

# **TOUR CLUB LEISURE GUIDE**

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# Welcome to Bay Tours & Charters

## Leisure Guide



By the time you read this Ken and I will be in Denver, Colorado, with our eldest son, Blair, and his family – including our newest grandchild, Pippa Louise – and looking forward to our other three sons joining us for a rare family Christmas together. We can't wait to see them all.

Last month (November 2022) we passed the **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of our acquisition of Bay Tours. I say 'passed' because we have been so very busy across the business that we haven't had a chance to either 'mark' or 'celebrate' the milestone. And I say that as someone who enjoys celebrating milestones. Nonetheless, we are extraordinarily proud of having spent a decade creating experiences, both for the Tour Club, and for the many international and domestic visitors that we've looked after over the years. The challenges that our industry has faced over the last three years, in particular,

have been well publicised. In the two years prior to March 2022, 7,000 tourism businesses and 70,000 tourism jobs were lost. It is against this backdrop that we, as a company and as a region, have not only survived, but evolved and prospered.

So, all-in-all, Ken and I consider it a great achievement for Bay Tours to now be in the position it is, as our industry embarks on its recovery.

This edition of the Leisure Guide sees the return of a few favourite tours from years past. You'll see that our trips to **Great Barrier Island** are re-commencing, having previously fallen victim to everything Covid – as had our winter escape to **Rarotonga** which is back on. Also, many will be pleased to see an early appearance of the **Christmas Mystery Tour** for **2023**. We know how its many loyal participants do love it.

Some of 2022's tours, like **Back Country Stations** and **Twenty Tunnels**, were so successful and generated so much interest that we have decided to reprise them in 2023, but each has been given a new twist to them so look out for those.

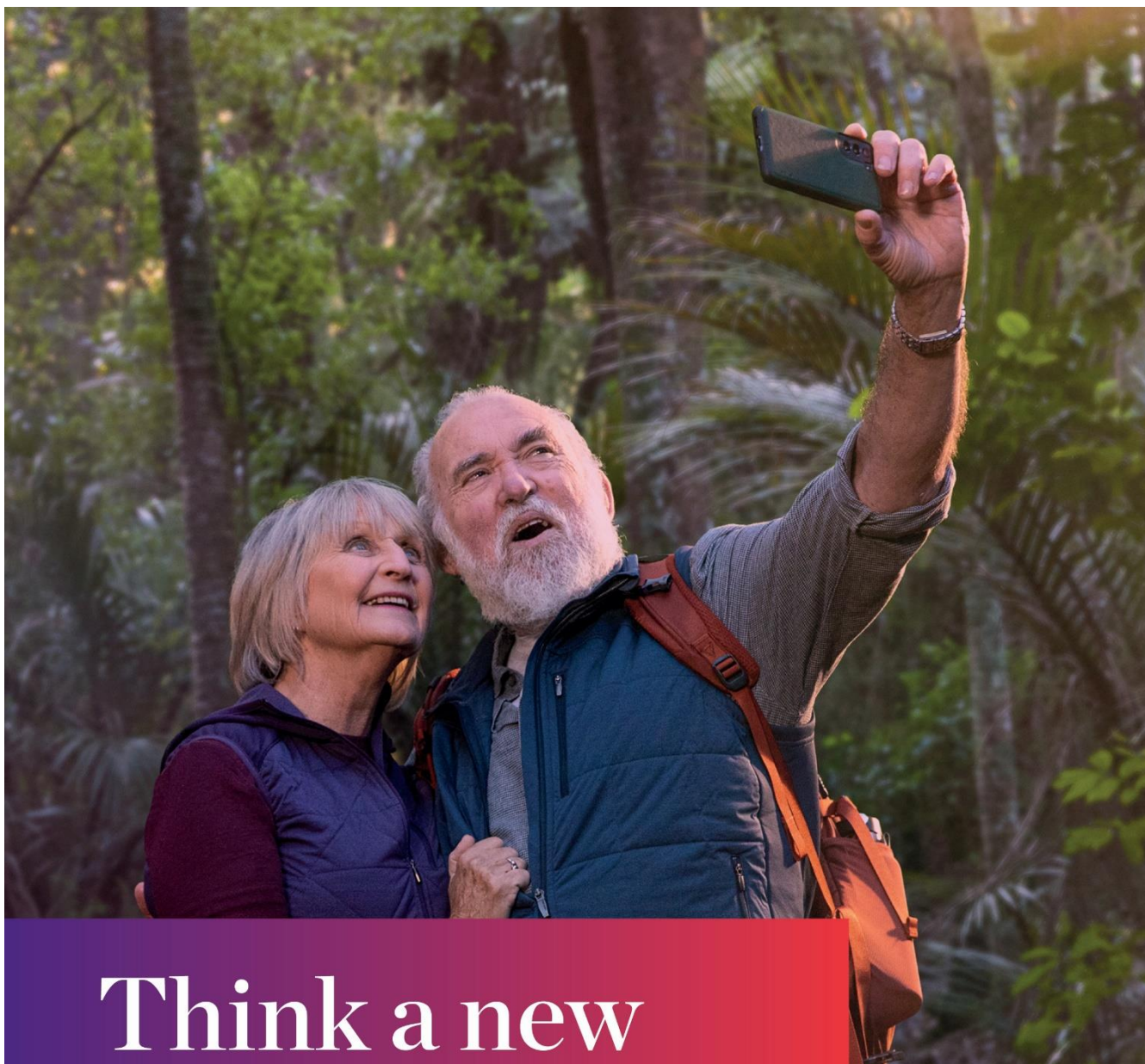
I want to also make mention of our Patron format where our regular Tour Clubbers can sign up for additional discounting off their travels with us, and also enjoy discounted offers from our Patron Partner businesses. The response to this has been a great success. We hope you'll agree that another evolution, over the years, has been the format and standard of this Leisure Guide. Its production doesn't come cheap and we're grateful for the support of **Bayleys Real Estate** and, in particular, **Summerset Retirement Villages** without whom we wouldn't be able to deliver this publication to the standard we do.

And, finally, I want to thank the people most closely associated with Bay Tours – our wonderful office staff and drivers whose dedication over these last months has been truly heroic – and to you, our Tour Club Patrons and Members. Without you and your enthusiasm for places new, none of this would be possible. Ken and I feel truly blessed.

From all of us here at Bay Tours, have a happy festive season and we look forward to new adventures with you in the future.

**Kerren & Ken Withington**





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

**Cash or internet banking;** Internet banking, please place the **tour number with the first 4 letters of your surname in the reference field e.g. 1014WITH**. If you are paying for more than one tour, please place the other tour number in the code field. If you are paying your patron fee in the same payment, please write PATRON in the particulars 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 necessarily mean you will be unable to participate. We simply ask that you call the office to discuss the specific requirement.

## Kaye & Karyn - Your Tour Club Co-ordinators



We've become a team of names starting with 'K'! Kaye looks after all the multi-day tours & any travel insurance enquiries. Our new team member Karyn looks after all day tours & is the smiley face you'll see at BTAC HQ 😊

Now that Aotearoa has moved into the next phase of post covid life, BTAC has removed its requirement for all members to be vaccinated.

Do you tend to do a few multi-day tours with us? Ask Kaye about CoverMore's annual multi trip insurance

policy as it could be worthwhile rather than purchasing multiple policies. It would also cover any personal travel you do!



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## Visit us at our address:

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# Tour Club Booking Form

Date	Tour	Tour Name	Patron	Member
Wed 11 Jan	111	Mystery Country Picnic	\$150	\$170
Mon 30 Jan	130	Kiwi Creche & Boundary Stream	\$150	\$170
Fri 3 Feb	203	Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Lone Star	\$55	N/A
Sat 4 Feb	204	Martinborough Fair	\$130	\$145
Wed 8 – Sun 12 Feb	208	Great Barrier Island Escape	\$3,075	\$3,310
Thursday 9 Feb	209	Summer Progressive Lunch	\$150	\$170
Wed 15 – Tue 21 Feb	215	Lodges of the Marlborough Sounds	\$3,815	\$4,197
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	217	CHB Gardens, Homesteads & More	\$210	\$235
Fri 24 Feb – Sat 4 Mar	224	Otago Rail & Lake Dunstan Cycle Trails	\$5,945	\$6,545
Sat 25 Feb	225	Wings Over Wairarapa	\$275	\$305
Thu 2 – Wed 8 Mar	302	Golden Bay & Farewell Spit	\$3,085	\$3,395
Wed 8 – Tue 14 Mar	308	West Coast Experience	\$4,425	\$4,869
Thu 9 Mar	309	Mahia – Lunch & Beach Walk	\$165	\$185
Tue 14 – Mon 20 Mar	314	Chatham Islands	\$5,250	\$5,775
Wed 15 Mar	315	Autumn Progressive Dinner	\$165	\$190
Tue 21 Mar	321	Great Glen Farm & Picnic Lunch	\$135	\$150
Fri 24 – Sat 25 Mar	324	NZ House & Garden – Manawatū	\$885	\$975
Tue 28 Mar	328	CHB Cycle Trail	\$165	\$185
Mon 3 – Thu 6 Apr	403	Back Country Stations	\$1,880	\$2,070
Tue 11 Apr	411	Country Pub Lunch & Quiz	\$140	\$155
Thu 13 Apr	413	50 Years of Golden Musicals – Napier	\$290	\$320
Fri 14 – Thu 20 Apr	414	Kaipara, Matakana & More	\$2,895	\$3,185
Fri 21 Apr	421	Dinner at Mangapapa	\$165	\$185
Sun 23 Apr – Tue 2 May	423	Otago's Old Gold Road	\$5,945	\$6,525
Mon 1 May	501	A Special Golf Day at Cape Kidnappers	\$285	\$310
Tue 9 May	509	Huka Lodge Lunch & Tour #1	\$255	\$280
Mon 15 May	515	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #1	\$215	\$240
Fri 19 – Mon 22 May	519	Bluff Oyster & Food Festival	\$2,375	\$2,615
Thu 25 May	525	Trelinnoe Park in Autumn	\$150	\$170
Fri 26 - Sat 27 May	526	Hamilton: The Musical – Auckland	\$925	\$1020
Mon 29 May	529	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #2	\$215	\$240
Sat 10 June	610	Feilding Craft Market	\$125	\$140
Mon 12 June	612	Huka Lodge Lunch & Tour #2	\$255	\$280
Tue 20 June	620	Cooking Class at Ruth Pretty's	\$420	\$465
Sun 25 – Mon 26 June	625	Michael Bubl� – Auckland	\$885	\$975
Wed 28 June	628	Lunch at Craggy Range #1	\$185	\$205
Sat 8 – Sun 9 July	708	Kinky Boots: The Musical – Wellington	\$745	\$820
Tue 11 July	711	Lunch at Craggy Range #2	\$185	\$205
Thurs 20 – Sun 30 July	720	A Winter Escape to Rarotonga	\$7,795	\$8,575
Mon 21 – Mon 28 Aug	821	Exploring Fiordlands Finest	\$9,350	\$10,210
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Sep	918	Country Golf Week	\$2,085	\$2,295
Sat 23 – Sun 24 Sep	923	Come From Away – Wellington	\$620	\$685
Mon 25 Sep – Sun 1 Oct	925	Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan	\$2,995	\$3,295
Sat 30 Sep – Sun 1 Oct	930	WOW #1	\$725	\$795



Sat 7 – Mon 9 Oct	1007	WOW #2 with extra day	\$1,080	\$1,185
Tue 10 – Fri 13 Oct	1010	Whanganui & Rangitikei Homesteads	\$1,875	\$2,065
Fri 27 Oct – Tue 7 Nov	1027	South of the South	\$7,985	\$8,775
Mon 6 – Thu 9 Nov	1106	Twenty Tunnels & Exploring Taumarunui	\$1,850	\$2,035
Mon 20 – Fri 24 Nov	1120	Wonderful Waikato Gardens	\$2,845	\$3,130
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1224	Christmas Mystery	\$3,295	\$3,625

## 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.

#### 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 following discussion with Kaye, you are able to get someone to take your place, you will receive a refund of the amount paid, less an admin fee of \$200 and any non-transferable payments to suppliers e.g., flights

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> trip is a day trip, you will receive a **credit of \$50**.

If it's an overnight or longer tour, you will receive a **credit of \$100**.

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.





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## Tour No. 111 Mystery Country Picnic

Date	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> 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. 130 Kiwi Creche & Boundary Stream

Date	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Times	All collected by 8.50am
Cost	Patron: \$150.00 Member: \$170.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

We are so excited to be returning to **Lake Opouahi** and the **Kiwi Creche** managed by the Environment, Conservation & Outdoor Education Trust (ECOED). Nestled inland from Tutira is a very special haven for new-borns and infants. Kiwi eggs from deep in the Kaweka Ranges, and further afield, that might otherwise be vulnerable to predation are carefully transferred to this 100 acre pest-free area surrounded by a 3.3km predator-proof fence on the banks of Lake Opouahi. Here, they are free to roam, grow and learn to feed and look after themselves until such time as they are deemed ready to be transferred back into the wild. Bay Tours have made significant donations to ECOED over the years, sponsoring the tiny transmitters each bird is fitted with upon release. And we're delighted to invite you to join us in visiting the Creche for the first time since Covid put a stop to all visits. As well as the opportunity to get up close to our national bird, we'll learn more from the Rangers and volunteers about the efforts to save the Kaweka Kiwi.



Following our visit to the Creche, we'll carry on further inland to one of our favourite Scenic Reserves – Boundary Stream - where we'll enjoy a picnic lunch and have the chance to experience the amazing array of native bird song as we wander the loop track.

Come join us and discover the wonderful things going on in an amazing corner of Hawke's Bay

## Tour No. 203

### Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Lone Star

Date	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	Patron: \$55.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch, 1x beverage



On this first 'Patron Only' lunch of 2023, join Kerren & Ken for a 2-course lunch and drink at Lone Star. This will be all the food you need today as their portions are very generous. A great chance for us to say thanks to you and for you to catch up with Tour Club friends. What value.

Remember to renew your

*Patron Membership*

**for 2023! Your membership is valid from 31<sup>st</sup> January through to 31<sup>st</sup> January the following year, no matter when in that year you joined to be a Patron.**

**Fees are \$85 per couple or \$49 for a single. Please remember to put 'PATRON' in the reference field when paying.**

## Tour No. 204

### Martinborough Fair

Date	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 6.45am
Cost	Patron: \$130.00 Member: \$145.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking 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. This day trip is one of our most popular year after year and as usual, it'll be an early start in order to provide as much time in **Martinborough** as possible. We'll stop for morning tea on the way and plan to **arrive around 11.30am**.



There'll be plenty of time to wander at your leisure (and plenty of space on the coach to stash your goodies). We'll **depart by 3.00pm** and head home, stopping at Woodville Domain to eat what you have purchased from the fair for dinner before the last leg of the journey. This is the fair everyone talks about so come and experience it for yourself.



## Tour No. 208

### Great Barrier Island Escape

Date	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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	Full payment upon booking please
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. 209

### Summer Progressive Lunch

Date	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	Patron: \$150.00 Member: \$170.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

In this 2023 summer edition of our popular Progressive Lunch series we feature three eateries that emphasise light and airy spaces matched by food styles that ideally suit summer.

**The Boat Ramp Eatery** on Nelson Quay has made quite a splash in local restaurant circles since opening early in 2022. Don't let its waterfront location and relaxed, friendly atmosphere fool you, the food here is top-notch and attention to detail is key. We'll enjoy our **Entrée** as we take in views across Ahuriri Marina. From the seaside to the city and **Market St** which evokes a more urban Laneway vibe. The food is fabulous as we'll experience our **Main** here. Then it's out into the countryside and the outskirts of Havelock North for our **Dessert** and where better to enjoy something sweet than **The Figgy Café** at Te Mata Figs. No fruit represents the indulgence of late summer better, and we know these guys will have something delicious planned for us.



So let's celebrate the bounty of a Hawke's Bay summer together. Book your place now.

## Tour No. 215

### Lodges of the Marlborough Sounds

Date	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, lunch x5, dinner x6



The Marlborough Sounds are 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.

**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 tonight, **Punga Cove Resort**. Set amongst stunning native bush, Punga Cove has long been a sought after destination for travellers wanting to relax in style. And their signature **Punga Fern restaurant** is situated to give breath-taking views across the entire inlet.

**Day 3:** We enjoy a full day in **Endeavour Inlet** with plenty of time to relax around the resort. Explore the wonderful stands of native bush, 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 historic **Furneaux Lodge**, for lunch. 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. An afternoon soak in the hot tubs 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'. 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. 217

### CHB Gardens, Homesteads & More

Date	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 8.25am
Cost	Patron: \$210.00 Member: \$235.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, high tea

It's with great pleasure that we return to some of our favourite destinations in **Central Hawke's Bay** together with exciting new places as well. Our first stop of the day is at



glorious **Gwavas** garden and homestead, near Tikokino, where the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> generation of the Carlyon family live in the homestead and maintain the historic woodland garden which is listed by the NZ Gardens Trust as '*A Garden Of National Significance*'. We'll have morning tea with our hosts, Phyllida and Stuart, who will show us around and tell us about the place. Then it's on to Norsewood and a stop at the **NZ Natural Clothing Co.** We'll not only have the opportunity

to grab a bargain, but also learn about the **Wop Wop Wetlands** nearby, where the company has been creating a habitat for the threatened native Longfin Eel. From Norsewood we head to Takapau and historic **Oruawhoro** homestead which has stood for more than 140 years. Here we'll enjoy High Tea with our hosts, Bianca and William followed by a tour of the property. Our final destination is the astonishing private museum of **Lex & Angela Severinsen** at Ashley Clinton. From medieval weaponry to hunting trophies from around the world, their collection is truly remarkable and Lex will show us around. On days like this we are reminded what a fascinating and varied back yard we're lucky enough to live in.

## Tour No. 224

### Otago Rail & Lake Dunstan Cycle Trails

Date	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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	Full payment upon booking please
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 that first ride down in Otago, things have changed quite a bit. An important distinction about our tours now is you get to ride your own bike. 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 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. 225

### Wings Over Wairarapa

Date	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 6.40am
Cost	Patron: \$275.00 Member: \$305.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, entry to air show

2023 will herald the return of the wonderful **Wings Over Wairarapa** celebration of flight, in the skies above **Hood Aerodrome** in Masterton, the first air show in NZ for several years due to Covid. The aerial action will feature nearly a hundred aircraft ranging from vintage biplanes to sophisticated military jets and helicopters performing fly-pasts, aerobatic displays and much more. Complimenting the aerial action will be fantastic ground displays and activities to excite all ages.



To set us up for the day, we'll enjoy a hearty (and early) morning tea with our friends at Dannevirke Services Club before we continue on to **Masterton**, aiming to arrive around 11am in time for the start of the aerial displays. We'll set ourselves up as a base with chairs & gazebos etc. around the coach so that you can come and go through the day as you please. Join us and experience the incredible atmosphere of **Wings Over Wairarapa**, an event for all ages.

## Tour No. 302

### Golden Bay & Farewell Spit

Date	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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	Full payment upon booking please
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 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x2, lunch x4, dinner x6



Steeped in myth and legend from ancient Māori pounamu 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 the **National Transport & Toy Museum**. 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. 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. 309

### Mahia – Lunch & Beach Walk

Date	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
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

Following the coast road north towards **Wairoa** and ultimately out to the **Mahia Peninsula**, is one of the great drives in Hawke's Bay. Join us as we meander via **Lake Tutira**, where we stop for morning tea, and Mohaka enjoying the scenery along the way before arriving at **Wairoa** and stretching the legs. Then we're on the road again heading through Nuhaka and



on to **Mahia** and the wonderful **Sunset Point Bistro**, sitting right in the middle of the seaside settlement, for a delicious lunch. A gentle walk on **Mahia Beach** is just the thing after lunch and lets us gather the atmosphere of this most popular of Hawke's Bay beach getaways before we begin our journey homeward. This promises to be a great summer's day out enjoying the countryside and hospitality of northern Hawke's Bay. Come join us!



## Tour No. 314 Chatham Islands

Date	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x5, lunch x4, afternoon tea x4, dinner x6, flights, all activities



Join our small group tour and experience the absolute uniqueness that is '**The Chathams**'. Trees that lean one way, rugged landscapes containing an array of volcanic formations, ancient forest remnants, rolling farmland, sandy beaches, abundant oceans and spectacular, ever-changing scenery. 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. 315 Autumn Progressive Dinner

Date	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 6.00pm
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$190.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner

In this edition we begin our culinary crusade at the highly esteemed **Malo** restaurant in Porters Boutique Hotel, Havelock North for our **Entrée**. Head Chef, Bert Van De Steeg has been applying his classical European training to Hawke's Bay's outstanding produce at Malo for a number of years. Something special coming here. And then there's the sheer artistry of local legend Francky Godinho – Head Chef and Co-owner of **St Georges** restaurant. He's creating our **Main** for dinner using all the autumn fare from his kitchen garden. For **Dessert** we head to Ahuriri and that perennial favourite, **Thirsty Whale**, on the waterfront. Deliciously decadent and wonderfully welcoming. Just the way to finish an outstanding dinner and great night out! Book your place at the table now.





## Tour No. 321

### Great Glen Farm & Picnic Lunch

Date	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Times	All collected by 10.00am
Cost	Patron: \$135.00 Member: \$150.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

Out beyond **Rissington**, in the **Patoka** area is a farming operation where two generations are creating something special together. Nick and Nicky Dawson, together with their son



Ben, jointly run a sheep & beef unit and a dairy farm right next to each other. And that's not all they're into either. Ben is gradually acquiring quite a menagerie of 'interesting' farm animals – much to his father's bewilderment. From a massive pet Hereford bull called Charlie, to grumpy Highland Cattle and a collection of feral Romney sheep from a flock thought to have been lost into the Ruahine Ranges many decades ago.

But before we visit the Dawsons and their properties called **Great Glen** and **Puketona**, we'll stop at Rissingtons magnificent **ANZAC Redwood Memorial**. The creation of master-carver, the late Hugh Tareha. We'll enjoy a stunning scenic drive through the Rissington and Patoka districts for a picnic lunch and a cuppa at **Balls Clearing** before descending upon the Dawsons at their farm.

One of the great pleasures of Day tripping with the Tour Club is meeting the characters that make up our beautiful region, and the wonderful Nick, Nicky and Ben Dawson are such people. Come with us and meet them.



## Tour No. 324

### NZ House & Garden - Manawatū

Date	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	Patron: \$885.00 Twin Share   \$1035.00 Single Room Member: \$975.00 Twin Share   \$1125.00 Single Room
Payment	\$295.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, lunch x2, dinner, H&G entry ticket

**NZ House & Garden** have brought the pages of their magazine to life by visiting different regions of the country each year and arranging access to incredible properties for a limited number of ticketholders. In 2023 one of the featured districts is **Manawatū**. On this tour an abundance of houses (and gardens) await, including art-filled, architectural delights; beautifully presented new-builds and older homes that have housed generations. Heading south the previous day, we'll be ready for a full day wending our way around clusters of inspirational properties in Palmerston North and Feilding. Anyone who has enjoyed the local Hospice Holly Trail here in Hawke's Bay will find this venture into some of the finest homes in **Manawatū** equally exciting.



## Tour No. 328 CHB Cycle Trail

Date	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$185.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

For many years now we've been offering an annual tour away cycling the trails of New Zealand. The main feature that sets these apart from other cycle tours is that **you can bring your own bike**. So, why not offer this on a **Day Ride** around **Central Hawke's**



**Bay**. Since we last explored the cycle trails around the Tukituki River a couple of years ago, some major extensions and new bridges have been added. There are essentially two Loop trails now and we're going to enjoy both, riding a 'Figure 8' route around Waipukurau and Waipawa. Much of the new trail extends westward from Waipukurau. The wonderful vistas, looking across towards the Ruahines are enhanced by being slightly elevated on the rivers' stopbanks, before we cross the Tukituki and ride back east. We'll transport you, and your bike, down to Waipukurau where we'll have a cuppa before beginning our ride. We'll take a break for lunch at the **Waipawa Golf Club** before riding back to Waipukurau along a quiet country road and back on the trail itself.

Enjoy a Day Ride of approximately 35kms in the beautiful CHB countryside with Bay Tours picking you up and dropping you home.

## Tour No. 403 Back Country Stations

Date	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$1880.00 Twin Share   \$2210.00 Single Room Member: \$2070.00 Twin Share   \$2395.00 Single Room
Payment	\$650.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x3, lunch x4, dinner x3, all activities

Following the popularity of our initial tour early in 2022 we're very pleased to introduce an updated encore adventure. Since the 1880s the hill country around the Gisborne District has been home to some of the most successful and innovative rural enterprises in the country. All manner of both agriculture and horticulture have thrived in this part of the East Coast at one time or another. Hawke's Bay farming dynasties have had numerous familial connections to the Gisborne area so we're delighted to pay a few of these places a return visit AND introduce an industry giant we'll be visiting for the first time. Over **4 days** we'll visit a variety of rural enterprises who are, like so many farms today, recognizing changing





customer needs and diversifying their offerings. Here's a summary of the planned itinerary;

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



**Day 2:** This morning we visit **Waipura Station** which ranges over 2,100 acres on the steep hills just out of Gisborne. After morning tea and a chat in the woolshed with the Foster family, we'll head out in time to catch the shepherds in action with their dogs. A glorious lunch is in store at the beautiful **Bushmere Arms** before heading to our final destination of the day, **Turihaua Angus Stud**, the oldest Angus stud farm in Australasia. Established by J.N. Williams (of Frimley orchard

fame) in 1897, Turihaua remains in the Williams family to this day. The family will show us around their operation and talk about the extensive history of Turihaua and the Williams name.

**Day 3:** Today begins in the Rere District west of Gisborne and another internationally acclaimed Angus stud, **Tangihau Station**. Since its establishment over 70 years ago, the station has had only 3 managers and is owned by East Coast farming legends the Bayly family. This is our first visit to the property and we'll have morning tea with the current Station Manager Dean McHardy who has run the property for more than 30 years, and learn why the sale prices of Tangihau Angus bulls are often the highest in Australasia. We'll also be shown around their recently completed complex for their on-farm bull auctions. No trip into this area would be complete without a visit to the splendid **Rere Falls** and, for the brave or foolish amongst us, **Rere Rockslide**. An amazing phenomenon of nature. We have lunch at **Eastwoodhill Arboretum** and enjoy a tour of this national treasure by jeep in the afternoon.

**Day 4:** As we begin to make our way homeward, our final visit of the tour is to the epicentre of the Bayly farming empire, **Tahaenui Station**, near Nuhaka. Tahaenui is home to Sara and Humphry Bayly and to both **Cricklewood Angus** and the **Cricklewood Clydesdales**. We'll have lunch at the Station and enjoy a tour on a Clydesdale-drawn wagon. What a way to finish our trip into this remarkable farming district before we make our way back to the Bay. It's always a privilege to gain access to, and be shown around, private farming concerns and to listen to the people responsible for growing and maintaining them. Prepare to hear some remarkable stories of international success amid all the familiar farming challenges. Places are limited so book early for this remarkable tour.



## Tour No. 411

### Country Pub Lunch & Quiz

Date	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	Patron: \$140.00 Member: \$155.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

It's time for the welcome return of a popular day out. This edition will see a return to the fabulous **Puketapu Pub**. Remember, this is a team event with each lunch table forming a team to participate in the **Pub Quiz** through lunch. The format is pretty simple. There will be 8 rounds of questions arranged around the lunch courses with each round having a broad category such as 'Geography' or 'Television & Movies'. Peter, our Quizmaster, will ask 10 questions in each round and each team writes down their answers on the sheet provided. Ken collects each team's completed answer sheet at the end of the round and replaces it with a blank sheet for the next round whilst Kerren tallies the scores. Every few rounds Peter will read out the correct answers for the rounds just gone and Kerren will update us on the 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 **Bay Tours Pub Quiz Champions**.



## Tour No. 413

### 50 Years of Golden Musicals - Napier

Date	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 5.45pm
Cost	Patron: \$290.00 Member: \$320.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium ticket to show



New Zealanders of a certain age may well recall the silky, dulcet tones of 1970s radio and TV announcer, **Stewart MacPherson**. Once described as having a voice "*like melted caramel*.", Macpherson took a huge punt and, with his wife Tricia, left broadcasting and established one of New Zealand's most successful theatrical and musical promotion companies, **The Stetson Group**. 2023 will mark the milestone of **50 years** of bringing to New Zealand some of the greatest stage shows and concerts ever seen here. To celebrate, Stewart and Tricia present '**50 Golden Years Of Musicals**' a wonderful night of their favourite songs from the musicals that Stetson Group have promoted over the years. A brilliant international cast will perform much-loved classics from musicals like '*Rocky Horror Show*', '*Evita*', '*Starlight Express*', '*Cats*', '*Flashdance*', '*Phantom Of The Opera*', '*Chicago*' and more. Before this unique performance at Napier's **Municipal Theatre** we'll enjoy dinner together at **Portofino** restaurant. Come and enjoy a wonderful night of your favourite show tunes.

## Tour No. 4 | 4 Kaipara, Matakana & More

Date	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x3, lunch x4, dinner x6, all activities

From the vast expanse of the Kaipara Harbour on the west coast to the glorious regional parks and beaches on the east, 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. 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 Mangatātara 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.



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## Tour No. 421

### Dinner at Mangapapa

Date	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Times	All collected by 6.00pm
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$185.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner

There are few more gracious surroundings in Hawke's Bay than the elegant former Wattie homestead now known as **Mangapapa**. For more than 20 years the property has operated as a boutique hotel whose restaurant has a reputation for high quality cuisine and service. Old-world, white linen table settings set the tone for an outstanding **3 course dinner** in unhurried splendour. Come join us for a fabulous dinner amid the tranquil surroundings of one of the regions finest historic homesteads. Nothing better!



## Tour No. 423

### Otago's Old Gold Road

Date	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Times	All collected by 9.45am
Cost	Patron: \$5945.00 Twin Share   \$7075.00 Single Room Member: \$6525.00 Twin Share   \$7655.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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. 501

### A Special Golf Day at Cape Kidnappers

Date	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Times	All collected by 11.00am
Cost	Patron: \$285.00 Member: \$310.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, golf fees incl cart

We once again offer this special day for a round of golf at famed **Cape Kidnappers Championship Golf Course**.

In association with **Drake Neumann, Head PGA Professional** at **Cape Kidnappers** we're offering the opportunity to make a day of it out at the Cape.

We'll collect you (and your clubs) from your home and transport you out to the Clubhouse at **Cape Kidnappers Golf Course** late morning. The staff will have a **finger food lunch** ready for you whilst you enjoy the facilities of the Clubhouse and perhaps warm up before your round. We'll aim for

a 12.30pm tee off with a shotgun start which will assist in everyone finishing more or less together. Depending on your finish time (Drake advises allowing 4.5 to 5 hours for the round) you may wish to enjoy a drink in the Clubhouse before we depart the course around 6.00pm to return you home.

This is a great time to enjoy a world-class golf course, a bite of lunch beforehand and return transport from your home – all at a price less than the usual charge for a round of golf alone. Get your golfing friends together and book now. Places are strictly limited.



## Tour No. 509 & 612

### Huka Lodge Lunch & Tour #1 & #2

Date	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May & Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	Patron: \$255.00 Member: \$280.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch, complimentary glass of wine, beer or juice, tour of Huka Lodge



For many years now, our great relationship with **Huka Lodge** has allowed us entry into the rarified world of this most prestigious of New Zealand's luxury lodges.

Founded in the 1920s, **Huka Lodge** is considered to be the ultimate New Zealand luxury retreat and you're invited to dine like royalty experiencing a superb **3 course lunch**. We will also have the opportunity to tour this stunning property, on the

banks of the Waikato River, guided by the lodge staff. These lunches have proven to be hugely popular in the past and the intimate dining room at **Huka Lodge** means **numbers are limited. You MUST be quick to get your space booked!**



## Tour No. 515 & 529

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

Date	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	Patron: \$215.00 Member: \$240.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch, complimentary glass of wine, beer or juice, tour of Lodge and golf facilities

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



## Tour No. 519

### Bluff Oyster & Food Festival

Date	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 thing's 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.**



## Tour No. 525 Trelinnoe Park in Autumn

Date	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$150.00 Member: \$170.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, all activities

Many Tour Clubbers will be familiar with the signage on the Napier/Taupō Road that signals the entrance to **Trelinnoe Park**. Established by the Wills family in conjunction with their farming operations, the renowned woodland garden began to take shape in the mid-1960s. Now nearly 60 years old, and with a new lease of life from new owners, **Trelinnoe Park** is, once again, a glory to behold and one of the foremost woodland gardens in the country.



The park's 30 acres has an exceptionally broad and varied collection of trees, shrubs, perennials and natives. Landscaped woodland paths, wide sweeping lawns, clipped hedges, hillsides of autumnal colour and spectacular vistas await us in this exceptional garden. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the main gardens together with a picnic lunch and time to wander as well.

As if this wasn't enough for the day, we'll also call into the property of Roger and Diane Alexander on Puketapu

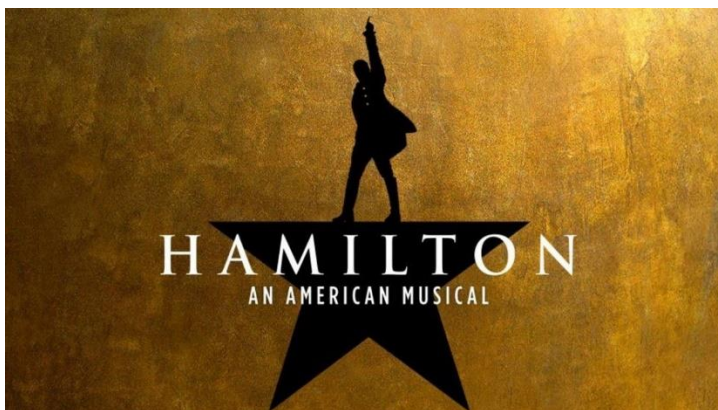
Road, near the village. Known simply as **'The lake at Puketapu'**, the park-like surroundings of the man-made lake in front of their house has attracted great interest over the years and it's creation is a fascinating story.

Today promises to be a memorable excursion for all those who enjoy the wonders of a great garden. This will be popular, book now!

## Tour No. 526

### Hamilton: The Musical – Auckland

Date	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	Patron: \$925.00 Twin Share   \$1035.00 Single Room Member: \$1020.00 Twin Share   \$1140.00 Single Room
Payment	\$350.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show



There have been few instances in the last hundred years when musical theatre has brought forth such a seminal work, that it really leaves a permanent marker in popular culture. Titles that have become familiar to a much wider audience such as; Rogers & Hammersteins' *'Oklahoma'*, *'My Fair Lady'* by Lerner & Loewe and *'Phantom Of The Opera'* by Andrew

Lloyd Webber are such works that live in the collective memory far beyond their theatrical run. **'Hamilton'** by Lin-Manuel Miranda is fast becoming such a production.

Telling the story of Alexander Hamilton, one of the United States' 'Founding Fathers', the musical portrays the gripping story of a smart, orphaned young man who finds himself at the centre of America's War of Independence and comes to stand beside such historical figures as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

From its opening on Broadway in 2015 **'Hamilton'** has received nothing but rave reviews, winning **11 Tony Awards** in 2016, including 'Best Musical', and the **Pulitzer Prize for Drama** that year. Following its opening in London's West End in 2018, the musical won **7 Olivier Awards**, again, including 'Best Musical'.

Following sell-out runs in both Melbourne and Sydney, the Australian production of **'Hamilton'** is coming to New Zealand in May 2023 with a limited season at Spark Arena in Auckland. Bay Tours has secured tickets to the Friday night performance of this worldwide theatrical phenomenon. As always, the trip will include your door-to-door return transport, dinner before the show and quality overnight accommodation with breakfast. Be amongst the first to have the **'Hamilton'** experience live in this country. Book now, places are limited.





## Tour No. 610

### Feilding Craft Market

Date	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	Patron: \$125.00 Member: \$140.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, market entry

This market has become an institution. 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. 620

### Cooking Class at Ruth Pretty's

Date	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 7.15am
Cost	Patron: \$420.00 Member: \$465.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, cooking class

One of the most renowned names in catering circles is that of **Ruth Pretty**. Over the years, we've stopped at Ruth's property, **Springfield** at Te Horo on the Kapiti Coast, for lunch in The Garden Room when on our way home with a group from Wellington. But this time, **Springfield** will be our principal destination.



2023 will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the **Ruth Pretty Cooking School**. Almost immediately, from its 1993 opening, the teaching kitchen became a hugely popular destination for Wellingtonians. Such was Ruth's reputation, even

then.

Imagine a beautiful teaching kitchen where angled mirrors suspended from the ceiling allow you to see every aspect of what the professional Chefs are demonstrating from the comfort of your chair.

Today, for us, Ruth herself will show us how to prepare the fresh ingredients needed to mix and then roll fresh pasta. There's nothing like watching someone else work - we could do it for hours! Then, for those who'd like to, there'll be an opportunity to give it a go themselves - all with the reassuring support of the professionals. The demonstration will be followed by a delicious lunch and the opportunity to relax outside and perhaps enjoy a little croquet or petanque on the lawn.

We're very lucky to be able to offer this opportunity to spend some time - and enjoy a special lunch - at one of the most prestigious cooking schools and catering destinations in the country.

## Tour No. 625

### Michael Bublé - Auckland

Date	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	Patron: \$885.00 Twin Share   \$985.00 Single Room Member: \$975.00 Twin Share   \$1075.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show

Multi-award-winning, multi-Platinum-selling global superstar, **Michael Bublé**, is making a welcome return to New Zealand for one show at **Spark Arena** in Auckland.

The sensational Canadian entertainer will perform a selection of his original smash hits alongside his trademark innovative takes on classic standards as well.

When performing, Bublé is well and truly in his natural habitat and his stage persona is charismatic beyond belief. Audiences can expect an evening they'll never forget. The demand for a dose of Bublé will be strong so book your place quickly.



## Tour No. 628 & 711

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

Date	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June & Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Times	All collected by 11.50am
Cost	Patron: \$185.00 Member: \$205.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch incl a glass of wine



**Craggy Range Restaurant** has always been one of the finest in Hawke's Bay. Recipient of 2 Hats (NZ's equivalent to Michelin Stars in France) in the most recent Cuisine Magazine Awards, Craggy Range continues to be the standard-bearer for winery restaurants. We're delighted to invite you to join us for a very special lunch at this superb venue. **Head Chef Casey McDonald** will pay homage to perhaps the ultimate Kiwi lunch dish – **Roasted Hawke's Bay Lamb**.

We'll enjoy a magnificent **3 course lunch** centred around Casey's personal version of this iconic centrepiece of family occasions and accompanied by a complimentary glass of Craggy Range wine. This promises to be one of the culinary highlights of the year and perhaps the epitome of supporting local producers. Numbers are strictly limited so book immediately to secure your place at the table.

## Tour No. 708

### Kinky Boots: The Musical - Wellington

Date	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$745.00 Twin Share   \$865.00 Single Room Member: \$820.00 Twin Share   \$940.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show

Fresh from its runaway success on both Broadway and London's West End comes a musical sensation that has won 'Best Musical' at both the Tony and Olivier Awards. Based on the hit movie of the same name, **Kinky Boots** is a big-hearted extravaganza that reminds us anything is possible if you retain an open mind.



**Kinky Boots** tells the story of strait-laced Charlie, who has inherited his father's down-at-heel, old-fashioned shoe factory. In search of a strategy to save the factory and everyone's jobs, Charlie finds inspiration in the form of Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. As they work together to turn the factory's fortunes around, this unlikely pair find they have more in common than they realise and discover that when you change your mind, you can change your whole world.

With music and lyrics by **Cyndi Lauper** and a dazzling all-singing, all-dancing cast in elaborate costume, **Kinky Boots** will have you tapping your feet from the opening bars and discovering why, sometimes, the best way to fit in.....is to stand out.

The show will be staged at the beautiful **Wellington Opera House** and we'll stay overnight just down the road at the West Plaza Hotel. Come and join us for a dazzling and fabulous 'night at the Opera'.

## Tour No. 720

### A Winter Escape to Rarotonga

Date	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July
Times	All collected by 2.15pm
Cost	Patron: \$7795.00 Twin Share   \$9790.00 Single Room Member: \$8575.00 Twin Share   \$9435.00 Single Room
Payment	\$2000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x10, breakfast x10, lunch x4, dinner x8, All flights & activities

Here's the perfect tonic for those mid-winter blues. We're going to enjoy a revitalising break in beautiful **Rarotonga** with a mix of island activities and pure relaxation as we soak up the warmth of both the weather and the local hospitality – including a day spent at the legendary Aitutaki Lagoon. We reckon this sort of restorative break should be on a health plan.

Here's an idea of how much or how little you can get up to;



**Day 1:** Today we simply fly to Auckland and check in to the **Novotel Airport Hotel** ready for our morning flight tomorrow.

**Day 2:** We depart New Zealand on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of July and, thanks to the International Dateline, arrive in **Rarotonga** the day before – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. Now that's a genuine step back in time. We'll settle into our **Beachfront Deluxe** suites at the wonderful **Edgewater Resort & Spa** on the northern shores of the island.

**Day 3:** Today we acclimatise ourselves to our tropical paradise with an **Island Discovery Tour**. Our guide will take us to the most notable spots and tell us all about life on 'Raro', including lunch at world famous **Fish Moorings Café**. Dinner tonight is at the clifftop **Antipodes** restaurant. We'll sit out on the verandah with jaw-dropping views over **Black Rock** and out to the reef.

**Day 4:** Today is market day and after breakfast we're off to the best on the island, **Punanga Nui Market**. Here you'll find stalls from all of the outlying islands as well as Rarotonga itself. Handicrafts, clothing, black pearls, jewellery, island food, fresh fruit, artworks, and second-hand books to read over the week. There's something for everyone here. Relaxation time in the afternoon. Perhaps by the pool, on the beach or just on the balcony of your room taking in the beach views. Tonight we enjoy the Edgewater's **Island Unukai Feast & Cultural Show**.

**Day 5:** On Sunday, all the locals head to church. You're invited to join in this cornerstone of island life (optional, of course). See the ladies all dressed in their Sunday best, with their beautiful straw hats and fans, and all the chaps in collar and tie. We'll be joining them for morning tea afterwards. This afternoon is free for you to explore or chill out. The **Night Market** at **Muri Beach** is our destination for dinner tonight.

**Day 6:** The main feature of today is **Captain Tama's cruise** to Muri Lagoon, a marine reserve on the other side of the island. The glass-bottom boat will allow you to observe the amazing marine life. We'll enjoy a fresh fish BBQ on the island in the middle of the lagoon for lunch. Tonight we dine in style at **Tamarind House**.

**Day 7:** You have a **FREE DAY** today, but we'll have plenty of suggestions and tips to help you do as much or as little as you want. Tonight we meet up for dinner right on the beach at **Waterfront** restaurant.



**Day 8:** Today we're off to **Aitutaki**, an astonishing atoll surrounded by coral reefs 45 minutes' flight from Rarotonga. You'll be lost for words as you view the most perfect turquoise lagoon you've ever seen. After a wee tour of the island we'll join the **Vaka**, a double-hulled cruiser, and slowly sail across this vast lagoon and around the various tiny islands amidst crystal-clear waters, following the Green Turtles that live in the lagoon. Bring your togs for one of the most memorable swimming experiences of your life. It's so beautiful here you'll

wonder if you're dreaming. After a BBQ lunch onboard we'll stop at **One Foot Island**, site of the worlds' smallest registered Post Office. These views are the stuff of dreams.

**Day 9:** We start with some optional shopping for those who seek retail therapy. If not, enjoy a lazy start this morning. Then we're off to **Tuoro Tapas Bar** for a leisurely lunch and this evening we'll experience a **Progressive Dinner** at various local's homes.

**Day 10:** Today we say farewell to our hosts and their island paradise. Remember, as we head home, we lose the day we gained on Day 2. There's a metaphor about a simpler time in there somewhere.

There really isn't anything quite like a break on a tropical island for lifting the spirits and enriching the soul, particularly through winter. Come join us to recharge and enjoy some of that legendary island hospitality. Kia Orana!



## Tour No. 82I

### Exploring Fiordland's Finest

Date	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 8.55am
Cost	Patron: \$9350.00 Twin Share Salvin Cabin, \$10,630.00 Twin Share Royal Cabin, \$9945.00 Single Wandering Member: \$10,210.00 Twin Share Salvin Cabin, \$11,410.00 Twin Share Royal Cabin, \$10,879.00 Single Wandering
Payment	\$2000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, dinner x2, cruise incl drinks package and all meals onboard, flights, all activities

Bay Tours invite you to discover the primordial majesty of Fiordland's iconic **Doubtful and Dusky Sounds** on an unforgettable 6-day exploration cruise in August 2023. Limited to just 18 participants, this cruise will make for a unique encounter with our natural world. Only accessible by sea, Doubtful and Dusky Sounds are among the most isolated areas on New Zealand's mainland, ensuring their pristine, epic beauty remains unspoiled and their historic sites undisturbed. Waterfalls, streams, rivers and fiords are enveloped with misty veils that come and go, revealing steep gradients of mountain peaks and sheltered valleys. Unique wildlife including Bottlenose Dolphins, Fiordland Crested Penguins and New Zealand Fur Seals abound. Discover the calm waters of Fiordland in solitude and explore some of its most unique and wild parts on this bucket list voyage aboard the 30 metre, 4 deck, New Zealand built luxury launch *Heritage Explorer*.



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

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



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

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

**Day 5: Acheron Passage & Breaksea Sound** At the northern side of Dusky Sound we enter Acheron Passage. Separated from the mainland by this scenic waterway we find Resolution Island – one of the world's first conservation sanctuaries and the largest island in Fiordland. Our time here may include venturing into Wet Jacket Arm where the crew of Cook's Resolution ended up with wet jackets during their survey work. It is also the site where Moose were released, and last seen, in New Zealand. During the afternoon we explore the waters of Breaksea Sound where you might like to join the chefs fishing for tonight's dinner or take the kayaks for a shoreline exploration.



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



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

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

We have limited Single, Twin Share and Double cabins available, so find a buddy and book for one of the most amazing experiences ever. But don't delay, our 2022 dates for this cruise sold out very quickly.



## Tour No. 918 Country Golf Week

Date	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Times	All collected by 8.50am
Cost	Patron: \$2085.00 Twin Share   \$2505.00 Single Room Member: \$2295.00 Twin Share   \$2715.00 Single Room
Payment	\$700.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x1, lunch x4, dinner x4, all green fees, cart & trundler hire

For many years, New Zealand has been second only to Scotland as the country with the greatest number of golf courses per capita. Every town you drive through seems to have a course for the enjoyment of locals and visitors alike. The result is an astonishing array of remarkably kept courses up and down the country just waiting for visitors to discover their charms. So, we've decided it's time we did just that!

This tour is the first of what we hope will evolve into regular pilgrimages to different parts of provincial New Zealand to play some great country golf courses and explore other local attractions. And where better to start than our neighbours to the south in the **Tararua** and **Wairarapa** regions? Over **5 Days** we'll play four wonderful country courses – with a rest day in the middle – and enjoy local hospitality as well.

On **Day 1** we head south to the historic **Eketahuna Golf Club** that has been based at their Makakahi course for more than a century. 'The Cliffs', as the locals call them, provide a great backdrop to this lovely course right in the middle of town. Then it's down to Masterton and the fabulous **Copthorne Resort** – our base for the next four days. **Day 2** sees us firstly take in a remarkable collection of vehicles



in rural Wairarapa at Pointon Motors before we head to the century-old and beautifully maintained **Martinborough Golf Club**. Our boxed picnic lunch will fortify us, for this course offers the rare distinction of starting with Par 5s on the first two holes. Not for the fainthearted or slow starter. We'll stick around for a drink with the locals after our round and finish the day with dinner at the elegant **Union Square Bistro** in Martinborough. On **Day 3** we rest, with perhaps a visit to one or two wonderful Wairarapa winery cellar doors in the afternoon before dinner at one of the great country pubs, **The Gladstone Inn**.

**Day 4** features the Clareville course of the **Carterton Golf Club**. This picturesque and stimulating course is relatively flat and yet fraught with tactical dilemmas all the way. Your nerves will be restored with dinner at the glorious **White Swan Hotel** in Greytown tonight. On **Day 5** we begin our journey home, but not before stopping to enjoy the beautiful parkland course of the **Pahiatua Golf Club**. Situated at Mangatainoka and bordering the river, this will give us all a last chance for glory.....or not, before we return to the Bay.

If you are, or know of, a golfer who has always wanted to stop and try some of the stunning country courses we all drive past so often, then this is your chance. From the moment you leave your front door we've got everything covered including green fees, trundler hire, transport, accommodation and meals. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow golfers at a time of the year in which these country courses really shine. Places are limited to 16 players so tell a friend and book today.

## Tour No. 923

### Come From Away - Wellington

Date	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 9am
Cost	Patron: \$620.00 Twin Share   \$730.00 Single Room Member: \$685.00 Twin Share   \$785.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, all activities

On that dreadful day in 2001, known now as 9/11, when all of America's air space was suddenly and tragically closed, where did the hundreds of flights already crossing the Atlantic go?

The Tony and Olivier Award-winning musical '**Come From Away**' tells the remarkable true story of thousands of stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland, Canada suddenly inundated with them. Locals refer to people not born on the



island as "Come From Aways" and suddenly, courtesy of their giant emergency airport facilities, 38 planes and 7,000 passengers descended upon the town of Gander and others around it. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. '**Come From Away**' celebrates generosity of spirit in the darkest of times, the outpouring of hope. The revelation of human kindness is captured in this moving piece of musical theatre.

Don't miss the New Zealand debut of this global theatrical hit to be staged in the magnificently renovated and recently re-opened **St James Theatre** in Wellington. Come and be uplifted and entertained.

## Tour No. 925

### Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan

Date	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$2995.00 Twin Share   \$3787.00 Single Room Member: \$3295.00 Twin Share   \$4197.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x3, lunch x6, dinner x6

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



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

**Day 2:** Begins with an opportunity to explore the city at leisure with destinations such as **Puke Ariki Museum**, the amazing **Len Lye Gallery** or the **City Shopping Centre** mall. Then, after lunch at the **Rainforest Eatery**, it's off to the magnificent **Pukeiti Garden**, in the shadow of Taranaki/Mt Egmont, for a guided tour. Taranaki must be amongst the best regions in the country for gardens and Pukeiti is one of their finest. We also visit **Shedou Palms** this afternoon.

**Day 3:** We start heading north following the coast and visit a number of landmarks as we go. First a brief stop at the astonishing **Te Rewa Rewa (whalebone) Bridge** and then morning tea at **The Three Sisters & Elephant Rock** and also a stop at the amazing **Mangapohue Natural Bridge** before arriving for a late lunch at **The General Store** in **Waitomo**. After lunch we continue on SH3 through to **Te Awamutu**. We spend the night in 'Rose Town'.

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



**Day 5:** A day trip to **Raglan** is the focus today. A cruise on the tranquil **Raglan Harbour** is followed by a fish & chips lunch at **The Wharf** and time to wander around this remarkable little town. A view of the stunning **Bridal Veil Falls** is a must before we head back to Hamilton. What a day!

**Day 6:** We visit perhaps the best kept world-class secret in New Zealand - **Hamilton Gardens**. This remarkable public space is home to numerous 'Themed' gardens featuring stylised forms of gardens from around the world. In particular, we're looking forward to seeing their just opened **Ancient Egypt Garden** themed on the gardens of the Pharaohs 4,000 years ago. This glorious new garden, together with all the other themed spaces at this most impressive venue, is bound to amaze and entertain. After morning tea here, we have a couple of surprises in store for the afternoon.

**Day 7:** We head home today, stopping for an early lunch at the **Taupō Golf Club** before being back in the Bay early afternoon.

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



## Tour No. 930

### WOW #1 – Wellington

Date	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.35am
Cost	Patron: \$725.00 Twin Share   \$885.00 Single Room Member: \$795.00 Twin Share   \$950.00 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

### WOW #2 with extra day – Wellington

Date	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$1080.00 Twin Share   \$1390.00 Single Room Member: \$1185.00 Twin Share   \$1495.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch, dinner x2, premium ticket to show

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





## Tour No. 1010

### Whanganui & Rangitikei Homesteads

Date	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$1875.00 Twin Share   \$2255.00 Single Room Member: \$2065.00 Twin Share   \$2435.00 Single Room
Payment	\$650.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x4, lunch x4, dinner x3

Having led a number of tours across these districts, we've sought to include what we believe have been the best experiences of historic homesteads, gardens and activities we could capture in a **4 Day** tour. Following the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the **Whanganui** and **Rangitikei** districts were well placed to benefit from the pre-World War I economic boom. More than 100 years on, many grand houses are still set in mature grounds and gardens and, in some cases, are still occupied by the original families, hidden away in the countryside.



**Day 1:** We set out heading south and, after morning tea, arrive in the settlement of Bulls. We're going to be hosted for lunch at the **Bulls Friendship Club Hall**. You'll be astonished at the history of this little town. After lunch we visit **Overton**, a homestead near Marton dating from the 1880s. We then head on to **Whanganui** and our base for the next few nights.

**Day 2:** We first make a visit to the unique **Durie Hill Elevator** which has, since 1919, been carrying passengers up through the hill to the suburb and war memorial above. Then we cross town to the **Bason Botanic Gardens** for morning tea before carrying on west to **Bushy Park** homestead, designed by Charles Natusch, and the gardens for lunch and a guided tour. From here we head back to town for a guided tour of the magnificent 120yo **Royal Whanganui Opera House**.

**Day 3:** Our morning begins with a visit to **Paloma**, a remarkable garden near Fordell out of Whanganui. After a guide to the garden, a wander and a cuppa we depart for **Maungaraupi**. This substantial house was another Natusch design and, after a tour of the house and garden we'll enjoy lunch with the owners. Our final visit of the day is, in our view, one of the great country houses of this or any other district. **Merchiston** is one of the few grand Edwardian homes, anywhere in the country, that has been continuously occupied by the family that built it. In fact, the building is in the same fine condition it was when the last workman left in November 1908. We return to **Whanganui** to overnight tonight.

**Day 4:** We begin our journey home today, but we'll make our first special stop near Marton again. **Westoe** was built in 1874 for Sir William Fox who went on to be Premier of New Zealand four times. Modelled on Osbourne House, Queen Victoria's private home on the Isle of Wight, Westoe spent 133 years in the Howard



family before being recently sold to descendants of the family who farmed next door. After a guided tour we continue to re-trace our steps arriving for lunch at **Viv's Kitchen** in Sanson, a homage to the classic milk bars of the 1950s and 1960s. Our final stop on our way home is at the astonishing Italian Renaissance-style garden of **Villa Candotti** in the heart of Manawatu. Since moving to the property in 2003 Peter and Jeanette Cranstoun have designed, planted, styled and utterly transformed what was a 2 acre sheep paddock into a magnificent formal garden complete with a Florentine villa. From here we re-commence our drive back to the Bay and home.

We feel lucky and privileged to be able to visit all of these remarkable properties. We know this tour will be popular so delay booking at your peril.

## Tour No. 1027 South of the South

Date	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.55am
Cost	Patron: \$7985.00 Twin Share   \$9301.00 Single Room Member: \$8775.00 Twin Share   \$10,091.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1500.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x11, breakfast x11, morning tea x2, lunch x7, dinner x12, all activities

Bay Tours owner Ken Withington is Southland born and bred and with wife Kerren, will lead this **12-day** pilgrimage back to his roots and show off the scenic grandeur and southern hospitality of **The South of the South**. From pristine Fiordland on the southern west coast to unique Stewart Island and eastward to The Catlins, we'll explore the deep south in true Bay Tours fashion.

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



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

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

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

**Day 5:** We depart Te Anau today and head south east to **Riverton** on the south coast and the famous **Clifden Suspension Bridge** (with a couple of surprise stop-offs on the way). Then it's on to Kens' hometown – **Invercargill** for the next couple of nights.

**Day 6:** In the morning we're off to **Bluff**, southern-most point of the New Zealand mainland. Then it's the beautiful **Maple Glen Gardens** for lunch and **Oreti Beach**, the scene of many heroics by Kiwi motorcycle speed legend Burt Munro.

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



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

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

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

**Day 11:** We begin with a visit to the **Royal Albatross Centre** out at the very end of the Otago Peninsula. Then we enjoy lunch and a guided tour at **Larnach Castle**.

**Day 12:** We say farewell to southern hospitality and fly directly from Dunedin back to 'the Bay'.

This expansive tour takes in so many breath-taking places and experiences that it will remain with you for ever. With Ken and Kerrens' insight and local knowledge, this tour is a once in a lifetime 'Bucket List' experience not to be missed. Come join us ... but hurry, as numbers are limited.



## Tour No. 1106

### Twenty Tunnels & Exploring Taumarunui

Date	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$1850.00 Twin Share   \$2210.00 Single Room Member: \$2035.00 Twin Share   \$2395.00 Single Room
Payment	\$750.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x3, lunch x3, dinner x3



Nestled deep within the 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 **Taumarunui** 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

and, of course travel through 'twenty tunnels'. It's a full day trip that will depart from, and return to, our accommodation in **Taumarunui**. The following day we explore the Taumarunui district more with a visit to New Zealand's largest Alpaca farm, **Nevalea**, together with lunch at **Bradley's Garden** – a '*Garden of National Significance*' – and drop into a lavender farm as well.

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 Wonderful Waikato Gardens

Date	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 9.45am
Cost	Patron: \$2845.00 Twin Share   \$3475.00 Single Room Member: \$3130.00 Twin Share   \$3795.00 Single Room
Payment	\$950.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x2, 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 we'll 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 a leisurely start to the day, our first stopping for 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 banquet 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 at the worryingly titled **Fat Kiwi Café** in Otorohanga 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 an historic estate to a very new estate. **Willowbrook Park** stands in 25 acres and was bare ground as recently as 2009. The owners moved from the south of England and wanted to create a garden in the 18<sup>th</sup> century English style. Over 7 years they spent their spare time building the garden and planting over 15,000 trees, shrubs and plants to create a series of themed gardens and outdoor rooms which blend with the surrounding countryside. Then there's the small matter of the nearly 10,000sq feet of Georgian-style Manor House they built as well. Owner, Peter, will show us around the house before we enjoy a High Tea and a wander of the garden. Phew!

**Day 5:** From Georgian grandeur to Edwardian elegance, our first garden at **Moondance Manor** could have sprung directly from the design book of renowned garden designer Gertrude Jekyll. Designed to 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 picnic lunch stop at Mangakino. Then on through Taupō and home.

What an incredible collection of magnificent gardens we have for the keen observer on this tour. It's bound to be popular so get a group of your garden lover friends and come join us.



## Tour No. 1224 Christmas Mystery – December 2023

Date	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$3295.00 Twin Share   \$3895.00 Single Room Member: \$3625.00 Twin Share   \$3985.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, lunch x4, dinner x4, morning tea x2, all activities

**ITS BACK IN 2023!** The ongoing popularity of our Christmas 'mystery' getaway format means we have to try and keep another secret again this year. Christmas Eve will again find us heading somewhere different and taking in the sights, sounds and flavours of another 'not Hawke's Bay' destination. If you've always quite liked the idea of being whisked away for Christmas, then perhaps this is the year. Our Christmas regulars will tell you that once you try it, you're hooked!

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



### Kerren's Whisper

*"Psssst!, here's a tip or two about what's coming down the pipe as part of the next Leisure Guide edition due in July 2023.....just quietly!"*

- We're in no particular hurry to create many international tours just yet. But, due to a goodly number of enquiries we're looking at **Tasmania** as a destination in 2024.
- Also in 2024, we'll be reprising the brilliant trip on **The Ghan** train that runs between Darwin and Adelaide, as the experience with 30-odd Tour Clubbers on our first trip in September was superb.
- **The Ten Tenors** will finally be making a return to our shores in 2023 after covid disrupted their planned shows in 2020. We plan to obtain tickets once released for their Napier show 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- For the gardeners amongst us, we're looking to attend the **Eden Garden Tulip Festival** for the first time in September 2023. Auckland's largest display of all things tulip promises to be quite something.
- Despite Kiwirail mucking us around with elements of the long-anticipated **Exploring Blenheim to Christchurch** tour, we are aiming to have it back on the agenda for November 2023 and in the next Leisure Guide.

Let us know if you'd like to know more about any of these opportunities when we have all the info. People registered as interested with us will be offered places first before we begin promoting them.

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