

# TOUR CLUB LEISURE GUIDE

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# Welcome to Bay Tours & Charters

## Leisure Guide



Hello everyone,

I'm sitting at home surrounded by garden and as the flowers bloom and Ken tends his tomatoes, it's all a reminder that Summer is so nearly upon us. The forecasters are telling us it'll be a hot one. Well, I just hope it's not another wet one. Our region, like much of the country, has had enough of those for a while.

Since the middle of 2024 there have been numerous highlights for the **Tour Club**. None

more so than our first Winter Escape to Samoa in September. On the basis of a one-day visit in 2019, we decided we really wanted to try to take a group there and it couldn't have gone better. The resort we stayed at was superb and the locals who hosted us and showed us around couldn't have made us more welcome. We'll certainly be going back in the future. A stay at exclusive Treetops Estate outside Rotorua was another thrill. We had the place to ourselves and were spoilt rotten by the team there. Our return to Coromandel for the first time in a while in October was very rewarding for all, and a group has just returned from a long weekend in Melbourne to see a show we'd otherwise never see. (Psst! Keep an eye out for more of these little jaunts across the ditch to shows). We also had many a fun and successful Day Trip over these last few months. From lunches all over the place to gardens in Manawatu and local shows, everyone has derived a heap of enjoyment from them. Here at **Bay Tours** we're all super-excited about this new edition of the *Leisure Guide*. We have brand spanking new tours such as **Waikato Country Discovery** and **Wairarapa Country Life** that get under the skin of a region you think you know and take you to places you've not seen. Then there's the **Hurunui Garden Festival** in North Canterbury that we've been saying we'll go to for years. Well, here it is! How about our friends at Heritage Expeditions, not only taking us back to **Fiordland** in 2025, but also bringing their expertise to parts of the **Marlborough Sounds** we've never seen. And look where we're going for our Winter Escape in 2025....**Fiji's Yasawa Islands**. Add in fantastic new Day Trips like a visit to **Cape Sanctuary**, **Garden to Vase** with Foraged & Found and **Dinner at Pacifica**. This issue might be the most diverse in its new offerings yet. Let's not forget the shows, both local and further afield, they're coming thick and fast too. And we'll certainly let you know about any that miss this edition. A few iconic favourite tours are making a welcome return too, but with new twists. Look out for **North Of The North**, **East Coast Getaway** and **Wellington Secrets**, and the list goes on.....

As always, Ken and I are so grateful for the support you show **Bay Tours**. I think it's a testament to the quality of our tours and our people. We thank you for your continued interest in the excursions we create and we're confident you'll find plenty to interest you in this latest issue of our *Leisure Guide* that we are so proud to present to you.

On behalf of all the team at **Bay Tours** – particularly Kaye and Kayley who do so much of the Tour Club ground work behind the scenes – Ken and I would like to wish you Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again on tour soon.

**Cover Photo (overleaf): Coromandel 2024**

**Kerren & Ken Withington**

# General Information

## Payments:

**Credit card:** We accept credit card payments by Visa or MasterCard but there is a 2% 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. 101425WITH**. 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 & Kayley - Your Tour Club Co-ordinators



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

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



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**Visit us at our address:**

26 Turner Place, Onekawa, Napier 4110

# Tour Club Booking Form

Date	Tour	Tour Name	Patron	Member
Thu 16 – Thu 23 Jan	11625	Chatham Islands	\$6,585	\$7,250
Fri 17 Jan	11725	Lunch at Peak House & Baxters Sunflowers	\$180	\$205
Fri 31 Jan	13125	A Local Guides Us Through Mahia	\$180	\$210
Mon 3 – Wed 5 Feb	20325	Taupō Luxury Dining	\$1,875	\$2,155
Wed 5 Feb	20525	A Picnic Lunch Beyond Puketitiri	\$115	\$150
Thu 6 – Wed 19 Feb	20625	A Pacific Island Cruise on Celebrity Edge	\$9,555	\$10,510
Wed 12 Feb	21225	Progressive Pub Lunch	\$140	\$160
Thu 20 Feb	22025	Dinner at High St Bistro Dannevirke	\$175	\$210
Mon 24 Feb – Tue 4 Mar	22425	Canterbury Homesteads & Gardens	\$3,955	\$4,350
Wed 26 Feb	22625	Lake Waikaremoana	\$165	\$195
Sat 1 Mar	30125	Martinborough Fair	\$140	\$160
Mon 3- Fri 7 Mar	30325	Great Barrier Island Escape #1	\$3,785	\$4,165
Wed 5 Mar	30525	Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Off The Track	\$70	N/A
Thu 6 Mar	30625	Cape Sanctuary Tour & lunch	\$365	\$415
Fri 7 – Sat 8 Mar	30725	Six The Musical – Auckland	\$820	\$910
Thu 13 Mar	31325	Evening Progressive Dinner	\$175	\$200
Sat 15 – Wed 19 Mar	31525	Waikato Country Discovery	\$2,675	\$2,950
Wed 19 Mar	31925	Garden to Vase with Foraged & Found	\$295	\$325
Fri 21 – Tue 25 Mar	32125	Wairarapa Country Life	\$2,895	\$3,285
Thu 27 Mar	32725	Lunch at Clearview Estate	\$170	\$190
Fri 28 Mar – Tue 1 Apr	32825	Great Barrier Island Escape #2	\$3,785	\$4,165
Thu 3 Apr	40325	Lunch at Hawke's Bay Club	\$135	\$155
Mon 7 – Fri 11 Apr	40725	Molesworth & Rainbow Stations & More	\$3,365	\$3,720
Mon 7 – Wed 16 Apr	40725A	Otago's Old Gold Road	\$7,755	\$8,595
Tue 8 Apr	40825	Autumn Progressive Lunch	\$165	\$185
Fri 11 Apr	41125	Big Day Out – Tūrangi Trout & Huskies	\$190	\$230
Tue 22 Apr	42225	Holts Forest & Tūtira	\$175	\$200
Thu 24 – Tue 29 Apr	42425	East Coast Getaway	\$3,175	\$3,495
Sun 27 – Mon 28 Apr	42725	Spiral Spectacular by Train	\$875	\$995
Fri 2 – Tue 6 May	50225	Wellington Secrets	\$2,295	\$2,595
Mon 5 May	50525	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #1	\$250	\$275
Thu 8 May	50825	Dinner at Pacifica	\$200	\$230
Mon 12 May	51225	Tuki Tuki Cycle Trail & Lunch	\$185	\$210
Wed 21 May	52125	Lunch at Craggy Range	\$205	\$230
Fri 23 – Mon 26 May	52325	Bluff Oyster & Food Festival	\$2,695	\$2,995
Mon 26 May	52625	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers #2	\$250	\$275
Thu 5 June	60525	Winter Pub Lunch & Quiz	\$170	\$190
Sat 7 June	60725	Feilding Craft Market	\$125	\$165
Tue 10 June	61025	Dinner at Mangapapa	\$170	\$185
Tue 17 – Mon 23 June	61725	TranzAlpine	\$3,955	\$4,355
Tue 17 June	61725A	Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Silky Oak	\$70	N/A
Thu 26 June	62625	Big Day Out – Pohangina & Gentle Annie	\$180	\$220
Sun 3 – Sun 10 Aug	80325	Exploring Fiordland's Finest	\$10,375	\$11,425

Sat 16 – Sun 17 Aug	81625	Mamma Mia Musical – Wellington	\$695	\$775
Sun 31 Aug	83125	Creedence Clearwater Collective – Dinner & Show	\$210	\$235
Thu 4 – Fri 12 Sep	90425	Cruise Fiji's Yasawa Islands	\$6,555	\$7,215
Sat 20 – Sun 21 Sep	92025	WOW #1 – Wellington	\$755	\$835
Sat 27 – Sun 28 Sep	92725	WOW #2 – Wellington	\$755	\$835
Mon 6 – Fri 10 Oct	100625	Molesworth & Rainbow Stations & More	\$3,485	\$3,850
Wed 9 – Fri 18 Oct	100925	North of the North	\$4,755	\$4,995
Sat 18 Oct	101825	Queen: It's a Kinda Magic	\$225	\$250
Tue 28 Oct – Tue 4 Nov	102825	Hurunui Garden Festival	\$4,495	\$4,995
Thu 13 – Tue 25 Nov	111325	The Ghan, Darwin & Adelaide	\$TBC	\$TBC
Mon 17 – Tue 18 Nov	111725	An Evening with Cliff Richard – Wellington	\$825	\$915
Tue 2 – Tue 9 Dec	120225	Marlborough Sounds – An Exploration	\$9,555	\$10,590

## Tour Club

### Conditions & Important Booking Information

#### 1. Reservations & Payments

All day trips should be made in one payment at the time of booking.

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. 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.

## **5. Travel Insurance – ask us for a quote with CoverMore**

In association with Cover-More Travel Insurance we 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.

## **6. Cancellations and Refunds**

### **With Travel 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 Travel Insurance**

Cancellation fees without Travel Insurance with us are as follows;

### **Multi-Day Tours**

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

Full refund, less any non-recoverable payments to suppliers of the tour eg flights, show tickets etc

#### **44 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 or Kerren, you are able to get someone to take your place, you will receive a refund of the amount paid, less an admin fee of \$250 and any non-transferable payments to suppliers e.g flights

**We strongly encourage the purchase of Travel Insurance in order to provide peace of mind that the full amount paid is protected (as per item 5 above).**

### **Day Trips**

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

Refund in full

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

No refund

## **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. If their 1<sup>st</sup> trip is a day trip you will receive a **credit of \$50**. If it's an overnight or longer tour you will receive a **credit of \$100**. Make sure they say that you referred them when they register so we can keep track for you.

## Tour No. 11625 Chatham Islands

Date	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	Patron: Twin Share \$6,585.00   Single shared facilities \$6,225.00   Single Room \$9,665.00 Member: Twin Share \$7,250.00   Single shared facilities \$6,850.00   Single Room \$10,635.00
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due by Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, morning tea x4, lunch x4, afternoon tea x4, dinner x7, flights



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.

From Hawke's Bay we'll fly, via **Wellington**, into the **Chatham Islands** where our home for the next **7 nights** will be **Hotel Chatham**. During our visit, we'll explore the whole island. 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. 11725

### Lunch at Peak House & Baxters' Sunflowers

Date	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	Patron: \$180.00 Member: \$205.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, entry fee & ice cream

Is there a better lunchtime view in Summer than from **Peak House**, halfway up Te Mata Peak? The vista stretches right across the Heretaunga Plains, northward past Napier and towards Poukawa in the south. We'll enjoy an **Entrée & Main** here in the midst of Te Mata Park before returning to Havelock North and **Baxter's Sunflower field** complete with a swing and other mega-photo opportunities. While we lick an ice cream, Johnathan will give us some tips on how to grow this most uplifting of flowers and you can take a giant bloom home with you. This day celebrates the best of Summer in Hawke's Bay. Come join us.

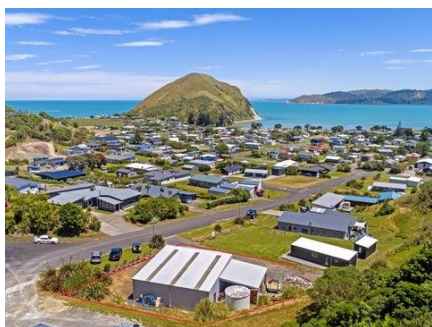




## Tour No. 13125

### A Local Guides Us Through Mahia

Date	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Times	All collected by 8.20am
Cost	Patron: \$180.00 Member: \$210.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



A summers' day spent in Northern Hawke's Bay is always a day well spent. After morning tea in **Wairoa**, beside the river, we'll continue north to collect our special guest at **Nūhaka**. Local identity **Arthur Bowen** has lived in this part of Hawke's Bay forever. What he doesn't know about the history and goings-on of the local area isn't worth knowing. Arthur will come aboard the coach and regale us with fun facts and stories about **Nūhaka** and **Mahia** as we head towards our lunch destination, the

**Rocket Café** in **Mahia** (which just happens to be run by Arthur's sister, Janey). After lunch we'll head for the beach, slip our shoes off, and feel the warm sand between our toes as we enjoy a gentle wander. We begin our journey homeward stopping by the legendary **Riverview Dairy** in Wairoa for an ice cream to keep us going.

Book your place now for a hazy, lazy summers' day of fun in the country.



## Tour No. 20325

### Taupō Luxury Dining

Date	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 5.40am
Cost	Patron: \$1,875.00 Twin Share   \$2,350.00 Single Room Member: \$2,155.00 Twin Share   \$2,585.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due by Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, lunch x3, dinner x2

Following on from our very popular *Capital & Country Luxury Dining* tour in April, we've created another fabulous dining experience. This time a little closer to home. Hats are not the first thing you think about when selecting a dining destination (although it would be fun to have everyone wear a hat to the table). Highly esteemed foodie magazine CUISINE publishes an annual 'Good Food Guide' which lists the very best

restaurants from around the country as judged by their restaurant reviewers following anonymous visits throughout the year. The Best of the Best are awarded 'Hats' ranging from one to three, similar to the French Michelin Star system. Taupō has two 'Hatted' restaurants and in February 2025 we're planning group dinners at both, plus a number of other outstanding culinary experiences all rolled up into one tour. Here's a summary;



**Day 1:** This morning we trundle to **Taupō** and head to our favourite lakeside picnic spot at Four Mile Bay where we'll enjoy a delicious summer lunch catered by **Prue Campbell** of **The Brantry** restaurant. From here we head to one of Taupō's best kept secrets – a private garden at the foot of **Mount Tauhara** that's rated as 'A Garden of National Significance' by the NZ Gardens Trust. Owner, Lorna Henry, will welcome us and show us around her 1.5 acre beauty. We then head to our accommodation for the next two nights, the luxurious **Hilton Hotel Taupō**. Our day culminates with a 4-course dinner at Hat recipient **The Bistro**. Cuisine's Good Food Guide says: "*There's a very simple secret to this great Taupō success story – Keep it simple, but superb.*"



**Day 2:** After a leisurely start to the day and one of the Hilton Hotel's breakfasts we head north to **Lake Rotoiti** where we'll enjoy a **private cruise on the lake** to hot water shorelines where you can have a paddle. If it's a really hot summer's day our skipper will find a little cove and tie up where we can enjoy another al fresco lunch by **Prue Campbell**. There are some great swimming spots at the northern end of the lake too. What a great way to spend a day in

high Summer. We return to the **Hilton Hotel Taupō** mid-afternoon where you can lounge by the pool with a cocktail or enjoy some time relaxing on your balcony. Tonight is something special. A 5-course degustation dinner at **Embra**, recipient of 2 Hats from Cuisine Good Food Guide. They say: "*They take great pride in their dishes which combine incredible French and British cooking techniques with modern local cuisine.*" Nuff said.

**Day 3:** There's time for a refreshing dip in the pool this morning before we have to checkout of our hotel. There'll be time in town to wander the lakefront, indulge in a little retail therapy or sit and watch the world go by before we make our way around through to Acacia Bay to **L'Arte Café & Gallery** where owner Jo Brennan will create a special lunch menu for us before we begin our journey back to the Bay.

Taupō's unrivalled central position gives it access to the best produce from half a dozen regions. Perhaps this is one of the reasons for the rise of so many great food establishments, of all kinds, in the town. On this tour we're trying our fair share of them and having plenty of fun along the way.

Come join us and treat your senses to some of the best culinary experiences around.



**Show ready! Disney's Beauty & The Beast Musical – Melbourne (Nov 2024)**  
See 'Kerren's whisper' on page 55 for details of our next overseas show



## Tour No. 20525

### A Picnic Lunch Beyond Puketitiri

Date	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 10.20am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$115.00</b> Member: \$150.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

Summer is the perfect time for an excursion up the **Puketitiri** road. The beautiful rolling hills through **Rissington** gradually climb until by the time you reach **Patoka** the views across to the **Kaweka Ranges** are breathtaking. We're taking this road all the way to **Ball's Clearing**, which is a bush reserve with stands of native trees preserved from the felling that took place to develop the surrounding farmland. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch here and explore some of the short walks available. A stop for an ice cream at the **Puketapu Store** is a great way to conclude a wonderful day in Hawke's Bay hill country.



## Tour No. 20625

### A Pacific Island Cruise on Celebrity Edge

Date	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 9am
Cost	Patron: \$9,555.00 Twin Share   \$15,665.00 Single Room Member: \$10,510.00 Twin Share   \$17,230.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1500 initial deposit, \$4000 2nd deposit due 17th September, final balance due by 2nd December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x1, dinner x1, breakfast x1, 12 night cruise package including all meals whilst on board



From the wonderful **Celebrity Cruise Line** – so beloved by our past cruisers – comes perhaps the most advanced cruise liner to ever enter Australasian waters. Introducing **CELEBRITY EDGE**. The **EDGE** will make you feel more connected to the Pacific around you and the island destinations you visit that ever before. For **12 nights** we'll cruise into the magnificent **South Pacific** departing from, and returning to,

**Auckland**. So, no international flights or airports to contend with. Our ports of call include: **Bay Of Islands, Suva, Fiji, Lautoka, Fiji, Apia, Samoa, Pago Pago, American Samoa**. We believe that this combination of itinerary and ship selection offers an ideal opportunity for past cruisers and those who haven't cruised before to experience the new era of cruising with what is a simple New Zealand based round trip. Join us and enjoy some of the glories of our own Pacific back yard and the wonder that is **CELEBRITY EDGE**. Bay Tours owners, Kerren & Ken Withington will be hosting this tour. For more information and a complete itinerary, call Kerren in the office or email her: [kerren@baytours.co.nz](mailto:kerren@baytours.co.nz)

## Tour No. 21225

### Progressive Pub Lunch

Date	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	Patron: \$140.00 Member: \$160.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

This popular series of progressive lunches features the stylish grub of our favourite watering holes around Hawke's Bay. In this edition we start our **3 course** lunch at Taradale's **Duke Of Gloucester Tavern** where we'll meet and enjoy a delicious **Entrée** before we make our way around the corner and over the hill to the **Puketapu Pub**. Mary and her family have done brilliantly to lift themselves up after Gabrielle went through the place.



This has always been one of our special spots and we'll enjoy a magnificent **Main Course** here. Then we're back on the road and into Hastings where we conclude our meal with one of the stunning **Desserts** at **Jarks**.

Come and enjoy good company and wonderful food on this latest experience of great pub food.

## Tour No. 22025

### Dinner at High St Bistro - Dannevirke

Date	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 4.20pm
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$175.00</b> Member: \$210.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner



Back in 2017, Auckland residents Campbell and Nicole Sprague bought an old villa in Dannevirke that they fell in love with. It wasn't long after that they made the permanent move from Mt Eden to the Tararua town. Three years later mega-experienced chef Campbell enticed their son, Brock, a veteran of the Auckland hospitality industry for over a decade, to also migrate south with his family. The workload in Auckland was getting on top of him and with a wife and kids Brock decided he needed a change. They leapt upon an opportunity to lease part of the old Public Trust Building on Dannevirke's main drag that had been The Vault and **High Street Bistro** was born. Since then, their reputation has spread far and wide with diners coming from as far away as Wellington to heap further acclaim upon the enterprise. We'll enjoy a **3-course dinner** in this fabulous space and discover what all the fuss is about. We're very excited to be able to showcase and support a dining venue in a provincial town that's successfully holding its own. Come and be part of the magic.

## Tour No. 22425

### Canterbury Homesteads & Gardens

Date	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.20am
Cost	Patron: \$3,955.00 Twin Share   \$4,795.00 Single Room Member: \$4,350.00 Twin Share   \$5,275.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due by Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x8, breakfast x8, morning tea x4, lunch x6, afternoon tea, dinner x8, ferry crossing

There are many parallels between the European settlement of Canterbury and that of Hawke's Bay with significant numbers of settlers starting to arrive into both areas in the 1850s. And whilst Hawke's Bay's early settlement was, like much of the North Island at this time, a rather haphazard affair, the settlement of Canterbury was a much more planned enterprise. Fortunes were made and, as a consequence, grand houses were built and gardens created. On this tour we will visit a number of these properties, most of which are now much reduced in acreage, with some still in the hands of the same settler families and others benefiting from the enthusiastic care of new owners. Our visits over this **9 Day** tour will span from the Hurunui district in the very north of the province, to Geraldine at the southern end of the great plains. Most of these properties will be first-time visits for **Bay Tours** and we're very excited to be given access to them. Here's a summary of the itinerary;



**Day 1:** We depart Hawke's Bay and head to Wellington where we overnight at our favourite **Copthorne Oriental Bay Hotel** before our Interislander ferry to Picton the following morning.

**Day 2:** After our morning ferry we head south on SH1 to **Kaikoura** where we overnight in the new, sparkly **Sudima Hotel** with dinner at the newly refurbished Pier Hotel.

**Day 3:** Today we take the Inland Road through Mt Lyford to the town of **Waiau** and our first historic property – **Lyndon**. Begun in 1880, Lyndon homestead was the centre of a 70,000 acre sheep run. In 2018 Jude Flintoft and Steve Smith purchased the derelict homestead and set about restoring the house, and in doing so honouring the original craftsmanship achieving detailed work using hand tools only. Today Jude will host us for a cuppa and show us around the homestead and the progress made on the gardens to date. We then head to another property just down the road in **Rotherham** where Doreen and Mike Dryden have created one of the great gardens of North Canterbury at **Loch Leven**.



Doreen will put on lunch for us and show us around this stunning garden. In the afternoon we continue south into the **Hororata** area to one of the oldest homesteads still remaining in Canterbury – **Terrace Station**. Kate Foster, great grand-daughter of the station founder John Hall, will meet us and tell us all about the homestead and gardens which she and her late husband have put into a charitable trust. Tonight we stay in **Methven**.

**Day 4:** The story of the Hall family continues this morning as we visit another homestead built by the family in 1912 as part of the huge

Terrace Station – **Gunyah**. We'll have morning tea here whilst the owners tell us about its own history before showing us around. From here we head south into the foothills around Mt Somers where our first stop is **Rangiatea**, a hill country farm where Sara & Blair Gallagher have a stunning garden and Sara has created a range of jewellery featuring Agate quartz mined on the property. Sara will show us around the property and we'll be able to look through her gallery. Just down the road we visit another Sara, this time it's Sara Grigg at **Surrey Hills Station**. The Grigg family have a huge farming history in Mid-Canterbury and Sara will tell us all about it as we wander the beautiful woodland garden. For the next 3 nights we stay in **Ashburton**.

**Day 5:** Today is special as we get to visit with Rose & John Acland at **Mount Peel Station** up the Rangitata River. Not only is there the 1865 homestead and beautiful gardens, but the exquisite family stone church is another must see. Rose is originally a Nelson from Hawke's Bay and John's grandmother was an Ormond from Wallingford. So, lots to talk about here. After lunch we travel south across the Orari River to **Orari Gorge Station**. Wintering 25,000 head of stock, the station has been in the same family for 170 years and is currently home to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> generations. Our host, Rosa Peacock's great-grandfather settled the property in 1856. Rosa will tell us all about the history and guide us around the many restored 19<sup>th</sup> century farm buildings, the homestead and gardens.

**Day 6:** This morning we'll head to **Geraldine** for a little free time to wander the excellent **Farmer's Market** in the churchyard, maybe check out the wonderful rose garden in the Domain or just settle down with a cuppa in a café. In the late morning we turn towards the coastal plains and **Akaunui**, a homestead and farm that was originally part of the massive Longbeach Estate owned by the Grigg family, but has long been in the family of our hosts today, Di and Ian MacKenzie. They will host us for a classic farm lunch created largely from produce on the property before showing us around parts of their magnificent 30 (yes, that's right) acre garden. Our last destination of the day is a property that was originally part of the enormous Ashburton Run but, since 1877 has been called **Coniston**. The 1918 homestead is surrounded by 6 acres of woodland, lake & formal gardens and our hosts, Carol and Donald Williamson, will welcome us and show us around.



**Day 7:** We begin our homeward journey today, but we couldn't leave Canterbury without a visit to the original seat of the pre-eminent Deans family, **Riccarton House**. Built in stages from 1856, the house is truly magnificent and we'll enjoy a guided tour of the house and grounds before we have lunch here. Then we're on the road in the afternoon and return to **Kaikoura** for the night.

**Day 8:** We wend our way up the Marlborough coast to the outskirts of **Blenheim** to **Welton House** where owner Wendy Palmer and her garden designer brother, Ross, have created something special. Wendy lives in the 1901 homestead with her daughter Maia and will show us around and give us lunch before we head to Picton and our afternoon ferry. We overnight in **Wellington** tonight.

**Day 9:** We make our way back to Hawke's Bay today, via **Palmerston North** where there will be time for lunch and no doubt shopping, before we head home.

This tour encompasses 12 properties and more importantly we'll meet some amazing people. Some are custodians of their familys' rich history in Canterbury, others having lovingly restored landmark properties to their former glory. And all with a strong desire to preserve a physical presence of past generations. Come and be part of this wonderful exploration of some of Canterbury's finest heritage properties.

## Tour No. 22625 Lake Waikaremoana

Date	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 7.50am
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$195.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



There's something magical about **Lake Waikaremoana**. It seems at the same time familiar and inaccessible. One of the wonderful playgrounds for generations of Hawke's Bay people, recent climatic and other events have made it less visited than in the past. On this trip we'll take a picnic lunch, pack up the chairs and head for beautiful

**Onepoto Bay** on the lake. And what better time of the year to visit than high summer. On the way we'll enjoy a morning cuppa – and the views – at the spectacular **Mohaka Viaduct** and stop off for a photo stop at the isolated **Tuai Power Station** as well. Come and enjoy a day in the northern Hawke's Bay back country.

## Tour No. 30125 Martinborough Fair

Date	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Times	All collected by 6.45am
Cost	Patron: \$140.00 Member: \$160.00
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. 30325 & 32825 Great Barrier Island Escape #1 & #2

Date	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March & Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Times	All collected by 7.15am
Cost	Patron: \$3,785.00 Twin Share   \$4,485.00 Single Room Member: \$4,165.00 Twin Share   \$4,935.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due by Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x4, afternoon tea x2, dinner x4, all flights



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' to spend time, over **5 Days**, with the locals to experience 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**. Sharing a meal with friends is an occasion to be revered and enjoyed on 'the Barrier' too. Orla at **Currach Irish Pub** and Steve at **Mulberry Grove Store & Café** are examples of locals whose larger-than-life personalities are reflected in their hospitality. 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. 30525

### Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Off The Track

Date	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$70.00</b>
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch



Another special 'Patron Only' lunch, this time at the recently re-opened **Off The Track** restaurant in Havelock North. Join us for a delicious **2-course lunch**. With magnificent views of Te Mata Peak and a regularly changing menu, Off The Track is the perfect venue for this summer edition. A great chance for us to say thanks to you and for you to catch up with Tour Club friends.



## Tour No. 30625

### Cape Sanctuary Tour & Lunch

Date	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.20am
Cost	Patron: \$365.00 Member: \$415.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

We are very excited to have been invited to visit **Cape Sanctuary**, New Zealand's largest privately owned and funded '*mainland island*' conservation project, which is situated out at **Cape Kidnappers**. Established in 2006 by a local family, **Cape Sanctuary** initially had a focus on habitat restoration and pest control in order to create an environment where endangered species could re-inhabit the peninsula. Now, 18 years later the Sanctuary boasts a population of over 600 **Eastern Brown Kiwi** with chick survival rates way above the national average. So much so, that now **Cape Sanctuary** can donate Kiwi birds to populate emerging conservation projects. Other endangered species to have been successfully translocated to the sanctuary include **Kaka** and **Kakariki** with both species now numbering in the hundreds. **North Island Robin** also now abound as does NZ's smallest native bird, the tiny **Rifleman** – deep in the most forested part of the sanctuary – and even **Takahe** with the first chick from a mating pair being born here in 2022. We'll spend the morning at the sanctuary and be guided in by our friends at **Gannet Safari Overland** in their 4WD bus and enjoy a morning cuppa with the volunteers as well. The theme of sustainability will continue through and after lunch. Francky Godinho, owner of **St Georges Restaurant** outside Havelock North, has been quietly working for years to build up his kitchen garden in order to present as much of his own grown produce on the plate as he can. After a delicious lunch at the restaurant, we have persuaded Francky to take us to the 'secret' location of his garden and show us around. Don't miss out, there are only 20 places available.



## Tour No. 30725

### Six The Musical - Auckland

Date	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	Patron: \$820.00 Twin Share   \$935.00 Single Room Member: \$910.00 Twin Share   \$1,030.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show



What a thrill to have an international production of a stage musical visit New Zealand whilst still in the full flush of it's West End and Broadway success. **SIX** premiered in London's West End in 2019 and, following the pandemic, re-opened in London and premiered on Broadway in 2021.

**SIX** introduces us to the 'Ex-wives' of King Henry VIII and imagines what might happen if they'd all had the chance to compare stories with each other to establish which wife has suffered the most from their shared husband. This riotous get together of Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Katherine Howard and Catherine Parr

takes the form of a girl band with their backing musicians, the '*Ladies in Waiting*'. Prepare to lose your head and experience the Tudor wives lives as they turn back the clock and return to the stage together to reclaim their crowns and retell their stories of love, loss and the infamous 'ex' they all have in common. With the by-line '*Divorced, Beheaded & Live*', **SIX** is described by the **New York Times** as "*Pure entertainment and with wickedly smart writing and catchy songs.*" **Variety** magazine said "*SIX is a solid 10 for joy,*" and London's **Daily Telegraph** described it as "*A beacon of hope for the future of British musicals.*".

What better venue for this uplifting musical than the opulent Civic Theatre in Auckland. This overnight trip promises to be right Royal rollicking fun. Don't miss your chance to experience the crowning glory of the next generation in musical theatre - **SIX**.

Remember to renew your

*Patron Membership*

**for 2025! 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 join 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. 31325

### Evening Progressive Dinner

Date	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 5.50pm
Cost	Patron: \$175.00 Member: \$200.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner

This latest edition of our Progressive Dinner series sees us enjoy **3 courses** at three different restaurants. And we start with **Black Barn Bistro**. Executive Chef, **Regnar Christensen** says *"Everything on our menu has been handmade by me and my team with the raw ingredients provided by small, passionate producers right here in Hawke's Bay!"* What a way to start, with an **Entrée** here. Then, from one fine chef to another, we head down Havelock Road to **St Georges Restaurant** where owner **Francky Godinho** is determined to have grown as much of the produce he presents on the plate as possible. Recipient of many national cooking accolades over the years, Francky will create our **Main Course**. From here it's across Hastings to **Jarks** whose chefs have always been the magicians for those with a sweet tooth. Their **Dessert** is the perfect way to finish a superb dinner. Come and experience some of the best the Bay has to offer.



## Tour No. 31525

### Waikato Country Discovery

Date	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 7.15am
Cost	Patron: \$2,675.00 Twin Share   \$3,225.00 Single Room Member: \$2,950.00 Twin Share   \$3,550.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x4, lunch x3, dinner x4



Over the years, the traditional image of the **Waikato** region as a purely dairy farming area has changed. Entrepreneurs and business titans alike have made their homes in the region and this stunning, verdant heart of New Zealand is humming with optimism. Outside the main centre of Hamilton, other smaller towns such as **Te Awamutu**, **Raglan** and **Cambridge** are growing and booming. On this **5 Day tour** we'll discover and celebrate some amazing ventures going on in the heart of the Waikato countryside and meet the people behind this new wave of growth. And we'll also enjoy some of the magnificent natural wonders this region has to offer.

**Day 1:** Heading north from Hawke's Bay, we'll call in to **Hobbiton Movie Set** to see the brand-new amazing hobbit hole 'interiors' recently created to match the glorious exterior

views throughout fictitious Bag End. Then it's on to **Cambridge** and the excellent **Hidden Lake Hotel**, our base for the next 4 nights.

**Day 2:** Our first destination is the vibrant coastal town of **Raglan** where generations of creatives and alternative-lifestylers have made their home. A morning cruise on the **Raglan Harbour** and up Tawatahi River provides a different perspective on this lovely seaside town. Our lunch stop couldn't be more of a contrast. **The Jukebox Diner** with its Americana atmosphere is the perfect introduction to one of the finest collections of classic and vintage cars, motorcycles and motoring memorabilia you'll ever see. This afternoon we head to leafy **Gordonton** to visit possibly the largest alpaca stud in the country. Breeding lines, all over the world, for this beautiful animal are being led by **Cornerstone Alpacas** and we'll get up close and feed these calm, curious animals, their babies (called Cria) and some cheeky llamas as well. Good for the soul.

**Day 3:** A very special day today. Our first visit is to dairy farmer Pete Morgan on his farm west of **Te Awamutu**. Pete and his wife Ann have farmed this beautiful rolling country for



20 years and they're renowned in dairy circles for championing new technology on their farm. Watch as Pete creates virtual fences in paddocks, moves stock around, and tracks their health and productivity, all simply by using an app on his phone. You'll be amazed. This afternoon we have the rare privilege of visiting what many consider NZ's pre-eminent thoroughbred horse stud. Home of legendary stallions 'Sir Tristram' and 'Zabeel',

**Cambridge Stud** has, more than any other horse stud, put the NZ bloodstock industry on the world map. We'll visit this incredible facility which includes their magnificent Heritage Centre. What a day!

**Day 4:** This morning, we visit **Takapoto Estate** which is 600 acres that run along 3kms of **Lake Karapiro**. Here the Plaw family have planted nearly a million native trees and plants providing a thriving eco-system to compliment the neighbouring Sanctuary Mountain. We'll enjoy morning tea and a tour of the magnificent gardens and grounds. After a wonderful slap-up picnic lunch beside the historic **Arapuni Suspension Bridge**, we drop in next door for a tour of the wonderful birdlife sanctuary that is **Maungatautari Mountain**.

**Day 5:** We begin our gradual journey homeward with a visit to **Hodderville Farms** which covers nearly 2,500 acres and milk about the same number of dairy cows. We'll have morning tea with them in their beautifully restored Edwardian buildings and hear about their philosophy of a circular economy. We'll also visit their plant nursery which specializes in native plants for riparian and reforestation planting. A little further down the road we'll visit a '**forest free range farm**' which has been developed to home 320,000 hens that free range in the forest's 90,000 trees and roost in eight giant sheds. The sheer size of the place means most of the farm is highly automated.



This tour is an opportunity to get out into the glorious green countryside and visit some truly innovative and captivating destinations, both man-made and natural. With welcoming people and wonderful vistas this tour has everything!

## Tour No. 31925

### Garden to Vase with Foraged & Found

Date	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.20am
Cost	Patron: \$295.00 Member: \$325.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, flower workshop

For more than 130 years the McHardy family have farmed at **Aramoana** on Hawke's Bay's southern coast. Today Katie McHardy and her family still live in the magnificent 1894 homestead and Katie runs a florist business focused on special occasion bouquets of blooms all grown in her own garden. Join us as we spend a day in late summer with Katie, firstly in her flower farm where she'll talk about what makes the perfect cut flower - offering



plenty of gardening tips along the way - and then it's up to the homestead for morning tea and a demonstration on how to build the perfect bouquet. After this it's your turn to get creative making your own arrangements with an abundant selection of Katie's homegrown flowers. We finish with a delicious lunch on the verandah with spectacular sea views. This is a great opportunity to both visit a part of Hawke's Bay we don't often get to, and to unleash our creative senses using the glorious bounty of nature.

This tour is limited to a small group to ensure the quality of the experience.

Book your place now for this unique day.

## Tour No. 32125

### Wairarapa Country Life

Date	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$2,895.00 Twin Share   \$3,365.00 Single Room Member: \$3,285.00 Twin Share   \$3,725.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x5, dinner x4

Colonial settlement in the Wairarapa pre-dates that of Hawke's Bay. Drawn to the potential of the immense fertile plain, the first pastoral leases in southern Wairarapa were agreed between settlers and local Māori in the early 1840's and farming became the backbone of the regions' economy. Families such as the Bidwells, Williams and Riddifords became foundational pillars of both Wairarapa and Wellington society and are still grounded in their rural roots today. Over **5 Days** we'll be hosted at a number of impressive country properties established by these early runholders, and still owned by their descendants. We'll also experience some of the best of the country life that this vibrant region enjoys. From grand houses and fine art collections to opulent lunches and a country race meeting, this tour celebrates the landscape and legacy of one of New Zealand's true rural

heartlands. It's a privilege to be invited into these remarkable places. Here are some of the many highlights;



**Day 1:** We make our way south through the morning arriving for a lunch hosted by the Williams family at their property, '**Te Parae**', east of Masterton. We'll spend the afternoon with family patriarch, Tom Williams, who will tell us about the history of the place and show us around. Later we settle into our home for the next four nights, the **Copthorne Solway Hotel**. It's a special dinner tonight in '*The Captains Dining Room*' at the beautiful **White Swan Hotel**.

**Day 2:** This morning, we visit '**Fernside**', at the centre of an estate first established in 1860. Associated in its early years with such prominent Wellington families as the Bunnys, Bartons and Pharazyns, **Fernside** was the home of the Elgar family for more than half a century before being purchased by the U.S. Government in 1949 as the country residence for their ambassador. We'll enjoy a guided tour of this incredible property and its wonderful gardens. A truly magnificent lunch awaits us at the stunning **Wharekauhau**, one of New Zealand's finest luxury lodges. This will be a special experience as we enjoy world-class cuisine and service coupled with breathtaking views across Palliser Bay. Tonight, another unique experience awaits. The night sky as you've never observed before, from the stunning environment of the mystical **Stonehenge Aotearoa**.



**Day 3:** Today we'll be part of what has always been an important event in the life of country communities. It's Race Day at the beautiful country course of **Tauherenikau**, near Featherston. A stylish trackside picnic lunch, Member's Passes and the thunder of hooves will add to the carnival atmosphere of the day and who knows what luck might be had with the odd flutter on the 'Gee-gees'.

**Day 4:** This morning, we have a real treat in store. The Bidwell family have farmed the eastern shores of Lake Wairarapa for 180 years and were the first European settlers west of the Ruamāhanga River. The home block, known as '**Rototawai**' was once centre of a 10,000 acre farming operation. Anna Bidwell grew up in this grand 1929 house and is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation of Bidwells to live at the property. We'll have morning tea here and not only learn about this beautiful family heirloom, but also take a look at part of Anna's extensive art collection, displayed throughout the house. Lunch is at the ever-welcoming **Lake Ferry**



**Hotel** before we drive the **Cape Palliser** road through the fishing village of **Ngawi** and on to *Sea Lion Point* and *Uncle Wayne's Geyser*.

**Day 5:** Before beginning our journey homeward today, we couldn't finish our country tour of Wairarapa without a pilgrimage to '**Brancepeth**', home to the Beetham family. At its height, this was a sheep station of over 79,000 acres with 300 people on the payroll. We'll be hosted at the baronial homestead by Edward Beetham who is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation of the family on the property. And with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> generations involved as well, **Brancepeth** truly is steeped in our country's history. Many of the original farm

buildings have been restored and we'll tour them, together with the extensive gardens, after morning tea with Edward in the house.

It's rare in New Zealand to still have so many of the great country houses of a region still in the hands of the original families. The opportunity to visit with them and experience some other iconic events in Wairarapa's country calendar is a great thrill. Come and enjoy the verdant rolling countryside and fine country hospitality of this historic region.

## Tour No. 32725

### Lunch at Clearview Estate

Date	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	Patron: \$170.00 Member: \$190.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

Without doubt Clearview Estate is among Hawke's Bay's most favourite destinations for lunch. For more than three decades their restaurant at Te Āwanga has consistently delivered fantastic food and a memorable dining experience.

We invite you to join us for a late summer 3-course lunch at this iconic seaside venue.



## Tour No. 40325

### Lunch at Hawke's Bay Club

Date	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	Patron: \$135.00 Member: \$155.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch



For more than 150 years the **Hawke's Bay Club** has provided a haven for its members and for most of that time it has been at its current location in a pristine white, purpose-built Edwardian building on the corner of Browning St and Marine Parade.

Until 2022, it was a bastion of male exclusivity but in recent times even these hallowed halls have moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> century – albeit at glacial

pace. One constant that still remains is the standard of the Club's dining room and we have been invited to take lunch in these cloistered surroundings. Come and experience what was, for so very long, off-limits to non-members.

A delicious lunch in the rarified atmosphere of the **Hawke's Bay Club**.



## Tour No. 40725

### Molesworth & Rainbow Stations & More

Date	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$3,365.00 Twin Share   \$3,725.00 Single Room Member: \$3,720.00 Twin Share   \$4,110.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due by Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x4, lunch x3, dinner x4, flights

The experience of driving through New Zealand's largest farm – nearly 450,000 acres spanning a good part of the upper South Island – is a kiwi rite of passage. The stunning scale and rugged beauty of **Molesworth Station** together with another neighbouring giant, **Rainbow Station** with its latticework of pristine lakes, is contrasted by the alpine tranquillity of the village of **Hanmer Springs** where we'll be based. Here's a summary;



**Day 1:** We depart Hawke's Bay Airport this morning and head for **Christchurch**. There we'll be met by our local guide, who will collect us from the airport, and we'll drive north to **Woodchester Station**, near the epicentre of the 2016 'Kaikoura' earthquake. Here the Kelly family will host us for lunch and show us some astonishing evidence of nature's power which has transformed their lives forever. Later in the afternoon we make our way to **Hanmer Springs** and our superb centrally located base, the cozy **Drifter's Inn**.

**Day 2:** Today we're collected by our guide in a special 4WD mini-coach and we head into **Molesworth Station**. We'll visit iconic points on the massive station with its 150yo cob buildings and thousands of acres of rippling clover and tussock grass. Cattle share the sides of the sparkling rivers with Canada Geese and Paradise Ducks. It's difficult to prepare yourself for the sheer vastness and beauty of the place. A day heavy with memorable moments.



**Day 3:** After a big day yesterday, time to relax with a **FREE DAY** in Hanmer Springs today.

**Day 4:** Today we head west up through the former **St James Station** and into the Spenser Range to **Lake Tennyson**. We'll drive over **Island Pass**, the highest in the country at 1300 metres, before descending into **Rainbow Station** itself – wintering both cattle & sheep

- remarkable for its transitioning alpine landscapes and climate. What a contrast.

**Day 5:** We depart Hanmer Springs this morning and make our way back to **Christchurch Airport** but not before a visit to **Iron Ridge Sculpture Park**, a former limestone quarry, transformed into a huge stunning outdoor exhibition space like no other. Then it is on to the airport where, after a late lunch, we catch our flight back to 'the Bay'.

**Molesworth, Rainbow** and **Woodchester Stations** make up a land truly alive with the evocative atmosphere of stockmen and shepherds, dogs and drovers, slough hats and well-worn saddles. It's a landscape of extremes and of the real cowboy, even today, and what an adventure it is to get a glimpse of their way of life and to meet some of the people continuing the legacy.

**Places on this tour are extremely limited so do not hesitate in securing your spot.**

## Tour No. 40725A Otago's Old Gold Road

Date	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 10.45am
Cost	Patron: \$7,755.00 Twin Share   \$9,235.00 Single Room Member: \$8,595.00 Twin Share   \$9,455.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,000.00 upon booking, balance due by Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x8, breakfast x8, morning tea x4, lunch x3, dinner x8, flights

New Zealand experienced its first gold rush after Gabriel Reid made his discovery near what is now the town of Lawrence in Central Otago in 1861. Two years later there were 22,000 people living in the gold fields from Arrowtown to Dunedin. Because of gold Dunedin was, by then, the largest and wealthiest city in the country. Places like St Bathans, Naseby, Middelmarsh and Lawrence owe their foundations to the rush to find the shiny stuff. We'll spend **9 days**



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

**Day 1:** We fly from Hawke's Bay to **Queenstown**, where we'll be met by our Bay Tours coach, and settle into the **Novotel Queenstown Lakeside Hotel**, our home for the next 4 nights.

**Day 2:** This morning we take the infamous Cardrona Road to **Wanaka** for a morning cruise on the lake. After lunch in Wanaka, we head to **Cromwell** for a look around before returning to **Queenstown**. Tonight, we dine at the legendary **Skyline Restaurant**.



**Day 3:** After morning tea at the luxurious **Millbrook Resort** we spend some time exploring picturesque **Arrowtown** with its historic tree-lined streets in all their autumnal splendour. This evening, we have a very special dinner experience. We cross **Lake Wakatipu** on the legendary **TSS Earnslaw** for a delicious

Gourmet BBQ dinner at **Walter Peak Station**.

**Day 4:** Today is a big one. We start by a drive to **Glenorchy** at the top of the lake's northern arm. From here we'll explore the mystical **Dart River** by jet boat. The Dart is a braided river, the very kind that jet boats were built for. After a stunning 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** in the afternoon.

**Day 5:** Our ultimate 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 the historic **Vulcan Hotel**, for lunch. This afternoon we settle into the lovely **Hawkdun Lodge** in **Ranfurly**.

**Day 6:** Another day packed with action. Our first stop is **Naseby** and a crack at the most distinct of southern sports, curling, at the **International Curling Centre**. A lovely 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. After lunch we take



the scenic drive to **Dunedin** and the wonderful **Distinction Hotel**.

**Day 7:** Our first day in Dunedin begins with a visit to the **Royal Albatross Centre** out at the heads of Dunedin Harbour where, after morning tea, we'll be shown around and have the chance to observe these majestic birds. Then it's on to perhaps Dunedin's most famous landmark – **Larnach**

**Castle**. After a guided tour, we'll enjoy lunch in the ballroom and a wander in the glorious gardens. The afternoon is free to relax in our beautiful hotel and put our feet up.

**Day 8:** First up today is the grandeur of the historic house, **Olveston** where we'll explore this extraordinary property bequeathed to the city of Dunedin. After lunch we'll head to the brilliant **Otago Settlers Museum** and wander next door to look at the newly restored **Dunedin Railway Station**. There's a lot to take in around town today.

**Day 9:** After a jam-packed 8 days you'll be pleased to have a **FREE DAY** to relax or wander central Dunedin at your leisure. Maybe catch up with local friends or family.

**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. 40825

### Autumn Progressive Lunch

Date	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$185.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

This edition of our Progressive Lunch is a stunner! We begin on the Ahuriri waterfront where the new, hip place to eat is **Madame Social** on the corner of West and Custom Quays. Here the team that created Market St in central Napier have risen to a whole new level of atmosphere and ambition. We'll enjoy early Autumn views across the old port as we sample our **Entrée**. Then it's off to Hastings and the new Municipal Building complex with its collection of eateries on Heretaunga St. **Cellar 495** is the brainchild of Michael Hendry, former CEO of Trinity Hill and Smith & Sheth wineries. He has opened an eatery and wine bar coinciding with him being awarded the rare *Master Of Wine* qualification. He is only the 495<sup>th</sup> person in the world to attain this - hence the name. We'll enjoy our **Main Course** in this beautiful space. Then the contrast of surroundings couldn't be greater as we take the back roads to **Birdwood's Café & Gallery** south of Havelock North. Our setting for **Dessert** will be in the sculpture garden and a magnificent way to finish a memorable lunch. This day will fill quickly, so don't delay in getting your place.



## Tour No. 41125

### Big Day Out – Tūrangi Trout & Siberian Huskies

Date	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$190.00</b> Member: \$230.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



In this latest edition of Ken's favourite Day Trips, we're combining two of the most enthusiastically received destinations we've ever included. After morning tea at **Wharewaka Point**, we follow the eastern side of the lake to **Tūrangi** and the **Tongariro National Trout Centre**. Anglers come from all over the world to fish Rainbow Trout. We get to taste what all the fuss is about, with some Rainbow Trout smoked just for us, before we're

taken on a guided tour of the Trout Centre where the breeding programmes are helping to keep the rivers stocked. Then we retrace our steps back to north of Taupō and our second destination, **Timberline Kennels** and their **Racing Siberian Huskies**.

Here Steve and Taniya Coxhead have been training Huskies as sled dogs for 25 years. They'll share their knowledge of these wonderful working dogs with us. We'll get to meet the dogs and watch an 8-dog team in action, working and running together with seemingly endless energy as they pull a quadbike around an 800m track. You'll be smitten with these graceful animals. What a diverse and fascinating Big Day Out.

## Tour No. 42225

### Holts Forest & Tūtira

Date	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8.50am
Cost	Patron: \$175.00 Member: \$200.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

It seems like ages since we enjoyed time at the amazing **Holt Forest Park** at Tangoio. In 1933 Harold and Dorothy Holt purchased nearly 40 acres of manuka and bracken filled land and spent the next 45 years developing it into an arboretum with over 500 native and introduced species of plants. In 1962 they gifted the land to NZ as a wildlife sanctuary. After morning tea at nearby **Lake Tūtira**, we're going to visit **Holt Forest Park** and enjoy time walking some of the many well-maintained paths beneath the forest canopy. Next up is the **Bay View Hotel** for a pig-on-a-spit lunch. Then after lunch we have a surprise **Esk Valley** destination that will fascinate and delight. Join us for a wonderful day north of Napier as we taste so much of what our region has to offer.



## Tour No. 42425 East Coast Getaway

Date	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$3,175.00 Twin Share   \$3,850.00 Single Room Member: \$3,495.00 Twin Share   \$4,250.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x3, lunch x6, dinner x6

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

**Day 1:** After morning tea on the shores of Lake Taupō we head to Rotorua and enjoy a picnic lunch at the Band Rotunda in the Government Gardens. After lunch there are options to explore the gardens further, perhaps walk the lakefront trail to our hotel - the much-loved **Novotel Lakeside Rotorua Hotel**, our base for two nights.



**Day 2:** This morning we visit the world's youngest geothermal valley at **Waimangu** south of Rotorua. Created largely by the enormous **Mt Tarawera** volcanic eruption of 1886, this valley, which meanders down to the legendary **Lake Rotomahana**, is laden with a myriad of hot springs and vents including the giant Frying Pan Lake along its many walking paths. A guided walk down to the lake is offered to those interested whilst a bus will

take the rest of us to the meeting point at the jetty on **Lake Rotomahana**. From here we enjoy a guided cruise of the lake under which lays the remains of the world-famous **Pink & White Terraces** together with over 200 hot water vents. We'll hear the history and tales and enjoy the experience of cruising this mystical body of water. We conclude our visit to Waimangu with lunch in their café before returning to Rotorua and a free afternoon to explore. This evening there will be an optional night time Redwoods Treetop Walk. Experience these giant trees and the forest around them lit up featuring David Trubridge lighting. Spectacular!

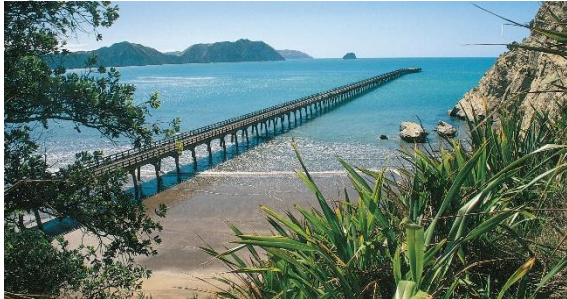
**Day 3:** We depart Rotorua this morning and after morning tea on the shores of **Lake Rotoiti** we head east to **Whakatāne**, firstly to take in the incredible views from the Heads, and then into town for lunch. Then we continue our trek east through **Ohope** and **Ōpōtiki** to our next stop at a small bay called **Torere**. Here Vanessa Hayes cares for her ancestral land and is having great success growing macadamias. We'll take a look around her operation and enjoy a cuppa before heading to our final destination of the day and our accommodation at the tiny settlement of **Te Kaha**.

**Day 4:** We continue our journey east today stopping firstly at **Raukokore** for a look at the century-old white church. Look out here for the wandering 'wild' horses the area is renowned for. Then it's on to **Waihou Bay** and lunch at the Lodge overlooking the inlet and the pier. After lunch



and a look around we head towards **Cape Runaway** before finally arriving at our accommodation for the night at **Hick's Bay**.

**Day 5:** Our first stop this morning is the settlement of **Te Araroa**, birthplace of Sir Apirana Ngata and site of the oldest Pohutukawa tree on the NZ mainland at around 600 years old.



From here our journey turns south with a stop at historic St Mary's church at **Tikitiki** for a cuppa before we head on through Ruatoria and a stop at **Tokomaru Bay** for lunch. Later we arrive at **Tolaga Bay**. We'll take a walk out on the lengthy Tolaga Bay Wharf and then it's on down the coast to **Gisborne** and the wonderful **Emerald Hotel**.

**Day 6:** Arguably NZ's finest arboretum, **Eastwoodhill**, is our focus this morning. We'll be given a guided Jeep tour to enjoy this amazing collection of trees before we enjoy a picnic lunch here. This afternoon there is the option to experience the **Gisborne Railbike Adventure**. Here, on disused railway lines two bicycles specially welded together ride side-by-side on the rails. Those not participating can relax back at the hotel or do a little retail therapy.

**Day 7:** This morning our final Gisborne destination is the outstanding **Tairāwhiti Museum**. It holds constantly changing exhibitions and within its walls sit **Wylie's Cottage**, the oldest European building in Gisborne. Next door in Kelvin Park you'll find two more fabulous buildings to explore. The first is the restored two-storey wheelhouse of the steamer '**Star Of Canada**' that was wrecked on rocks off the coast of Gisborne in 1912. The second is the beautiful **Māori Battalion 'C' Company Memorial House**, a testament of the men of the East Coast who served in this famous army unit. We then depart south for lunch in **Wairoa** before continuing back towards Napier and home.

We've called this tour a 'Getaway' as it takes us to a part of our country rarely visited by tourists and puts us in touch with a New Zealand that hasn't changed much in 50 years. And that's worth getting away to!



**Tiritiri Matangi, Delights of the Hauraki Gulf (April 2024)**

## Tour No. 42725 Spiral Spectacular by Train

Date	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	Patron: \$875.00 Twin Share   \$985.00 Single Room Member: \$995.00 Twin Share   \$1,085.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, lunch x2, dinner, rail journey

Perhaps the most challenging stretch of railway engineering in New Zealand is between the northern Rangitikei and the wonder that is the **Raurimu Spiral**. The great Rangitikei and Whanganui Rivers border the mountainous Central Plateau and present some of the most spectacular scenery in the North Island.



We invite you to join us, and our friends at Steam Incorporated, on a most memorable journey. The adventure begins straight away as we travel, by Bay Tours coach, across the 'Gentle Annie' road to meet the northbound train at the historic **Taihape Railway Station**. We'll board the magnificently restored 1930's carriages, with their open viewing

balcony, being hauled by massive 1950's American diesel locomotives. These beasts provide the perfect control best suited to the demands of this legendary section of railway. We initially climb up to **National Park**, the highest point of our journey at 825 metres (over 2700 feet) above sea level before our descent of the famous **Raurimu Spiral**. Solving the problem of a 200 metre drop with an impossible straight-line gradient of 1 in 24, the magic of the spiral's design is how it uses the natural contours of the land without the need for a single viaduct. After a short stop at **Raurimu Station** to re-position the loco's, we begin to climb back up the Spiral and roar south across the plateau with magnificent views of the three great Central mountains. Our journey continues as we gradually descend towards the Rangitikei River, crossing numerous viaducts through **Mangaweka, Hunterville** and **Marton** before we reach the Manawatu Plains and a straight run into our final destination at **Palmerston North**. After such a breathtaking day we'll overnight here. The following morning there'll be time to either catch up with friends and shop in central Palmerston North, or wander the beautiful gardens and riverside walks of **Victoria Esplanade** before we begin our journey home with a lunch stop at **Caroline's Garden & Café** at Aokautere.



This picturesque rail excursion reminds us of a time when these great iron horses were common features of our landscape. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see this remote part of the North Island like never before.

## Tour No. 50225

### Wellington Secrets

Date	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$2,295.00 Twin Share   \$2,825.00 Single Room Member: \$2,595.00 Twin Share   \$3,115.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x3, dinner x4

There are so many great ways of exploring our capital city. So often we make just fleeting visits for a show or a ferry crossing. But on this **5-Day** tour we're dedicating time to experience aspects of the city that can only be enjoyed slowly. Here's a summary of the tour;



**Day 1:** Our explorations begin before we even get to Wellington. North of the city, near coastal Paekakariki, are two remnants of earlier times for our capital. Until 1964 the principal way of getting around Wellington was by tram. We'll take a ride on a restored **Wellington Tram** to the **U.S. Marines Memorial**. Here on the sandy paddocks of the Kapiti Coast 15,000 Marines were stationed during WWII. Then it's on into town and our

base for the next four nights. The wonderful **James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel**. Dinner tonight is at the renowned parliamentary restaurant, **Bellamy's**.

**Day 2:** Today has a coastal theme as we first orientate ourselves with the citywide views from the top of **Mt Victoria** before following the eastern coast road through seaside **Seatoun** and **Scorching Bay** before we reach the remote **Ataturk Memorial** positioned on the southern coast because of its similarity to the hillsides of Gallipoli. We return towards town via Brooklyn and lunch at **Zealandia Ecosanctuary** where our native birdlife is thriving. This afternoon we take a guided tour of **Wright's Hill Fortress**, a WWII long range gun battery where two 135 ton guns could fire shells 18 miles into Cook Strait.



**Day 3:** We start the day with a leisurely wander through the excellent **Harbourside Market** next to **Te Papa Museum**. There's time to check out what's new in there too. We enjoy a **High Tea** lunch at the glamorous **Hotel Intercontinental** before crossing town to our **Parliament Buildings** for a guided tour of the seat of governmental power. One street over is the architectural wonder that is **Old St Paul's** church where we'll have a tour too. This evening dinner is on Queens Wharf at **Shed 5**.

**Day 4:** There's an opportunity for a sleep in or to catch up with friends or family as the morning is your own. We come together for a fabulous Chinese '*Yum Cha*' lunch at hugely popular **Dragons** restaurant. Waiters constantly bring around a myriad offering of different dishes which you can accept or decline. A fun family gathering time in the capital. After lunch we head to the home of our Governor General, the palatial **Government House**, for a guided tour of this majestic place. Hope you saved a space from lunch because it's Italian at **Fratelli** in Blair St tonight.

**Day 5:** We say farewell to the city this morning. But not before we drop in to **Cars Inc.** a stunning collection of vehicles housed right next to the old General Motors assembly plant in Trentham. We'll have a cuppa here while we admire the beautiful cars on display. Then we continue our journey home with a lunch stop in **Greytown** on the way. We're very lucky to have secured access to some of the activities on this dive below the surface of *'The Coolest little Capital City in the World'*.

## Tour No. 50525 & 52625

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

Date	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	Patron: \$250.00 Member: \$275.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch, 1 <sup>st</sup> drink



This delicious **3 course lunch** is put on especially for us at this stunning location – **The Farm at Cape Kidnappers** and is a perennial favourite with Tour Club members. 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. 50825

### Dinner at Pacifica

Date	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 5.30pm
Cost	Patron: \$200.00 Member: \$230.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner



*"How does one begin to explain the understated brilliance of chef Jeremy Rameka?"*  
*Cuisine Good Food Guide*

If constant excellence is the hallmark of the truly great restaurants of the world, then we have one of them right here in our midst in **Pacifica** on Napier's Marine Parade. Following the renowned international Michelin Restaurant Guide, New Zealand's own **Cuisine Good Food Guide** has replaced the Star ratings out of three with '*Hats*' and for the last seven (yes, that's right - 7) years **Pacifica** has been the holder of the maximum **3 Hats**. One of only six restaurants in the whole country to be awarded them this year. We are privileged to be able to offer a **6-course degustation dinner** at **Pacifica** with dishes chosen by Chef/Owner Jeremy Rameka. Not much more to be said. This will be a culinary experience like no other. Limited places, book quickly!



## Tour No. 51225

### Tuki Tuki Cycle Trail & Lunch

Date	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$185.00 Member: \$210.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch



Since Cyclone Gabrielle knocked out a couple of small bridges on the **Tukituki Cycle Trail** in CHB, the council have done a great job re-surfacing the lime trails around **Waipukurau** and, despite the forced postponement of this day ride from December 2024, we think it's about time we enjoyed a group ride around it again. For some years we've been taking an annual multi-day tour to a different one of the great New Zealand Cycle Trails each year with people able to take their own bikes. For those not familiar with the process, we have a brilliant racking system, devised by Ken, that fits perfectly into our little furniture truck. We can transport your bike in safety and security to anywhere we wish. This ride, which is only about **30kms**, will largely follow the banks of the river around and between **Waipawa** and **Waipukurau**. We'll ride in the morning – breaking it up with a cuppa – and finish with a wonderful picnic lunch. We'd love to see those who enjoy a bike ride and who haven't been on our cycle tours before. This could be your perfect starting point – as well as our regular biking crew. Because of logistics, numbers are limited so don't miss out – book now.

## Tour No. 52125

### Lunch at Craggy Range

Date	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Times	All collected by 11.50am
Cost	Patron: \$205.00 Member: \$230.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

**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 Good



Food Guide, 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 is one of our 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.

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

So, to summarise, here's why becoming a **Patron Member** makes sense;

- A discounted price on every Trip and Tour we offer.
- Access to Patron Only Lunches through the year at specially discounted prices.
- Special discounts at partner retail and hospitality establishments.
- All this for a modest inaugural subscription of \$49pp or \$85 for couples.
- Invest in your touring year by simply emailing [tourclub@baytours.co.nz](mailto:tourclub@baytours.co.nz) or calling our office on 06 845 2736 ext. 1 and becoming a **Patron Member** today.

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Indulge in some gourmet treats and get 10% off retail and food (including café)\*.



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Treat yourself to a coffee or stay for lunch and get a 10% discount on all café items.



## We sow, you grow

10% off all locally grown herbs, vegetables and plants for your garden.

**To get your offer, you will need to show your current membership card**

**\*Discount not available on already price reduced items.**

## Tour No. 52325 Bluff Oyster & Food Festival

Date	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	Patron: \$2,695.00 Twin Share   \$2,995.00 Single Room Member: \$2,995.00 Twin Share   \$3,295.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1000.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, lunch, dinner x3, festival ticket, flights



One of the most iconic celebrations of all thing's seafood is the annual **Bluff Oyster & Food Festival**. But the festival is not just than about the humble oyster. All manner of seafood and other 'wild' foods are celebrated and presented in ways you never dreamed about.

**Day 1:** Today we 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 & Food 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 this is a festive feast like no other. We

transport you there of course.

**Day 3:** We visit **Transport World** in the morning, with free time in the afternoon. . Perhaps a walk through beautiful **Queens Park** or check out the shops at Invercargills' new mall – **Invercargill Central**.

**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. 60525 Winter Pub Lunch & Quiz

Date	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 11.35am
Cost	Patron: \$170.00 Member: \$190.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch



Our popular Pub Quiz will debut at the splendid **Valley D'Vine** in the Esk Valley. Remember, this is a team event. 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. 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. 60725 Feilding Craft Market

Date	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$125.00</b> Member: \$165.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, market entry



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. 61025 Dinner at Mangapapa

Date	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 6pm
Cost	Patron: \$170.00 Member: \$185.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner

For more than 20 years **Mangapapa**, known by many as 'The old Wattie homestead' 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!



**A very happy and proud Bay Tours team receiving their "Hawke's Bay's Best Customer Service" awards from Adam & Megan from The Hits.**

**This was voted by you, our loyal customers, so thank you very much. We are very grateful that you took the time to vote for us.**



## Tour No. 61725 TranzAlpine

Date	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$3,955.00 Twin Share   \$4,650.00 Single Room Member: \$4,355.00 Twin Share   \$5,115.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due by Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x3, lunch x3, dinner x5, ferry crossing

For a number of years now one of the 'must do' experiences for both international and local travellers alike, has been the scenic train trip from **Christchurch** through **Arthurs Pass**, across the **Southern Alps** and into **Greymouth** in the heart of the West Coast. Hailed by many as one of the great train journeys of the world, the **TranzAlpine** delivers an unbeatable range of scenery whilst travelling in rail luxury. In the crystal-clear June air, the vistas of the **Canterbury Plains**, **Waimakariri River** and the snow-clad **Southern Alps** will be truly spectacular, and on many people's 'Bucket List'.



We'll travel by coach to **Wellington** & take the Interislander ferry to Picton. From here we follow the scenic **Coastal Pacific Highway** to **Kaikoura** and then on to **Christchurch**. A **FREE DAY** in the 'Garden City' will be a chance to see the sights and perhaps catch up with local family or friends. The spectacular views on this rail journey, from east to west, are complimented by superb service aboard the train and a delicious lunch. Together with the staff's expert commentary and an 'open carriage' for perfect photos, you won't miss a thing. Once on the **West Coast**, we'll spend time visiting natural wonders such as the breath-taking **Hokitika Gorge** and **Punakaiki Pancake Rocks** together with historic emblems of the coasts' past like the amazing **Denniston Incline** and the old forest railway into the **Paparoa National Park**. We return northward through the beautiful **Buller** and **Tasman** districts before crossing the Cook Strait once more and back to the Bay.

This is one of the most visually stunning tours we have taken. With a combination of city and country, coach, ferry and train, alpine and coastal landscapes, this is a trip that will create images for a lifetime. For a full itinerary, please contact the office or email Kaye at [support@baytours.co.nz](mailto:support@baytours.co.nz)



## Tour No. 61725A

### Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Silky Oak

Date	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$70.00</b>
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch



Another special 'Patron Only' lunch, this time at **Silky Oak Café** at Waiohiki. Jeanette and her team at Silky Oak have battled back from the brink after the devastating flooding of Cyclone Gabrielle. Join us for a delicious **2-course lunch** at a special price for patrons only and also support Silky Oak as they continue to rebuild.

A great chance for us to say thanks to you and for you to catch up with Tour Club friends.



## Tour No. 62625

### Big Day Out – Pohangina Valley & 'Gentle Annie'

Date	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Times	All collected by 7.50am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$180.00</b> Member: \$220.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

The latest in this very popular series is road trip like no other taking in some of the most picturesque countryside it's possible to see on a day trip. We head south and after a hearty morning tea at **Dannevirke** we head to Woodville and, we hope, we'll drive the new highway to Ashhurst which is on schedule to open in June 2025. After a comfort stop at the Domain we head all the way up the beautiful **Pohangina Valley** which ultimately crosses the magnificent **Rangitikei River** to State Highway 1. We have lunch at **Flat Hills Café**, just north of Ohingaiti and after a brief stop in **Taihape** our return journey is over the 'Gentle Annie' road with its majestic views across the Inland Patea to the Ruahine Ranges and Hawke's Bay beyond. What a day of contrasting landscapes and big country.



## Tour No. 80325

### Exploring Fiordlands Finest

Date	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 9.15am
Cost	Patron: \$10,375.00 Twin Share Salvin Cabin, \$11,825.00 Twin Share Royal Cabin, \$10,675.00 Single Wandering Member: \$11,425.00 Twin Share Salvin Cabin, \$11,995.00 Twin Share Royal Cabin, \$11,745.00 Single Wandering
Payment	\$2500.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, dinner x2, cruise incl drinks package and all meals onboard, flights



Bay Tours invite you to discover the primordial majesty of Fiordland's iconic **Dusky & Doubtful Sounds** on an unforgettable 6-day exploration cruise in August 2025. Limited to just 18 participants, this cruise will make for a unique encounter with our natural world. Only accessible by sea, Dusky & Doubtful 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. Wildlife including unique pods of 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**. With daily opportunities to board the launch's smaller tender boats to explore the shore on foot, this is far more than just a cruise with scenery to be admired from afar. This is close-up!

**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, Expedition Leader and the rest of the crew 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 Dusky Sound, finding a suitable anchorage to enjoy your first evening aboard.

**Days 3 & 4: Dusky Sound** We have two days to explore Dusky Sound, Fiordland's largest. 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 that Cook's ship, 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 chef 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 & 2023 dates for this cruise sold out very quickly.

## Tour No. 81625

### Mamma Mia Musical - Wellington

Date	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$695.00 Twin Share   \$815.00 Single Room Member: \$775.00 Twin Share   \$895.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show

Get ready to say "I Do, I Do, I Do!" to the smash-hit musical based on the songs of Swedish super-group ABBA, with an international production in a strictly limited season. This sunny, funny, international musical phenomenon, made into a movie starring Meryl Streep, unfolds on a Greek island paradise, and the rest we know. With music & lyrics by



ABBA's Benny Andersson & Björn Ulvaeus, **MAMMA MIA!** features non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers, set to ABBA's hit songs including *Super Trouper*, *Dancing Queen*, *Knowing Me, Knowing You*; *Take a Chance on Me*, *Thank You for the Music*, *Money, Money, Money*; *The Winner Takes It All* and *SOS*. **MAMMA MIA!** is the ultimate feel-good show. We'll overnight at our favourite **Copthorne**

**Oriental Bay Hotel** in Wellington with the show being staged at the wonderful **St James Theatre**. Produced by the team behind the critically acclaimed recent shows 'We Will Rock You' and 'Les Miserables', **MAMMA MIA!** promises to be the party show of 2025.

## Tour No. 83125

### Creedence Clearwater Collective – Dinner & Show

Date	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Times	All collected by 5.15pm
Cost	Patron: \$210.00 Member: \$235.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium ticket to show



Bay Tours invite you to come and experience the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival and their lead singer and songwriter John Fogerty. Tribute band **Creedence Clearwater Collective** deliver a pitch-perfect high energy homage to a band that reflected a generation. Not only will you hear the band's own classic hits such as 'Bad Moon Rising', 'Proud Mary', 'Who'll Stop The Rain', 'Down On The Corner', 'Fortunate Son' and many more, but also be surprised at the hit songs leader John Fogerty wrote for other artists.

We'll enjoy a delicious **2 course dinner at Shed 2** before transferring to the **Napier Municipal Theatre** for a memorable evening of 60s and 70s hits performed live. Don't miss the vibe!

## Tour No. 90425 Cruise Fiji's Yasawa Islands

Date	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 12.50pm
Cost	Patron: \$6,555.00 Twin Share   \$8,995.00 Single Room Member: \$7,215.00 Twin Share   \$9,895.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,500.00 deposit upon booking, balance due by Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Price includes	Door to door transport, flights, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, lunch, dinner x4, 4-night Fiji Islands Cruise incl accommodation, all meals & activities

Two hours boat ride off the northwest coast of Fiji's main island, lies the breathtaking **Yasawa Islands** archipelago comprised of around 20 volcanic islands. Remarkable for their long stretches of palm-studded white sand beaches, turquoise water and coral reefs teeming with exquisite marine life, the Yasawa's are the epitome of everyone's image of a South Pacific paradise. We here at **Bay Tours** invite you to join us, in September, for a **9 Day** tour centred around 5 days/4



nights exploring this tropical wonderland aboard the intimate cruise vessel **M.V. Fiji Princess**. Beforehand, we'll also enjoy a few days of relaxation at the sumptuous **Hilton Fiji Beach Resort & Spa** in Fiji's most renowned holiday destination, Denarau.

**Days 1 & 2:** After overnighting in Auckland, we'll catch our morning flight to Fiji arriving at **Nadi** where we'll be greeted by our hosts in the traditional Fijian fashion before they take us on a guided tour of this western end of Viti Levu. The South Pacific's largest Hindu temple and the famous **Gardens Of The Sleeping Giant** will be highlights before we arrive at our splendid home for the next 3 nights, the **Hilton Fiji Beach Resort**.



**Day 3:** A chance to enjoy everything our resort has to offer. Perhaps begin with taking in the scenery outside your **Beachfront Guestroom** before a relaxed wander around **Denarau** looking at all the sights in this playground of the wealthy. Grab a bite for lunch at one of the 4 restaurants in the resort before a dip in one of the many pools or perhaps treat yourself at the spa. Dinner is at Denarau's legendary Bonefish Seafood restaurant tonight.

**Day 4:** Grab your sunglasses and sun hat because today we take the short boat ride to **Malamala**, the world's first private island **Beach Club**. Here's the spot to maybe practice your snorkelling technique or have a first go at paddleboarding before we set out on our cruise. Relax in a sun lounge on the pristine beach or by one of the pools and maybe order a cocktail and bite of lunch from the roaming wait staff. This private island always limits its numbers, so it's never crowded.

**Day 5:** This morning we're collected and transfer the short distance to Denarau Marina where a high-speed catamaran will take us out to meet our cruise vessel, the **M.V. Fiji Princess** at anchor at the **Sacred Islands**.

This wonderful small ship will be your home away from home for the duration of the cruise.



Measuring 179 feet (55 metres), she can access bays and islands impossible to reach in larger vessels. She can get so close to shore that she can tie up to a coconut tree and you can swim to the beach. With 32 air-conditioned cabins across three decks, there's a maximum of 64 guests

and 30 Fijian crew, so we'll be well looked after with famous Fijian hospitality. All our cabins are the larger Orchid category cabins on the upper two decks and feature windows with ocean views. Dining is a true delight onboard due to the skilled work of the chefs, the variety of delicious dishes, and the beautiful locations you dine in. Exotic barbeques, magnificent buffets and beautifully designed traditional Fijian meals are all on the menu. Settle into your cabin and explore the ship as we cruise to **Yalobi Bay**, at the southern end of the Yasawa Group, where we'll anchor for the night and enjoy the '*Captain's Welcome*' with drinks & canapes on the Sky Deck before he hosts us at dinner.

**Day 6:** Over breakfast we start our cruise to **Blue Lagoon Beach** on Nanuya Lailai Island. Here we'll enjoy a BBQ lunch on the beach and have our first opportunity to explore the stunning waters and coral reefs. Swim or utilize the snorkel and paddleboard gear or take a kayak out for a spin. Tonight, we'll experience a traditional Lovo dinner and a Meke performance from local villagers.

**Day 7:** Stretch your legs this morning with a guided walk to Lo's Tea House on the other side of **Sawa-I-Lau Island** from where we drop anchor. The tender boats will whisk us back to the ship where there's time for a quick beach swim before we depart. After lunch we explore the sacred **Sawa-I-Lau Caves** and later visit **Tamasua Village** for a tour and traditional seafood dinner.



**Day 8:** There's time to visit a local school this morning before we raise anchor and cross over to the western side of the Yasawa Group. A marine biologist will join us at **Drawaqa Island** to showcase the marine life and coral reefs. There's an opportunity to fish with hand lines and swim with the Manta Rays this afternoon. A farewell BBQ dinner and dance on the Sky Deck this evening is the chance to strut our stuff!

**Day 9:** We enjoy a last leisurely breakfast as we cruise back to **Denarau** where we disembark and transfer to Nadi International Airport in time for our 2pm flight back to **Auckland** and our domestic flight home to Hawke's Bay.

The **Yasawa Islands** are renowned the world over for their beauty and we can't wait to explore them. Come and experience a part of Fiji accessed by only a few and enjoy a winter escape with a difference.

## Tour No. 92025 & 92725

### WOW #1 & #2 - Wellington

Date	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 8.35am
Cost	Patron: \$755.00 Twin Share   \$895.00 Single Room Member: \$835.00 Twin Share   \$985.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August (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. 100625

### Molesworth & Rainbow Stations & More

Date	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$3,485.00 Twin Share   \$3,925.00 Single Room Member: \$3,850.00 Twin Share   \$4,320.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due by Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x4, lunch x3, dinner x4, flights

This classic tour has become something of a Bay Tours institution. The stunning scale and rugged beauty of **Molesworth Station** together with another neighbouring giant, **Rainbow Station** with its latticework of pristine lakes, is contrasted by the alpine tranquillity of the village of **Hanmer Springs** where we'll be based. Another stark contrast



to the impression of permanence at **Molesworth** can be seen when we visit **Woodchester Station** where the effects of the Kaikoura earthquake will astound you. A **FREE DAY** in Hanmer Springs itself allows you time to relax or explore this beautiful alpine village between our big station touring days.

**Day 1:** We depart Hawke's Bay Airport this morning and head for **Christchurch**. There we'll be met by our local guide, Ross Carter. Ross has been guiding visitors to this area for decades and his company, Molesworth Tours, has 40 years experience introducing people to the Molesworth and Rainbow back country and has been

leading Bay Tours trips through the area for more than a decade. Ross will collect us from the airport and we'll drive north towards **Woodchester Station**, east of Hanmer Springs and nestled in the shadow of the St James Range. Here the Kelly family will host us for lunch and show us some astonishing evidence of nature's power which has transformed their lives forever. Later in the afternoon we make our way to **Hanmer Springs** and our superb centrally located base, the cozy **Drifter's Inn** where hosts Adele and Andy MacLeod will look after us for the next four nights.

**Day 2:** Today we're collected by Ross in a special 4WD mini-coach and we head over **Jack's Pass** and into the Clarence Valley and **Molesworth Station**. We'll visit iconic points on the massive station such as the 150yo **Acheron Accommodation House, Isolated Flat** with its hundreds of acres of rippling clover and tussock grass, and the main central homestead complex with its century old cob buildings. Cattle share the sides of the sparkling rivers with Canada Geese and Paradise Ducks. It's difficult to prepare yourself for the sheer vastness and beauty of the place. Passing through sections of the **Muller** and **Tarndale Stations** on the way back, we descend back into **Hanmer Springs** again via the rugged **Jollies Pass**. A day heavy with memorable moments.



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



**Day 4:** Today we're back with Ross as we again climb Jack's Pass but, this time, we head west up through the former **St James Station** and into the Spenser Range to **Lake Tennyson**. We'll drive over **Island Pass**, the highest in the country at 1300 metres, before descending into **Rainbow Station** itself. Craggy beech-covered mountains sweep down to the boulder-strewn rivers that bisect the valleys. Remarkable for its transitioning landscapes, Rainbow Station is much smaller than Molesworth in area at a 'mere' 20,500 acres.

Usually carrying around 14,000 head of stock – a mix of sheep and cattle this time – its diversity of terrain and climates has made its productivity legendary. What a contrast.

**Day 5:** We depart Hanmer Springs this morning and make our way back to **Christchurch Airport** but not before a visit to **Iron Ridge Sculpture Park** on the banks of the Waipara River. Here sculptor Raymond Herber has, over 20 years, transformed a former limestone quarry into a huge, stunning, exhibition space like no other. Then it is on to the airport where, after a late lunch, we catch our flight back to 'the Bay'.

**Molesworth** and **Rainbow Stations** make up a land truly alive with the evocative atmosphere of stockmen and shepherds, dogs and drovers, slough hats and well-worn saddles. It is to get a glimpse of their way of life and to meet some of the people continuing the legacy.

**Places on this tour are extremely limited so do not hesitate in securing your spot.**

## Tour No. 100925

### North of the North

Date	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	Patron: \$4,755.00 Twin Share   \$5,835.00 Single Room Member: \$4,995.00 Twin Share   \$6,425.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x9, breakfast x9, morning tea x4, lunch x7, dinner x9



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

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

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

**Day 2: Auckland to Bay of Islands** We have a brief stop in pretty **Warkworth** for a cuppa and then it's onward, over the Brynderwyn Hills, and across Bream Bay to **Whangārei** for lunch and a wander at the spectacular **Hundertwasser Centre**. This afternoon we're into the Far North and after an ice cream stop at **Kawakawa** it's on to the wonderful **Kingsgate Autolodge** in **Paihia**, our base for the next 4 days right on the beachfront, in the heart of the **Bay of Islands**.

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



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

Tonight, we come together to enjoy a wonderful Chinese meal with our friends at the secret hideaway **King Wah** restaurant.

**Day 5: Waimate & Waitangi** This morning we visit the first mission station established by Samuel Marsden at **Waimate** in 1832 and enjoy morning tea in the gardens. Later we stop for a picnic lunch by the delightful **Haruru Falls** before making our way to the magnificent **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**. Here a guide will show us around Hobson's Landing and up to the Treaty Grounds themselves where there will be plenty of time to look through **James Busby's Treaty House** and the new museum dedicated to the **28<sup>th</sup> Māori Battalion**. The views across the bay to Russell, Paihia and Opua from the giant Treaty Ground lawn are fabulous. Tonight, we take the ferry to Russell for dinner at **The Duke Of Marlborough Hotel**. Superb!



**Day 6: Paihia to Doubtless Bay** We say farewell to Paihia this morning as we head north, firstly to **Kerikeri** to visit the historic **Stone Store** and New Zealand's oldest building, **Kemp House**. There's so much to see around this complex. We then continue further north to **Doubtless Bay** and our first stop in the district is lunch at the legendary **Mangonui Fish Shop** which sits out over the water. There's time after lunch to explore this picture-perfect seaside settlement before we head a little further around the bay past **Coopers Beach** and **Cable Bay** to visit **Gumdiggers Park**, dedicated to the legacy of the thousands who, more than a hundred years ago, came to the Far North to dig for the precious **Kauri Gum**. Set amidst a real former gumfield, the Park gives a fabulous insight into the lives of the gum diggers and the value of the Kauri Gum (or Amber) they extracted. After this we settle into our new home at the lovely **Taipa Beach Resort**. With its palm trees, beachfront location and warm sea breezes, it's easy to imagine you're in the Islands.



**Day 7: Cape Reinga & Ninety Mile Beach** We spend today taking a custom-built 4WD coach to the very northern tip of New Zealand, **Cape Reinga**. What a thrill to speed along the sands of **Ninety Mile Beach** and power through the streams and gullies around the giant sand dunes south of the Cape. We return to **Taipa** for the night.

**Day 8: Doubtless Bay to the Hokianga** This morning we pack up and head south. And after a beach morning tea at **Kaero** we meander towards the

magnificent Hokianga and lunch at the little settlement of **Rawene**. In the afternoon we visit the historic home of pioneer James Clendon – ship's captain turned merchant & magistrate. Then it's on to **Opononi** and our accommodation for tonight.

**Day 9: Hokianga to Auckland** Today we begin our journey home down the west coast stopping in the Waipoua Forest to visit the venerable giant Kauri, **Tāne Mahuta**. Then it's on to **Kaiwaka** for lunch and down to **Auckland** and a return to the **Waipuna Hotel** with time to relax or perhaps a gentle walk around the **Panmure Basin**.

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

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

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

## Tour No. 101825

### Queen: It's a Kinda Magic – Dinner & Show

Date	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 5.45pm
Cost	Patron: \$225.00 Member: \$250.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium ticket to show



When it comes to tribute acts, this is something pretty special. Not only does **It's a Kinda Magic** look and sound just like Freddie Mercury and the band Queen, but they recreate a specific moment in the bands' career – their **1986 World Tour** concert. Featuring more than 20 of the band's greatest hits including 'We Will Rock You', 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'We Are The Champions' & 'Fat-bottomed Girls', painstaking detail is paid to all aspects of the music and performances of 1986. From Freddie's voice and Brian May's 'Red Special' guitar to the costumes and lighting set ups of that famous tour. Join us for dinner at **Shed 2** before we take our seats at the **Napier Municipal Theatre** ready for the singing and dancing to begin.

Join us for one of the most fun nights of 2025.



## Tour No. 102825

### Hurunui Garden Festival

Date	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$4,495.00 Twin Share   \$5,345.00 Single Room Member: \$4,995.00 Twin Share   \$5,895.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, morning tea x4, lunch x4, dinner x7



One of the most renowned areas of the country for gardens – particularly country gardens – is the North Canterbury district of **Hurunui**. In late October, every year, garden enthusiasts from around the country descend upon the district to enjoy access to some of New Zealand's most impressive spaces. In October Bay Tours will be attending the festival for the first time at the suggestion of organizing committee member and local gardening guru Doreen Dryden, who extended

the invite to Ken during a visit he made to her garden in early 2024. As well as visiting many different properties around the district over three days, this **8 Day** tour is timed to include the wonderful **Hanmer Springs Fete**, a much-anticipated highlight on the North

Canterbury social calendar, and attend race day at the picturesque seaside **Kaikoura Trotting Club**. There's something in this tour for everyone. Here's a summary;

**Days 1 & 2:** We overnight in **Wellington** on Day 1 and take the ferry across Cook Strait then drive to **Kaikoura** where we spend the night on Day 2.

**Day 3:** We depart Kaikoura this morning and over the course of the day make our way towards **Hanmer Springs** visiting gardens in **Waiau**, **Rotherham** and **Culverden** along the way. We settle into our home for the next 3 nights – the much-loved **Drifter's Inn** right in the middle of Hanmer.

**Day 4:** Today we visit properties in the **Waipara**, **Amberley** and **Hawarden** districts before returning to Hanmer Springs where a soak in the Hot Pools might be just the thing before dinner.

**Day 5:** It's the **Hanmer Springs Fete** today with the annual celebration held in the grounds of the historic Queen Mary Hospital – just a couple of minutes' walk from our accommodation. It's a **FREE DAY** for you so you can set your own itinerary today. Perhaps enjoy a walk amongst the tree carvings in the forest behind the village. Have a coffee in one of the excellent cafés or just relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere of this pretty place.



**Day 6:** We take our leave of Hanmer this morning and head to **Cheviot** for a look at a couple of stunning gardens before continuing on to **Kaikoura** and an afternoon at the trots on the seaside racecourse at South Bay. We'll overnight in Kaikoura again.

**Day 7:** We continue our journey northward stopping at **Blenheim**. We'll visit two stunning gardens – **Welton House** and **Longfield** – where they're

putting the finishing touches to things in preparation for the Marlborough Garden Festival the following week.

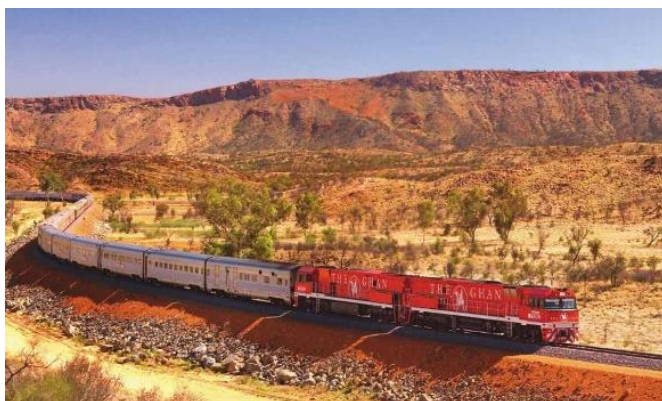
**Day 8:** After an overnight stay in Picton we take an early ferry back to **Wellington** and carry on to **Palmerston North** where we break for lunch before returning to the Bay in the afternoon.

We're very excited about this tour which has been a long time in the making. The **Hurunui Garden Festival** is timed to showcase the North Canterbury region in all its late-Spring finery. Come and experience South Island hospitality and some spectacular properties and experiences. Don't miss this incredible opportunity.



## Tour No. 111325 The Ghan, Darwin & Adelaide

Date	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 12.20pm
Cost	To be confirmed in the New Year
Payment	To be confirmed in the New Year
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x12, breakfast x11, lunch x4, dinner x 11, all flights, Ghan Expedition



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

In November 2025 we'll be part of this iconic 4 Day, 3 Night, 2979km adventure. **The Ghan Expedition** will take us to some of the most remote and captivating parts of Australia in style and comfort. For **The Ghan** offers more than just transit between Darwin and Adelaide and vice versa. Onboard you'll find sumptuous dining, elegant private cabins, attentive service and the '*esprit de corps*' of like-minded fellow travellers. A legendary train. An unforgettable experience.

Time in both Darwin and Adelaide will bookend the train journey itself combining to become **13 days** of exploration and relaxation. Here's a taste of what's in store;

**Days 1 - 3, Hawke's Bay to Darwin:** Our odyssey begins as we make our way to Darwin via overnight stays in, first, Auckland and then **Sydney** staying at the excellent **Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel** – a stone's throw from Circular Quay – and enjoying a sunset Dinner Cruise on unparalleled **Sydney Harbour**. The following morning, we fly north to **Darwin** and our home for the next 4 nights, the wonderful **Mindil Beach Resort**.

**Days 4 - 6, Darwin:** These three days are a perfect mix of group activities and individual leisure time. Our half-day **City Sightseeing Tour** would lead easily to an afternoon at the **Museum & Art Gallery Of The Northern Territory** which is right next to our resort. An early morning start sees us heading to Adelaide River to see the enormous saltwater **Jumping Crocodiles** so famous in these parts. Time at leisure in the afternoon, perhaps a wander through the stunning **Darwin Botanical Gardens**, conveniently situated right next to our resort. Not to be missed are the **Mindil Beach Sunset Markets**, again, conveniently right beside our hotel. Although with 2 pools, 4 restaurants, 4 bars, a café and the legendary **Darwin Casino** all part of the resort complex, not to mention Mindil Beach itself, you need not leave the premises at all.

**Day 7, The Ghan Darwin & Katherine:** Our train adventure begins with a morning departure





from Darwin. Time to settle into your cabin and meet your fellow train passengers before we sit down to a delicious regionally-inspired lunch, accompanied by all-inclusive wines and beverages onboard before an early afternoon arrival at the town of **Katherine**. We'll cruise the Katherine River through the ancient natural wonders of the **Nitmiluk Gorge** and explore the rich indigenous local culture. We'll enjoy dinner and our first outback sunset before retiring to our

cabins fully prepared for slumber on the rails.

**Day 8, The Ghan Alice Springs:** After our first night on **The Ghan**, we'll be greeted by a morning view of the spectacular Red Centre. A full day of excursions awaits us in the outback town of **Alice Springs**. An optional upgrade is a scenic flight to **Uluru**, returning in time to meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular barbeque dinner under a million stars at historic **Telegraph Station**.

**Day 9, The Ghan Manguri & Coober Pedy:** After breakfast this morning we stop at the outback outpost of **Manguri** and venture into the weird and wonderful opal mining township of **Coober Pedy**, where more than half the residents live underground. Here we'll enjoy a day of discovery, with a gourmet lunch in the most unique of locations. Dinner is back on the train as we continue through the heart of this mighty environment.



**Day 10, The Ghan Arrives into Adelaide:** As you wake this morning the view from your cabin window is a dramatic change to the previous few days. We'll enjoy a leisurely brunch as we pass through the majestic **Flinders Ranges** and prepare for our mid-morning arrival in **Adelaide** and the conclusion of our great train journey. We farewell our new friends and embark on a **City Sightseeing Tour** before arriving at our hotel, the new, shiny and perfectly situated **Crowne Plaza Adelaide Hotel**. A chance this afternoon to stretch the legs and wander around this beautiful city.

**Day 11, Adelaide:** Today we head away from the city and first visit the charming village of **Hahndorf**, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Browse the incredible range of German-influenced shops, cafes and smallgoods outlets on the village main street. A delicious lunch followed by wine tastings in the **Barossa Valley** awaits us in the afternoon before a picturesque journey back to town.



**Days 12 & 13, Adelaide to Hawke's Bay:** We travel home to New Zealand today, but because of flight times out of Adelaide we'll overnight at **Auckland** before flying back to the Bay and to our homes. This exciting tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to not only experience one of the great train journeys of the world, but to also explore some of the most unusual

environments and habitats on earth. Demand for the original 2022 tour was overwhelming and we expect this will be popular again, so phone **Kerren or Kaye** to secure your place on **The Ghan** now.

## Tour No. 111725

### An Evening with Cliff Richard - Wellington

Date	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$825.00 Twin Share   \$935.00 Single Room Member: \$915.00 Twin Share   \$1,025.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show



British music icon, **Sir Cliff Richard**, has announced his much anticipated live tour of New Zealand 2025. These shows offer a rare chance of seeing one of the genuine all-time greats in a live setting. Fans will be treated to a setlist packed with timeless classics, including hits such as 'Living Doll', 'Young Ones', 'Summer Holiday', 'Devil Woman', 'We Don't Talk Anymore' and many more. Known for his energy, charisma and enduring stage presence, Sir Cliff continues to capture hearts and inspire audiences as he has done across the unparalleled breadth of his career.

We'll travel to **Wellington** to see him in concert at the wonderful **Michael Fowler Centre** and we'll stay overnight at the **Copthorne Oriental Bay Hotel**.

Likely to be his last trip to NZ, these shows represent the final chance to join in celebrating the incredible contribution **Sir Cliff Richard** has made to music.

Don't miss booking your seat.



## Tour No. 120225

### Marlborough Sounds – An Exploration

Date	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 9.15am
Cost	Patron: \$9,555.00 Twin Share Salvin Cabin, \$11,185.00 Twin Share Royal Cabin, \$10,095.00 Single Wandering Member: \$10,590.00 Twin Share Salvin Cabin, \$12,305.00 Twin Share Royal Cabin, \$11,105.00 Single Wandering
Payment	\$2,500.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, dinner, Cruise incl drinks package & all meals onboard, flights



Since the incredible experience of our first group venture into Fiordland aboard the vessel **Heritage Explorer** in 2022, we have been wanting to experience the **Marlborough Sounds** with them. Anyone who has been on one of our weeks in the deep south on **Heritage Explorer** will tell you how memorable it is.

In early **December 2025** we will be exploring the **Marlborough Sounds** in-depth. Famed for the breath-taking beauty of its winding cobalt waterways, iconic landscapes, lush native

forests, wildlife and remote coastlines, the region is also rich in early New Zealand history and the location of some of the country's most important conservation efforts. The opportunity to reach parts like **d'Urville Island**, **French Pass**, **Tawhitinui Reach** and both **Pelorus** and **Kenepuru Sounds** is rare, and our **7 Day** expedition aboard **Heritage Explorer** with her expert crew will allow us the time to really get beneath the surface of these fascinating spots. Here's a summary of what you can look forward to;



**Day 1:** Our adventure begins when we meet our fellow voyagers at Hawke's Bay Airport. We fly to **Blenheim** where we'll transfer to our hotel, the wonderful **Chateau Marlborough**, for the night in readiness for tomorrow.

**Day 2:** After a hearty breakfast our journey begins in earnest as we're collected from the hotel and we transfer by road to **Havelock** at the head of **Pelorus Sound**. Here the Captain and Expedition Team will be waiting to welcome you aboard **Heritage Explorer** and show you to your cabin. You'll have the opportunity to familiarise yourself onboard before joining your fellow travellers and your Expedition Team as we set sail along Pelorus Sound this afternoon and into **Kenepuru Sound** where we'll anchor for the night.

**Days 3 & 4:** After exploring **Kenepuru Sound** this morning, including our first use of the Zodiac tender craft, we'll return to **Pelorus Sound** and into **Nydia Bay** and the more active amongst us can enjoy walking part of the **Nydia Track**. There's lots of bays to explore as we make our way towards **Tawhitinui Reach** and one of the many picturesque anchorage spots for the night. The morning sees us continuing northward along **Pelorus Sound**, the largest in Marlborough. With 380kms of remote coastline, Pelorus sits in silent splendour and ready for careful exploration. Nature envelopes us at **Ngawhakawhiti Bay** where it's possible to get a feel for what the Sounds would



have been like before the native forest was cleared. Tonight, we drop anchor before we reach open water at the mouth of the sound.

**Day 5:** Today we sail through notorious **French Pass**, which features the fastest moving tidal flows in New Zealand, in the wake of French explorer Dumont d'Urville and then explore the island named in his honour. The outermost island in the Marlborough Sounds, **d'Urville** features imposing sea cliffs along its west coast, a high mountainous backbone and some of the country's finest peninsula scenery. **Dolphins** and **Fur Seals** are common in the waters surrounding the island and it's from here that **Pelorus Jack**, the endearing Risso's Dolphin who famously stole the nation's heart, guided ships across the dangerous waters of the Cook Strait between 1888 and 1912.

**Days 6 & 7:** First sighted by Abel Tasman in 1642, it was Captain James Cook aboard *Endeavour*, who would first

set foot in **Queen Charlotte Sound** and make **Ship's Cove** his base during his five visits between 1770 and 1777. We'll spend two days exploring the waterways and islands of this spectacular sound with opportunities to head ashore and walk a section of the **Queen Charlotte Walkway** as well as visiting the birdlife on predator-free islands. A visit to **Tory Channel** brings the history of the Perano Whalers to life. We'll also spend time in **Ship's Cove** itself and learn its history, exploring the Cove and

visiting the remote **Captain Cook Memorial** inaugurated in 1913. **Blumine Island** is another conservation success story with rare birds like the Orange-fronted Parakeet and South Island Saddleback both now thriving on the island after being translocated. On our final night together, we'll enjoy a farewell dinner and look back on the highlights of the last week.

**Day 8:** We arrive into the inner reaches or **Queen Charlotte Sound** and after a final breakfast and farewells we disembark at **Picton** & transfer to Blenheim Airport for our flights home to **Hawke's Bay**.

**Heritage Explorer** will be our floating home for the 7 days we explore. It's a 30-metre, 4-deck New Zealand flagged vessel built in 2004 and features a contemporary wood-



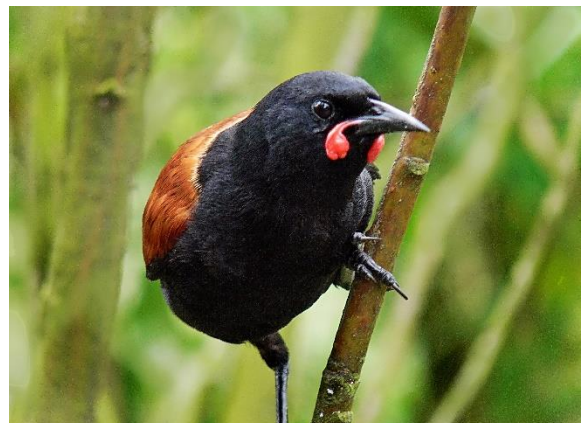
finished interior, 10 well-appointed ensuite cabins across three decks, a dining room boasting spectacular 180-degree panoramas and theatre capabilities; lounge and bar featuring a flight of inclusive regional New Zealand wines, beers and spirits; and a well-stocked local library. Outside, guests can enjoy plenty of covered space on the Bridge Deck or relax on the Sun Deck perfect for wildlife spotting, sunrises and sunsets, or simply enjoying watching your **Heritage Explorer** voyage unfold. Kayaks and fishing

equipment are available for use during the voyage, while two tender craft allow for deeper exploration and the unforgettable wildlife encounters synonymous with all Heritage Expeditions adventures. **Heritage Explorer** has an open bridge policy and a full commercial kitchen helmed by a talented chef focused on highlighting local produce and any guest catches of the day, as well as an enthusiastic and passionate expedition team, and will be staffed by a New Zealand captain and crew.

The expedition vessel features state-of-the-art technology to provide a comfortable cruising experience with high performance dual Scania 653 engines, bow thrusters, fin stabilisers, full air-conditioning, sound attenuated twin generators and a hydraulic aft ramp, while a comprehensive navigation package ensures the ultimate Kiwi adventure awaits all guests.

The **Marlborough Sounds** is an area many New Zealanders have travelled through on their way to somewhere else. But few have the opportunity to spend time exploring this magnificent, diverse, historic maritime marvel. Come and enjoy the tranquility of Marlborough's glittering waterways, under the warmth of December sun, and be part of an extraordinary adventure which will change the way you view this unique part of New Zealand.

Places are strictly limited, so don't delay!





## Kerren's Whisper

Following the fabulous success of the recent short break to Melbourne for Disney's Beauty and The Beast, we have secured tickets to the 2025 **Sydney** season of the fantastic **Book Of Mormon** show in **July**. Winning 9 Tony Awards since its premiere in 2011, this hilarious musical follows a pair of mismatched Mormon boys on a mission to a place about as far from Salt Lake City as you can get. We couldn't quite lock everything in place before the Leisure Guide went to print, so let us know if you're interested in this.

Many people have enquired about our fabulous **West Coast Escape** tour, last seen in 2018. I can tell you it has been scheduled for **March 2026**. Look out for it in the next Leisure Guide, or put your name on our Interest List to hear about it first!

Speaking of **March 2026**, our return to **Tasmania** has been re-scheduled for that month too. So those who wished they'd gone with us in February 2024, put your name on our Interest List and hear about this wonderful tour first.

For a totally wow experience, on 9-10 March, we are taking a group to **Blue Duck Station** for **The Chefs Table** dining experience among the clouds. Accommodation will be in purpose built lodges high in the hills on the Station. You may have seen this on Country Calendar? Numbers are limited to 8 tour clubbers, so you'll need to hurry to book your place. Put your name on our interest list, and you'll be the first to know when this is priced.

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