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. We enjoy a leisurely late lunch in **Motueka** before settling into our accommodation with time to explore.

**Day 4:** From Motueka we're perfectly placed to venture out 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 the boat returns to **Kaiteriteri Beach** and we retrace our path back to **Nelson** for a second visit.

**Day 5:** A **FREE MORNING** allows us the chance to explore the centre of this wonderful town. Perhaps a visit to the weekly **Nelson Market** in Montgomery Square or the excellent **Nelson Museum**. Maybe a couple of hours of quiet contemplation amongst the grandeur and tranquillity of **Christ Church Cathedral** or **Queens Gardens** before we head to



**Tasman Bay** and **Mapua** for lunch. After lunch we'll make our way back to town stopping in at the amazing **Pic's Peanut Butter World** in Stoke for a moment of decadent lip-smacking. Dinner is at the superb **Babagatto Ristorante Italiano** tonight.

**Day 6:** Departing Nelson, we enjoy the drive through the Rai Valley and across the picturesque Pelorus Bridge to **Havelock** and on to **Blenheim** for lunch at a **German Beer Garden**, before we check in to the **Interislander** and our ferry across to

Wellington. The **Copthorne Oriental Bay Hotel** hosts our last night together.

**Day 7:** Our return to Hawke's Bay today is via the **Wairarapa** with a lunch stop at trendy Greytown. We arrive back home in the late afternoon.

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 wondrous adventure.

## Tour No. 319

### Baches to Beautiful Homes

Date	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 7.15am
Cost	Patron: \$220.00 Member: \$245.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

This incredible single day event in and around **Taupo** showcases some of New Zealand's most prestigious addresses as they open their homes and gardens as a fundraiser for **REAP Central Plateau** – an organisation promoting the "It's Not O.K.!" campaign. Ten homes have been selected for their unique qualities and their ability to inspire. Each captures a specific architectural style and design concept. Travelling between the selected homes has been kept to a minimum to allow us to derive maximum enjoyment from each destination. A hearty morning tea with our friends at the Rangitikei Tavern will ensure we're primed and ready to enjoy the day. A picnic lunch at one of the venues is also provided. This event is always a great experience.



## Tour No. 321 & 328

### Molesworth Station #1 & #2

Date	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March, Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	Patron: \$2525.00 Twin Share   \$2895.00 Single Room Member: \$2780.00 Twin Share   \$3285.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x2, lunch x2, dinner x4, flights, all activities

This classic tour has become something of a Bay Tours institution. The experience of driving through New Zealand's largest farm – nearly 450,000 acres spanning a major part of the upper South Island – is a kiwi rite of passage. The stunning scale and rugged beauty



of **Molesworth Station** is contrasted by the alpine tranquillity of the village of **Hanmer Springs** where we'll be based. Another stark contrast to the impression of permanence of **Molesworth** can be seen when we visit **Woodchester Station** where the effects of the Kaikoura earthquake are plain to see. A **FREE DAY** in Hanmer Springs itself allows you time to relax or explore this beautiful alpine village between our big station touring days.

**Day 1:** We depart Hawke's Bay Airport at a very civilised hour this morning and head for

**Christchurch.** There we'll be met by 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 the area 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 Accommodation House, Isolated 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 and beauty of the place. Passing through sections of the **Muller** and **Tarndale Stations** on the way back, we descend back into **Hanmer Springs** again via the rugged **Jollies Pass**. A day heavy with memorable moments.



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

**Day 4:** Today we're back with Rick as we head to **Woodchester Station**, east of Hanmer Springs, but we first stop for morning tea at **Waiau**. Here we'll meet some locals and view some incredible collections. It's here you begin to see the carnage caused by the earthquakes of 2016. After a cuppa we drive into **Woodchester** itself along the 6km driveway in. Here the Kelly family will host us and show us some astonishing evidence of nature's power which has transformed their lives forever. After lunch with the family we continue east into the magnificent **Cheviot Hills Station** centred around the remains of the old 57 room homestead and hear the colourful stories of the owner of this once vast estate. We'll view the 'Clay Cathedrals' at **Gore Bay** before turning back towards **Hanmer Springs** and crossing the beautiful **Kaiwara Valley**, via a twisting 4WD



track through farmland and over the saddle of the Kaiwara Range with spectacular views across the **Amuri Basin**. Wow! What a day.

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

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

## Tour No. 326

### NZ House & Garden - Manawatū

Date	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 7am
Cost	Patron: \$255.00 Member: \$280.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, NZ H&G ticket

This is our second participation in NZ House & Garden magazine's showcasing of the finest houses and gardens in a particular region. In 2022, for the first time ever, they've selected Manawatū and we're going to check it out. They've selected 8-10 properties which we can wander through at our leisure as we make our way through the homes – mainly clustered around Palmerston North and Feilding. Brilliant new-built homes combine with venerable older homes that have housed generations of the same family. Architectural gems, art filled spaces and grand entrances all feature in this day of exploration and inspiration. We'll make sure a wonderful morning tea and picnic lunch keep you fueled through the day. Join us for a memorable time viewing a superb range of stunning homes selected by NZ House & Garden.



## Tour No. 329

### Kapiti & Matiu/Somes Islands

Date	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	Patron: \$2075.00 Twin Share   \$2475.00 Single Room Member: \$2285.00 Twin Share   \$2725.00 Single Room
Payment	\$750.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, dinner x3, morning tea x2, all activities

It's been more than five years since Bay Tours visited either magnificent **Kapiti Island** or mysterious **Matiu/Somes Island**. Notable, historically, as the stronghold of Ngati Toa warrior chief Te Rauparaha, since 1897 conservationists have worked to gradually return Kapiti Island to its original splendour. Today the island is one of New Zealand's most valuable nature reserves and bird sanctuaries. Burgeoning numbers of smaller birds like kakariki (red-crowned parakeet), robin, bellbird, saddleback and stitchbird join kokako, takahe, kereru (NZ wood pigeon), kaka and weka in abundance. In contrast to Kapiti, Matiu/Somes Island, which is the largest island in Wellington Harbour, has spent much of the last 140 years trying to keep its inhabitants ON the island rather than stopping



them from coming ashore. Its harbour location has made it an ideal position for the country's first inner harbour lighthouse, a human quarantine station, an internment camp, military defence position and animal quarantine station. Basing ourselves at lovely Raumati South, our tour will include a full day spent on Kapiti Island hosted and guided by local experts as well as an exploration of the many historical sites of Matiu/Somes Island. But this tour is more than just about visiting islands;

**Day 1:** Departing Hawke's Bay we enjoy a cuppa at Ashhurst before our first ever visit to the amazing **Hlomo Hlomo Garden** in Manawatu, registered as '*A Garden Of National Significance*'. After lunch in **Palmerston North** we make our way to the Kapiti Coast and our home for the next 3 nights, the lovely **Raumati Sands Resort**.

**Day 2:** Today we will spend the day on **Kapiti Island**, beginning with biosecurity checks at Paraparaumu Beach before we take the boat across to the island itself. Our visit will include guided walks that focus on the history of the island since before the arrival of humans and will point out the unique flora and fauna that thrives there. We'll enjoy a hosted lunch with the only family permitted to live on Kapiti Island plus there'll be plenty of free time to explore the island at your leisure.

**Day 3:** We make our way to Wellington and spend the morning exploring **Matiu/Somes Island** in Wellington Harbour. Check out the historic quarantine stations and WWII gun emplacements as well as the lighthouse – still in operation – together with the stunning views all around the harbour and up the Hutt Valley. We reboard the East By West ferry at lunchtime and carry on across the harbour to beautiful **Days Bay**. After a leisurely lunch at **The Pavilion** we make our way back to Raumati via Petone and the picturesque Pauatahanui Inlet. This evening we enjoy a special dinner at the renowned **50/50 Restaurant** in Paraparaumu Beach.

**Day 4:** A special treat awaits us this morning. We depart Raumati and travel back into the Hutt Valley over Hayward's Hill. In Silverstream we'll visit another '*Garden Of National Significance*', the private **Gillies family garden**, where we'll enjoy a guided tour of both the ¾ acre garden itself and their stunning Arts & Crafts style house designed and built by James Chapman-Taylor. We lunch at **Aston Norwood** in Kaitoke before making our way home through the lovely Wairarapa.

The islands and gardens we'll visit on this tour are unique treasures of our country, preserving flora and fauna of all kinds and much of the social history of settlement in the Wellington region too. It is a privilege to have access to these sites – some private, some difficult to get to. Join us on a pilgrimage to a few of our country's most special places.



## Tour No. 404

### Patrons Only Lunch at Lone Star

Date	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	\$85.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch



This time our Patrons Lunch is at the ever-popular Lone Star restaurant in Napier.

A 2-course lunch here will be all the food you need today as their portions are very generous. A great chance to catch up with Tour Club friends for lunch in a less formal style. What value.

## Tour No. 405

### Back Country Stations

Date	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$1725.00 Twin Share   \$2075.00 Single Room Member: \$1895.00 Twin Share   \$2285.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x4, lunch x4, dinner x3, all activities

Since the 1880s the hill country around the Gisborne District has been home to some of the most successful and innovative rural enterprises in the country. All manner of both agriculture and horticulture have thrived in this part of the East Coast at one time or another. Hawke's Bay farming families have had numerous familial connections to the Gisborne area so we think it's about time we paid a few of these places a visit. Over **4 days** we'll visit a wide variety of rural enterprises who are, like so many farms today, recognizing changing customer needs and diversifying their offerings. Here's a summary of the planned itinerary;

**Day 1:** After driving north and stopping for a riverside cuppa in Wairoa, our first farm visit takes us up the Tiniroto Road. But on the way we'll stop off to take a look at the impressive **Te Reinga Falls** at the source of the Wairoa River. Then it's on to **Mahaanui Station**, a 1,500 acre hill country sheep and beef farm that has been in the Bennett family for over 60 years. After a delicious lunch with our hosts, Sally and Simon, they'll show us around and we'll learn about the place from Simon. After our visit we carry on to **Gisborne** and the fabulous **Portside Hotel**, our home for the next 3 nights.

**Day 2:** This morning we visit **Waipura Station** which ranges over 2,100 acres on the steep hills just out of Gisborne. After morning tea and a chat in the woolshed with the Foster family we'll head out in time to catch the shepherds in action with their dogs. A hearty lunch is in store at the beautiful **Bushmere Arms** before we have a change of pace and drop in at **Pouawa Citrus Nursery**, headquarters of a vast citrus growing enterprise



across the East Coast and Hawke’s Bay. Owner, Ian Dodgshun, will tell us about the operation and we can taste the latest sensation in the citrus world – The Finger Lime – which produces ‘Citrus Caviar’. Our final destination of the day is **Turihaua Angus Stud**, the oldest Angus stud farm in Australasia. Established by J.N. Williams (of Frimley orchard fame) in 1897, Turihaua remains in the Williams family to this day. The family will show us around their operation and talk about the extensive history of Turihaua and the Williams name.



**Day 3:** Today begins in the Rere District west of Gisborne and **Tangihau Station**. Since its establishment over 70 years ago, the station has had only 3 managers. We’ll have morning tea with the current Station Manager, Dean McHardy, and learn why the sale prices of Tangihau Angus bulls are often the highest in Australasia. We’ll also be shown around their recently completed complex for their on-farm sales. No trip into this area would be complete without

a visit to the splendid **Rere Falls** and, for the brave or foolish amongst us, **Rere Rockslide**. An amazing phenomenon of nature. We have lunch at **Eastwoodhill Arboretum** and enjoy a tour by jeep in the afternoon.

**Day 4:** A special treat is in store this morning. A rare opportunity to visit **Nick’s Head Station** that sits across Poverty Bay from Gisborne. Comprising over 3,300 acres of sheep and cattle farming, Nick’s Head Station has been awarded numerous national and international natural heritage awards, since its American owners completed an ambitious 10-year restoration plan for the rat and stoat infested property they purchased in 2002. Both farmland and wetlands have been brought back to life and the station manager will show us around. Around the middle of the day we head to **Mahia** for a pub lunch before wending our way back to the Bay.

It’s always a privilege to gain access to, and be shown around, private farming concerns and to listen to the people responsible for growing and maintaining them. Prepare to hear some remarkable stories of international success amid all the familiar farming challenges. Places are limited so book early for this remarkable tour.



## Tour No. 412

### Lunch Cruise on Lake Taupō

Date	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$195.00 Member: \$215.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, all activities

There’s something special about lunch on the water. And where better for a lunch such as that but the tranquil waters of **Lake Taupō**. We’ll drive over to Taupō with a comfort stop on the way, before meeting up with our giant catamaran at Taupō Marina. A **2 hour cruise** along the lake, including a front row view of the famous Maori Rockface Carvings, together with a delicious lunch is a wonderful way to spend an early Autumn day. Come Aboard!



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## Tour No. 420

### Dinner at Clearview Estate

Date	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 6pm
Cost	Patron: \$160.00 Member: \$180.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner



One of the most consistently excellent lunchtime restaurants in Hawke's Bay over the last decade or more is **Clearview Estate**. With a heritage of outstanding chefs, superb homegrown produce and delicious wine matches, the restaurant continues to be a winner. We've enjoyed many lunches there over the years and now we've persuaded them to open for dinner for us. Come and enjoy a magnificent **3 course dinner** in convivial surroundings and without the concern of how to get home. This really will be a night to remember.

## Tour No. 426

### Historic Tauranga & Surrounds

Date	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$2020.00 Twin Share   \$2565.00 Single Room Member: \$2225.00 Twin Share   \$2825.00 Single Room
Payment	\$650.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, dinner x4, morning tea x3, all activities

Much of our history has threads that go deep into the Western Bay of Plenty region. Many will have spent holidays past here. But in recent times there has been a concerted effort to restore and preserve the many beautiful and historical places of interest. With a wonderful climate, inviting coastal location and fantastic network of volunteer enthusiasts, **Tauranga** and its surrounding districts has even more to offer than we think we know about. Here's a taste of what's in store over our **5 Day** tour;

**Day 1:** Heading north, we stop for our traditional country pub morning tea at the Rangitaiki Tavern, before pushing on to Rotorua and a couple of hours to look around. After lunch, we continue north up into the **Bay of Plenty** and stop at the **Kiwifruit orchard** of Gavin and Amanda Fleming. We'll take a guided wander through the orchard and then under the Kiwifruit vines we'll have a fabulous tasting of their amazing range of products. A perfect start to a visit to this part of the world. We then make our way into Tauranga and to our accommodation, the wonderful **Trinity Wharf Hotel**.



**Day 2:** This morning starts with a cruise across **Tauranga Harbour**. There's always a completely different perspective on a place when viewed from the water. This harbour has such a diversity of landscapes from untouched white sand beaches to mangrove stands and lush, green forests. Small village settlements and high-rise cityscapes. Next we're off to one of the most important historical buildings in Tauranga, the **Te Papa Mission**



**Station**, now known simply as The Elms, built in 1847. Fully restored to a glorious state, and with gardens to match, the Mission Station represents one of the first permanent settlements by Europeans in this part of New Zealand. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the mission building, a picnic lunch on the lawn and time to wander the wonderful gardens named by the NZ Gardens Trust as being

of '*National Significance*'. This afternoon we'll also visit the **Tauranga Historic Village** where streets of colonial era buildings have been restored and re-occupied by thriving businesses open to the public.

**Day 3:** Today we head west for a special morning tea at the beautifully restored **Athenree Homestead**. Overlooking the western end of Tauranga Harbour, it was, for many years following its construction in 1879, the centre of a large farm that ran right down to the bay. The volunteers who look after the place will show us around both the homestead itself and the restored **Athenree Railway Station**. After a delicious lunch overlooking **Waihi Beach**, we'll walk it off with a visit to the beautiful and tranquil **Katikati Bird Gardens**. This unique destination features many species of birds, both wandering free and in aviaries, scattered amongst flower gardens, water-lily ponds, mature trees and wetlands. Armed with bags of bird seed you'll, literally, have them eating out of your hand. A stop at the **Minden Lookout** – with the finest views across Tauranga and Mt Maunganui – rounds the day off nicely.

**Day 4:** And speaking of 'the Mount', our destination this morning is the **Classic Flyers Aviation Museum** in Mt Manganui. Again, a group of enthusiastic volunteers will show us around an astonishing private collection of dozens of vintage aircraft, acquired from around the world, ranging from biplanes to jet fighters and everything in between. We'll also take a look through their restoration hangar and enjoy lunch there as well. After lunch there'll be some free time in **Mt**



**Maunganui** to shop or soak in the hot pools or take a walk around the base of the famous 'Mount' itself. This most iconic of Kiwi holiday destinations will trigger happy memories for many.

**Day 5:** Before we begin our journey home we've time to stop and take a wander through the **Tauranga Farmers Market**. There's sure to be something special you'd like to take home and we'll have the chilly bins on hand to make sure whatever you buy gets home in tip top condition.

With the seemingly endless variety of destinations and places of interest, Tauranga continues to entice and excite. Join us in exploring this most alluring of seaside cities.

## Tour No. 427

### Mystery Country Day Out

Date	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$115.00 Member: \$130.00
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 in the country', wahoo. Other than that, our lips are sealed. But be warned, these are very popular. Must be the way we talk them up!

## Tour No. 503, 519 & 607

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

Date	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May & Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 11.50am
Cost	Patron: \$170.00 Member: \$190 .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. 505 Holts Forest & Tūtira

Date	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$145.00 Member: \$160.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch & ice cream

It's been a number of years since we enjoyed the surroundings of the **Holt Forest Arboretum**, near Lake Tūtira. Harold Holt, grandson of pioneering Napier builder Robert Holt, and his wife Dorothy, planted more than 500 species of trees across more than 35 acres over 45 years to create the arboretum. In 1962 it was proclaimed a Wildlife Sanctuary and gifted to the people of NZ. Enormous Redwoods and Douglas Firs tower over you and both Kauri and Kahikatea are planted as forest stands. After morning tea at **Lake Tūtira**, we'll spend time wandering the forest paths amongst these behemoths of the bush. Following lunch back at the **Bay View Hotel** we'll take the back roads to **Puketapu** for an ice cream before heading home. A thoroughly splendid day out!



## Tour No. 506 East Coast Getaway

Date	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$2915.00 Twin Share   \$3745.00 Single Room Member: \$3210.00 Twin Share   \$4120.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
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 it's 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 **Waihau 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:** Arguably NZ's finest arboretum, **Eastwoodhill**, is our first stop this morning. We'll be given a guided Jeep tour to enjoy this amazing collection of trees before we make for 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. Mid-afternoon we return to the hotel for a little down time before dinner at the wonderful **Marina Restaurant**.

**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.

## Tour No. 512

### Lunch at The Duke, Pōrangahau

Date	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$130.00 Member: \$145.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch



As part of a Mystery Day out in February, we had lunch at **The Duke in Pōrangahau** for the first time in ages. Everyone on the tour enjoyed the lunch so much we thought it's time to tell everyone we're going back. The late Autumn drive to **Pōrangahau** will be spectacular and we'll enjoy a delicious **3 course lunch**. A visit to the beach after lunch will be just the thing for those who want to walk it off. Book your place at the table today.

## Tour No. 516

### Racing Siberian Huskies

Date	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$185.00 Member: \$205.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

If you were to make a list of working dog breed used in New Zealand, Siberian Huskies would be a long way down that list. Huskies bred and trained to pull sleds is not something you'd expect to see in this country. But they're here. Just outside Taupo is **Timberline Kennels** that breed racing Siberian Huskies. Owners Steve and Taniya Coxhead will demonstrate how they train the huskies and put an 8-dog team through its racing paces for us. After a delicious picnic lunch, we'll get up close with some beautiful Husky pups and learn more about the breed. And before we leave the Taupo area we'll drop into our new favourite ice cream shop, **Luna's Gelateria**, for a sweet treat to round off the day. Join us on what will be a very entertaining and fascinating day out.



## Tour No. 517 From Ruapehu to Hunterville

Date	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$975.00 Twin Share   \$1175.00 Single Room Member: \$1075.00 Twin Share   \$1295.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, lunch x2, dinner x2, all activities



That area as you drive from the Ruapehu District into the northern Rangitikei, along State Highway 1, seems a mysterious hinterland. Verdant rolling farmland connected by a few dusty roads that surround small rural service towns straddling the state highway. In the pre-digital days when every firm had sales reps on the road, these towns were busy with all sorts of people coming and going. **Hunterville** is one such town. The Argyle Hotel right on the main drag was in

every rep's address book back in the day. But what of this town, known as the spiritual home of the Huntaway dog, today? Well, you'd be surprised what's going on around Hunterville. Join us on a **3 Day** adventure into this area.

**Day 1:** We love taking the '**Gentle Annie**' road through the Inland Patea towards Taihape. Travelling through this huge, isolated district with its amazing vistas is always a thrill. On this day we head north, beyond Ohakune and the **Turoa** road for a picnic lunch up the mountain with fantastic views across to Taranaki. We settle into our accommodation, this afternoon, at the Powderhorn in **Ohakune** with time to wander this pretty alpine village.

**Day 2:** This morning we head south, leaving the state highway, and head into the remote Turakina Valley to **Papanui Estate**, an 8,200 acre sheep and beef farm run by Sam and Sophie Hurley. They've created their own online range of luggage and accessories called *Honest Wolf* and made from wool off Papanui. We'll have a cuppa with Sam and Sophie, hear about how all this came about, and take a tour with Sam. Then it's into **Hunterville** for lunch before we pay a visit to another unique destination. **Alba Knives** make bespoke kitchen and hunting knives and offer knifemaking classes. Owner, John MacDonald will show us his operation and give us a display of his knifemaking skills. Our tour takes us further south through the Rangitikei district and into **Palmerston North** for tonight.



**Day 3:** Today we head into Feilding and the amazing **Coach House Museum**. An absolute treasure trove of history about the Rangitikei district, this place is enormous! We'll have plenty of time for a cuppa and a good look around before we begin our journey homeward via **Woodville** for lunch before arriving back in 'the Bay' in the afternoon.

Tour Clubbers love to get off the beaten track, and we sure do with this tour. Interesting people doing great things in out-of-the-way places. Come exploring with us into rural New Zealand and be surprised.

## Tour No. 525

### A Visit to the National Army Museum

Date	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$145.00 Member: \$160.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

One of the most popular day trips we took last year is worthy of a repeat. Our National Army Museum at **Waiouru** has housed the memorabilia of our military history since it opened in 1978. It's an amazing collection, superbly displayed to tell our stories. You're in for a wonderful day which starts with a drive over the 'Gentle Annie', stopping beforehand at **Kuripapango** for a cuppa. A delicious lunch on our arrival at Waiouru is followed by plenty of time to wander the museum. Our return journey on the same road always provides such stunning vistas. This is a fabulous day out visiting a very special place.



## Tour No. 601

### A Farmhouse BBQ Lunch

Date	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Times	All collected by 10.00am
Cost	Patron: \$115.00 Member: \$130.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, farm talk & lunch

For a number of years now, we've been taking groups to meet our farming friends Rachel and Greg Hart at Mangarara Station near Elsthorpe. Their 1500 acre farm is largely hill country but also contains wetlands, native and exotic trees and peat flats. The Eco Lodge they've built, overlooking Horseshoe Lake, is a stunning gathering place and their focus on regenerative farming and providing the finest meat and produce they can is inspirational. Their lunches, showcasing their own meat, eggs and other produce, are fantastic and there's always an opportunity to buy Mangarara meat directly from them to take home on the day as well. Come and enjoy a delicious farmhouse lunch in wonderful surroundings. Places are limited due to space at the Eco Lodge, so book now.



## Tour No. 613 & 704

### Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #1 & #2

Date	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June & Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	Patron: \$195.00 Member: \$215.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch



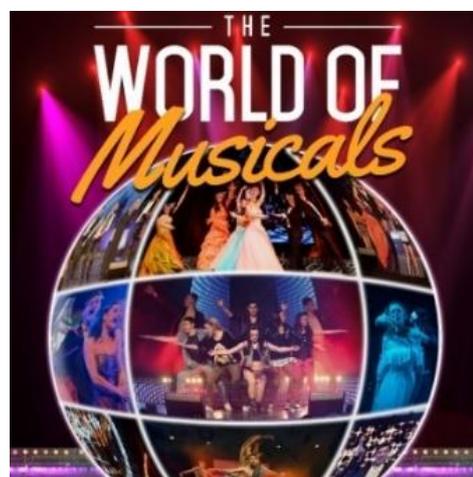
This delicious 3 course lunch is put on especially for us at this stunning location – **The Farm at Cape Kidnappers** and will once again be popular. There is also an opportunity to have a guided tour of the **Lodge**. This is a lovely day out to one of Hawke’s Bay’s exquisite locations. Hurry as numbers fill fast for this!

## Tour No. 621

### The World of Musicals

Date	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Times	All collected by 5.45pm
Cost	Patron: \$220.00 Member: \$245.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium ticket to show

Imagine all your favourite songs from musical theatre, performed in one astonishing show by an international cast of stunning performers. WELL, HERE IT IS! **The World of Musicals**. This incredible production, coming to Napier as part of a nationwide tour, is a wonderful revue of many of the greatest hits from a century of musical theatre. Classics from hit shows such as (brace yourself) **The Lion King, Fiddler On The Roof, Mamma Mia, We Will Rock You, The Mikado, HMS Pinafore, Pirates Of Penzance, The Phantom Of The Opera, Westside Story, Cats, Evita, Oklahoma, South Pacific, Les Miserables** and more. Phew! Whether



a soloist, a duet or the entire ensemble, the performers of this musical event will inspire in this theatrical extravaganza. We’ll have dinner together before the show just along Tennyson St at the **Central Fire Station Bistro**, so a wonderful night out is in store. **The World of the Musicals** is a show for the entire family, so get ready to be enthralled and sing along to all your favourite and much-loved musicals in one unforgettable evening.

## Tour No. 627

### Mystery Country Pub Lunch

Date	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	Patron: \$120.00 Member: \$135.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, 1 glass of wine, beer or juice



Well, it's not an entire mystery. We know three things about this day. We know it'll be in the country; we know a lunch is involved and we know that lunch will be at a pub. Just which one, though? Another thing that won't be mysterious, we'll throw in your first beverage too. Where are we going, again?

## Tour No. 719

### TranzAlpine

Date	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$3275.00 Twin Share   \$3975.00 Single Room Member: \$3605.00 Twin Share   \$4375.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Price includes	Door to door transport, breakfast x6, morning tea x2, lunch x3, dinner x5, accommodation x6, all activities

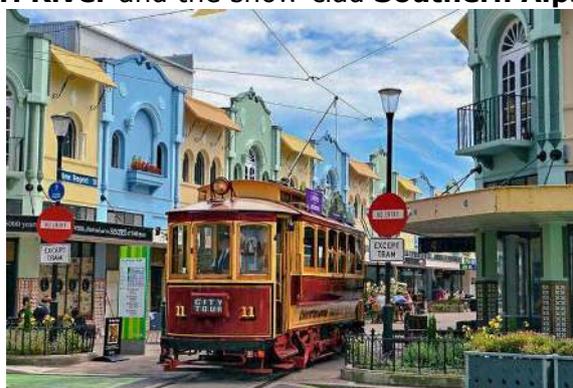
For a number of years now one of the 'must do' experiences for both international and local travellers alike, has been the scenic train trip from **Christchurch** through **Arthurs Pass**, across the **Southern Alps** and into **Greymouth** in the heart of the West Coast. Hailed by many as one of the 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. 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** in the early afternoon, we'll head north stopping to view the famous 'pancake rocks' at Punakaiki before settling into our accommodation in historic Westport.

**Day 5:** Today we experience two iconic aspects of the West Coast, the mining heritage and the amazing native rain forests 'the Coast' is famous for. We'll delve into the history of mining here with visits to the famed **Denniston Plateau** and **Granity**, then on to the great **Stockton Coal Mine**, New Zealand's largest, for a guided tour. We'll also take the **Nile River Rainforest Train** into the **Paparua National Park** which recreates the days of the old Bush Trams here.

**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. 809

### Brian Hales & His Exotic Sheep Breeds

Date	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$140.00 Member: \$155.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

Many will have heard of Wimbleton (that's southern Hawke's Bay, not SW19) farmer, amateur archaeologist and philanthropist, **Brian Hales**, and his accumulation of exotic sheep breeds – said to be the largest in New Zealand. Some will recall seeing Brian feature on an episode of *Country Calendar* in 2017 where his volunteer work with local Weber School was also part of the item. Pupils at Weber and other local schools have benefited from field trips to Brian's farm for many years and we've been invited for a private visit ourselves.



Brian will host us and show us around his property, introduce us to some of his rare sheep breeds - including the *Jacob* from Scotland, thought to have been introduced there by the Vikings - and we'll enjoy lunch with him as well.

Brian is a past nominee for NZ Person of The Year for his generous volunteer work with schools and is widely considered in the area to be an all-round 'Good Bloke'.

Join us for a day spent in the highly entertaining and edifying company of a local legend.

## Tour No. 819 & 824

### Exploring Fiordlands Finest #1 & #2

Date	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August (SOLD OUT) & Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	Patron: \$8175.00 Twin Share Member: \$8995.00 Twin Share
Payment	\$1500.00 upon booking, Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x2, dinner x2, cruise incl drinks package and all meals onboard, flights, all activities



Bay Tours invite you to discover the primordial majesty of Fiordland's iconic **Doubtful and Dusky Sounds** on an unforgettable 6-day exploration cruise in August 2022. Limited to just 18 participants, this cruise will make for a unique encounter with our natural world. Only accessible by sea, Doubtful and Dusky Sounds are among the most isolated areas on New Zealand's mainland, ensuring their pristine, epic beauty remains unspoiled and their historic

sites undisturbed. Waterfalls, streams, rivers and fiords are enveloped with misty veils that come and go, revealing steep gradients of mountain peaks and sheltered valleys. Unique wildlife including Bottlenose Dolphins, Fiordland Crested Penguins and New Zealand Fur Seals abound. Discover the calm waters of Fiordland in solitude and explore some of its most unique and wild parts on this bucket list voyage aboard the 30 metre, 4 deck, New Zealand built luxury launch *Heritage Explorer*.

**Day 1: Hawke's Bay to Te Anau** After you're collected from home, we all meet at Hawke's Bay Airport and board our mid-morning flight to Queenstown, arriving early afternoon. We then transfer to Te Anau and our hotel for the night in anticipation of the start of our adventure tomorrow.

**Day 2: Te Anau/Dusky Sound** Setting out from Te Anau, we enjoy the grand views and awe-inspiring scenery on a spectacular helicopter transfer to Supper Cove at the head of Dusky Sound. The captain and expedition leader will be waiting to welcome you aboard the luxury launch *Heritage Explorer* and show you to your cabin. Settle into life aboard before we set sail along the scenic waterways of Doubtful Sound, finding a suitable anchorage to enjoy your first evening aboard.

**Days 3 & 4: Dusky Sound** We have two days to explore Dusky Sound, here we have the opportunity to visit Luncheon Cove on Anchor Island, where the first European boat was built in New Zealand. Take a short walk or explore along the coastline and be amazed by the birdlife, with South Island Saddleback, Robins, Yellowhead and Parakeets in abundance on the island thanks to its predator free status. It was on nearby Pigeon Island pioneering conservationist Richard Henry was based during his time in Dusky Sound. At Astronomers Point there may be the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Captain Cook and his astronomer, William Wales. It was here the Resolution was moored during their time in Dusky Sound. Our cruise



through this enchanting sound visits some of New Zealand's most significant historic and conservation sites, as well as offering an exploration of some of the country's most majestic scenery as we sail deep into the heart of Fiordland. Be sure to be on the lookout for some of the abundant marine life that occurs here including New Zealand Fur Seals and Bottlenose Dolphins.



**Day 5: Acheron Passage & Breaksea Sound** At the northern side of Dusky Sound we enter Acheron Passage. Separated from the mainland by this scenic waterway we find Resolution Island – one of the world's first conservation sanctuaries and the largest island in Fiordland. Our time here may include venturing into Wet Jacket Arm where the crew of Cook's Resolution ended up with wet jackets during their survey work. It is also the site

where Moose were released, and last seen, in New Zealand. During the afternoon we explore the waters of Breaksea Sound where you might like to join the chefs fishing for tonight's dinner or take the kayaks for a shoreline exploration.

**Day 6: Breaksea & Doubtful Sounds** After a quiet night aboard surrounded by the nature and wilderness of Breaksea Sound, join your naturalists on deck to spot seabirds including the majestic Wandering and Buller's Albatross as we pass Breaksea Island, which guards the entrance to Breaksea Sound. It was on Breaksea Island that the first successful island rat eradication program was completed, today it is a protected nature reserve of great significance to the many endangered species which call the island home. From here we sail onwards towards some of the most spectacular scenery in all of Fiordland – Doubtful Sound, or the sound of silence as it's also known. Spanning some staggering 40-kilometres and holding the title as New Zealand's deepest fiord, Doubtful Sound with its cloud-scraping wilderness cloaked mountains, sheer cliffs, waterfalls, inlets, quiet coves and wildlife presents nature on a scale so grand it's off the chart. Tonight, we enjoy a cruise farewell dinner.

**Day 7: Doubtful Sound/Te Anau/Queenstown** Enjoy a farewell breakfast on board *Heritage Explorer*, among the grandeur of Fiordland, before farewelling our Captain & crew and travelling over the Wilmot Pass and across Lake Manapouri back to Te Anau. A relaxed afternoon transfer back to Queenstown will see us arrive at The Rees Hotel on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Tonight, we enjoy a tour farewell dinner with a last chance to compare experiences and memories of the last week.



**Day 8: Queenstown to Hawke's Bay** A gentle start to the day sees us arrive at Queenstown Airport late morning before beginning our flight homeward arriving back in the Bay late in the afternoon.

The layout of the *Heritage Explorer* on this small group cruise is such that only Twin Share or Double cabin configurations are left. So, find a buddy and book for one of the most amazing experiences ever. But don't delay, our first dates for this cruise sold out very quickly.



## Tour No. 905

# Auckland Style: DC3's & High Teas

Date	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	Patron: \$2525.00 Twin Share   \$3350.00 Single Room Member: \$2780.00 Twin Share   \$3685.00 Single Room
Payment	\$750.00 upon booking, balance due 2 <sup>nd</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x3, dinner x4, flight DC3 scenic, all activities



Boy, did Auckland do it tough in 2021. Their series of lockdowns meant this tour was delayed until now. Because, despite literally dozens of other trips to our country's largest city over the years, there are so many of Auckland's iconic places that we still haven't visited or experienced. Like the **Chelsea Sugar Factory**, going behind the scenes at **The Civic Theatre**, dining in the **Sky Tower's** revolving restaurant, taking **High Tea** at one of Auckland's poshest hotels or taking a scenic flight over the city in a classic **1940s Douglas DC3** airliner.

"What?" we hear you exclaim. "Did I read that right?"

*A flight in a proper DC3?* Yes, on this tour we're going to do ALL THOSE THINGS and a whole lot more. All whilst staying at the uber-glamorous **Hilton Hotel Auckland** on the downtown waterfront. Fitting in all the highlights here won't be easy.

**Day 1:** We make our way to Auckland today stopping at the wonderfully welcoming **Rangitaiki Tavern** for their generous morning tea, and lunch at Tirau before arriving at our home for the next 4 nights, the gorgeous **Hilton Hotel Auckland** right on the edge of the Waitemata Harbour. Dinner tonight is at another Princes Wharf icon. The amazing Brazilian barbeque at **Wildfire**.

**Day 2:** We begin today with a visit to arguably Auckland's oldest business still on its original site. The pink buildings of the **Chelsea Sugar Company** have been a part of the landscape of the Waitemata since the 1880s. Still nestled in Chelsea Bay in Birkenhead, Chelsea Sugar has been a staple of every Kiwi household for generations. This morning we'll be taken on a guided tour of the factory followed by lunch at the aptly named **Sugar Café**, also part of the Chelsea Heritage Park. And the thrills don't end there. After lunch we'll visit another one of Auckland's premier landmarks, **The Civic**



**Theatre**. Lavishly built in 1929 as New Zealand's first 'talkies' cinema, or 'Picture Palace', the Civic was one of the finest examples of an 'atmospheric cinema' in the world. Designed with an Eastern themed interior, the theatre's Indian inspired foyer with seated Buddhas, twisted columns and domed ceilings, leads to the magnificent auditorium itself. With Spanish courtyard turrets, minarets, tiled roofs and Abyssinian panther statues, the 'open air' ceiling twinkles with stars as the lights go down. Re-opened in 1999, after a 2-year

restoration, the Civic Theatre now boasts internationally acclaimed stage and backstage areas which we will also visit during our private guided tour. What a wonderful day.

**Day 3:** This morning we leave the centre of Auckland and head to Ardmore airfield for what may well be the highlight of the tour for many. A scenic flight over Auckland City in



a historic **Douglas DC3 passenger airliner**. 'Betsy', as she's affectionally known, was built in Oklahoma in 1944 and is one of only a handful of DC3s around the world still certified for civil aviation. We'll enjoy morning tea with our air and cabin crew before we board Betsy for the thrill of Auckland viewed from only 1,000 feet. So close you can just about touch her. After our flight the thrills continue with a visit to the **NZ Warbirds Association**, also at

Ardmore, where we can view their extensive collection of restored aircraft. Then there's a change of pace as we have lunch in the tranquility of **Café Miko** at the **Auckland Botanic Gardens** with time to wander the gardens after lunch. Dinner tonight is at yet another landmark establishment, the historic **Hotel DeBrett** on High St.

**Day 4:** This morning you have the choice of either some time spent in retail therapy on NZ's glitziest shopping strip, **Broadway in Newmarket**, or a scenic drive through Auckland's affluent and genteel Eastern Bay suburbs before a visit to the **Auckland War Memorial Museum**. Later in the morning we head to one of Auckland's most prestigious hotels, **Cordis**, for **High Tea** in the grand manner. Formally *The Langham*, the hotel has been bringing glamour to Auckland for decades. We'll enjoy a superb traditional High Tea, with a mouth-watering selection of savoury and sweet treats, in the beautiful Chandelier Lounge. There's a little time in the afternoon to catch your breath...and you'll need it.

Late afternoon, while there's still plenty of light, we head to the **Sky Tower** to take in more spectacular views of the 'City Of Sails' from the **Observation Deck** on the 51<sup>st</sup> Floor. For those with extra fortitude there's the **Sky Deck** (on the 60<sup>th</sup> Floor) with views through a seamless glass floor!! Then we're off to dinner at **Orbit 360 Restaurant** on the 52<sup>nd</sup> Floor. One of the finest dining experiences in Auckland revolves gradually as you dine, completing a full circle and providing you with 360 degrees of views of Auckland, every hour. Phew! What a day.

**Day 5:** We say a sad farewell to the beautiful Hilton Auckland and to the city itself as we wend our way homeward to Hawke's Bay.

For all its brash sprawl, Auckland retains a host of classic core elements that define a great city. On this trip we'll experience many of the unique, priceless places that have - some for generations, others more recently - fed, protected and entertained Aucklanders and visitors alike. Places on this tour are very limited. Don't miss out on this opportunity to capture our largest city like never before.



## Tour No. 922

# The Ghan, Darwin & Adelaide

Date	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected – tba
Cost	Cost to be finalised
Payment	Deposit upon booking tba
Price includes	Door to door transport, breakfast x7, dinner x6, accommodation x7, Ghan rail trip including all meals, fine wines & beverages, all flights & transfers

Without question, one of the great train journeys of the world is that between **Darwin** in Australia's Northern Territory and **Adelaide** in South Australia. From the tropical climbs of what Australians call 'The Top End', through the continent's red centre and finally into the lush surrounds of the Great Australian Bight, **The Ghan** train has been making the journey for 90 years.



In September 2022 we'll be part of this iconic 4 Day, 3 Night, 2979km adventure.

**The Ghan Expedition** will take us to some of the most remote and captivating parts of Australia in style and comfort. For **The Ghan** offers more than just transit between Darwin and Adelaide and vice versa. Onboard you'll find sumptuous dining, elegant private cabins, attentive service and the '*esprit de corps*' of like-minded fellow travellers. A legendary train. An unforgettable experience.

Time in both Darwin and Adelaide will bookend the train journey itself combining to become **12 days** of exploration and relaxation. Here's a taste of what's in store;

**Days 1 & 2, Hawke's Bay to Darwin:** Our odyssey begins as we make our way to Darwin via Auckland and overnight in **Sydney** staying at our beloved **Holiday Inn Old Sydney Hotel** right in the heart of The Rocks. The following morning we fly north to Darwin and our home for the next 4 nights, the wonderful **Mindil Beach Resort**.

**Days 3 – 5, Darwin:** These three days are a perfect mix of group activities and individual leisure time. Our half-day **City Sightseeing Tour** would lead easily to an afternoon at the **Museum & Art Gallery Of The Northern Territory** which is right next to our resort. A relaxed morning wandering the fabulous **Darwin Botanic Gardens**, across the road from our resort, could be just the thing before our afternoon tour to Adelaide River to see the enormous saltwater **Jumping Crocodiles** so famous in these parts. Not to be missed are the **Mindil Beach Sunset Markets**, again, conveniently right beside our hotel. Although with 2 pools, 4 restaurants, 4 bars, a café and the legendary **Darwin Casino** all part of the resort complex, not to mention Mindil Beach itself, you need not leave the premises at all.





**Day 6, *The Ghan* Darwin & Katherine:** Our train adventure begins with a morning departure from Darwin. Time to settle into your cabin and meet your fellow train passengers before we sit down to a delicious regionally-inspired lunch, accompanied by all-inclusive wines and beverages in the Queen Adelaide restaurant car before an early afternoon arrival at the town of **Katherine**. Here the first of our off-train excursions take place. We'll cruise the Katherine River through the ancient natural wonders of the

**Nitmiluk Gorge** and explore the rich indigenous local culture. We'll enjoy dinner and our first outback sunset before retiring to our cabins fully prepared for slumber on the rails.

**Day 7, *The Ghan* Alice Springs:** After our first night on ***The Ghan***, we'll be greeted by a morning view of the spectacular Red Centre. A full day of excursions awaits us in the outback town of **Alice Springs**. An optional upgrade is a scenic flight to **Uluru**, returning in time to meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular barbeque dinner under a million stars at the historic **Alice Springs Telegraph Station**.

**Day 8, *The Ghan* Manguri & Coober Pedy:** After breakfast this morning we stop at the outback outpost of Manguri and venture into the weird and wonderful opal mining township of **Coober Pedy**, where more than half the residents live underground. Here we'll enjoy a day of discovery, with a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations. Dinner is back on the train as we continue through the heart of this mighty environment.

**Day 9, *The Ghan* Arrive into Adelaide:** As you wake this morning the view from your cabin window is a dramatic change to the previous few days. The rich ochre tones of the outback have given way to the green fields of South Australia. We'll enjoy a leisurely brunch as we pass through the majestic Flinders Ranges and prepare for our mid-morning arrival in **Adelaide** and the conclusion of our great train journey. We farewell our new fellow-traveller friends and embark on a **City Sightseeing Tour** to familiarise ourselves before arriving at our hotel, the perfectly situated **Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide**. A chance this afternoon to stretch the legs and wander around this beautiful city.

**Day 10, Adelaide:** Today we head away from the city and first visit the charming village of **Hahndorf**, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Browse the incredible range of German-influenced shops, cafes and smallgoods outlets on the village main street. A delicious lunch in the **Barossa Valley** wine region awaits us and a picturesque journey back to town.

**Days 11 & 12, Adelaide to Hawke's Bay:** We travel home to New Zealand today, but because of flight times out of Adelaide we'll overnight at **Auckland** before flying back to the Bay and to our homes.



This exciting tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to not only experience one of the great train journeys of the world, but to also explore some of the most unusual environments and habitats on earth. This will be popular so phone **Kerren** to secure your place on ***The Ghan*** now. We have been waiting patiently since our trip was postponed in 2020 due to Covid 19, and it's finally happening. We can't wait!

## Tour No. 1001

### WOW #1 – Wellington

Date	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$610.00 Twin Share   \$745.00 Single Room Member: \$670.00 Twin Share   \$820.00 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	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$940.00 Twin Share   \$1220.00 Single Room Member: \$1035.00 Twin Share   \$1345.00 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 stay an extra day after the show allowing you a **FREE DAY on Sunday** 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 Monday will be lunch at the legendary **Ruth Pretty Catering** in Te Horo on our way home.



## Tour No. 1010

# Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan

Date	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$2495.00 Twin Share   \$3295.00 Single Room Member: \$2745.00 Twin Share   \$3625.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x5, morning tea x3, lunch x5, dinner x6, all activities



The section of **State Highway 3** which follows the west coast of the North Island from **New Plymouth** up to **Hamilton** is rarely explored by those of us here in the east. Initially clinging to the coast and following the North Taranaki Bight before turning inland at Mokau to avoid Mt Messenger and head into King Country. Following the Waipa River through Otorohanga to Te Awamutu and the prosperous rolling dairy country of the Waikato it makes it's way into Hamilton itself where it morphs into SH23 out to Raglan

back on the west coast. So, we're going to spend a number of days wandering this area with plenty of reminders of classic New Zealand.

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

**Day 2:** Begins with an opportunity to explore the city at leisure with destinations such as **Puke Ariki Museum**, the amazing **Len Lye Gallery** or the **City Shopping Centre** mall. Then it's off to the magnificent **Pukeiti Garden**, in the shadow of Taranaki/Mt Egmont, for lunch and a guided tour.

**Day 3:** We start heading north following the coast to the little fishing settlement of **Mokau** which is a mecca for whitebaiters during the season. We'll have morning tea here. Then it's on up State Highway 3, through Meadsville (Te Kuiti) to the Mangapohue Natural Bridge. We spend the night in 'Rose Town'.

**Day 4:** Today sees us initially head further inland to stunning **Sanctuary Mountain** at Mangatautari for a guided tour around this bird, animal, and plant reserve before we can resist the call of the coast no longer and turn west for the historic settlement of **Kawhia** and the beautiful inlet it overlooks for a special lunch. From here it's up through Pirongia Forest Park and Ngahinapouri to **Hamilton** and our hotel, the wonderful **Novotel Tainui** right on the Waikato River.



A day trip to **Raglan** is the focus of **Day 5**: A cruise on the tranquil **Raglan Harbour** is followed by a fish & chips lunch at The Wharf and a look around town. **Day 6**: This morning



we visit the world-class **Hamilton Gardens** and, in particular their recently opened **Picturesque Garden** themed on the story from Mozart’s Magic Flute opera. This glorious new garden, together with all the other themed gardens at this most impressive venue, is bound to amaze and entertain. This afternoon you have the choice of the Hamilton Zoo, shopping or a free afternoon.

**Day 7**: Is home day, we stop in Taupō for lunch before we return to the Bay. The Taranaki, King Country and Waikato regions are choc-full of hidden gems we’ll be discovering on this tour. Join us to gain a greater appreciation of one of the North Islands least travelled highways.

## Tour No. 1025 Northern Explorer Getaway

Date	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$2655.00 Twin Share   \$3395.00 Single Room Member: \$2920.00 Twin Share   \$3735.00 Single Room
Payment	\$850.00 upon booking, balance due 26 <sup>th</sup> July
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x5, breakfast x5, morning tea, lunch x4, dinner x5, all activities

This tour was re-scheduled from September 2021 because of Covid-19.

In September we embark on a train journey that will provide a different perspective of parts of the North Island you may feel you already know. The scenic rail journey is just the beginning of our adventure. Here’s a taste...

**Day 1**: We make our way to **Wellington** via the beautiful Wairarapa stopping for a superb lunch at the glorious **White Swan Hotel** in **Greytown** before resuming our drive to the Capital and our stay at the **Copthorne Hotel** overlooking Oriental Bay.

**Day 2**: This is our day on rail as we make an early start from the grandeur of Wellington’s Railway Station aboard the **Northern Explorer** train. The wispy mists and sparkling wintery vistas of the **Manawatu** and **Rangitikei** gradually climb to the epic highs of the **Central Plateau** with its snow-covered mountains and frosted tussock. Descending the legendary **Raurimu Spiral** leads to the lush, rolling landscapes and springtime wildflower meadows of the **King Country** and hedgerow-lined greenery of **South Waikato**. On our afternoon arrival at **Hamilton** our coach will be waiting to whisk us off to the **Novotel Tainui Hotel** for a delicious dinner and, no doubt, a blissful night’s sleep.



**Day 3:** This morning we enter the fantasyland of **Hobbiton** for a tour of this remarkable movie set followed by a visit to 'The Green Dragon Inn' for lunch. This afternoon we are hosted at the home of NZ's Olympic track cycling team, the **Avantidome** in Cambridge. A guided tour of this remarkable facility may also allow a chance encounter with our recently returned Olympic Games cyclists. Dinner back in Hamilton this evening is at the restaurant of the mysterious **Madam Woo**.

**Day 4:** Tea lovers will be thrilled with our first port of call today with a tour of the tea plantation at **Zeelong Tea Estate** followed by High Tea. This afternoon we visit the breath-taking **Hamilton Gardens** where newly opened additions to their 'Themed Gardens' collection include the *Surrealist Garden* and *Picturesque Garden*. Truly a destination of International Significance.

**Day 5:** This morning we're hosted at **Rock Spring Farm**, at Karapiro, by owners Lance & Bridgette O'Sullivan for a tour of their dairy operation before enjoying lunch in **The Red Barn**, an event venue on the farm. After lunch we continue south to Taupo and our stylish accommodation at the **Hilton Taupo**.

**Day 6:** Today we enjoy a late checkout from our hotel before spending a little time in **Taupo** itself for shopping and a spot of lunch before heading home. This tour represents a rare opportunity to experience seemingly familiar parts of the North Island from a completely different viewpoint as this ride goes where no road vehicle can. And also visit some destinations in the beautiful Waikato region you may never have seen before. Come join us.



## Tour No. 1109

### Stations of the Canterbury High Country

Date	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	Patron: \$4295.00 Twin Share   \$4895.00 Single Room Member: \$4725.00 Twin Share   \$5385.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x4, lunch x4, afternoon tea, dinner x6, flights, all activities

Nearly six years ago, Bay Tours embarked on the first of what would become one of our most evocative and rewarding tours. We replicated it once, returning to the South Island high country in March 2020. We're very excited to present a new and, we think, improved version of that tour, re-visiting our favourite destinations and experiences from those two previous tours and adding new stations and events to visit. For **7 Days** we'll be immersing ourselves in this epic part of New Zealand and spend our time in the **Selwyn, Waimakariri, Rakaia** and **Geraldine** districts.



**Day 1:** We fly into **Christchurch** and after a quick lunch make our way to **Terrace Station** at Hororata. We'll have a look around the restored NZ Historic Places Category 1 homestead and farm buildings that date from the 1850's. We then carry on to the alpine town of **Methven**, where we'll be based for the duration of our tour.

**Day 2:** Today we're collected by our expert local guide, Mark Gilbert, and head north to the Waimakariri River. From here we take jet boats up the river and into the **Waimakariri Gorge**. The braided rivers of Canterbury are an integral part of the story of the high-country stations and we'll learn about their influence. Later Mark will take us up **Porter's**

Pass to the **Linden Road** and on to **Lake Coleridge** and the entrance to **Mt Algidus Station**.

**Day 3:** Today is a **FREE DAY**. Either relax and have a wander at leisure around the village of **Methven** or take advantage of our shuttle service to visit **Christchurch City** for the day. Dinner tonight is at the legendary **Stronechrubie Country Restaurant** at Mt Somers.

**Day 4:** Today is the day of the annual **Geraldine Festival**. For more than 30 years people from far and wide have descended on this pretty town which will be abuzz with entertainment and more than 250 stalls in the town Domain plus a special Farmer's Market in the grounds of St Mary's Church. After a good look around, we head down the road to **Orari Estate Station** at Orton. The Morten family and their predecessors have farmed here since 1854. Orari Estate is one of only four stations in South Canterbury that has never changed hands other than by inheritance. The original Orari Station was 20,000 acres before being divided into 4 family blocks. We'll have a picnic lunch here and Rosie Morten will tell us about the station and show us around her beautiful garden.



From here we travel even further east to the stunning **Longbeach Estate**, home to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generations of the Grigg family. At its height, Longbeach was 32,500 acres and ran 30,000 head of sheep with a permanent staff of 200 people. The homestead area became more like a small town and many of the original buildings are beautifully preserved. We round out this busy day with a visit to one of the great gardens of New Zealand. **Trott's Garden** in Ashburton was created by Alan and Catherine Trott from a bare 10-acre plot beginning in 1984. It is now registered as a '*Garden of International Significance*'.

**Day 5:** Today we re-join our guide, Mark Gilbert, and head into the high country to one of the most iconic stations of Canterbury – **Erewhon** - at the head of the Rangitata River. At 35,000 acres Erewhon runs Merino sheep, Hereford cattle, deer and operates a large **Clydesdale Horse Stud**. This is hard country with more than 6 acres needed to sustain each sheep. They're all blade shorn, and the stock work is either done on foot or on horseback. Most of the tractor work is done by an 8-horse team of Clydesdales. After a horse-drawn tour of the lower farm we'll make our way up towards the **Clyde River** for lunch at one of the Erewhon mustering huts before returning to the home block via some knockout views over the Rangitata. Epic stuff!



**Day 6:** A visit to another iconic high-country station awaits us today. **Mesopotamia Station** was named by its first occupant, English writer Samuel Butler, and has been owned and operated by the Prouting family for more than 75 years. The station itself is just over 15,000 acres and has concessions for a further 75,000 acres. The station runs 11,000 Merino sheep, 3,000 deer and 500 cattle. Today we'll have the benefit of the insights of our guide who went to the

Mesopotamia Station school and grew up in the area. We'll follow the **Rangitata River** – this time on its western side - making our way past **Mt Peel Station** and the exquisite stone **Church of the Holy Innocents** before entering Mesopotamia itself. Once into the heart of the station we'll have lunch at the old school and find out much more about this extraordinary place, then be driven in 4WDs deeper into the station with fabulous views of the **Garden of Eden Glacier Field** and Erewhon and Mt Potts Stations across the Rangitata. This place and its people are the stuff of legend and today will live long in the memory.

**Day 7:** Today we make our way home but not before we drop into one final amazing garden. **Broadfields Garden**, on the outskirts of Lincoln, is registered as '*A Garden of International Significance*'. Established 25 years ago by David Hobbs, Broadfields spans over 8 acres and is divided into 18 garden 'rooms' created to highlight NZ native plants in a more sculptured and creative way. David will host us for morning tea and a wander

through this magnificent space before we make our way back to Christchurch Airport and wing our way home to the Bay.

This tour, which will be on many peoples 'bucket list', is a pilgrimage into the heart of New Zealand's pioneering heritage and promises to be a trip-of-a-lifetime. The nature of this tour means that places are very limited. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

## Tour No. 1121 Wonderful Waikato Gardens

Date	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$2510.00 Twin Share   \$3185.00 Single Room Member: \$2761.00 Twin Share   \$3505.00 Single Room
Payment	\$750.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x5, high tea, dinner x3, all activities

There's a reason why many of the best annual garden festivals in New Zealand take place in dairying country. And that reason's WATER! The Waikato is one of our country's premier dairy farming regions and it stands to reason that there are going to be plenty of pretty spectacular gardens in the area as well. Over **5 Days** we're going to experience some of the best Waikato has to offer and, at times, you'll feel like you've walked into an issue of the English '*Country Life*' magazine. And Ken will make sure there's plenty of room on the bus to take home any new garden items, plants or cuttings you 'acquire' over the tour.



**Day 1:** After we're fed, firstly by a Rangitaiki Tavern morning tea and then lunch at that monument to mosaic, **L'Arte Café & Gallery** in Acacia Bay, we head north to our first garden which overlooks Lake Karapiro just out of Cambridge. **Chiddingfold** is a beautifully maintained mature garden with original plantings dating back to 1873 with 'newer' plantings from the 1930s. John and Sally Coles came to the property in 1976 and have extended the garden further and brought a balance of native plants to it. Sally will show us around and tell us about the garden's history. From Chiddingfold we carry on to Hamilton and our lovely **Novotel Tainui Hotel** for the next 4 nights.

**Day 2:** We begin today with a visit to **Lavender Backyard Garden** and their wonderful shop full of aromatherapy products and much more. From here we travel to the village of Walton, outside Matamata, and to **Villa Walton** which has been an integral part of the village since 1904. The magnificent mature Kowhai, Totara and Magnolia trees are full of birdlife and the ordered flower and shrub beds are a beauty to behold. We'll have lunch in



the homestead before venturing out to wander this fine garden. In Te Aroha sits our next destination. Marvel at the brilliant sculptures made from recycled scrap materials at **Adrian Worsley Gallery**. Then, after a quick reviving stop at the wonderful **Kowhai Creamery** for an ice cream, it's on to **Hobbiton** in the late afternoon for a guided tour of the 'real'

imaginary world of The Shire and a Baquet Dinner in **The Green Dragon Inn**.

**Day 3:** This morning we head south into the King Country and to **Aramatai Garden** south of Te Kuiti. The 5-acre garden is owned by Leo and Jill Mouat and is part of their farm. After a cuppa Jill will show us around the formal plantings of mainly exotics but also the fruit and nut orchards, sunken garden and vegetable garden. From here we turn north to Otorohanga and the private **Parkwood Garden**, registered as '*A Garden of National Significance*' by the NZ Gardens Trust. Just over ten years old, Parkwood is characterised by sweeping lawns and borders filled with colour. Several areas are devoted to moisture-loving plants while an enclosed formal garden features climbing roses, clematis, delphiniums and lillies. After lunch we have a real treat in store and branch out to a visit to the **Otorohanga Kiwi House and Native Bird Park**. Set in beautiful park-like surroundings, they have the country's largest public collection of Kiwi and other indigenous bird species such as Morepork, Falcon, Weka, Tui, Kereru, Kaka and Kea.



**Day 4:** This morning brings some FREE TIME to relax after our busy schedule of the last few days. There will be a shuttle to magnificent **Hamilton Gardens** for any who are keen to wander the amazing themed gardens. After we have lunch together, we're off first to **Woodlands Estate** at Gordonton. Here is a great example of a great house surrounded by a great garden. 3 acres of original plantings have been meticulously maintained since their inception in the 1870s and now feature a number of trees of national significance. This is glorious heritage garden on a grand scale. From the historic estate to the very new estate. **Willowbrook Park** stands in 25 acres and was bare ground as recently as 2009. The owners moved from the south of England and wanted to create a garden in the 18<sup>th</sup> century English style. Over 7 years they spent their spare time building the garden and planting over 15,000 trees, shrubs and plants to create a series of themed gardens and outdoor rooms which blend with the surrounding countryside. Then there's the small matter of the nearly 10,000sq feet of Georgian-style Manor House they built as well. Owner, Peter, will show us around the house before we enjoy a High Tea and a wander of the garden. Phew!



**Day 5:** From Georgian grandeur to Edwardian elegance, our first garden at **Moondance Manor** could have sprung directly from the design book of renowned garden designer Gertrude Jekyll. Designed to complement the 'Arts & Crafts' style house, the garden features extensive lawn walks with lavish herbaceous borders of colour, formal hedging and a large ornamental pond and island. How terribly, terribly English. Contrast that with our next and final garden of the tour. **Tree**

**Church Garden** is exactly what the name suggests it is. It's a garden with a church made of living trees at its centre. Designed originally as a private garden converted from a tree nursery, in 2011 then owner, Barry Cox, began creating a chapel made from living trees. Over 7 acres feature European and English inspired plantings, lawns, hedges and structures. But it's the incredible living chapel that will live longest in the memory. After morning tea here we start to head for home with a lunch stop in Taupo.

What an incredible collection of magnificent gardens we have for the keen observer on this tour. It's bound to be popular so...well, you know!

## Kerren's Whisper



### **Come From Away – Wellington 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

As we go to print, we have just secured tickets for 'Come From Away', a highly acclaimed, award winning new musical from London. We'll be going to Wellington on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and will let you know all the details in our newsletter soon.

### **More Small Group Cruises in NZ**

We're talking with our friends at *Heritage Expeditions*, who we're cruising with in Fiordland in August, about further small group cruises, exclusively for us, possibly around the Marlborough Sounds and around the Hauraki Gulf islands in 2023. Look out for these in the next edition of the Leisure Guide.

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