

TOUR CLUB LEISURE GUIDE

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Welcome to Bay Tours & Charters

Leisure Guide



As I sit and write this, there's some proper winter weather going on outside. And it seems barely fathomable to me that in November this year Ken and I will have owned Bay Tours for 10 years. It has been a decade of incredible experiences alongside wonderful people and I'm happy to report that we are both still enjoying it as much as ever.

We've been working hard on this edition of the Leisure Guide for a while now – including all the re-scheduled South Island tours we decided to postpone from February and March because of the Omicron outbreak. Despite the challenges, this last 6 months has still seen us take plenty of tours and fun that's been had. Our '*Back Country Stations*' tour into the Gisborne region in April was a great success, as were our visits to '*Kapiti & Matiu/Somes Islands*' in late March and our February trip to the '*Bridge To Nowhere*'.

We've had a great response to our Patron Programme which we launched in the last Leisure Guide. If you haven't picked up on it, becoming a Patron not only offers a discounted price on each and every tour or trip you take with the Tour Club, it also entitles you to discounts at a number of retail outlets of various kinds around Hawke's Bay – simply by showing your Tour Club Patron Card. We'd like to thank our Patron Partner businesses for supporting us in this promotion and we encourage you to support them too. We're also delighted to announce that we are partnering with Summerset Retirement Villages as part of an ongoing philosophy of developing closer relationships with parts of the community that may be of interest to our Tour Club members.

As everyone knows, the last couple of years have been challenging for us all. One aspect that Ken and I have found particularly difficult has been our inability to visit our eldest son, Blair, and his family in the USA. He has two sons now. With borders having re-opened we will be off to meet our younger grandson, Banks, and their new baby due in November, for the first time. We will be spending Christmas there and with our other sons joining us, it'll be our first Christmas all together as a family in 9 years. So, there's a lot for us to be thankful for. However, this does mean we're not in a position to offer the Christmas Mystery tour this year. Ken and I enjoy taking this tour every year and, with one exception, have done so every Christmas since 2012. And whilst we know our decision will disappoint regulars on that tour, we're sure you'll understand that this opportunity to all be together as a family has been a long time coming.

On a different note, we're so delighted to see the beginning of a return of international shows to NZ. Taking groups to Auckland and Wellington for various shows and concerts has been a highlight, over the years, for us here at Bay Tours and you'll see a few back on the schedule in this latest edition. We're particularly excited about the new trips and tours on offer this time around, plus the return of a few popular tours that we've refreshed. As always, we thank you, our loyal Tour Club members for your continued support and we look forward to catching up with many of you soon.

Kerren, Ken and the Bay Tours team



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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.

Linda & Kaye - Your Tour Club Co-ordinators



You'll have noticed there are now two people dedicated to looking after all of you lovely Tour Clubbers! Kaye returned from maternity leave earlier this year & looks after all the multi-day tours & any travel insurance enquiries. Linda joined us around the same time, and looks after all day trips & is the smiley face you'll see at BTAC HQ 😊

Both ladies can help you with your queries for all things Tour Club, and together with the rest of the Bay Tours team, will ensure you have a

memorable tour with us around the Bay and beyond!



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Tour Club Booking Form

Date	Tour	Tour Name	Patron	Member
Tue 9 Aug	809	Brian Hales & His Exotic Sheep Breeds	\$140	\$155
Wed 17 Aug	817	Winter Pub Lunch & Quiz	\$140	\$155
Thu 25 Aug	825	Winter Progressive Lunch	\$135	\$150
Fri 2 Sept	902	Dinner at Valley de Vine	\$145	\$160
Fri 2 – Sat 3 Sept	902A	Les Misérables - Wellington	\$695	\$765
Mon 5 – Fri 9 Sep	905	Auckland Style: DC3's & High Teas	\$2,525	\$2,780
Wed 7 Sept	907	A Farmhouse BBQ Lunch	\$125	\$140
Sat 10 – Mon 12 Sept	910	Steam Train Spring Express	\$1,165	\$1,365
Thu 15 Sept	915	CHB Homestead Trail	\$185	\$205
Tue 20 Sept	920	A Picnic Lunch Beyond Puketitiri	\$115	\$130
Sat 1 – Sun 2 Oct	1001	WOW #1 – Wellington	\$610	\$670
Fri 7 Oct	1007	Lunch at The Brantry – Taupō	\$185	\$210
Sat 8 – Mon 10 Oct	1008	WOW #2 with extra day – Wellington	\$940	\$1,035
Tue 11 – Thurs 20 Oct	1011	North of the North	\$4,285	\$4,715
Sat 15 Oct	1015	Feilding Craft Market	\$110	\$125
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Oct	1017	Molesworth Station #1	\$2,525	\$2,780
Tue 25 – Sun 30 Oct	1025	Northern Explorer Getaway	\$2,655	\$2,920
Thu 27 th Oct	1027	Spring Pub Lunch & Quiz	\$140	\$155
Mon 31 Oct – Fri 4 Nov	1031	Molesworth Station #2	\$2,525	\$2,780
Wed 2 Nov	1102	Evening Progressive Dinner	\$165	\$185
Fri 4 Nov	1104	Smedley Station & River Grove Quail	\$145	\$160
Mon 7 Nov	1107	In Our Own Backyard	\$120	\$135
Wed 9 – Tue 15 Nov	1109	Stations of the Canterbury High Country	\$4,295	\$4,725
Thu 10 Nov	1110	Hospice Holly Trail	\$250	\$275
Fri 18 – Mon 21 Nov	1118	Twenty Tunnels & Manuels, Taupō	\$1,545	\$1,699
Sun 20 Nov	1120	Sir Roger Hall presents 'Aladdin'	\$180	\$205
Mon 21 – Fri 25 Nov	1121	Wonderful Waikato Gardens	\$2,510	\$2,761
Sat 26 Nov	1126	Martinborough Fair	\$100	\$110
Tue 29 Nov – Tue 6 Dec	1129	Exploring Blenheim to Christchurch	\$4,175	\$4,595
Wed 30 Nov	1130	Lavender, Lunch & Gannets	\$230	\$255
Thu 1 Dec	1201	Ken's Big Day Out	\$220	\$245
Wed 7 Dec	1207	Christmas Magic – Shopping & Market	\$130	\$150
Wed 11 Jan	111	Mystery Country Picnic	\$150	\$170
Thu 12 – Wed 18 Jan	112	Chatham Islands #1	\$5,250	\$5,775
Tue 31 Jan	131	Mahia – Lunch & Beach Walk	\$165	\$185
Wed 8 – Sun 12 Feb	208	Great Barrier Island Escape	\$3,075	\$3,310
Wed 15 – Tue 21 Feb	215	Lodges of the Marlborough Sounds	\$3,815	\$4,197
Fri 24 Feb – Sat 4 Mar	224	Otago Rail & Lake Dunstan Trails	\$5,945	\$6,545
Thu 2 – Wed 8 Mar	302	Golden Bay & Farewell Spit	\$3,085	\$3,395
Tue 7 – Mon 13 Mar	307	Chatham Islands #2	\$5,250	\$5,775
Wed 8 – Tue 14 Mar	308	West Coast Experience	\$4,425	\$4,869
Fri 14 – Thu 20 Apr	414	Kaipara, Matakana & More	\$2,895	\$3,185
Sun 23 Apr – Tue 2 May	423	Otago's Old Gold Road	\$5,745	\$6,325
Fri 19 – Mon 22 May	519	Bluff Oyster & Food Festival	\$2,375	\$2,615

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. Behaviour

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

6. 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

5 Days or more prior to the Day Trip:

Refund in full

4 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).

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Acknowledgement and Acceptance

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

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.

Just let us know at the time of booking that you would like to use your credit.

If their 1st 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.**

The more friends you recommend who take a trip with us, the more credit you will earn!



Make sure they say that you referred them when they register so we can keep track for you.

Tour No. 809

Brian Hales & His Exotic Sheep Breeds

Date	Tuesday 9 th 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 Wimbledon (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. 817

Winter Pub Lunch & Quiz

Date	Wednesday 17 th August
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	Patron: \$140.00 Member: \$155.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

This latest edition of this popular series will be at **Rosie O'Grady's Pub** in Hastings. Remember, this is a team event with each table forming a team to participate in the Pub Quiz between courses at 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 and Kerren will give progress on team scores, 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 reigning Bay Tours Pub Quiz champions.



Tour No. 825

Winter Progressive Lunch

Date	Thursday 25 th August
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

The winter editions of our popular Progressive Lunch series is a particular favourite as our **3 courses** are always featuring hearty, comforting fare suited to the chilly season. On this occasion we begin our culinary exploration with **Entrée** at the **Café at The Filter Room** in Meeanee. The café has been a favourite destination for many in Hawke's Bay for years now and we're really looking forward to getting back there. From Meeanee our next stop is Havelock North and the award-winning **Malo** restaurant in Porters Boutique Hotel. Head Chef, Bert van de Steeg has created something special for our **Main** course. His classical European training and experience coupled with Hawke's Bays superb produce is a match made in heaven. For our **Dessert** we head to Hastings and the always excellent **Jarks Cityside Bistro**. Long-time owner, Marianne, will be waiting to welcome us, the fire will be roaring and the rib-sticking puddings and desserts waiting. Just the thing for a winter's day. Come and enjoy a delicious lunch with friendly company.



Tour No. 902

Dinner at Valley de Vine

Date	Friday 2 nd September
Times	All collected by 5.20pm
Cost	Patron: \$145.00 Member: \$160.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner, 1x beverage



The **Valley D'Vine** restaurant, part of the Linden Estate complex in the Esk Valley, has been a favourite lunch destination for us over the years. Chef/Owner Greg Miller's culinary creations are always superb. So, as springtime arrives where better for a glorious 3 course dinner than the picturesque Esk Valley with views across the vineyards to the rolling green pastureland beyond. As always, we'll collect you from your door and get you home safe & sound after dinner.

Come join us for a memorable evening meal out.

Tour No. 902A

Les Misérables – Wellington

Date	Friday 2 nd – Saturday 3 rd September
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$695.00 Twin Share \$795.00 Single Room Member: \$765.00 Twin Share \$865.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment due upon booking (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, accommodation, dinner, premium show ticket, breakfast

Renowned theatre impresario Cameron Mackintosh's legendary production of Boublil and Schönberg's '**Les Misérables**' continues to be a global stage sensation. Now, for the first time in 20 years, this epic masterpiece of musical theatre returns to the professional stage in **Wellington**. With a superb international cast, glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery, this breathtaking production will be staged at the beautiful **St James Theatre**.



Set against the backdrop of the turmoil of early 19th-century France, '**Les Misérables**' tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption – a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit.

Ex-convict **Jean Valjean** is hunted for decades by the ruthless policeman, **Javert**, after he breaks parole. When Valjean agrees to care for his factory worker **Fantine**'s young daughter, **Cosette**, their lives change forever.

Featuring one of the greatest scores of all time, including thrilling and beloved songs such as "I Dreamed A Dream", "Bring Him Home", "One Day More" and "Do You Hear The People Sing?", '**Les Miserables**', in 2022, at Wellington's St James Theatre will be a production not to be missed. We'll stay overnight at the perfectly situated **West Plaza Hotel** and include dinner before the show and breakfast the following morning. And, as always with Bay Tours, we've secured the best seats in the house. Join us for this superb production of what is perhaps the greatest saga in all of musical theatre. Naturally, seats are limited.



Rere Falls near Gisborne – 'Back Country Stations' – April 2022

Tour No. 905 (Only ONE room left)

Auckland Style: DC3's & High Teas

Date	Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th 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 nd August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x3, dinner x4, flight DC3 scenic, all activities



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.

Tour No. 907

A Farmhouse BBQ Lunch

Date	Wednesday 7 th September
Times	All collected by 10.00am
Cost	Patron: \$125.00 Member: \$140.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

One of the scheduling casualties of 'The Covid Years' was a visit to our friends Greg and Rachel Hart at Māngārara Station. Bay Tours have been regular visitors to their 1,500 acre hill country farm at Elsthorpe over the years. Their stunning **Eco-Lodge**, clad entirely in macrocarpa milled on the property, looks across **Horseshoe Lake & Wetland** that borders the farm and is the venue for today's barbeque lunch. Featuring their own beef, pork and lamb grown right there on their farm, their lunches are always delicious and abundant. Having enjoyed their superb fare and hospitality, there'll be an opportunity to buy their meat and free-range eggs to take home.



After lunch we'll head further on to **Kairakau Beach** to enjoy this stunning stretch of sandy coastline before meandering back north and enjoying the scenery along the **Kahuranaki** road east of the Tuki Tuki River. This is a day out that takes us to the very heart (or should that be 'Hart') of what we love about Hawke's Bay. Quality people producing quality food in a quality environment. Talk about iconic!

Tour No. 910

Steam Train Spring Express

Date	Saturday 10 th – Monday 12 th September
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$1165.00 Twin Share \$1435.00 Single Room Member: \$1365.00 Twin Share \$1635.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch, dinner x2



The experience of train travel behind a steam locomotive is rare these days. But there's nothing that quite compares to the sight and sounds of an 'iron horse' thundering and raging along the track. The number of people that come out to wave to a steam train roaring by, as if it were a living, breathing animal, is testament to that. Through our friends at **Steam Incorporated** in Paekakariki, we've enjoyed a number of excursions over

the years. And we're very excited to be part of their '**Daffodil Express**' travelling from **Wellington** to the **Carterton Daffodil Festival** in September. Departing on a Saturday from Hawke's Bay, we travel by coach to Wellington where we'll overnight before our train excursion the next day.

On Sunday morning we board our train and depart from the historic **Wellington Railway Station** bound for Carterton. Pulled by one of the mighty J-Class locomotives - built in the NZR Hillside workshops in Dunedin - our train of vintage carriages will make its way up through the Hutt Valley stopping at Petone, Waterloo and Upper Hutt stations to take on extra travellers. Then the fun begins. With the aid of a pair of vintage diesel locomotives added to the train, together with the J-Class, we travel under the **Rimutaka's**. For 15 minutes of darkness the train climbs, crests and then descends through the 9km tunnel. Our diesel 'helpers' are then detached and we carry on to **Carterton**. On arrival we transfer to a coach and travel to **Middle Run Farm** at Gladstone, famous for its daffodils, and you can pick a bunch to take. On our return to Carterton, the **Festival Market** will be in full swing in the middle of town with heaps of local artisan and food stalls to check out. The **Big Wai Art Sale** will also be on in the Event Centre. Back onboard our train we depart Carterton mid-afternoon and listen to the exhaust beat of our J-Class locomotive as it hauls the 400 tonne train across the Wairarapa plains to Featherston where our 'helpers' will be hooked up again for our return journey through the mountain. Then from Upper Hutt, the race is on as we time in with suburban train services for the run back to **Wellington**. Phew! What an action-packed day! We'll take little rocking back in our Wellington hotel tonight.



On Monday morning we depart Wellington, returning to Hawke's Bay in the afternoon. This is an opportunity to experience train travel of yesteryear on a superbly restored vintage train, over a unique stretch of railway track, to visit a classic small town street festival. And springtime is just the season - and the reason - to go. Places are limited, so book now to secure your seat.

Tour No. 915

CHB Homestead Trail

Date	Thursday 15 th September
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$185.00 Member: \$205.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



Hawke's Bay still retains many of the historic homesteads built by the pioneering pastoralist families who developed large sheep farming operations through the second half of the 19th century. Some have burnt down over the ensuing 100 years or more, but a remarkable number still remain. Many are being gradually restored and painstakingly brought back to their original splendour – a laborious and expensive undertaking. Today we'll visit 3 such homesteads, all once centres of large farming operations and

still sitting majestically in their rural surroundings. First up we head to the Tikokino district and **Gwavas Homestead** and its renowned woodland garden. **Gwavas** has the rare, if not unique, distinction in Hawke's Bay of still being owned and occupied by the same family that built the homestead in 1891. The Carlyons (a distinguished Cornish family) and their descendants have lived at **Gwavas** since the 1860s. We'll have morning tea with the fifth generation of the family, who currently occupy the homestead, and enjoy a tour of the house and wonderful garden. Further south along SH50 at Ashley Clinton sits **Ashcott Homestead**. The original run of nearly 16,000 acres was taken up in 1854 by the Tucker brothers from Ashcott, in Somerset. John Tucker married into the Deane family of Gloucester and changed his name to A'Deane. The homestead had its beginnings in 1860 and was gradually added to over the years. **Ashcott** has changed hands a number of times since the 1970's and fell into disrepair. Its gradual restoration in recent years has been greatly welcomed by the local community and the current owners will show us around and tell us much more about the homestead's history. A'Deane's original neighbour on the other side of the Tukituki River was John Johnston of **Oruawhoro**. At its height this property was nearly 18,000 acres and the township of Takapau was established on **Oruawhoro** land. The current homestead was completed in 1897 and has suffered a turbulent time being unoccupied for various periods in the last 70 years. Over the last 10 years, first the Harris family and now the current owners, the Lauder family, have put a lot into the glorious old homestead's restoration and revival. We'll have lunch at **Oruawhoro** before enjoying a tour of the property.



These venerable old homesteads stand as a living piece of Hawke's Bay's history and we're lucky to be able to visit them.

Tour No. 920

A Picnic Lunch Beyond Puketitiri

Date	Tuesday 20 th September
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, lunch



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

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

Tour No. 1001

WOW #1 – Wellington

Date	Saturday 1 st – Sunday 2 nd 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. 1007

Lunch at The Brantry - Taupō

Date	Friday 7 th October
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	Patron: \$185.00 Member: \$210.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, 1x beverage



For many years the secret of superb dining in Taupō that only the locals know about has been **The Brantry**. Set in a character house quietly tucked away in a suburban street, **The Brantry** is one of those places you needn't wander along to without a booking, because you'll be disappointed. It's often booked out weeks in advance. Such is the local support for this wonderful restaurant. Run by renowned local sisters Prue & Felicity Campbell, who ensure

their award-winning eatery maintains the highest standards of cuisine and service, **The Brantry** is a culinary destination everyone should try to make pilgrimage to at least once in their lives. Here's your chance.

Tour No. 1008

WOW #2 with extra day – Wellington

Date	Saturday 8 th – Monday 10 th 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. 1011

North of the North

Date	Tuesday 11 th – Thursday 20 th October
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	Patron: \$4285.00 Twin Share \$5485.00 Single Room Member: \$4715.00 Twin Share \$5915.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 17 th August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x9, breakfast x9, morning tea x2, lunch x7, dinner x9, all activities



Other than the Christmas tour of 2018, it's been 7 years since the warming balmy breezes of "The Winterless North" have beckoned us. With more time to spend in the jewel that is the **Bay of Islands** and the addition of a wonderful sojourn even further north to beautiful **Doubtless Bay**, this edition of our **North of the North** tour will be the most comprehensive and satisfying yet. In all, this **10 Day** round trip

will allow us to better experience this most important of regions. And the weather's usually pretty good in Spring too! Here's a summary of this amazing itinerary;

Day 1: Hawke's Bay to Auckland We set out on our summer adventure heading north as far as Auckland today and staying at the fabulous **Waipuna Hotel**.

Day 2: Auckland to Bay of Islands We have a brief stop in pretty **Warkworth** for a cuppa and then it's onward, over the Brynderwyn Hills, and across Bream Bay to **Whangarei** for a lunch stop and wander the few metres along the riverside to the spectacular new **Hundertwasser Centre**. After lunch we're into the Far North and our first stop is at **Kawakawa**, home of the original **Hundertwasser Toilets**. Then it's on to the wonderful **Kingsgate Autolodge** in **Paihia**, our base for the next 3 days right on the beachfront, in the heart of the Bay of Islands.

Day 3: Paihia & The Bay This morning we walk to Marsden Wharf and board the 'Dolphin Seeker' to cruise through the bay and out to the famous 'Hole-In-The-Rock' where the open ocean meets us at **Cape Brett**. It's very common to come across schools of Bottlenose Dolphins as we're cruising and our crew will be keeping an eye out for them. We'll have lunch on the stunning **Urupukapuka Island** where afterwards you can swim in the warm crystal-clear water of the bay, walk to the top of the island for panoramic views, or simply relax under the Pohutukawa or on the beach. We disembark at **Russell** on the way back and enjoy a guided tour of our country's first capital before returning on the ferry to **Paihia** mid-afternoon to relax or explore. Dinner tonight is at the stunning **Zane Grey's**.



Day 4: Paihia A **FREE DAY** of leisure today. Perhaps wander the **Paihia Arts & Crafts Market** on the Village Green or explore further along Marsden Rd to the beautiful stone church of **St Pauls**. Maybe grab some delicious fish & chips from Vinnies for lunch and enjoy them on the waterfront or visit the **Paihia Library**. If you enjoy a swim there are 3 excellent beaches within 10 minutes walk of the hotel or maybe just relax poolside.

Tonight, we come together to enjoy an amazing dinner at the elegant **Duke of Marlborough Hotel** on the waterfront in **Russell**.

Day 5: Waimate & Waitangi This morning we visit the first Mission Station established by Samuel Marsden at **Waimate** in 1832 and enjoy morning tea in the gardens. Later we stop for a picnic lunch by the beach at Waitangi before making our way to the magnificent **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**. Here a guide will show us around Hobson's Landing and up to the Treaty Grounds themselves where there will be plenty of time to look through **James Busby's Treaty House** and the very new museum dedicated to the **28th Māori Battalion**. The views across the bay to Russell, Paihia and Opuā from the giant Treaty Ground lawn are fabulous. Tonight, we dine at Kerren & Ken's secret hideaway Chinese restaurant. Superb!



Day 6: Paihia to Doubtless Bay We say farewell to Paihia this morning as we head north, firstly to **Kerikeri** to first visit the **Old Packhouse Market**, then on to the historic **Stone Store** and New Zealand's oldest building, **Kemp House**. There's so much to see around this complex. We then continue still further north to **Doubtless Bay** and our first stop in the district is lunch at the legendary **Mangonui Fish Shop** which sits out over the water. There's time after lunch to explore this picture-perfect seaside settlement before we head a little further around the bay past **Coopers Beach** and **Cable Bay** to our new home at the lovely **Taipā Beach Resort**. With its palm trees, beachfront location and warm sea breezes it's easy to imagine you're in the Islands. We

enjoy an al fresco BBQ dinner at the resort.

Day 7: Cape Reinga & Ninety Mile Beach We spend today taking the custom-built **Dune Rider** coach to the very northern tip of New Zealand, **Cape Reinga**. What a thrill to speed along the sands of **Ninety Mile Beach** and power through the streams and gullies around the giant sand dunes south of the Cape.

Day 8: Doubtless Bay Today we stay pretty local here around the Doubtless Bay area. This morning we visit **Gumdiggers Park** dedicated to the legacy of the thousands who, more than a hundred years ago, came to the Far North to dig for the precious **Kauri Gum**. Set amidst a real former gumfield, the Park gives a fabulous insight into the lives of the gum diggers and the value of the Kauri Gum (or Amber) they extracted. For lunch we head to the Karikari Peninsula, around the western side of the bay, to **Karikari Estate Winery** – the most northerly winery in NZ – with stunning views across the vineyards to the bay itself beyond. Some free time back at our Resort will be welcome this afternoon, perhaps relax by the pool.

Day 9: Far North to Auckland Today we begin our journey home stopping at the fascinating settlement of **Waipū** for lunch. Settled by Scots in the 1850's, Caledonian Park, in the centre of the town, is home to the famous Highland Games every New Year. After lunch there's time to wander the town. Perhaps check out the excellent Museum. Then it's on down to **Auckland** and a return to the **Waipuna Hotel** with time to relax or perhaps a gentle walk around the **Panmure Basin**.

Day 10: Auckland to Hawke's Bay Today we return home to Hawke's Bay with wonderful memories of an amazing time in the North and perhaps a tan as well.

The **Bay of Islands** and the **Far North** can rightfully be considered foundational to our nation. It is where the New Zealand of today began to take shape. Add to this the wonderful sub-tropical climate of the region and the crystal-clear waters of the **Bay of Islands** and it's obvious why this part of New Zealand is such a magnet for visitors.

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

Tour No. 1015 Feilding Craft Market

Date	Saturday 15 th October
Times	All collected by 7.45am
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, morning tea, market entry

This will be only the second time since 2014 that we've attended this most popular of craft markets. Still the largest indoor craft market in the country with over 200 talented artisan stallholders displaying their wares, **Feilding Craft Market** at **Manfeild Stadium** is an event in its own right. Start your Christmas shopping early or just meander and take advantage of all the bargains for yourself. We'll stop at Dannevirke for morning tea on the way, just to build our shopping strength. Come and be part of the fun!



Tour No. 1017 & 1031 Molesworth Station #1 & #2

Date	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st October & Monday 31 st October – Friday 4 th November
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	Patron: \$2525.00 Twin Share \$2985.00 Single Room Member: \$2780.00 Twin Share \$3285.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 15 th August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x2, lunch x2, dinner x4, flights, all activities

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



of **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, Mark Gilbert. Mark's company, Molesworth Tours has 40 years experience guiding into the Molesworth back country and has been leading Bay Tours trips through the area for more than a decade. Mark will transport us to our base at **Hanmer Springs.**

Day 2: Today we're collected by Mark 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 Mark 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 old **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. 1025 Northern Explorer Getaway

Date	Tuesday 25 th – Sunday 30 th 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 th July
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x5, breakfast x5, morning tea, lunch x4, dinner x5, all activities

In October 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 **Zealong Tea Estate** followed by High Tea. This afternoon we visit the breathtaking **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: We have a nice leisurely start this morning before stopping for a **Picnic lunch** on our way to Taupō, where our stylish accommodation **Hilton Lake Taupō** awaits us.

Day 6: Today we enjoy a late checkout from our hotel before spending a little time in **Taupō** itself for shopping and a spot of lunch before heading home.

Tour No. 1027

Spring Pub Lunch & Quiz

Date	Thursday 27 th October
Times	All collected by 12.00pm
Cost	Patron: \$140.00 Member: \$155.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

This latest edition of this popular series will be at the **Duke of Gloucester** pub in Taradale. Remember, this is a team event with each table forming a team to participate in the Pub Quiz between courses at 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 and Kerren will give progress on team scores, 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 reigning Bay Tours Pub Quiz champions.



Tour No. 1102

Evening Progressive Dinner

Date	Wednesday 2 nd November
Times	All collected by 6.00pm
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$185.00
Payment	Full payment is required upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner



We're always very excited when, as part of a Progressive Dinner, or Lunch, we're able to showcase a new restaurant or café. We were recently invited to the (re)launch of the restaurant at the Napier Fishing Club in Ahuriri. It has been taken over by people who are renowned in the local hospitality trade for breathing new life into existing outlets and this latest venture is no exception. The **Boat Ramp Eatery** is the venue for our **Entrée** tonight and we're delighted to be supporting the re-emergence of a wonderful casual restaurant in such a brilliant waterside setting. From here we head into the countryside and the stunning evening atmosphere of **Mangapapa Hotel**. Their 'Paddock to Plate' philosophy highlights the most local of produce with their own extensive kitchen gardens, livestock, beehives etc. We will enjoy a stunning **Main** course here. Then it's off to the restaurant with perhaps the most consistently outstanding sweet-treat menu in Hawke's Bay. We'll enjoy our **Dessert** in the tranquil surroundings of the St Peter Chanel Room at **Mission Estate Restaurant**. We never tire of their exquisite dessert creations.



Tour No. 1104

Smedley Station & River Grove Quail

Date	Friday 4 th November
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	Patron: \$145.00 Member: \$160.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

What a day we have planned for you in the heart of CHB today. After a reasonably leisurely collection time we head to one of our favourite café's for morning tea – **The Paper Mulberry** at Te Aute. A Devonshire scone with all the trimmings is on the menu with a cuppa this morning. Just the thing to set us up for the day. From here we head towards the Tukituki River and a rather unique destination. **River Grove Quail** are commercial producers of Quail's



eggs and they might be familiar to those who frequent the Hawke's Bay Farmers Market, but we've never visited their place before. Co-owner Anne will tell us all about their operation and we'll get to sample some products made with their eggs. They also sell live birds if anyone fancies a few Quail running around in the back yard. From here we make



the trip over to SH50 and on up to renowned farm cadet training establishment, **Smedley Station**. It's been a few years since we've had the opportunity to visit this prestigious training farm. Only 13 trainees are accepted each year for the 2-year training course and Station Manager, Rob Evans, will guide us into the station and tell us all about it. Rob and his wife, Jenn, will host us for lunch too. After lunch and a tour with Rob we head away to our final stop of

the day at **Tikokino Peonies**. Linda and Graeme Addis will host us in their beautiful, landscaped garden showcasing these spectacular blooms. With over 80 varieties of Peony on the property, we are in for a visual explosion of colour.

There couldn't be a better example of the diversity of land-based activities in CHB than the range of today's destinations. This trip is sure to be popular so book your place early.

Tour No. 1107 In Our Own Backyard

Date	Monday 7 th November
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$120.00 Member: \$135.00
Payment	As you board, money in an envelope with your name please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

This latest instalment of this popular Day Trip is focussed on some places, activities or enterprises you either didn't know about or wanted to know more about. We're discovering and supporting new businesses and celebrating outstanding places of interest in our own region. Today is a busy old day so let's get cracking! We'll need perking up before we start so we have **Morning Tea at a Mystery Venue**, but rest assured, it'll be fun. Then we're off! Firstly to visit **We Sow, You Grow** in Hastings. This community nursery is providing people with affordable vegetable & flower plants, trees and shrubs. Their story is an interesting one and Brent Harris will show us around. He will have plants available to



purchase. Then, sticking with the plant theme, we head just down the road to **Real World** where they create natural plant-based hand, home and body care products. We'll learn more about this amazing business and have a chance to try their wares. Our Lunch venue is the outstanding **Fairways Café** at the Hastings Golf Club near Bridge Pa. With views straight up the 18th hole, we'll enjoy a delicious, relaxing lunch in this park-like setting. After

lunch we head to Whakatu and the headquarters of a global Hawke's Bay success story – **David Trubridge Design**. Their light fixture designs are found in prestigious destinations all over the world. We'll have a guided tour of their workshop. Our final destination of the day is the **Port Of Napier**. With their new multi-million dollar wharf due to open it's a perfect time for a guided tour around their operation in the coach.

These days are some of our favourites. They're an opportunity to herald some of the great enterprises based here in our region. Come and celebrate them with us.

Tour No. 1109 Stations of the Canterbury High Country

Date	Wednesday 9 th – Tuesday 15 th 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 th 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 we're up through the **Ashburton Gorge** to **Lake Heron** where we'll have a cuppa

before continuing into **Lake Heron Station**. Here owner, Philip, will guide us on a 4WD tour through the station before we arrive at the homestead for lunch with Philip and his wife, Anne. Our tour continues after lunch as we take a different route out of the 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 5th and 6th 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. 1110 Hospice Holly Trail

Date	Thursday 10 th November
Times	All collected by 9.15am
Cost	Patron: \$250.00 Member: \$275.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, Hospice Holly ticket, lunch



In 2022 Bay Tours continues its support of **Cranford Hospice** by participating in the biennial **Hospice Holly Trail**. The 2022 event promises to be a wonderful occasion with ten to twelve inspiring and interesting homes in and around Havelock North being stunningly decorated with a Christmas theme and opened to a limited number of the public to enjoy. This occurs in November when gardens are looking beautiful in the full pomp of late Spring. The excitement of the day is added to by not knowing

the list of properties to be visited until the day. The types of homes vary, ranging from traditional to contemporary.

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

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

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And if these opportunities weren't enough reason to join, there's more...

We've partnered with a number of prominent retail and hospitality outlets who will grant you exclusive discounts when you present your **Patron Member** Card in their establishment (See more about this on the next page).

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Tour No. 1118

Twenty Tunnels & Manuels, Taupō

Date	Friday 18 th – Monday 21 st November
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$1545.00 Twin Share \$1850.00 Single Room Member: \$1699.00 Twin Share \$2035.00 Single Room
Payment	\$400.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 7 th October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x3, lunch, dinner x3

Nestled within the deep hidden valleys of King Country's '**Forgotten World**' region is the ultimate way to explore rural New Zealand. This **rail journey** like no other travels along decommissioned railway lines between **Taumaranui** and the self-proclaimed republic of **Whangamomona**. We'll experience the Forgotten World from the comfort of converted golf carts, cleverly adapted to be self-driven along the tracks by us. There'll be plenty of photo opportunities along the way as we take in the ever-changing vistas. It's a full day trip that will depart from, and return to, our accommodation in **Taumaranui**. On Day 3 of the tour we take our time meandering in the homeward direction via beautiful **Mangakino** before arriving at legendary **Manuel's Millennium Hotel** on the shores of Lake Taupō in the afternoon, where you can enjoy the luxurious surroundings, or do some shopping in Taupō itself, before a superb dinner and evening in the hotel. We have taken the **Twenty Tunnels** tour numerous times over the past few years, not surprisingly, it is one of our most popular ever. Numbers are strictly limited so book early to secure your place on this unique tour.



Tour No. 1120

Sir Roger Hall presents 'Aladdin' - Waipawa

Date	Sunday 20 th November
Times	All collected by 10.15am
Cost	Patron: \$180.00 Member: \$205.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, high tea, premium show ticket



The outstanding **Waipawa Musical & Dramatic Club** are, as they tell us in their own words, "Getting their Panto on!". Yes, that master playwright **Sir Roger Hall** has cast his uniquely Kiwi pen over the classic pantomime stage show '**Aladdin**'. All the usual suspects are there – Jasmine, The Grand Vizier, Genie and that most panto of all characters, the Widow Twankey. But Sir Roger transports the setting of the play to Hawke's Bay with lots of local references, jokes and gags for the young ones and adults alike. We've booked the Sunday matinee show (the only way to see a pantomime) at the glorious **Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre** in Waipawa and we'll enjoy a **High Tea** at the elegant **Oruawharo Homestead** in Takapau before the show. So, a wonderful day out is in store. Grab the grandies and book your seats for an eye-wateringly funny afternoons entertainment.

Tour No. 1121 Wonderful Waikato Gardens

Date	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th 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 th 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 is 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 the 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 the 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 a 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 18th 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 compliment 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 Taupō. 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!

Tour No. 1126

Martinborough Fair

Date	Saturday 26 th November
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. 1129

Exploring Blenheim to Christchurch

Date	Tuesday 29 th November – Tuesday 6 th December
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	Patron: \$4175.00 Twin Share \$4995.00 Single Room Member: \$4595.00 Twin Share \$5475.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 20 th September
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, morning tea x2, lunch x6, dinner x7, all activities



This is a tour that we had originally scheduled for February of this year. But the Omicron outbreak forced us to make some prudent decisions around a number of South Island tours and this was rescheduled for late November. However, the 'silver lining' in this postponement has, in the intervening months, seen the return of the **Coastal Pacific** scenic train service, which had been suspended at short notice and our original booking cancelled. So that's back in the itinerary. Over

8 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 haven't 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 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 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 through **Gore Bay** stopping to view the astonishing natural rock formations known locally as 'Cathedral Cliffs'. Before we enjoy lunch at **Culverden**. In the afternoon we'll cross the Amuri Basin through the town of 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. Our final destination of the day is **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 the village of **Hawarden** and the large country garden called **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 **Fable 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 19th 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: This morning we're up early to board the **Coastal Pacific** train to **Picton** for a very different perspective of 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 as well as rolling back country vistas and views of incredible feats of civil engineering. 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 into **Picton**. We then 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 7: Today we visit some of the quiet jewels of the Marlborough region, like the magnificent **Barewood Garden** nestled in the Awatere Valley, the stunning **Saint Clair** winery restaurant for lunch and local chocolate producer **Makana**. These treasures of Marlborough – some well hidden – are all on the agenda today...and more.

Day 8: 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.

By traversing the Marlborough, Kaikoura, Cheviot, Hurunui and Christchurch districts using a variety of modes of transport, and taking a variety of routes, we gain a more complete view of a place and an appreciation of our country's diverse landscape. Come and enjoy a uniquely Kiwi view of this wonderful part of New Zealand.

Tour No. 1130

Lavender, Lunch & Gannets

Date	Wednesday 30 th November
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$230.00 Member: \$255.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

What a fabulous day out this promises to be. Our first destination sits on a little private lane in Waiohiki. The **Nevaria Lavender Farm** is completely 'off grid' and generates its own power through solar panels and its own wind turbines. The 600 'Grosso' Lavender plants should be well in flower by the time of our visit and we'll enjoy a tour and morning tea with owners **Maria and Neville MacDonald** and loads of lavender products to purchase here too. Then, if their electricity generating efforts interested you, the next stop is right up your alley. The **Faraday Centre** in Napier is Hawke's Bay's Museum of Technology that tells the stories of the evolution of energy capture, communication, appliances in the home, transportation and much more. We'll have a fun little while checking out all the displays before **Hygge Café** at Clifton beckons for a light lunch. Our highlight this afternoon is an overland **Gannet Safari**. On **4WD buses** we'll take the Cape Kidnappers road we take to The Farm and the Golf Course before turning off road and crossing working farmland and through native bush out to the world's largest mainland Gannet colony right on the tip of the Cape. These champion divers and masters of the sea have crossed oceans to nest and breed back in their birthplace. What an epic adventure. Places are strictly limited so don't wait to book your place.



Tour No. 1201 Ken's Big Day Out

Date	Thursday 1 st December
Times	All collected by 8.00am
Cost	Patron: \$220.00 Member: \$245.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

For a number of years now, our Ken has led a merry band of Tour Clubbers on various routes around the central North Island taking roads less travelled. The latest in this popular



road trip with intrepid Ken takes us south into the CHB countryside before arriving at **Norsewood** for morning tea, then it's on into the Manawatu, skirting around the western side of Palmerston North, via Bunnythorpe, to the Kairanga area near Longburn. Here sits **Lansdale**, where six generations of the Tanner family have lived and they maintain a spectacular parkland garden

originally created by celebrated Christchurch garden designer, Alfred Buxton, in 1914. Featuring man-made lakes, stone bridges, huge mature trees and a grand pillared loggia, it's hard to imagine that this beautiful garden was once swamp and marsh land. We'll have a picnic lunch here at Lansdale and enjoy time to wander. We return via SH50 stopping into the **Ongaonga General Store** for an ice cream. Another gem of a day out with Ken at the wheel.

Tour No. 1207 Christmas Magic – Shopping & Market

Date	Wednesday 7 th December
Times	All collected by 8.10am
Cost	Patron: \$130.00 Member: \$150.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, market entry

In Palmerston North, early December has, for a number of years, meant the '**Magic Of Christmas**' Market held at the **Awapuni Racing Centre** where organisers create a magical Christmas environment. The market boasts over 170 stallholders featuring arts and crafts, books, furniture, plants, home & giftware, gourmet food, fashion and lots more in aid of Arohanui Hospice. Billed as a late afternoon market, we'll enjoy a wonderful morning tea at **Dannevirke Services Club** on the way down to set you up for the retail therapy ahead and aim at getting to Palmerston North at midday. You'll have plenty of time for Christmas shopping at **The Plaza Shopping Mall** and elsewhere around **The Square** before we head to **Awapuni** as the market opens at 3.00pm. You can "shop-til-you-drop" and enjoy dinner from some of the many food stalls and trucks as you go. There'll be loads of space under the coach for your shopping and we'll depart for home at 6.15pm. A full day of pre-Christmas cheer. Come join the fun!



Tour No. 111 Mystery Country Picnic

Date	Wednesday 11 th January
Times	All collected by 9.00am
Cost	Patron: \$150.00 Member: \$170.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



What better group activity could there be on a sunny January day than a picnic in the country. And the destination? Well, that's where the mystery bit comes in. But be assured we've selected a spot that's just the perfect outdoor setting, and the drive's lovely as well. But what we can tell you now is that the picnic will be delicious and the company excellent! Come, join us.

Tour No. 112 & 307 Chatham Islands #1 & #2

Date	Thursday 12 th – Wednesday 18 th January & Tuesday 7 th – Monday 13 th March
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: Twin Share \$5250.00 Single shared facilities \$4845.00 Single Room \$6055.00 Member: Twin Share \$5775.00 Single shared facilities \$5330.00 Single Room \$6660.00
Payment	\$1500.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 15 th November
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. The isolation, moody climate and history that includes Moriori, Māori, sealers, whalers, missionaries, farmers and settlers gives them a strong community spirit. After an overnight stop in **Wellington**, we'll fly into the Chatham Islands where our home for the next **5 nights** will be **Hotel Chatham**.



During our visit, we'll explore it all. Highlights will include the views from the 200m high **Rangi Ika Cliffs**, the life size statue of **Tommy Solomon**, the last known full blooded Moriori, visit **Blind Jim's Creek** and search the coastline for **fossilized shark's teeth**. Also, the beautiful **Hapupu National Reserve Moriori Tree Cravings**, enormous **Basalt Columns**, **Port Munning Seal Colony**, **Kaingaroa Fishing Village** and much, much more. The warmth of the local hospitality is legendary and the quality of the seafood will astound you. This is a bucket-list trip for many and we can't wait to show you around.

Tour No. 131

Mahia – Lunch & Beach Walk

Date	Tuesday 31 st January
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$185.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



What kind of summer would it be in Hawke's Bay if it didn't include a visit to Mahia – that holiday playground for so many Hawke's Bay people. On our way around to the top of the Bay we'll stop for morning tea at pretty **Lake Tutira** and a quick leg stretch at **Wairoa** before we get to **Mahia** for lunch at **Sunset Point Bistro** followed by a leisurely walk on the beach for those who'd like to. We'll also stop at Wairoa on our way home. Join us for a classic Hawke's Bay summer day trip. Always popular.

Tour No. 203

Patron Only Lunch at Lone Star

Date	Friday 3 rd February
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	Patron: \$85.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

On this first 'Patron Only' lunch of 2023 it'll no doubt be a beautiful summers day for our visit to 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 in a less formal setting. What value.



Tour No. 208

Great Barrier Island Escape

Date	Wednesday 8 th – Sunday 12 th February
Times	All collected by 7.20am
Cost	Patron: \$3075.00 Twin Share \$3735.00 Single Room Member: \$3310.00 Twin Share \$3995.00 Single Room
Payment	\$850.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 14 th December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x4, afternoon tea x3, dinner x4

Without a doubt the jewel in the crown of the beautiful Hauraki Gulf is **Great Barrier Island**. This almost mystical place, 100km northeast of central Auckland, has always seemed so far away and 'other-worldly' and yet, always part of the New Zealand idyll.

These days it's easier to get there than ever before. So, we're returning to 'the Barrier' for the first time in 3 years to spend time, over **5 Days**, with the locals experiencing one of New Zealand's last untouched paradises. This time will allow us to enjoy everything at 'Island pace'. Here's a glimpse at what's in store;

We fly first to **Auckland** and then on to **Great Barrier Island** itself. Enjoying spectacular views of the Hauraki Gulf and Waiheke Island before landing at **Claris** and being met by our host, Leigh, who'll be showing us around.



Over the next few days we'll enjoy a wonderful series of spectacular, scenic destinations like **Medlands Beach, The Windy Canyon, Pacific Ocean Panoramas** and the '*Forgotten Wharf*' at **Blind Bay**. We'll meet the locals and hear the stories at community spots such as **Tryphena Wharf, Shoal Bay Estate, The Barrier Social Club** and **Jacque's Haven**.

We'll take a cruise aboard the launch '**Sundancer**' up the island's west coast past old Kauri sawmills and deserted whaling stations, then head through the spectacular **Broken Isles** and **Man-O'-War Passage**. At **Port Fitzroy** we'll disembark and visit the amazing **Glenfern Sanctuary**, a predator-free forest, where we'll be guided around their native plant and bird reintroduction facilities and up to **Sunset Rock** for jaw-dropping panoramic views of **Port Fitzroy Harbour** itself. How about a walk along a gentle forest track bound by ancient **Nikau Palms** to **Hot Springs** for a soak? Visit **Okupu Beach** to see some truly ancient Pohutakawa trees and take a look around an organic farm known as **Okiwi Passion**. And then there's the never-to-be-forgotten experience of Great Barrier as a **Dark Sky Sanctuary**.

All this whilst staying at Leigh's own **Sunset Waterfront Lodge**, just a few metres from the water's edge in Shoal Bay.

For many, a trip to **Great Barrier Island** is a 'bucket-list' item. The opportunity to visit this iconic maritime region of New Zealand is rare. This is the chance you've been waiting for, encompassing all the levels of Bay Tours service you've come to expect. Join us for an unforgettable odyssey around this island wonderland.





Tour No. 215

Lodges of the Marlborough Sounds

Date	Wednesday 15 th – Tuesday 21 st February
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	Patron: \$3815.00 Twin Share \$5195.00 Single Room Member: \$4197.00 Twin Share \$5577.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1200.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 14 th December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, lunch x5, dinner x6

Covering one-fifth of New Zealand’s coastline, the magical **Marlborough Sounds** sit at the top of the South Island and despite their proximity to Wellington and the busy Cook Strait, they are mostly still ‘off the beaten track’. Whilst travellers enjoy traversing a small part of the Sounds on commercial ferry routes, the vast majority of this coastal jewel remains remote and difficult to access.



Of course, this means that those who do make the effort are rewarded with the tranquillity and untouched grace of a natural wonderland. The towering hills that plunge into the sea are only part of what make up this unique maritime labyrinth. Each Sound contains literally dozens of inlets, bays and coves. The Marlborough Sounds are also home to a number of exclusive lodges and resorts. Names such as **The Portage, Furneaux Lodge** and **Punga Cove** conjure up images of waters-edged retreats nestled in bush-clad corners that lead down to a beautiful sandy beach and a jetty for the boat. We invite you to join us in high summer 2023 as we spend **7 Days** exploring and relaxing in these places, some of which can only be accessed by boat, in the outer reaches of **Queen Charlotte** and **Kenepuru Sounds**. Imagine the warmth of February as you read some highlights of this tour, which combines destinations with relaxation.



Day 1: We begin our journey at a civilised hour, heading south to Wellington where we’ll spend the night at the much-loved **Rydges Hotel** and dinner at renowned harbourside restaurant, **Dockside**.

Day 2: This morning we take the early ferry, which provides us with our first encounter with the **Marlborough Sounds**. From Picton we take the first of what will be a number of water taxi trips

and say goodbye to our coach for a few days. At the outer reaches of the **Queen Charlotte Sound** lies **Endeavour Inlet** and our home for the next 2 nights, **Furneaux Lodge**. The beautiful historic homestead, which is at the centre of activities at the Lodge, was originally the hub of an estate that stretched over 3,500 acres and is today surrounded by our chalets.

Day 3: We enjoy a full day in **Endeavour Inlet** with plenty of time to relax around the Lodge. Explore the wonderful stand of native bush behind the homestead, grab a rod and go fishing or walk part of the famous **Queen Charlotte Track** while the rest of us go by boat across the Inlet, meeting up at the wonderful resort, **Punga Cove**, for lunch. An afternoon soak in the hot tubs back at **Furieux Lodge** will make you feel even more relaxed.

Day 4: After a slow 'Sounds time' start we depart on the water taxi heading towards **Torea Bay**. Here we'll be met by staff of our next destination, **The Portage**, based over the hill in **Kenepuru Sound**. This afternoon there's time to explore our new surroundings before dinner in their highly acclaimed restaurant.



Day 5: Again, let the tranquil tides of the Sounds help you relax here at **The Portage** today. Enjoy a game of croquet on the lawn, try snorkelling in the crystal-clear waters of the Sound or simply relax in the library with a good book as we have only one activity planned for today. A cruise into the remote **Kenepuru Sound** with local boat guide, Pete. These turquoise waters have a fascinating history and we'll also harvest mussels straight from the water to bring to the chef back at the lodge to cook for us tonight.

Day 6: Another superbly slow start to today as, mid-morning, we say farewell to **Kenepuru Sound** and **The Portage** and head back to 'the mainland' where a special treat awaits us. Back on the coach we trundle south to the outskirts of Blenheim to **Welton**



House for lunch and a tour of the magnificent gardens with owner, former movie mogul Wendy Palmer. Created by Wendy's brother Ross, a renowned garden designer, Welton House garden is registered as 'A Garden Of National Significance'. After lunch we jump to the other side of Blenheim and the world-class **Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre**. Here are displayed a mighty

collection of aircraft from both World Wars, including **Sir Peter Jackson's Great War Collection**. With displays created by Weta Workshop, our guided tour will be one to remember. We retreat to the **Scenic Marlborough Hotel** in Blenheim this evening.

Day 7: Today we journey homeward, first by Interislander ferry, then by coach, returning to our homes with many memories of a wonderful week together in 'the Sounds'.

It's rare to get the opportunity to experience enriching time in one of New Zealand's more remote regions. And its summer, when the water glistens and the sun warms the bush, that we find the **Marlborough Sounds** at their sparkling best. Come and let the locals show you around whilst enjoying the care and standards of touring Bay Tours is known for.



Tour No. 224

Otago Rail & Lake Dunstan Trails

Date	Friday 24 th February – Saturday 4 th March
Times	All collected by 10.45am
Cost	Patron: \$5945.00 Twin Share \$7195.00 Single Room Member: \$6545.00 Twin Share \$7795.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 15 th December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x8, breakfast x8, morning tea x4, lunch x6, dinner x8

In 2023 our annual multi-day cycle trail ride returns to where it all started for us six years ago – the famous **Otago Rail Trail**. Since then, each year's intrepid group of bike riders has ridden the trails in the regions of Hauraki (2018), Tasman (2019), Bay Of Islands (2020), West Coast (2021) and the Remutaka & Hutt Valley (2022).



Since that first ride down in Otago, things have changed quite a bit. On that tour we hired bikes in Clyde, but on reflection afterwards we felt that our participants would appreciate the comfort and familiarity of using their own bikes. So, we came up with the concept of a second vehicle securely carrying our bikes and we've taken our bikes with us from then on. An important distinction about this tour. As is customary on these tours, the actual time in the saddle on riding days will vary between 2 and 4 hours of gentle cruising interspersed with stops along the way.

On this return to Otago there will be a number of differences to our last visit. We will be riding the Otago trail in the **East to West** direction (Middlemarch to Clyde) rather than starting at Clyde which is more common. This is to enable us to follow the Rail Trail with the new **Lake Dunstan Trail** linking Cromwell and Clyde along the lakes edge. So, this year our cycle odyssey will be **9 Days** in total (not all in the saddle). It's going to be a wonderful experience and here's a summary;

Day 1 - Hawke's Bay to Dunedin: A leisurely start to the tour for us as we meet at Hawke's Bay Airport late morning and fly to **Dunedin**. By this stage our truck with the bikes safely aboard will have already been on the road heading south for two days.



Day 2: Ride Middlemarch to Hyde

Day 3: Ride Hyde to Ranfurly

Day 4 – No Riding Today: We give the legs a rest today and head up to **Naseby** to experience the curious art of Curling at the International Curling Centre there. After a bit of chilly fun we visit **Hayes Engineering Works & Homestead**. A historic site, preserved and run by Heritage NZ, which was a hub of activity and commerce during the gold mining and pioneer farming days. A great repository of local social

history. From here it's on to **St Bathans** for lunch at the famously haunted Vulcan Hotel followed by time to wander this beautiful little settlement.

Day 5: Ride Ranfurly to Ida Valley

Day 6: Ride Ida Valley to Chatto Creek

Day 7: Chatto Creek to Clyde: Otago Rail Trail terminates here

& Cromwell to Smith's Way: First leg of Lake Dunstan Trail

Day 8: Ride Cromwell to Clyde: Lake Dunstan Trail terminates here.

Day 9: Queenstown to Hawke's Bay: Today we drive to **Queenstown** from our accommodation in Cromwell and fly home to Hawke's Bay.

This tour promises incredible experiences and epic vistas as we cross an iconic landscape. Each day is full of wonderful new destinations and the camaraderie amongst our small riding group is always fabulous.

If you'd like to experience this 2023 Bay Tours bike riding tour call the office for more details and a copy of the full itinerary. But you'll need to be in quick as this tour will sell out fast!

Tour No. 302 Golden Bay & Farewell Spit

Date	Thursday 2 nd – Wednesday 8 th March
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$3085.00 Twin Share \$3835.00 Single Room Member: \$3395.00 Twin Share \$4145.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 19 th December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x2, lunch x4, dinner x6

This tour has been re-scheduled from March 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak at the time.

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 world, be cause for an avalanche of people for most of the year. But the somewhat isolated location west of Nelson of the **Abel Tasman National Park** and **Golden Bay** beyond has meant that the region has remained relatively untouched by either big tourist numbers or a population explosion so familiar to similar seaside spots elsewhere. Perhaps it is because of the relative quiet of the place, that the region has also become a 'Mecca' for artists and artisans. We're going to explore and experience the unique face of this magnificent region and get a taste of what it has to offer. Here's a brief itinerary featuring some of the highlights we have planned;

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

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



Day 3: We continue west today to beautiful **Kaiteriteri Beach**, gateway to the magnificent **Abel Tasman National Park**. Here we depart by boat to cruise the sparkling coastline past *Split Apple Rock*, the seal colony and *Tonga Arches* to *Awaroa* and *Totaranui* before stopping at **Anchorage Beach** for a succulent seafood lunch and time to wander. After

lunch we return to **Kaiteriteri Beach** and resume our westward journey over the hill and into **Golden Bay** to the little town of **Takaka** where we lay our weary heads for the night.

Day 4: This morning we head to **Collingwood**, Golden Bay's largest town, for an early lunch before we depart on our **4WD guided tour out to Farewell Spit**. Along the way we'll stop at **Cape Farewell**, the most northerly point of the South Island, and **Fossil Point**, a popular 'hauling out' point for fur seals and where sea life abounds in the rock pools nearby. Thirty kms further along the sandy spit sits the **Lighthouse and Keeper's Cottage** where we'll have lunch as our guide regales us with stories of the area. There will likely still be some of the more than 20,000 godwits and 30,000 knot and other northern migratory birds that nest on the spit each summer. As we return from the lighthouse, we'll climb a giant sand dune at **Mullet Channel** to get spectacular panoramic views around the spit and out to the inter-tidal plain where the migrant wader birds feed. After our day in the sea air we'll enjoy a hearty dinner at the **Collingwood Tavern** before returning to **Takaka** for our second night there.



Day 5: This morning we head a little way inland to **Te Waikoropupu Springs**. Not only are these the largest cold-water springs in the Southern Hemisphere, but they contain some of the clearest water ever measured, 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. A late lunch in **Motueka**, back on the Tasman side of the hill, and it's back to our **Nelson** hotel and a little time to relax before dinner.

Day 6: A leisurely start to the morning before we head to **Mapua**, a peninsula jutting into Tasman Bay. Here a vibrant community of artisan craft producers sit side-by-side with food outlets showcasing the local seafood. We'll have time to wander and have lunch before retracing our steps somewhat to **Pic's Peanut Butter World** in Stoke. Based in a new purpose-built factory and visitor interactive space, hear the story of how New Zealand's most delicious peanut butter came to be. Tonight we dine at Nelson's hugely popular **Speights Alehouse**.

Day 7: Today we have a very easy travelling day home as we make our way to **Nelson Airport** and our flight back to Hawke's Bay arriving mid-afternoon.



Tour No. 308

West Coast Experience

Date	Wednesday 8 th – Tuesday 14 th March
Times	All collected by 12.00pm
Cost	Patron: \$4425.00 Twin Share \$5195.00 Single Room Member: \$4869.00 Twin Share \$5639.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 4 th January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x2, lunch x4, dinner x6

Of all the destinations we go to with Tour Club members, perhaps the most mysterious is the South Island's West Coast. The region remains a steadfastly remote part of New Zealand. To even begin to get a feel for the place it takes a few days to get around what is the country's largest region. From the highest mountains and stunning coastal scenery to dense rainforests and everything in between. Steeped in myth and legend from ancient Māori pounamu (greenstone) trails and Moa hunts to pioneering settlers and tough miner tales, 'the Coast' is a world apart, where every passing car waves to you and the hospitality is warm and 'old school'.



From Westport in the north to Haast in the south, we'll meander through this fascinating region where the natural environment still dominates people's lives in some way. Here's a summary of the itinerary;

Day 1: We fly to Wellington and then on to Nelson, where we overnight, and our Bay Tours coach awaits us.

Day 2: Today we meander towards the West Coast via **Murchison**. We'll have a mid-morning cuppa at the **Buller Swing Bridge** before carrying on to **Reefton** for lunch and a billy tea with '**The Bearded Miners**'. Feel the pace of life slow as we head south-west. For the next two nights we'll be based in **Greymouth**.

Day 3: Today we take a very special journey. Firstly, we follow the coast north to **Westport** where the real journey begins. In four-wheel drive vehicles we leave the highway and follow river-beds into lush, native rainforest towards the remote and privately owned **Awakari Valley** at the foot of the **Paparoa Range**. Here is the domain of **Johnny Currie** – former farmer, logger, deerstalker and gold miner. Johnny lives life 'off-the-grid' as his forebears did in this area when they came looking for gold 150 years ago. Johnny's knowledge of bush lore is legendary. Over the day, as we move slowly through Johnny's valley he'll point out Moa bones, limestone caves, rare NZ plants and fish. Red Deer will be seen often. Johnny will share a billy tea and sausage sizzle lunch with us. On our way back out our guide will also take us to visit Warren Stratford and his astonishing private **John Deere farm machinery** museum. What a day spent seemingly in another world.



Day 4: It's time to head south today and our first stop is a short boat cruise across the beautiful **Lake Mahinapua** south of **Hokitika**, followed by lunch at the famous **West Coast Treetop Walkway**, a steel causeway that allows you to walk amongst the canopies of ancient temperate rainforest giants such as Rimu and Tamahi. And all 20 metres above the

forest floor. Then we continue south through **Ross** and **Hari Hari** to **Franz Josef** where we'll take a short helicopter flight up to the **Franz Josef Glacier** and step onto this amazing force of nature. What a way to finish an enriching day experiencing the West Coast environment.

Day 5: After a night at **Franz Josef** we continue south to picturesque **Lake Matheson**, the most photographed lake in New Zealand. And with unparalleled views, across the mirror-like surface of the lake itself, of Fox Glacier, Mt Tasman and Aoraki/Mt Cook, you can see why. After a cuppa we head south again and into the UNESCO World Heritage Area that is **Haast**. At this point we leave the main highway, stay with the coast road and arrive at magnificent **Jackson Bay**, on the edge of **Mt Aspiring National Park**, for a glorious waterfront lunch at **The Cray Pot**. After lunch and a look around, we return to the highway and head through the **Haast Pass** towards Lakes Wanaka and Hawea. Tonight, we stay on the shores of **Lake Dunstan**.



Day 6: Today we first head up the eastern side of Lake Dunstan to **Tarras** at the foot of the **Lindis Pass** for a cuppa before crossing Hawea Flat to high country **Glen Dene Station**. Bound by **Lake Hawea** in the east and **Lake Wanaka** in the west, **Glen Dene** is 15,000 acres with extensive panoramas back towards the Southern Alps. Our hosts, Lesley and Jerry Burdon, will tell us about their property and give us lunch. We can also enjoy their extensive garden. Later we enjoy a scenic drive along the shores of Lake Wanaka to **Glendhu Bay** before stopping at **Warbirds & Wheels**, an aviation and classic car museum next to Wanaka airport. Another fabulous day of vistas and destinations.

Day 7: Today we say farewell to the South and take the easy way home by flying from **Queenstown** back home to **Hawke's Bay**.

On this tour we'll spend a week immersed in the very heart of some of the more isolated parts of the South Island getting to know the Westland, Haast and Hawea districts. An intoxicating mix of natural wonder and southern hospitality punctuated by some of the most breath-taking scenery New Zealand can offer. And that's saying something! Join us and enjoy all the pampering and attention to detail you've come to expect from Bay Tours on this 'Bucket-List' tour.

Tour No. 4|4 Kaipara, Matakana & More

Date	Friday 14 th – Thursday 20 th April
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$2895.00 Twin Share \$3575.00 Single Room Member: \$3185.00 Twin Share \$3865.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 2 nd February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x3, lunch x4, dinner x6, all activities

The districts north of Auckland between Orewa and the Brynderwyn Hills have long been a playground for those who live in our biggest city. From the vast expanse of the Kaipara Harbour on the west coast to the glorious regional parks and beaches on the east, this part of New Zealand has beckoned to holidaymakers, artists and artisan food and wine

makers alike. Places like **Matakana**, **Snells Beach**, **Puhoi** and **Leigh** have become iconic destinations for generations of Kiwis. And yet the magic of the **Kaipara** district is known to few. We invite you to join us on this **7 Day** expedition as we explore this historic and vibrant region. Here's a taste of the itinerary.



Day 1: We make our way through to **Auckland** stopping for a delicious morning tea at the **Taupō Golf Club** and at **Tirau** for lunch. We stay at **The Parnell Hotel** in Auckland tonight.

Day 2: Leaving Auckland, we head north into the heart of our destination region and to the famous **Matakana Farmer's Market**. This is the perfect way to begin our experience of this region with the opportunity to get a snapshot

of the district and to try so many locally made artisan products. From here we head to another icon of Matakana, **Morris & James Pottery** where we'll enjoy lunch and a guided tour of the pottery itself. Since founding the pottery in 1977, Ant Morris has fiercely resisted the label 'artist', he still sees himself, and those who have followed, as artisans – makers of good pottery, not one-off studio works. For the artists, we must wait until our next destination. With 3 sculpture gardens and 6 indoor galleries, **Sculptureum** will fill you with wonder and unlock your imagination. Tonight we'll stay at beautiful **Snells Beach** – our base whilst in this region.

Day 3: We head south to firstly enjoy the splendour of **Mahurangi Regional Park** and then on to visit magnificent **Couldrey House** at **Wenderholm** before a drive through the beach resorts of **Waiwera**, **Hatfields Beach** and **Orewa**. Turning north again we lunch in the Bohemian settlement of **Puhoi** at their iconic pub. Then it's into the back blocks and to the **Puhoi Valley Cheese** factory – perhaps for their ice cream (and cheese). A scenic drive through the Ahuroa and Makarau districts returns us to **Snells Beach** with time for a rest and a swim before dinner at the **Sandspit Yacht Club**.

Day 4: A leisurely start to the morning sees us stay on the **Mahurangi Peninsula** today. First up is a visit to **Brick Bay** winery and their own sculpture trail and lunch in **Snells Beach**. We then travel down to the southern tip of the peninsula at **Scotts Landing** where we board the '**Shuckleferry**' for a tour of the oyster beds at low tide and our own onboard 'shucking' lesson. There's plenty to sample and plenty to see.



Day 5: It's all about the wildlife today as we first drop into New Zealand's only reptile park. For more than 50 years the **Ti Point Reptile Park** has been caring for a huge range of reptiles. Prepare to get up close(ish) to everything from American alligators to pink toed tarantulas. This'll get the blood pumping! Then we're off to NZ's first marine reserve at **Goat Island** and the **Marine Discovery Centre** run by the University of Auckland. After a cuppa they'll show us around their facility and introduce us to some of the marine species in their huge research tanks. Then it's "All Aboard!" the **Glass Bottom Boat** for a guided cruise around **Goat Island** itself viewing a teeming ecosystem of reefs, fish and other marine life. Tonight we venture into **Warkworth** for dinner at the historic **Bridge House Lodge**.



Day 6: Today we are westbound as we first drive north to **Wellsford** before turning west to drive alongside the eastern shores of the giant **Kaipara Harbour** – one of the largest natural harbours, by area, in the world. At its southern tip we board the historic '**Kewpie Too**' for a cruise of NZ's largest inland waterway, into bays and inlets only reachable by boat. Our crew will point out historic Māori Pa sites, rare birdlife and amazing harbour views before we go ashore at **Shelly Beach** for lunch

before resuming our cruise back south across the harbour. This is a part of our country rarely reached by most Kiwis. This afternoon we re-board our coach and head south through **Helensville** and the historic winemaking towns of **Kumeu, Huapai** and **Waimaiku** before re-entering 'the big smoke' and a return to **The Parnell Hotel** in the heart of Auckland City.

Day 7: Our journey back to the Bay begins and we stop for morning tea hosted by owner Terry at **The Native Tree Café** at Mangatatarā before heading onward to **Taupō** for lunch and then the last leg back home to Hawke's Bay.

This tour offers the opportunity to explore, in more depth, a part of our country, on the fringes of the 'winterless North' that we've only scratched the surface of in the past. Don't delay in securing your spot on what will be one of the highlight tours of 2023.

Tour No. 423 Otago's Old Gold Road

Date	Sunday 23 rd April – Tuesday 2 nd May
Times	All collected by 9.45am
Cost	Patron: \$5745.00 Twin Share \$6875.00 Single Room Member: \$6325.00 Twin Share \$7455.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 9 th February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x9, breakfast x9, morning tea x4, lunch x5, dinner x8, flights, all activities

150 years ago, people from all over the world came to the goldfields of Central Otago seeking their fortune. We'll spend **10 days** travelling these districts and experiencing these places for what they are today. A route that will broadly take us from the mountain peaks that surround the resort town of **Queenstown** to the university city of **Dunedin** on the coast and so many places in between. Here's a summary of the plan;

Day 1: This morning we'll fly out of Napier Airport and arrive in Queenstown to meet up with our coach which set out from the Bay some days ago. Then it's on to the lovely **Heritage Queenstown Hotel** where we'll base ourselves for the next few days.

Day 2: This morning we take the infamous Cardrona Road to **Wanaka** to check out the sights. After lunch we head to **Cromwell** and its **Heritage Precinct** where there's time to wander the beautifully restored buildings and stop for a fresh fruit ice cream at our favourite stall before returning to Queenstown.

Day 3: After a FREE morning (it's ANZAC Day) we head up to **Coronet Peak** for the views across Lake Wakatipu to the Remarkables range beyond. Then it's off for lunch at the exclusive **Millbrook Resort** before carrying on to explore picturesque **Arrowtown** where we can wander the historic tree-lined streets and enjoy the autumn colours.

Day 4: Today is a big one. We start by following the shore of Lake Wakatipu to **Glenorchy** at the top of the lake's northern arm. From here we'll explore the amazing **Dart River** by jet boat. Unlike the deep canyoned Shotover River, the Dart is a braided river, the very kind that jet boats were built for. After a breath-taking and informative river ride deep into the heart of **Mount Aspiring National Park**, we'll tie up and take a brief walk amongst the ancient beech tree forests – a world apart. The return jet boat ride down the river back to Glenorchy is an adrenalin-filled rush as we skim across the shallowest of water channels. Phew! We head back to town for lunch and some free time to relax in Queenstown before a very special dinner experience. Firstly, we cross Lake Wakatipu on the legendary **TSS Earnslaw** for a delicious Gourmet BBQ dinner at **Walter Peak Station**. Enjoy the after dinner entertainment before returning across the lake again. Perhaps have a sing-along with the ship's pianist on the way. What a day it has been!



Day 5: Today it's time to de-camp from Queenstown. Our destination today is **Ranfurly** deep in the Maniototo but not before we've firstly stopped for a morning cuppa at the old Post Office in **Clyde** and a look at the mighty **Clyde Dam** and power station. Then it's on to **St Bathans** and arguably, NZ's most haunted building, the **Vulcan Hotel**, for lunch. This afternoon we visit **Trevalda Horse Stud**, recently featured on **Country Calendar**, where they breed the rare Irish Sport Horse, before reaching **Ranfurly** for the night.

Day 6: Another day packed with action. Our first stop is **Naseby** and a visit here must include a crack at the most distinct of southern sports, **Curling**. Local experts will be on hand to help us get those stones moving. And if you think those stones are big, a wonderfully scenic drive to the coast will bring us to our next destination, the famous **Moeraki Boulders**. These massive spherical concretions are up to 60 million years old and, believe-it-or-not, began life as either pebbles or fossils. We'll have lunch here at Moeraki too. After lunch we gradually make our way to **Dunedin** via the coast road.

Day 7: Our first day in Dunedin begins with a visit to legendary Larnach Castle for a guided tour. We carry on further along the Otago Peninsula road out to the **Royal Albatross Centre** at the heads of Dunedin Harbour where we'll be shown around and have the chance to observe the new season's chicks sitting in their nests on their own while their parents gather fish for them. After lunch here we'll enjoy the scenic drive back to the hotel with a few hours to relax or explore before dinner.



Day 8: We stick close to town today visiting a number of wonderful places. There's the grandeur of the historic house, **Olveston** and the magnificent **Dunedin Railway Station**. Then there's the **Otago Settlers Museum** and a visit to boutique chocolatier, Ocho, for a special tasting experience. There's a lot to take in today.

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

Day 10: We say farewell to the South today and fly home from Dunedin to Hawke's Bay. Spectacular sights, amazing once-in-a-lifetime experiences and, above all, that fabulous Southern hospitality. Join us on this memorable journey from Otago's gold rush past to its exciting present.

Tour No. 519

Bluff Oyster & Food Festival

Date	Friday 19 th – Monday 22 nd May
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	Patron: \$2375.00 Twin Share \$2675.00 Single Room Member: \$2615.00 Twin Share \$2975.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 8 th March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, lunch, dinner x3, festival ticket

One of the many benefits of being an island nation is the bounty we reap from the sea – the kai moana. All manner of fresh fish, shellfish and other seafood are readily available to us. This situation is the envy of most other countries. As commercial fishing and seafood farming has increased, the seasonal appearances of delicacies such as the Bluff Oyster or West Coast whitebait are even more keenly anticipated. And one of the most iconic celebrations of all things seafood is the annual **Bluff Oyster Festival**. But the festival is about much more than just the humble oyster. All manner of seafood and other 'wild' foods are celebrated and presented in ways you never dreamed about. So much of the southern economy is tied into the sea and we're going to celebrate with the locals in 2023 as the country continues to re-emerge from the restrictions of the last couple of years.



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

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

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



child in the worlds' biggest sandpit at the controls of real diggers and bulldozers at **Dig This**. There's certainly plenty to see and do in this most southern city in the world.

Day 4: We make our way home after a superb weekend in the deep south.

The **Bluff Oyster Festival** celebrates all things Kiwi and is an event not to be missed. Places are limited so book now.

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



Your Dream Africa Safari April 2023 Seeking Expressions of Interest

All our lives we've watched on in wonder at the sheer beauty of diverse, raw, untouched Africa. A

safari into the heart of the wildest of animal kingdoms has captured our imaginations for decades and made the heart beat just a little faster.

The Southern Africa Safari that was postponed in 2021 has now been re-scheduled for **April 2023**. We invite you to join us on a specially curated experience that will culminate in a **19 day African odyssey** to the very centre of 'The Cradle of Humanity' which will consist of a series of journeys through habitats so wonderful, so awe-inspiring, that they may change how you see the world.

Regions such as the **Kalahari Plains** and **Okavango Delta** in Botswana are amongst the most heavily populated with wildlife in the entire continent. Twice daily game drives in these, and other regions we'll visit, commonly spot **Lion, Rhino, Giraffe, Hippopotamus, Cheetah, Leopard, Wildebeest** and **Impala**, as well as being home to the highest density of **Elephants** in the world. Add to this the grandeur of one of the natural wonders of the world, the **Victoria Falls**, the care and security of local experts looking after us from the moment we arrive until the moment we leave, with superior luxury accommodation throughout and you sense something special in the making.

This amazing event will, by its' very nature, be restricted to a **maximum 10 people** plus Kerren and Ken as hosts. Make sure you register your interest as places will be secured on a first-in-first-served basis.

With the benefit of African expertise both here in Hawke's Bay prior to our departure and from the moment you touch down in Africa, we've got it all covered. Big skies, big game, big memories.

Please phone Kaye on 845 2736 Ext 1 or email support@baytours.co.nz



Kerren's Whisper



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- Following the positive response we had for the small group **6 Day Fiordland Cruise** offered by email earlier this year, we've secured dates for this same cruise between Dusky and Doubtful Sounds in **August 2023**. Contact Linda or Kaye if you'd like to register your interest in this.
- We're excited to advise that we're making progress on the planning for a trip to **Wellington** for the **Ed Sheeran in Concert** in **February 2023**. Accommodation etc. is locked in and we'll be all set to jump when tickets come on sale soon. Again, please contact us if you're interested in this trip.

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