

TOUR CLUB LEISURE GUIDE

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Welcome to Bay Tours & Charters

Leisure Guide



Hello to all our wonderful Tour Clubbers and welcome to this latest edition of the **Leisure Guide**, the 27th produced since we took over Bay Tours way back in 2012. I'm writing this in November, which is the anniversary month of our ownership of the company, and there are always a few moments of reflection at this time every year – and pride in what we have built over the ensuing years. Since the last edition was published in July, we've enjoyed some amazing

trips and tours. Locally, we've done a number of 'firsts' in recent months. A couple of highlights were our trips over the new Manawatu Gateway road soon after it opened. Another highlight was our visit to Craggy Range Sheep Dairy out in the Tukituki Valley. We were shown around their miniature milking operation before enjoying a superb tasting of their cheeses. So good to see these new products emerging from Hawke's Bay. On the wider front, wonderful tours to the Far North and Hurunui Garden Festival were highlights, along with a quickly arranged small group tour to Auckland to check out a couple of international exhibitions visiting the country. Speaking of international, we had very successful tours to Sydney in July and to Fiji in September with both tours proving very popular. In this edition, as well as our usual wonderful mix of Day Trip lunches, local shows, dinners and scenic trips into the country, look out for the **NZ House & Garden Tour** to wander spectacularly presented properties in the Taupō area and a trip over 'The Annie' to Hunterville for lunch at the newly re-opened **Argyle Hotel**, which has been a great story in the media recently. This edition also features a return to magical **MacKenzie Country** for the first tour there in five years – and this time we've added the mysterious **Maniototo** to the tour as well. Look out, also, for the return of our **Luxury Dining** series in April and a trip to Welly in May to see the new musical taking the world by storm – '**& Juliet**'. Our international offering expands a little in 2026. As well as our Winter Escape returning to our beloved **Rarotonga** (with a few new twists to it) in July, we're excited to have secured tickets to the Melbourne season of '**A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical**' created with the co-operation of the man, himself. We have a fun long weekend planned around that show in September. In October we return to cruise the mighty **Murray River** for the first time since 2017, but this time we've also added a **safari game drive** at the biggest game park outside Africa AND three days on the **Indian Pacific train from Adelaide to Sydney**. What a tour that'll be. And, finally, the long-awaited tour to **Japan** makes it's first appearance in this edition too. We'll explore this unique country by land and sea. This is the once-in-a-lifetime experience many have been waiting for.

So, in conclusion, we're really thrilled with the variety of trips and tours in this **Leisure Guide**. As we all know, 2025 has been a trying year with the country's economic recovery continuing to be sluggish. But Ken and I are optimistic that 2026 will see a corner turned, and confidence in the future growing. We are, as always, so very grateful for the loyalty and continued support shown for the Tour Club.

On behalf of the Bay Tours family, we'd like to wish all our Patrons, Members and friends a happy holiday season and we look forward to enjoying time with you through 2026.

Kerren & Ken Withington – Owners

Cover Photo (overleaf): A two coach crowd for Cirque Du Soleil, Oct 2025

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/s 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.

Account Name: Bay Tours & Charters (2012) Limited

Account Number: 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.

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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Tour Club Booking Form

Date	Tour	Tour Name	Patron	Member
Thu 15 Jan	11526	Lunch & Baxters Sunflowers	\$100	\$130
Wed 21 – Thu 22 Jan	12126	Ed Sheeran in Concert – Wellington	\$975	\$1,075
Thu 29 – Fri 30 Jan	12926	Chefs Table at Blue Duck Station #1	\$1,975	\$2,175
Fri 30 Jan – Sun 1 Feb	13026	The Bridge to Nowhere	\$1,725	\$1,925
Wed 4 Feb	20426	Summer Progressive Lunch	\$170	\$195
Sun 8 – Wed 18 Feb	20826	South of the South	\$7,485	\$8,235
Tue 10 Feb	21026	Music at The Old Dairy Factory	\$140	\$175
Thu 12 – Fri 13 Feb	21226	Chefs Table at Blue Duck Station #2	\$1,975	\$2,175
Tue 17 Feb	21726	Summer Lunch at Silverford	\$155	\$180
Thu 19 – Fri 20 Feb	21926	Edinburgh Military Tattoo – Auckland #1	\$890	\$1,005
Fri 20 – Sat 21 Feb	22026	Edinburgh Military Tattoo – Auckland #2	\$890	\$1,005
Sat 21 – Sun 22 Feb	22126	Edinburgh Military Tattoo – Auckland #3	\$890	\$1,005
Wed 25 Feb – Tue 10 Mar	22526	Exploring Tasmania	\$9,895	\$10,895
Wed 25 Feb	22526A	CHB Beaches & Country Pub Lunch	\$155	\$195
Sat 28 Feb	22826	The Rock Orchestra by Candlelight & Dinner	\$275	\$315
Mon 2 Mar	30226	Opouahi Kiwi Creche & Boundary Stream	\$150	\$170
Thu 5 – Thu 12 Mar	30526	Chatham Islands including Festival Day	\$6,595	\$7,255
Thu 5 Mar	30526A	Lunch at High Street Bistro – Dannevirke	\$175	\$195
Sat 7 Mar	30726	Martinborough Fair	\$140	\$165
Sat 14 Mar	31426	NZ H&G House Tours Taupō	\$325	\$365
Thu 19 – Wed 25 Mar	31926	West Coast Experience	\$6,685	\$7,495
Wed 25 – Sun 29 Mar	32526	Great Barrier Island Escape	\$3,785	\$4,165
Tue 26 Mar	32626	Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Te Pania	\$75	N/A
Fri 27 – Sat 28 Mar	32726	The Rocky Horror Show – Wellington	\$720	\$830
Tue 31 Mar	33126	Tuesday Temptations	\$145	\$165
Thu 2 Apr	40226	St Georges Chef’s Choice Dinner	\$180	\$210
Wed 8 – Sat 11 Apr	40826	Back Country Stations	\$1,685	\$1,855
Tue 14 – Thu 16 Apr	41426	Luxury Dining – Treetops, Kinloch & More	\$2,015	\$2,220
Fri 17 Apr	41726	Lunch at Elephant Hill	\$170	\$190
Wed 22 Apr	42226	Country Lunch at The Argyle, Hunterville	\$195	\$225
Thu 23 Apr – Mon 4 May	42326	The Ghan, Darwin & Adelaide	\$13,795	N/A
Fri 24 Apr	42426	The King of Pop: Michael Jackson tribute – Napier	\$245	\$280
Mon 27 Apr – Fri 1 May	42726	Molesworth & Rainbow Stations & More	\$3,675	\$4,015
Tue 5 May	50526	A Visit to Timahanga Station	\$155	\$175
Wed 6 May	50626	Autumn Progressive Dinner	\$175	\$200
Sat 9 – Sun 10 May	50926	& Juliet The Musical – Wellington	\$760	\$875
Mon 11 – Thu 14 May	51126	Rangitikei & Whanganui Homesteads & Gardens	\$2,195	\$2,475
Tue 19 May	51926	Pub Lunch & Quiz – Patangata Tavern	\$175	\$200
Mon 25 May	52526	Lunch at Cape Kidnappers	\$250	\$275
Thu 4 June	60426	Patrons Lunch at Valley D’Vine	\$75	N/A
Sat 6 June	60626	Feilding Craft Market	\$130	\$160
Thu 16 – Sat 18 July	71626	Mid-Winter Feast at Hobbiton	\$1,795	\$2,085

Tue 28 July – Thu 6 Aug	72826	A Winter Escape to Rarotonga	\$7,575	\$8,335
Wed 2 – Sun 6 Sep	90226	The Neil Diamond Musical – Melbourne	\$4,125	\$4,675
Fri 18 – Thu 24 Sep	91826	Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan	\$3,525	\$3,885
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Sep	91926	WOW #1 – Wellington	\$755	\$835
Fri 25 – Sat 26 Sep	92526	WOW #2 – Wellington	\$755	\$835
Sat 3 – Thu 15 Oct	100326	Murray River, Monarto Safari Park & Indian Pacific	\$13,585	\$14,995
Wed 14 – Tue 20 Oct	101426	MacKenzie Country & The Maniototo	\$5,845	\$6,455
Sat 7 – Tue 29 Nov	110726	Japan – Ancient & Modern Wonders	TBC	TBC

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.



Whenever you see this symbol beside a tour, please note that travel insurance is a mandatory requirement for participation.

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 \$150 admin fee plus 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.

Remember to renew your

Patron Membership

for 2026! Your membership is valid from 31st January through to 31st 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.

Physical Activity Level Indicators

To ensure each Bay Tours trip and tour is enjoyable for the whole group, certain minimum standards of fitness and mobility MAY be required. Before booking any tour, potential participants must be confident that their own general level of both health and fitness is sufficient to enable them to complete the tour. For example, a multi-day tour will likely require a greater degree of stamina than a day trip. As Tour Leaders, our primary concern must always be for the enjoyment and welfare of the tour group as a whole. Any ongoing need for assistance by an individual can detract from the quality of the group experience.

So, we have re-purposed our system of indicating what, if any, minimum standards of fitness and mobility may be required, to more accurately reflect the requirements of each tour.

Instead of the previous **Red Man** symbol  we have devised a series of three **Physical Activity Level** indicators which will be applied to each trip or tour that requires it. Where no **Physical Activity Level** appears in a tour description, this indicates there is no minimum level of fitness or mobility required to participate. However, each person must still be confident that their general health is at a level that will ensure their safe participation.

The 3 **Physical Activity Level** indicators are:

GENTLE | **ABLE** | **ACTIVE**

Where any of these indicators appear within a tour description, please refer to the following criteria;

GENTLE

- Get on/off coaches, boats & trains unaided
- Be able to participate in small walks, at a gentle pace, for **10 – 15 minutes** on mostly level ground
- Climb the occasional flight of stairs
- Be able to stand for **up to 15 minutes**

ABLE

- Get on/off transportation unaided (possibly including small planes, helicopters etc.)
- Be able to participate in walks, at a relaxed pace, for **up to 30 minutes**
- Climb a flight of stairs or incline
- Be able to stand for **up to 30 minutes**
- Walk confidently over uneven ground or undulating surfaces

ACTIVE

- Get on/off transportation unaided
- Be able to participate in walks, at a relaxed pace, for **up to 60 minutes** without having to rest
- Climb a flight of stairs or incline
- Be able to stand for **up to 30 minutes** at a time
- Walk confidently over uneven ground or undulating surfaces

Tour No. I1526 Lunch & Baxters Sunflowers

Date	Thursday 15 th January
Times	All collected by 11.35am
Cost	Patron special: \$100.00 Member: \$130.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, picnic lunch

Physical Activity Level GENTLE



Join us for a simply delightful summer outing that combines a great outdoor picnic spot, good company, and the ultimate garden emblem of sunshine!

We begin our day with a picnic lunch at beautiful **Keirunga Gardens** in Havelock North. Renown for its many floral paths to explore, the historic homestead and miniature railway. We'll set up in 'The Dell' with time to wander and explore.

After lunch, we make our way to **Baxters Sunflower Farm**, also in Havelock North, a cheerful sea of golden blooms that's sure to brighten your afternoon. Stroll among the sunflowers, take a few photos, and even **pick your own sunflower to take home** as a lovely memento of the day.

A gentle, easy-paced excursion perfect for those who enjoy a mix of nature with a touch of summer magic.

Tour No. I3026 The Bridge to Nowhere

Date	Friday 30 th January – Sunday 1 st February
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$1,725.00 Twin Share \$2,005.00 Single Room Member: \$1,925.00 Twin Share \$2,215.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 5 th December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch x3, dinner x2

Physical Activity Level ACTIVE

Step back in time and into nature as we venture deep into the heart of Whanganui National Park for a truly unforgettable experience – A visit to the legendary **Bridge to Nowhere**.

Soldiers returning from WWI were balloted land in the isolated **Mangapurua Valley**. But with no road access the hard life and meagre income that the rugged land offered up was near impossible to endure. Through the 1920s many of the families up the valley simply walked off their land. And by the time the government got around to completing the promised permanent bridge across the stream in 1936, finally giving road access, there were few



families left farming there. When funds for the maintenance of the road to the bridge were declined in 1942 the remaining families packed up and left. In the decades since, the bush has reclaimed the farmland and the road in as well. Only the bridge itself, now seemingly sitting in pristine wilderness, remains as a reminder of human occupation. Here's a summary of our trip into this 'other-worldly' place;

Day 1: Our adventure begins with a leisurely drive to **Ohakune**, taking in morning tea at **Kuripapango**, a delicious lunch stop at **Flat Hills**, and a pause at the poignant **Tangiwai Memorial** before settling into the elegant **Powderhorn Chateau**.

Day 2: Today we journey by **jet boat up the Whanganui River**, with its steep banks of native bush, to the start of an easy 50-minute guided walk to the mysterious bridge that stands as a monument to dreams abandoned and communities lost to time. After a **picnic lunch beside the bridge**, when we'll hear stories from our local expert whose family were involved in its construction, we return via river to **Pipiriki** and drive the River Road to visit the beautiful historic church of St Joseph's at the isolated riverside settlement of **Jerusalem** before returning to our accommodation in Ohakune.

Day 3: On our final day, we collect a sweet treat from the iconic **Johnny Nation's Bakery in Ohakune**, to enjoy with our **picnic lunch beside Lake Taupō**, and journey home, full of stories and memories.

Tour No. 20426

Summer Progressive Lunch

Date	Wednesday 4 th February
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	Patron: \$170.00 Member: \$195.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

Physical Activity Level N/A



There's no better way to celebrate summer than with a leisurely lunch enjoyed in three of Hawke's Bay's finest eateries! From a hipster haunt & an exciting new eatery to a renowned classic. Today's lunch has a touch of everything.

Our culinary journey begins at **Craft & Social** at the Toitoe Arts Centre precinct in Hastings, where we'll enjoy a delicious **Entrée** in this lively and welcoming spot. Then it's a short hop to the newest gem in Hastings' ever expanding dining scene - **Restaurant Ari**. Focused on fresh flavours

and creative presentation, Ari is the baby of our friends Simon & Emma, formally of Oak Estate fame. We'll savour a relaxed **Main** course here — the perfect setting filled with their warm, generous service.

To finish, we travel to the historic **Mission Estate**, in Taradale, where their **Desserts** have become the stuff of legend. What better way to end the day than with something sweet surrounded by beautiful gardens and timeless charm.

A relaxed, flavour-filled day out. Good food, great company, and a unique way to savour summer in style.



Tour No. 20826

South of the South

Date	Sunday 8 th – Wednesday 18 th February
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$7,485.00 Twin Share \$8,615.00 Single Room Member: \$8,235.00 Twin Share \$9,485.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x10, breakfast x10, morning tea x2, lunch x7, dinner x10, flights

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**

From pristine Fiordland on the southern west coast to unique Stewart Island and eastward to The Catlins, we'll explore the deep south led by our own son of the South.

Bay Tours owner Ken Withington is Southland born and bred and with wife Kerren, will lead this **11-day** pilgrimage back to his roots and show off the scenic grandeur and southern hospitality of **The South of the South**.



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

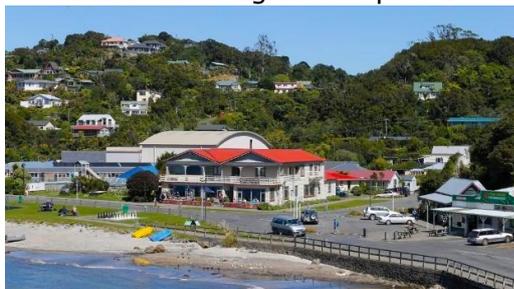
Day 2: Our exploration of **Fiordland** begins today with a trip into **Doubtful Sound** via **Lake Manapouri** and the **Wilmot Pass**. Three times longer than Milford Sound and ten times the surface area, a cruise of remote **Doubtful Sound** will reward with abundant wildlife and incredible vistas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

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

Day 4: Today we take the world-renowned road, including the **Homer Tunnel**, to iconic **Milford Sound** for an astounding scenic cruise around one of this country's greatest natural wonders. Then we're back to **Te Anau** for the night.

Day 5: We begin our day with a visit to the most impressive private military museums we've ever seen. Then it's a skip and jump down the road for morning tea at **Keplar Mountain View Alpacas**. We then depart Te Anau and enjoy a picnic lunch at the famous **Clifden Suspension Bridge**. From here we continue south east to **Riverton** on the south coast and on to Kens' hometown – **Invercargill** for the next couple of nights.

Day 6: In the morning we're off to **Bluff** for a tour of NZ's southern-most distillery and the adjacent Paua Farm. Then it's the incredible **Maple Glen Gardens** for lunch and time to wander this magnificent place.



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

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

Day 9: We farewell the beauty and hospitality of Stewart Island this morning and return to the mainland where we make our way to jaw-dropping **Bill Richardson Transportation Museum**, firstly for lunch in the café and then for a nostalgic view of over 200 stunningly restored vehicles and transport memorabilia. This afternoon we have free time to explore Invercargill at leisure.



Day 10: We depart Invercargill this morning and, continuing our journey eastward, into **The Catlins** area of eastern Southland. We'll visit the astonishing 'Petrified Forest' at Curio Bay, take in the incredible views of the Great Southern Ocean from Florence Hill and check out the beach at Kaka Point. A wonderful day spent wending our way through this remote wonderland with lighthouses, waterfalls, pristine harbours and lounging sea lions. Then suddenly we're in **Dunedin!**

Day 11: We say farewell to southern hospitality and fly directly from Dunedin back to 'the Bay'. This expansive tour takes in so many breath-taking places and experiences that it will remain with you for ever. This tour is a once in a lifetime 'Bucket List' experience not to be missed. Come join us ... but hurry, as numbers are limited.

Tour No. 21026

Music at The Old Dairy Factory

Date	Tuesday 10 th February
Times	All collected by 11am
Cost	Patron Special: \$140.00 Member: \$175.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, entry fee, 1 bunch of daffodils

Physical Activity Level N/A



Old farmer's co-operative dairy factories can be found throughout New Zealand. Some are crumbling and scrawled with graffiti but others have taken on a new lease of life. One such place is **The Old Dairy Factory** at Norsewood. The 120yo building once produced 'the choicest creamery butter' under the Canary Brand and was a bustling part of the village before a state highway split **Norsewood** into two. Its native timbers were milled from the original 70 Mile Bush which stretched from Wairarapa to Hawkes Bay, much of it cleared for farming by Scandinavian immigrants who arrived in the 1870s. But it's Londoner, **David Selfe**, who has converted the place into a recording studio and live performance venue. The musical director, producer, music teacher and pianist has turned **The Old Dairy Factory** into a music hub for the community as well as a home for him and his family. And it's the regular monthly shows he puts on, featuring renowned musicians from all over the country, that has established the place as a regular venue on the music circuit. Jazz, classical, country, blues and other genres of music all feature as part of the range of intimate concerts performed. After a wonderful summer picnic lunch we'll meet David, hear about how he has ended up with this unique life, and, after he's treated us to a mini-concert demonstration of his piano virtuosity, we'll enjoy afternoon tea with him and his family. Join us for a unique and delightful summer's day out filled with fun, sun and music. What more could we want?

Tour No. 21226

Chefs Table at Blue Duck Station #2

Date	Thursday 12 th – Friday 13 th February
Times	All collected by 7am
Cost	Patron: \$1,975.00 Twin Share \$3,950.00 Single Room Member: \$2,175.00 Twin Share \$4,395.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea x2, lunch x2, dinner

Physical Activity Level **GENTLE**

Join Bay Tours for a luxury escape that blends dining in high-altitude elegance with down-to-earth back country charm. In just **2 days**, you'll experience panoramic views, off-grid adventure, and world-class cuisine—all within the breathtaking landscapes of the Central Plateau and Whanganui hinterland.



Our journey begins with a lakeside cuppa at **Wharewaka Point**, before we ascend Mount Ruapehu via the **Sky Waka Gondola** to Knoll Ridge Chalet where, at over 2,000 metres above sea level, new meaning is given to our **High Tea**. Choose from a selection of sweet and savoury treats—perhaps adding a prosecco or gin for a touch of indulgence—as you take in sweeping alpine views. From there, we travel deep into the wilderness to remote and stunning **Blue Duck Station**, a hidden gem dedicated to conservation and sustainable farming. After check-in, adventure awaits with a **2-hour guided bush safari**, in an All-Terrain Vehicle, exploring deep forest, river gorges, and native bush conservation sites and back country trails. This off-road journey gives you an up-close perspective of the wild beauty that defines this remarkable property.

As evening falls, you'll be welcomed to the acclaimed **Chef's Table**, as one of only ten diners, for an exclusive, elevated dining experience with English chef Jack Cashmore showcasing ingredients mainly grown, foraged or farmed on the station. As winner of the Cuisine Good Food Guide's '*Best Specialty Restaurant Award*' Jack will, over the course of 3-4 luxurious hours, treat you to a multi-course tasting menu, served with a view over untouched wilderness under a setting sun.

Guests in the hilltop cabins will enjoy a gourmet breakfast at the restaurant the next morning. After descending from your elevated retreat, we begin our return journey with a coffee break in National Park and a relaxed lakeside lunch at the **Lake House Eatery** in Tokaanu.

A truly special two-day experience as we enjoy adventure, indulgence and pure New Zealand beauty in equal measure. **Places are EXTREMELY limited, so don't delay in securing your place at the table.**

Tour No. 21726

Summer Lunch at Silverford

Date	Tuesday 17 th February
Times	All collected by 10.30am
Cost	Patron: \$155.00 Member: \$180.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

Physical Activity Level GENTLE



We're delighted to invite you to visit and enjoy a country lunch at historic **Silverford** homestead – a fixture of the beautiful **Dartmoor Valley** for more than 120 years. Originally designed by distinguished architect C.T. Natusch in 1904 for the owners of Silverford Station, the homestead has been fully restored and showcases its past glories in Kauri, Rimu & Matai as well as serving as a modern family home. After a lovely scenic drive, we'll

approach the homestead via its entry avenue of 100 year old oak trees to be met by current owners **Janiene and David** who will show us around their magnificent property. We'll enjoy a delicious summer lunch with them followed by an opportunity to wander the established gardens afterwards.

It's rare to be given the opportunity to take in the peaceful rural vistas and historic character of very private **Silverford** as well as soak up the relaxed country atmosphere over a wonderful summer meal. A perfect day of friendship, food, and fresh country air.



Tour No. 22526

Exploring Tasmania

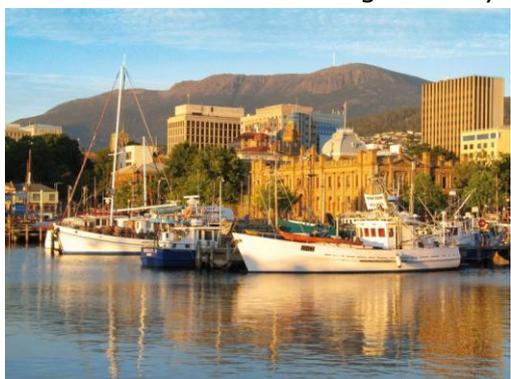
Date	Wednesday 25 th February – Tuesday 10 th March
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	Patron: \$9,895.00 Twin Share \$12,395.00 Single Room Member: \$10,895.00 Twin Share \$13,755.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x13, breakfast x13, morning tea, lunch x5, dinner x13, flights

Physical Activity Level ABLE

Across the Tasman Sea from us lies an island bursting with gorgeous scenery and an extensive array of unique wildlife, conveniently fitted into a heart shaped land mass less than a quarter of the size of New Zealand. Here, nearly half the land area is protected through national parks, reserves and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. From the remote and untamed wilderness of the west to the beautiful, untouched white-sand beaches of the east, and from the fertile food & wine lands of the north to the history-laden towns of the south. This incredible island is



Tasmania. Following the huge demand for our first tour of Tasmania in 2024, Bay Tours is returning there in late **February 2026** and we'll spend **14 Days** exploring this incredibly diverse place with all four points of the compass covered and loads in between. Here's just a taste of what our exciting itinerary has to offer;



Day 1: Our tour begins with an afternoon flight to **Auckland** where we overnight ready for our flight to **Tasmania** in the morning.

Day 2: This morning we take our direct flight from Auckland to Tasmania's capital city, **Hobart**. After an orientation tour of the city, we settle into our base for the next four nights, the centrally situated and exciting new **Crowne Plaza Hotel** with stunning views of the city and harbour.

Day 3: We spend today at historic **Port Arthur Convict Settlement**, site of one of Australia's most notorious penal colonies. A guided tour and short harbour cruise provide different perspectives on the convict past. We also visit picturesque **Eaglehawk Neck** and **Pirates Bay**.

Day 4: A **FREE DAY** to explore **Hobart**, Australia's second oldest city, at your own pace. You may want to join your Tour Hosts at **Salamanca Markets** in the morning.

Day 5: Today we head south of Hobart, following the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, through the beautiful **Huon Valley** to visit the seaside town of **Margate** which offers shopping with a real difference. Then it's on for lunch at **Crawleighwood**, a private garden renowned for its maple woodlands and ancient Gondwanaland plantings. Later we visit Hobart's historic **Shot Tower**.

Day 6: We say "Farewell" to Hobart, for now, and head northwest climbing onto the **Central Plateau**. Amaze at '**The Wall In The Wilderness**', an astonishing work of art depicting the history of Tasmania's Central Highlands. Notice the changing landscape as we descend the Chamouni Valley to the copper mining town of **Queenstown**. Finally, we arrive at **Strahan Village** on the west coast, our home for the next two nights.

Day 7: Today we board the giant '*Spirit Of The Wild*' catamaran to cruise across **Macquarie Harbour** and up the **Gordon River** into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness. Ancient sassafras and myrtle rainforest lead us to **Heritage Landing** where we can go ashore amidst this incredible environment. After lunch onboard we voyage to **Hell's Gates** past **Sarah Island** – the worst convict settlement of them all. A full day's cruising concludes back at **Strahan** where there's time to explore the village before dinner. In the evening, enjoy an open-air performance of '*The Ship That Never Was*'.



Day 8: Continuing north we arrive at **Cradle Mountain National Park** and enjoy a guided 4WD tour including **Dove Lake** and **Waldheim Chalet** before we resume our journey northwards to the outskirts of Tasmania's second city, Launceston, where we settle into our accommodation at the elegant **Country Club of Tasmania**.

Day 9: It's an early start this morning as we head west to the historic village of **Stanley** nestled at the foot of an ancient volcano. Time to explore the town here & perhaps take the chairlift to the summit. Later we return eastward through the region known as the **Great Western Tiers** and visit the unique '*Yarns Artwork In Silk*' exhibition in the town of **Deloraine**.

Day 10: This morning, we begin by visiting the dramatic **Cataract Gorge** in the middle of Launceston, before we continue our journey eastward through the former tin-mining towns of Scottsdale and Derby. We stop to admire the famous **War Memorial Tree Carvings** at **Legerwood** and **St Columba Falls** before arriving on the east coast and our overnight accommodation at pretty **St Helens**.



Day 11: Turning south, we follow the white-sand beaches of the east coast before visiting **East Coast Natureworld Wildlife Sanctuary** at **Bicheno** where we'll encounter the famous Tasmanian Devil, Wombats, Echidnas, Kangaroos & Wallabies as well as native birds and reptiles. After a seafood lunch we visit ocean blowholes and indulge in some locally made ice cream, finally crossing the **Derwent River** back into **Hobart** from the east and checking back into our wonderful **Crowne Plaza Hotel**.

Day 12: No visit to Hobart would be complete without a ferry trip up the Derwent River to **Berriedale** and the amazing **MONA** (Museum of Old and New Art). Created by the unconventional businessman and art collector, David Walsh, this complex of breathtaking architecture combines museum, art gallery, restaurants, music venues and open spaces that will captivate and engage you.

Day 13: A last **FREE DAY** in **Hobart** lets you revisit favourite spots or discover new ones at your own pace. Or simply relax and re-charge after our travels of the previous days. Tonight, we enjoy a farewell dinner together at a local waterfront restaurant.

Day 14: Today we say our final farewells to Hobart and Tasmania and fly back to **Auckland** and then onward to **Hawke's Bay** and our homes.

Couple this exciting itinerary with the reassuring level of care, service and attention to detail that familiar travellers have come to expect from Bay Tours and 'Exploring Tasmania' is a must-do experience.

Tour No. 22526A

CHB Beaches & Country Pub Lunch

Date	Wednesday 25 th February
Times	All collected by 8.50am
Cost	Patron Special: \$155.00 Member: \$195.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, 2 course lunch
	Physical Activity Level N/A

Join us for a relaxed day exploring some of Central Hawke's Bay's hidden coastal gems in high summer. We'll begin with a scenic drive south through the rolling countryside, stopping for morning tea at **Kairakau Beach**. The perfect spot for a stroll along the sand. Then it's on to neighbouring **Mangakuri Beach**, another beautiful, even more off-the-beaten-track bay where you can stretch your legs and enjoy the sea air. After working up an appetite, we'll head inland to the **Patangata Tavern** for a delicious **two-course lunch**, before finishing the day browsing the delightful **Birdwoods Gallery and Sweet Shop** in Havelock North. A wonderful blend of coastline, countryside, and CHB hospitality—a true Hawke's Bay day out!



Tour No. 22826

The Rock Orchestra by Candlelight & Dinner

Date	Saturday 28 th February
Times	All collected by 5.45pm
Cost	Patron: \$275.00 Member: \$315.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course dinner, premium ticket to show

Physical Activity Level N/A



You're invited to a spectacular night out filled with delicious food, stirring music, and unforgettable atmosphere!

After entertaining more than 700,000 people across the UK, Europe and the USA **The Rock Orchestra By Candlelight** is embarking on its first tour of New Zealand. Prepare for a spellbinding 90-minute spectacle that infuses iconic Rock anthems with a hauntingly beautiful energy. Watch as a

talented ensemble of classical musicians reimagine rock anthems of the past in a dramatic, candlelit setting. From the haunting strings to the thunderous percussion, it's a musical experience that will have you tapping your toes and reminiscing in equal measure.

We begin the evening with a relaxed **two-course dinner at Shed 2** on Napier's waterfront. Then, as night falls, we make our way to the **Napier Municipal Theatre** for a truly electrifying performance — **The Rock Orchestra by Candlelight**.

An evening of fine dining and world-class entertainment — the perfect way to treat yourself to a little mid-summer magic!

Tour No. 30226

Opouahi Kiwi Creche & Boundary Stream

Date	Monday 2 nd March
Times	All collected by 10.20am
Cost	Patron: \$150.00 Member: \$170.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, picnic lunch, afternoon tea, donation to Kiwi Creche

Physical Activity Level ABLE

Behind a predator-proof fence less than an hour north of Napier lies a special place to which **Kiwi chicks** are brought from the wild. The Kiwi safe haven surrounds the beautiful **Lake Opouahi** and we're returning to meet some of the people helping raise the chicks and, fingers crossed, some of the chicks themselves.



Later we head further up the valley to **Boundary Stream**

for a delicious picnic lunch and the opportunity to walk into the past along accessible tracks through native bush. Watch the cheeky **kaka** birds feed and hear and maybe observe the beautiful **bellbird**, **North Island robin**, **tomtit**, **fantail**, **kereru** (native wood pigeon) and the rare and magnificent **kōkako**. Join us for an exciting day amongst the best our natural region has to offer.



Tour No. 30526

Chatham Islands including Festival Day

Date	Thursday 5 th – Thursday 12 th March
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	Patron: \$6,595.00 Twin Share \$6,825.00 Single Room Member: \$7,255.00 Twin Share \$7,525.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 8 th January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, lunch x6, dinner x7, flights

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



Join our small group tour and experience the absolute uniqueness that is **'The Chathams'**. Trees that lean nearly horizontal, 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 it all. Highlights will include the views from the 200m high **Rangi Ika Cliffs**, the life size statue of **Tommy Solomon**, the last known full blooded Moriori, visit **Blind Jim's Creek** and search the coastline for **fossilized shark's teeth**. Also, the beautiful **Hapupu National Reserve** Moriori Tree Cravings, enormous **Basalt Columns**, **Port Munning Seal Colony**, **Kaingaroa Fishing Village** and much, much more. And this year the trip will coincide with the island's annual **'Day Out'**, when the whole community comes together in a festival-like format to celebrate the islands' unique way of life. 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. 30526A

Lunch at High Street Bistro - Dannevirke

Date	Thursday 5 th March
Times	All collected by 10.50am
Cost	Patron: \$175.00 Member: \$195.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

Physical Activity Level **N/A**

Following the rapturous reviews from our first lunch at **High St Bistro** in Dannevirke, we've persuaded owners Campbell, Nicole and Brock Sprague to open especially for us again. Sparked by the enthusiastic recommendation of our friend Jo, manager of the Dannevirke Services & Citizens Club (who've hosted many of our wonderful morning teas), we can assure you her rave review was well deserved. This restaurant is of the highest calibre in both food and service, and as word spreads, we're giving everyone another chance to enjoy a wonderful day out. We'll enjoy a leisurely journey south and a truly memorable **2-course lunch** at this hidden gem of Tararua.



Tour No. 30726

Martinborough Fair

Date	Saturday 7 th March
Times	All collected by 6.45am
Cost	Patron: \$140.00 Member: \$165.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



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.

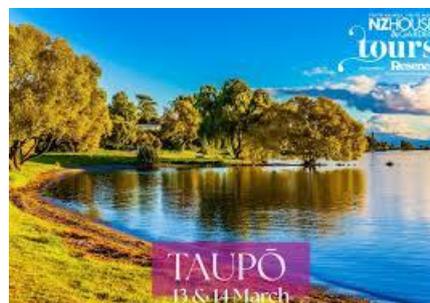
Tour No. 31426

NZ H&G House Tours Taupō

Date	Saturday 14 th March
Times	All collected by 6.40am
Cost	Patron: \$325.00 Member: \$365.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, house tour ticket, picnic lunch

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**

Each year **NZ House & Garden** magazine select four destinations across the country and showcase outstanding homes and gardens in those districts as a fundraising support for the **NZ Breast Cancer Foundation**. In 2026 one of only two North Island destinations selected is **Taupō**. On **Saturday 14th March** we'll spend the day visiting some exceptional properties prepared especially for this one-day celebration of stylish homes and beautifully kept gardens in the Taupō district.



Our day will start with morning tea at **Taupō Golf Club** before we head to the first of our featured properties. After a morning of exploration and discovery we'll take a break for a delicious picnic lunch, prepared for us by our friends at **Baked With Love** in Taupō, before resuming our house visits in the afternoon. Now in its 16th year, NZ House & Garden Tours has built a hard-earned reputation for the quality of the properties it features.

So come and join us as we take a peek at some of the most impressive homes to be found anywhere and enjoy the atmosphere and energy of this renowned celebration of homes and gardens, whilst knowing you're directly supporting a very worthy cause. A great day out is guaranteed!

Tour No. 31926 West Coast Experience

Date	Thursday 19 th – Wednesday 25 th March
Times	All collected by 6.30am
Cost	Patron: \$6,685.00 Twin Share \$7,655.00 Single Room Member: \$7,495.00 Twin Share \$8,535.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 20 th January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x2, lunch x5, dinner x6, flights

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



Of all the destinations we go to with Tour Club members, perhaps the region most shrouded in mystery is the South Island's **West Coast**. The region remains a steadfastly remote part of New Zealand. To even begin to get a feel for the place it takes a few days to get around what is the country's largest region. From the highest mountains and stunning coastal scenery to dense rainforests and everything in between. Steeped in myth and legend

from ancient Māori pounamu (greenstone) trails and Moa hunts to pioneering settlers and tough miner tales, 'the Coast' is a world apart. Where every passing car waves to you and the hospitality is warm and 'old school'.

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

Day 1: We fly to **Wellington** and then on to **Nelson**, where our coach will meet us and we begin our adventure. After lunch in **Murchison**, and a look at the famous **Buller Swing Bridge**, we carry on to the historic mining town of **Reefton** which is experiencing a renewal in recent times. We'll have billy tea with the **Bearded Miners** and sample the local moonshine before we settle into our accommodation at **Dawson's Hotel**.

Day 2: We make our way this morning to **Westport** to meet our guide for the day, Mickey, who will take us for a tour of the **Stockton Coal Mine**, New Zealand's largest single coal producer. We'll drive through several small towns on our way up onto the Stockton Plateau where we'll first have lunch in the 'Smoko Room' before we get a real sense of the workings of this open-cast mining operation, as well as visiting the aerial ropeway which takes the coal down to the railhead at Nakawau. As we start our journey south we'll stop at Punakaiki to see the world-famous **Pancake Rocks** before arriving at the **Scenic Hotel Punakaiki**, our accommodation tonight.



Day 3: We stick with the mining theme this morning, as we continue our journey south, stopping firstly to look around the **Brunner Mine Historic Area** – site of New Zealand’s worst mining disaster in 1896. Then it’s on to the town of **Blackball** with its famous (not)Hilton Hotel and Blackball Salami Co. Down the road we can still see the remains of the old mine entrance and chimneys. A gentle walk along **Greymouth’s** riverside reveals more memories of the regions mining past before we enjoy lunch at the **Theatre Royal Hotel** in Kumara. This afternoon we wander the spectacular **Hokitika Gorge**, with its turquoise water, before we check into the lovely **Beachfront Hotel** in Hokitika.



Day 4: Our southerly direction continues today and our first stop is a short boat cruise across the beautiful **Lake Mahinapua** south of **Hokitika**, followed by lunch at the famous **West Coast Treetop Walkway**, a steel causeway that allows you to walk amongst the canopies of ancient temperate rainforest giants such as Rimu and Tamahi. And all 20 metres above the forest floor. Then we continue south through **Ross** and **Hari Hari** to **Franz Josef** where we’ll

take a short helicopter flight up to the **Franz Josef Glacier** and step onto this amazing force of nature. What a way to finish an enriching day experiencing the West Coast environment.

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

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

Day 7: Today we say farewell to the South and take the easy way home by flying from **Queenstown** back home to **Hawke’s Bay**. On this tour we’ll spend a week immersed in the very heart of some of the more isolated parts of the South Island getting to know the Westland, Grey, Haast and Hawea districts. An intoxicating mix of natural wonder,



heartbreaking history and southern hospitality punctuated by some of the most breathtaking scenery New Zealand can offer. And that’s saying something!

Join us and enjoy all the pampering and attention to detail you’ve come to expect from Bay Tours on this ‘Bucket-List’ tour.



Tour No. 32526 Great Barrier Island Escape

Date	Wednesday 25 th – Sunday 29 th March
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 Wednesday 28 th January
Price includes	Door to door transport, breakfast x4, morning tea x3, lunch x4, afternoon tea x2, dinner x4, accommodation x4, all flights

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



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, once again, 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** and **My Fat Puku Cafe**.

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. 32626

Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Te Pania

Date	Tuesday 26 th March
Times	All collected by 12.00pm
Cost	Patron Special: \$75.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

Physical Activity Level N/A



Another special 'Patron Only' lunch, this time at **The Curve** restaurant at the **Scenic Hotel Te Pania** on Napier's Marine Parade. Join us for a delicious **2-course lunch** created especially for us by the hotel's talented chefs. This is a first visit for us in recent years and it's at the invitation of the hotel's General manager, Katie Simcock. A great chance for us to say thanks to you and for you to catch up with Tour Club friends.

Tour No. 32726

The Rocky Horror Show - Wellington

Date	Friday 27 th – Saturday 28 th March
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	Patron: \$720.00 Twin Share \$885.00 Single Room Member: \$830.00 Twin Share \$995.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250 upon booking, balance due by Friday 30 th January (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show

Physical Activity Level GENTLE

Get ready to do *The Time Warp* again! **The Rocky Horror Show** is back at Wellington's **St James Theatre** as part of a worldwide tour to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the release of the movie version. Written by New Zealander Richard O'Brien, **The Rocky Horror Show** is the story of two squeaky-clean college kids, Brad and his fiancée Janet. When their car breaks down outside a creepy old mansion, they're forced to seek the help of its occupants – a freaky bunch headed by the charismatic Dr Frank'n'furter. This is an adventure they'll never forget, filled with fun, frolics, frocks and frivolity. Bursting with outrageous fun, **The Rocky Horror Show** is a loving tribute to the B-grade science fiction and horror movies of times past and is packed with infectious songs like *Sweet Transvestite*, *Dammit Janet*, *I'm Going Home* and the iconic *Time Warp*. This cult-classic musical has thrilled over 35 million theatregoers around the world and the production's spectacle, costumes, and infectious energy make it an experience like no other.

So, as Dr Frank'n'furter would say, join us and "come up to the lab, and see what's on the slab!" This might just be the fun-est show of the year. Grab you place now.



Tour No. 33126

Tuesday Temptations

Date	Tuesday 31 st March
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	Patron: \$145.00 Member: \$165.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

Physical Activity Level GENTLE



Spend a deliciously relaxing day indulging in some of Hawke's Bay's most loved local gems, from scones and figs to blueberries and beautiful views.

We begin the day with morning tea at **Birdwoods Gallery & Café**, where freshly baked sweet and savoury scones, English breakfast tea, and Hawthorne coffee await in charming surroundings. Next, we visit **Te Mata Figs** outside Havelock North for an insightful talk and browse, discovering the story behind their award-

winning products.

From there, we head to the tranquil gardens of **Cornwall Park** in Hastings for a relaxed picnic lunch. then top off our afternoon with a sweet treat and behind-the-scenes tour at **Bay Blueberries**, where their gelato and sorbet are as fresh as the fruit they grow.

A delightful Tuesday filled with local flavour and good company – the perfect way to enjoy the best of our own backyard.

Tour No. 40226

St Georges Chef's Choice Dinner

Date	Thursday 2 nd April
Times	All collected by 6pm
Cost	Patron: \$180.00 Member: \$210.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 5 course dinner

Physical Activity Level N/A

The reputation of **St Georges** restaurant Head Chef, Francky Godinho's cuisine is well known in Hawke's Bay. Together with Kathryn, his wife and co-owner of **St Georges**, Francky has been creating stunning dishes here for 20 years. What is less well known is that they source 90% of the produce they use in their restaurant from their own organic gardens, which are extensive. We invite you to a special dinner experience. A 5-course degustation where Francky will take us on a flavour journey aimed at thrilling the senses and, perhaps, delivering the occasional delightful surprise.

Don't miss being part of an evening where this master-chef gets to really flex his culinary muscles, unrestricted by a regular menu.

Prepare to enjoy an incredible dinner with great company and atmosphere.



Tour No. 40826

Back Country Stations

Date	Wednesday 8 th – Saturday 11 th April
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$1,685.00 Twin Share \$2,210.00 Single Room Member: \$1,855.00 Twin Share \$2,435.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 17 th February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, morning tea x2, lunch x3, dinner x3

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



Following the popularity of our initial tour visiting farming enterprises around the Gisborne district in early 2022, we're very pleased to introduce an updated encore adventure. Since the 1880s the hill country around Gisborne has been home to some of the most successful and innovative rural enterprises in the country. All manner of both agriculture and horticulture have thrived in this part of the East Coast at one time or another.

Hawke's Bay farming dynasties have had numerous familial connections to the Gisborne area, so we're delighted to pay a few of these places a return visit AND introduce some farming operations we're visiting for the first time. Over **4 days** we'll visit a variety of rural enterprises who are, like so many farms today, recognizing changing customer needs and diversifying their offerings. Here's a summary of the planned itinerary;

Day 1: After driving north and stopping for morning tea at **Gemmell's** shiny new café in Wairoa, our first farm visit takes us up onto the plateau at the southern end of the Mahia Peninsula. **Onenui Station** occupies just over 8,200 acres on the triangular southern tip of the peninsula and farms both cattle and sheep. Since the 1950's, when the farm was only accessible every 12 hours with the tide, Onenui Station has been owned and managed by **Tawapata South**, an incorporated iwi entity that also owns the land operated by Rocket Lab at the very tip of the peninsula. We'll learn about this award-winning farming operation and also enjoy lunch here. After our visit we carry on to **Gisborne** and the fabulous **Portside Hotel**, our home for the next 3 nights.

Day 2: This morning we visit **Waipura Station** which ranges over 2,100 acres on the steep hills just out of Gisborne. After morning tea and a chat in the woolshed with the Foster family we'll head out in time to catch the shepherds in action with their dogs. A glorious lunch is in store at the beautiful **Bushmere Arms** before we head to our final destination of the day, **Turihau Angus Stud**, the oldest Angus stud farm in Australasia. Established by J.N. Williams (of Frimley orchard fame) in 1897, Turihau remains in the Williams family to this day. The family will show us around their operation and talk about the extensive history of Turihau and the Williams name.



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



woodland treasure by jeep in the afternoon.

Day 4: Today is Saturday and that means our first stop of the day MUST be the **Gisborne Farmer's Market**. Then we're off for another first-time visit. **Pihitia Station** is a 2,500 acre coastal hill country sheep breeding & finishing station that has also been in the same Williams family as Turihaua

since 1896. Toby Williams is the 5th generation to run the property. Toby is also Chair of Federated Farmers Meat & Wool Council and a passionate advocate for NZ wool. He'll show us around and tell us about coastal hill farming. We'll enjoy lunch on Gisborne's beautiful **Waikanae Beach** before we begin our homeward journey back to the Bay.

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

Tour No. 41426

Luxury Dining – Treetops, Kinloch & More

Date	Tuesday 14 th – Thursday 16 th April
Times	All collected by 7.50am
Cost	Patron: \$2,015.00 Twin Share \$2,385.00 Single Room Member: \$2,220.00 Twin Share \$2,590.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 17 th February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch x3, dinner x2

Physical Activity Level GENTLE

In this latest edition of this popular **3-day** small group culinary pilgrimage, we've changed things up a little. As well as featuring exclusive lunches at stunning luxury lodges, we include a very different lunch experience on Lake Rotoiti and a special dinner at one of New Zealand's finest boutique restaurants. Here's a summary;



Day 1: Today we journey north and, after a lakeside morning tea in Taupō, arrive at the super-exclusive **Treetops Lodge**, nestled in its 2,500 acre estate near Rotorua. Here we'll enjoy an exquisite lunch prepared for us by

Head Chef Felipe Ponce whose cuisine has thrilled us over a number of visits over the years. Later in the afternoon we travel through to stay at the **Novotel Lakeside Hotel** in Rotorua overnight.



Day 2: Our first destination today is sparkling **Lake Rotoiti** and a one-of-a-kind lunch cruise on this beautiful lake that will surprise and delight you. In the afternoon there's the chance to enjoy a gentle walk at the stunning **Hamurana Springs Nature Park** at the northern end of Lake Rotorua. Later we head back to Taupō and the luxurious **Hilton Hotel** where we stay tonight. Dinner this evening is at the boutique restaurant **Embra**. Recipients of 'Two Hats' (NZ

equivalent of Michelin Stars) in the *Cuisine Good Food Guide*, owners Phill and Nora deliver a degustation-style dining experience second to none. Seating less than 30 diners, the space is intimate which adds to the sense of special occasion.

Day 3: A relaxed start to our day with a late check-out from the **Hilton** and we journey around Lake Taupō to Kinloch and the luxurious surroundings of **Kinloch Manor**, part of a world-class golf and hospitality complex. Following a tour of the astounding lodge itself, we sit down to an incredible lunch in the contemporary design dining room with soaring views across the golf course to the lake beyond. What a memorable treat for all the senses. The intimate nature of the surroundings of a number of our destinations means this tour will always be limited to a small group. Don't miss your chance to experience the breadth of variety of dining environments offered, but with one common thread – luxury.

Tour No. 41726

Lunch at Elephant Hill

Date	Friday 17 th April
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	Patron: \$170.00 Member: \$190.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch, 1 beverage

Physical Activity Level N/A

In September 2025 we returned for lunch at **Elephant Hill** winery in Te Awanga for the first time in over 5 years. And what a resounding success it was! Participants were wowed by the experience. So much so, that we're returning to enjoy it all over again. This stunning environment, where fine food, ocean views, and refined surroundings come together, makes for a hugely memorable experience.

We'll enjoy a **3-course lunch**, specially created by **Head Chef Conor Mertens**, served family-style as we take in the views of the Pacific Ocean and towards Cape Kidnappers.

Elephant Hill is one of Hawke's Bay's premier dining destinations and we're excited to be returning, once again, for what promises to be a spectacular lunch.



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We've partnered with several 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 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 or calling our office on 06 845 2736 ext. 1 and becoming a **Patron Member** today.

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You and your guests enjoy 10% off the bill when you dine together at Lone Star.



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Get 10% off all your health and beauty needs or gifts for your family and friends.



Silky Oak Chocolate

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



Bay Plaza Pharmacy

Shop for all your beauty and healthcare needs and get a 10% discount.



Birdwoods

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. 42226

Country Lunch at The Argyle, Hunterville

Date	Wednesday 22 nd April
Times	All collected by 8.35am
Cost	Patron: \$195.00 Member: \$225.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, ice cream

Physical Activity Level N/A



There are few things more heartening for a rural community than the resurrection of a lost hub that's been long closed. October 2025 saw the re-opening of one of the central North Island's most iconic hotels. **The New Argyle** in Hunterville began its life in 1885 and the current Art Deco building went up in 1947. Like so many pubs in country towns, **The New Argyle** endured a slow decline over recent decades and closed its doors in 2022.

When the property came up for sale in 2024 a group of locals clubbed together and bought it with the aim of creating a gathering place more suited to contemporary needs. After more than a year of restoration and renovation **The New Argyle** is, once again, not only feeding and watering the locals, but welcoming visitors and passers-by as well. And in addition to the restaurant, bar and garden, three retail shops have been tenanted as well. Remaining in community ownership, the project is a testament to what can be achieved with local commitment and a clear vision. Join us for a delightful day trip as we journey over the 'Gentle Annie' to show our support for **The New Argyle** with a group lunch in this wonderful new venture – and perhaps a wee look in the shops as well.

After lunch, we continue to Feilding for a sweet treat at **Groovy Scoops** – an old-fashioned ice cream parlour serving up smiles and scoops in equal measure – before we return to the Bay via the new road to Woodville.

The re-opening of **The New Argyle** is a good news story of a community reversing the trend of declining smalltown facilities. We can't wait to check it out.

Places for lunch are limited so don't wait too long to book your place.



Tour No. 42326

The Ghan, Darwin & Adelaide

Date	Thursday 23 rd April – Monday 4 th May
Times	All collected by 12.50pm
Cost	Patron: \$13,795.00 Twin Share \$14,225.00 Single Room
Payment	\$7,500.00 upon booking, balance due by Wednesday 4 th February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x11, breakfast x10, lunch x3, dinner x 10, all flights, Ghan Expedition package

Physical Activity Level ABLE

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 continents' 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 April 2026 we'll be part of this iconic 4 Day, 3 Night, 2979km adventure. **The Ghan Expedition** will take us to some of the most remote and captivating parts of Australia in style and comfort. For **The Ghan** offers more than just transit between Darwin and Adelaide and vice versa. Onboard you'll find sumptuous dining, elegant

private cabins, attentive service and the '*esprit de corps*' of like-minded fellow travellers. A legendary train. An unforgettable experience.

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

Days 1 - 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 **Paradox 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, Adelaide to Hawke's Bay: We travel home to New Zealand today and, because of an additional evening flight into Hawke's Bay from Auckland, we're home in a day. 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. Our previous two versions of this tour were sellouts and we expect this will be popular again, so phone **Kerren or Kaye** to secure your place on ***The Ghan*** now.

Tour No. 42426

The King of Pop: Michael Jackson tribute – Napier

Date	Friday 24 th April
Times	All collected by 5.15pm
Cost	Patron: \$245.00 Member: \$280.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course dinner, premium show ticket

Physical Activity Level N/A

The world's number one Michael Jackson LIVE CONCERT EXPERIENCE hits New Zealand for the first time. A global phenomenon hailed as the most electrifying celebration of the King of Pop. If you never had the chance to see Michael live, "**The King of Pop Show – Michael Jackson Live Concert Experience**" is the closest you'll get. With sold-out performances across Australia and Asia, this explosive show continues to captivate audiences with the magic, energy, and brilliance that defined an era.



From the iconic moonwalk to the spine-tingling vocals, every moment of this spectacular production channels the spirit of MJ at his peak. Experience the power of hits like *Billie Jean*, *Thriller*, *Beat It*, *Smooth Criminal*, and more — brought to life in a concert setting so real, you'll swear you were there.

At the heart of it all is **TJ Cappola**, whose stunning vocals, commanding stage presence, and flawless embodiment of Michael Jackson have mesmerised thousands. Backed by a

live band, world-class dancers, replica costumes and a cutting-edge light and visual display, this will be a night to remember.

We'll have a delicious dinner at **Shed 2** before we take our seats at the show in the Municipal Theatre in Napier. This isn't just a show – it's an experience!

Tour No. 42726

Molesworth & Rainbow Stations & More

Date	Monday 27 th April – Friday 1 st May
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$3,675.00 Twin Share \$4,275.00 Single Room Member: \$4,015.00 Twin Share \$4,725.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 2 nd March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x4, lunch x3, dinner x4, flights

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



This classic tour has become a Bay Tours institution. Journey through the vast backcountry of New Zealand's largest farm—**Molesworth Station**—and neighbouring **Rainbow Station**. These two giants of the South Island offer rugged landscapes, alpine lakes, and fascinating glimpses into Kiwi farming life. Based in the charming alpine village of **Hanmer Springs**, you'll enjoy the perfect mix of adventure and relaxation.

Day 1: Fly from Hawke's Bay to **Christchurch**, where our long-time local guide, Ross Carter of Molesworth Tours, greets us. With 40 years' experience and a decade of guiding Bay Tours groups, Ross takes us north to **Woodchester Station**. Hosted by the Kelly family, we witness firsthand the lasting impact of the Kaikōura earthquake. In the afternoon, we arrive at **Drifter's Inn**, our welcoming **Hanmer Springs** base for the next four nights.

Day 2: We explore **Molesworth Station** by 4WD, travelling through the Clarence Valley, over **Jack's Pass**, and visiting landmarks like the **Acheron Accommodation House** and **Isolated Flat**. With sweeping views, riverbeds dotted with cattle, geese, and paradise ducks, and cob homesteads, the scale and raw beauty of the station is unforgettable.

Day 3: Enjoy a **FREE DAY** in Hanmer Springs. Relax in the famous thermal pools, take a bush walk, or explore the historic Queen Mary Hospital grounds. We regroup for a shared dinner tonight.



Day 4: Another 4WD adventure, this time through the stunning **Rainbow Station**. We journey past **Lake Tennyson** and over **Island Pass**—the country's highest—taking in spectacular views and diverse terrain. Rainbow's 20,500 acres are rich in natural contrast, with its blend of sheep, cattle, rivers, and forested ridges.

Day 5: We return to Christchurch, stopping en route at the **Iron Ridge Sculpture Park**, a unique art experience in a former quarry. After a late lunch, we fly back to Hawke's Bay. These iconic stations are steeped in the spirit of the land—of shepherds, stockmen, and wide-open skies. This is a rare opportunity to see a remote and authentic slice of New Zealand life. **Spaces are limited - book now to avoid disappointment.**

Tour No. 50526

A Visit to Timahanga Station

Date	Tuesday 5 th May
Times	All collected by 9.20am
Cost	Patron: \$155.00 Member: \$175.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, picnic lunch

Physical Activity Level GENTLE



Established in the first wave of pastoral land purchases in the 1850s, **Timahanga Station**, off the Taihape Road, has been in Alan Roberts' family for 3 generations.

On nearly 27,000 acres, **Timahanga Station** shears 28,000 Corriedale sheep and carries over 1,000 Angus/Hereford cross cattle and is one of the last remaining 'big farms' in the Hawke's Bay region.

our last visit two years ago, we've had plenty of requests to return to Timahanga once again.

So, join us as we travel over 'The Annie' to enjoy a day in the high country with picturesque river and mountain views around every turn on a farm where scale still matters.

Tour No. 50626

Autumn Progressive Dinner

Date	Wednesday 6 th May
Times	All collected by 6pm
Cost	Patron: \$175.00 Member: \$200.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course dinner

Physical Activity Level N/A

Join us for a relaxed and sociable evening as we present a 3-course progressive dinner showcasing three of Napier's best eateries. We begin this edition with a focus on Ahuriri's picturesque West Quay and a warm welcome and **Entrée** at the stylish **Casa** where contemporary Kiwi style blends perfectly with Italian flare.

A short and easy stroll takes us, literally, next door to the much-loved **Gin Trap**,

where you'll enjoy your choice of a delicious **Main** course in this vibrant and friendly atmosphere. We finish the evening on a sweet note at the always-popular **Market St**, where **Dessert** is served with flair and good cheer.

There's no rush – just good company, lovely food, and a gentle pace throughout the evening, you can relax and enjoy a memorable night out.



Tour No. 50926 & Juliet The Musical - Wellington

Date	Saturday 9 th – Sunday 10 th May
Times	All collected by 7.55am
Cost	Patron: \$760.00 Twin Share \$890.00 Single Room Member: \$875.00 Twin Share \$1,025.00 Single Room
Payment	\$250 upon booking, balance due by Monday 2 nd March (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show

Physical Activity Level GENTLE



The smash hit new musical that took London's West End and Broadway by storm is coming to New Zealand in 2026. Nominated for a staggering 8 Olivier Awards, **& Juliet** is based on a simple premise – What if Shakespeare's most famous heroine hadn't died?

& Juliet flips the script and imagines how her life might have been, had she lived on. The story is a hilarious and poignant one of self-discovery, empowerment and second chances. Alongside this laugh-out-loud and heart-warming story comes a score full

of era-defining pop anthems including 'Since U Been Gone', 'Roar', '...Baby, One More Time', 'Larger Than Life', 'Can't Stop The Feeling' and many more. **& Juliet** creates an immersive concert-like atmosphere that Broadway World website said: "Will blow your mind. It's the pop musical we've been waiting for!" and Forbes Magazine announced "This is easily the best musical of the year." **& Juliet** will lift the roof at Wellington's grand **St James Theatre**.

We'll overnight at the luxurious **Rydges Hotel** and dinner before the show is, as always, included. Don't wait to hear about what you missed from others. Be first to experience this new theatrical sensation for yourself. Book now!

Tour No. 51126 Rangitikei & Whanganui Homesteads & Gardens

Date	Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$2,195.00 Twin Share \$2,690.00 Single Room Member: \$2,475.00 Twin Share \$2,975.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due by Monday 16 th March
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, morning tea x2, lunch x4, dinner x3

Physical Activity Level ABLE

The Rangitikei and Whanganui districts were settled by the first European settlers earlier than Hawke's Bay but in many ways the regions share a similar history of development. Having led a number of tours across these districts, we've sought to include what we believe have been the best experiences of historic homesteads, gardens and activities we could capture in a **4 Day** tour. Following the turn of the 20th century the **Whanganui** and



Rangitikei districts were well placed to benefit from the pre-World War I economic boom. More than 100 years on, many grand houses are still set in mature grounds and gardens and, in some cases, are still occupied by the original families, hidden away in the countryside.

Day 1: We set out heading south and, after morning tea, arrive in the settlement of Bulls. We're going to be hosted for lunch at the **Bulls Friendship Club Hall**. You'll be

astonished at the history of this little town. After lunch we visit **Overton**, a homestead near Marton dating from the 1880s. We then head on to **Whanganui**, our base for the next couple of nights.

Day 2: We first make a visit across the river to the unique **Durie Hill Elevator** which has, since 1919, been carrying passengers up through the hill to the suburb and war memorial above. Then we cross town to the **Bason Botanic Gardens** for morning tea before carrying on west to **Bushy Park** homestead, designed by Charles Natusch, for lunch and a guided tour. From here we head back to town for a guided tour of the stunning, nationally renowned, **Sarjeant Gallery**, recently re-opened after being closed for a decade for major renovations.

Day 3: Our morning begins with a visit to **Paloma**, a remarkable garden near Fordell out of Whanganui. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the garden and a cuppa with the owners. Our next destination north of Marton is, in our view, one of the great country houses of this or any other district. **Merchiston** is one of the few grand Edwardian homes, anywhere in the country, that has been continuously occupied by the family that built it. In fact, the building is in the same fine condition it was when the last workman left in November 1908. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch in the garden here followed by a guided tour of the house by the family. We carry on to Palmerston North where we overnight.

Day 4: Our day begins with a visit to another Charles Natusch designed homestead, **Wharerata**, these days surrounded by Massey University. The home was built for Arthur Russell, formally of Mangakuri Station in Hawke's Bay. We'll enjoy a talk and tour of the property as well as a cuppa here. Our next stop, before we make our way home, is at the astonishing Italian Renaissance-style garden of **Villa Candotti** in the heart of Manawatu. Since moving to the property in 2003 Peter and Jeanette Cranstoun have designed, planted, styled and utterly transformed what was a 2 acre sheep paddock into a magnificent formal garden complete with a Florentine villa. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the garden with Peter as well as lunch here too. From here we re-commence our drive back to the Bay and home.

All the properties we visit during this tour highlight the commitment and passion that past and present generations have shown to the land and its heritage. We feel lucky and privileged to be able to visit all of these remarkable places.

We know this tour will be popular so secure your place today.



Tour No. 51926

Pub Lunch & Quiz – Patangata Tavern

Date	Tuesday 19 th May
Times	All collected by 10.10am
Cost	Patron: \$175.00 Member: \$200.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

Physical Activity Level N/A



Our popular Pub Quiz returns to a favourite venue – CHB’s **Patangata Tavern** and the warm hospitality of Rhonda and Aaron Bartlett. 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. 52526

Lunch at Cape Kidnappers

Date	Monday 25 th May
Times	All collected by 11.20am
Cost	Patron: \$250.00 Member: \$275.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

Physical Activity Level N/A

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. 60426

Patrons Lunch at Valley D’Vine

Date	Thursday 4 th June
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	Patron special: \$75.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

Physical Activity Level N/A



Another special ‘Patron Only’ lunch, this time at Valley D’Vine in Esk Valley. Join us for a delicious **2-course lunch** created for us by owner Greg Miller. Greg is such a creative and skilled chef and our visits to him are always culinary highlights. A great chance for us to say thanks to you and for you to catch up with Tour Club friends.

Tour No. 60626

Feilding Craft Market

Date	Saturday 6 th June
Times	All collected by 7.35am
Cost	Patron special: \$130.00 Member: \$160.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, market entry

Physical Activity Level GENTLE

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 Services & Citizens Club** for morning tea on the way, just to build our shopping strength. Come and be part of the fun!



Tour No. 71626

Mid-Winter Feast at Hobbiton

Date	Thursday 16 th – Saturday 18 th July
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$1,795.00 Twin Share \$2,050.00 Single Room Member: \$2,085.00 Twin Share \$2,255.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due by Thursday 21 st May
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch, dinner x2

Physical Activity Level ABLE

Join us for a mid-winter escape with a difference in the heart of the Waikato, where the rolling green hills of Middle-earth await! Over **3 days**, we’ll enjoy a relaxing and



entertaining journey featuring charming stops, hearty meals, and of course, the unforgettable **Mid-Winter Feast at Hobbiton**. Here's a wee peak at the itinerary that'll warm your heart;

Day 1: On our way north, we'll enjoy morning tea at the unique **Lava Glass Café**. A scenic drive through the verdant South Waikato will bring us to the O'Sullivan family farm at Karapiro and its famous **Red Barn**. Here

we'll learn about the farming operation before indulging in a traditional **High Tea**. Our home for two nights will be the tranquil **Hidden Lake Hotel** in picturesque Cambridge, with dinner on the first evening at the multi-Award winning **Alpino Restaurant**.

Day 2: This morning we embark on a unique sensory journey through **Zealong Tea Estate**. This is bound to get the taste buds humming. After lunch we return to beautiful Cambridge and the hotel for some time at leisure to relax and explore at your own pace. The highlight of the tour awaits in the evening with the magical **Hobbiton Mid-Winter Feast**. Firstly, we'll enjoy a guided tour of the **Movie Set**, including the new hobbit-hole interiors, before we retire to **The Green Dragon Inn** for pre-dinner mulled wine and canapes in front of the fire. Then a buffet banquet worthy of a hobbit's appetite awaits. After dinner we'll re-join our guide as we wander back through the Hobbiton paths with the village all lit up for the evening, complete with smoke puffing from the hobbit-hole chimneys. It's like being in a dream!

Day 3: This morning we'll enjoy a much-needed gentle morning walk and wildlife encounter at **Sanctuary Mountain**, one of New Zealand's best-kept conservation secrets. A stop for lunch in **Taupō** rounds out this wonderful winter getaway.

With great company, all the comforts taken care of, and the warmest of welcomes at every stop, this is a mid-year treat not to be missed.



Tour No. 72826

A Winter Escape to Rarotonga

Date	Tuesday 28 th July – Thursday 6 th August
Times	All collected by 2.35pm
Cost	Patron: \$7,575.00 Twin Share \$9,495.00 Single Room Member: \$8,335.00 Twin Share \$10,445.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due by Tuesday 19 th May
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x9, breakfast x9, lunch x3, dinner x7, flights

Physical Activity Level ABLE



Our annual 'warm climate' winter escape returns, for the first time in three years, to revitalise in the beautiful **Cook Islands** where we'll be based on its largest island, **Rarotonga**. Here's the perfect tonic for those mid-winter blues with a mix of island activities and pure relaxation over **10 Days** as we soak up the warmth of both the weather and the local hospitality – including a day spent on the legendary outer island of **Aitutaki**. We reckon this sort of restorative break should be on a health plan.

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

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

Day 2: We depart New Zealand on Wednesday 29th of July and, thanks to the International Dateline, arrive in **Rarotonga** the day before – Thursday 28th. Now that's a genuine step back in time. We'll settle into our **Beachfront Deluxe** suites at the wonderful **Edgewater Resort & Spa** with time to explore your home for the next eight nights. As well as being the perfect resort for our needs, it's ideally positioned, on the north-western shores of the island to spot the **Humpback Whales** that migrate north from the Great Southern Ocean to give birth and nurse their newborn calves. From July to October, every year, they meander up and down the western coast of **Rarotonga**, feeding and enjoying the warmer waters. And they often put on a show, close to land, of breaching and diving that can easily be watched from the beach. A truly awe-inspiring sight. And on the transport front, in a new twist this year we'll be under our own steam, with a couple of rental vans arranged to give us greater flexibility and capacity in our schedule.



Day 3: Today we acclimatise ourselves to our tropical paradise with an **Island Discovery Tour**. We'll take in the most notable spots and learn about life on 'Raro', followed by our first beachside lunch at **Charlies**. We return to our resort for an afternoon of relaxation before dinner at the elegant **Tamarind House** on the other side of the main town of Avarua.

Day 4: After being on the go these last few mornings you can enjoy a relaxed start to the day with time at leisure. Lunch is a unique event where we meet renowned chef Phillip Nordt at **On The Beach** restaurant as he, and his team, treat us to an interactive cooking masterclass followed by their '**Chef's Table Experience**' lunch. After all this, the rest of the afternoon and evening is yours to choose.



Day 5: Today we're off to **Aitutaki**, an astonishing atoll surrounded by coral reefs 45 minutes' flight from Rarotonga. You'll be lost for words as you view the most perfect turquoise lagoon you've ever seen. After a wee tour of the island we'll join the **Vaka**, a double-hulled cruiser, and slowly sail across this vast lagoon and around the various tiny islands amidst crystal-clear waters, following the Green Turtles that live in the lagoon. Bring your togs for one of the most memorable swimming experiences of your

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

Day 6: Today is market day and after breakfast we're off to the best on the island, **Punanga Nui Market** right in the middle of Avarua. Here you'll find stalls from all of the outlying islands as well as Rarotonga itself. Handicrafts, clothing, black pearls, jewellery, island food, fresh fruit, artworks, and second-hand books to read over the week. There's something for everyone here. Relaxation time in the afternoon. Perhaps by the pool, on the beach or just on the balcony of your room taking in the beach views. Tonight we enjoy the Edgewater's **Island Unukai Feast & Cultural Show**.

Day 7: Today it's **Sunday**, and most places on the island close and the locals head to church. You're invited to join in this cornerstone of island life (optional, of course). See the ladies all dressed in their Sunday best, with their beautiful straw hats and fans, and all the chaps in collar and tie. Another option is to come along to the beach at **Black Rock** for lunch from one of the many food trucks that gather there. It's a fun family atmosphere and the swimming and snorkelling is great. This afternoon is free for you to explore or chill out. Tonight, we enjoy dinner at the **Kikau Hut** at Aorangi.

Day 8: You have a **FREE DAY** today. There'll be an optional shopping expedition around some of our favourite spots in town. Maybe lunch at legendary Trader Jack's. We'll have plenty of suggestions and tips to help you do as much or as little as you want. This evening, one of the highlights of the tour as we experience a **Progressive Dinner** at various local Rarotongan people's homes. A wonderful chance to try some fantastic food and get a more in-depth insight into life here.

Day 9: We're fully in the swing of 'island time' by now and your first scheduled activity isn't until after lunch. This afternoon we visit the remarkable **Maire Nui Gardens**, a 7-acre sanctuary created in 1996 by Hinano Macquarie, who was gifted the land by her mother and grandmother – both of chiefly rank. The garden is a testament to organic sustainability and a tonic for the senses. Tonight, we'll

enjoy the unique maritime surroundings of **The Waterline**. Be ready to kick your shoes off and get your toes in the sand.

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

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



Tour No. 90226

The Neil Diamond Musical - Melbourne

Date	Wednesday 2 nd – Sunday 6 th September
Times	All collected by 6.15am
Cost	Patron: \$4,125.00 Twin Share \$4,845.00 Single Room Member: \$4,675.00 Twin Share \$5,335.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due by Wednesday 1 st July (show ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner x2, premium ticket to show, flights

Physical Activity Level GENTLE



The news is out. The hugely successful and long awaited **A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical** is coming down under. And **Melbourne** will, in August 2026, become only the second city in the world, after New York, to host a season of the musical. Not even London's famed West End has seen it yet. Since its premiere on Broadway in June 2022 the show, created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, has received rave reviews. Written by star screenwriter and Kiwi, Anthony McCarten (*Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Two Popes*, *The Theory Of Everything*), **A Beautiful Noise** traces the remarkable journey of the Grammy-Award

winning singer songwriter from his humble Brooklyn beginnings to international stardom. We won't even begin to list all his songs featured in the show. But **Bay Tours** will be taking a tour to Melbourne in **September 2026** with the musical **A Beautiful Noise** as its centre piece and excuse for a long weekend away. As with our previous 'show' trips to Australia, we build in plenty of free time for you to enjoy the many other attractions of this wonderful city or to catch up with friends and family. But the show is by no means the only event planned. Here's a summary of the itinerary;

Day 1: We fly to **Melbourne**, via Auckland, today and settle into the majestic **Hotel Windsor**, positioned perfectly next to the theatre district. A welcome dinner in the hotel's superb **Antara** restaurant tonight.

Day 2: A **FREE DAY** today to explore the city. Our hotel sits within the **Free Tram Zone** with a stop right across the road from the lobby. Perhaps check out the ever-vibrant Queen Victoria Markets, enjoy a leisurely lunch in one of the city's many laneways and arcades, or explore the various galleries and museums Melbourne is famous for. We meet for a pre-show dinner this evening then it's off to **The Princess Theatre** and premium seats at **A Beautiful Noise**.

Day 3: Today we venture out of the city towards the Dandenong Ranges and into the wonderful **Yarra Valley**. We'll take in the scenic wonders of the **Black Spur Drive**, explore the pretty town of **Healesville** and enjoy a leisurely lunch at historic **Yering Station**, the oldest winery in Victoria. We gradually make our way back to town in the afternoon with the evening at your leisure.

Day 4: More free time for the first part of today. A second chance to take in the many attractions of the city. Maybe a relaxed wander through either the nearby Fitzroy or Carlton Gardens, or perhaps the magnificent Botanic Gardens and Shrine Of Remembrance. This afternoon, back at the hotel, we'll be part of a culinary ritual dating back more than 140 years - **Afternoon Tea at The Windsor**. The exquisite, and seemingly endless, range of



beautifully presented morsels, together with their impeccable service, makes for a truly unique High Tea experience that you'll never forget.

Day 5: This morning, we say farewell to Melbourne and fly back to Hawke's Bay, once again via Auckland.

We love being able to make experiencing some of the world's best musical theatre possible. We also love Melbourne and the combination of a great show about one of

the foremost musicians of our time, and another chance to visit this wonderful city is an enticing combination.

Don't miss your chance to experience it all so hurry and **Book now**, this will be popular.

Tour No. 91826

Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan

Date	Friday 18 th – Thursday 24 th September
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$3,525.00 Twin Share \$4,475.00 Single Room Member: \$3,885.00 Twin Share \$4,925.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due by Thursday 23 rd July
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea x3, lunch x6, dinner x6

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



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

makes its way into Hamilton itself where it morphs into SH23 out to Raglan back on the west coast. So, we're going to spend a number of days wandering this area with plenty of reminders of classic New Zealand.

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

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

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

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

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

Day 6: We visit perhaps the best kept world-class secret in New Zealand - **Hamilton Gardens**. This remarkable public space is home to numerous 'Themed' gardens featuring stylised forms of gardens from around the world. We'll be treated to a guided tour of all the themed spaces at this most impressive venue, which is bound to amaze and entertain. After morning tea here, we have a couple of surprises in store for the afternoon.



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

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

Tour No. 91926 & 92526 WOW #1 & WOW #2 - Wellington

Date	Saturday 19 th – Sunday 20 th OR Friday 25 th – Saturday 26 th September
Times	All collected by 8.25am
Cost	Patron: \$755.00 Twin Share \$865.00 Single Room Member: \$835.00 Twin Share \$955.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due by Monday 3 rd August (ticket cost is non-refundable)
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show

Physical Activity Level GENTLE



experience that will dazzle the senses.

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



Tour No. 100326

Murray River, Monarto Safari Park & Indian Pacific

Date	Saturday 3 rd October – Thursday 15 th October
Times	All collected by 2.20pm
Cost	Patron: \$13,585.00 Twin Share \$16,395.00 Single Room Member: \$14,995.00 Twin Share \$17,795.00 Single Room
Payment	\$2,500.00 upon booking, \$5,000.00 due by Friday 1 st May, balance due by Friday 8 th August
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, lunch x2, dinner x6, all flights, all accommodation and meals aboard Murray Princess Cruise & Indian Pacific train

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



At over 2,500 kilometres, the **Murray River** is one of the longest in the world. The river basin covers one third of the Australian continent across the states of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria before the river itself reaches the Indian Ocean through South Australia.

One of the great Australian experiences is a trip up 'The Murray' on a riverboat and we're taking a cruise along part of this water highway aboard the Southern Hemisphere's largest inland paddle wheeler – the **MV Murray Princess**. Over the **5-**

day journey between the historic river ports of *Mannum* and *Blanchetown* we'll experience the magic and majesty of spectacular scenery from towering cliffs to expansive farmlands as well as seeing the great variety of Australian wildlife that inhabit the riverlands. Combine this with an extensive list of excursions, off the boat, exploring rural South Australia and you have an incredible travel experience. And that's just the start. South Australia is also home to the largest open-range safari park outside Africa – **Monarto Safari Park** - with more than 50 exotic and native animal species roaming freely across 3,700 acres of plains and grasslands. We'll be staying in the park and experiencing a guided **Sunset Safari Drive** to see White Rhino, Giraffe, Zebra, Lion, Cheetah and more. Then it's back to explore **Adelaide**, then meet up with the legendary **Indian Pacific** train and take its final leg through the **Blue Mountains** to **Sydney**. What sights we have in store!

So, the entire tour of **13 days** comprises three main experiences interspersed with a variety of overnight stays in Auckland, Adelaide & Sydney. Here's a quick summary of the itinerary;

Days 1 & 2 Hawke's Bay to Adelaide: We take an afternoon flight to Auckland and overnight at the lovely **Novotel Auckland Airport Hotel** before our flight to **Adelaide** the following morning. Our base during our comings and goings from **Adelaide** will be the sparkly new **Crowne Plaza Hotel**.

Days 3–6 Murray River Cruise: We head into the South Australian countryside and stop at the magnificent **Al Ru Farm** garden where we'll enjoy lunch and a guided tour. Then it's on to *Mannum* to check-in. Cruising up the **Murray River** will be an incredible experience aboard the **MV Murray Princess**, a genuine paddle wheeler which accommodates 120 passengers. There'll be



plenty of time spent ashore over the **5 Day/4 Night** cruise including visits to *Swan Reach* – originally one of the largest sheep and cattle stations in South Australia, the *Native Wildlife Shelter* at *Sunnydale*, a South Australian winery experience and a guided tour of ancient rock carvings and paintings at *Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve*. Not to mention riverside barbecues, Captain's dinners and plenty of entertainment aboard the boat to add to the fun.



Days 7-9 Monarto Safari Park & Adelaide: Departing our **Murray River** experience this morning we'll head south and, after lunch, make our way into the vast South Australian plains and grasslands of the safari park. We check into the luxurious new **Monarto Safari Resort** mid-afternoon with plenty of time to relax, take a dip in one of the pools or just enjoy the views across this amazing place from your private balcony before we get ready for our **Sunset Wildlife Safari** where you'll explore the parklands from the comfort of your safari truck. You'll have the opportunity to observe and photograph animals including White Rhinos, Hippopotamus, Giraffes, Cheetahs, Ostriches, antelopes, Zebras and more living and roaming freely, just as they would on the African savanna. We return to the resort for dinner and to compare impressions of this amazing experience. The following morning, after a relaxed start and hearty breakfast at the resort, we begin our journey back towards Adelaide with stops in the stunning towns of *Hahndorf* and *Beerenberg* – still with strong influences from their German settler founders. Day 9 is a Free Day to explore delightful **Adelaide**

at your leisure. The city is an endearing blend of past and present where historic Victorian and modern buildings sit side-by-side and where the atmosphere of the city still feels connected to the country.

Days 10-12 Indian Pacific train to Sydney: We check out of our hotel mid-morning and make our way to the charming seaside suburb of **Glenelg** where we'll enjoy lunch overlooking the stunning marina. There's time to explore before we depart to meet the **Indian Pacific** train for our **3 Day/2 Night** rail excursion to **Sydney**.

After an amazing 'Barossa Dinner' and settling into your cabin, you'll wake up next morning in New South Wales and the mining town of **Broken Hill**. There's a choice of numerous off-train activities in 'Silver City' today. Dinner is served onboard this evening as the **Indian Pacific** travels through regional NSW. On Day 12 you'll be in the World Heritage-listed **Blue Mountains** with, once again, a choice of off-train experiences today. Our train journey finishes as we roll into **Sydney Central Station**.



We say goodbye to this wonderful experience and make our way to our **Sydney Airport hotel** and a final farewell dinner together.

Day 13 Sydney to Hawke's Bay: It's a late morning flight out of **Sydney** for us today and then a transfer to our domestic flight, in **Auckland**, that brings us home.

This incredible couple of weeks has something for everyone with a cruise on one of the great rivers of the world, a big game safari straight out of Africa and a great train journey through World Heritage scenery. Add in the charm and elegance of a city such as Adelaide and it's difficult to imagine more variety and splendour in one itinerary.

This truly is a unique opportunity. Don't miss out!

Tour No. 101426

MacKenzie Country & The Maniototo

Date	Wednesday 14 th – Tuesday 20 th October
Times	All collected by 11.10am
Cost	Patron: \$5,845.00 Twin Share \$6,795.00 Single Room Member: \$6,455.00 Twin Share \$7,525.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,000.00 upon booking, balance due by Thursday 30 th July
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea, lunch x4, dinner x6, flights

Physical Activity Level **ABLE**



Perhaps there are no two places in New Zealand that evoke the romantic notion of man alone with the elements than the **MacKenzie Country**, situated pretty much in the centre of the South Island, and that huge inland region to the south, over the Kakanui Range, known simply as **The Maniototo**. Innumerable tales abound of hardships and tragedies over the generations since the pioneers first settled in

these areas. From the moment you enter the vast Mackenzie Basin from the north a distinct change in the landscape greets you. The often blue skies highlight a backdrop of snow cloaked mountains that seem to rise from nowhere. The golden tussock grasslands that carpet the district appear, in the sunlight, to sit on the hill sides like velvet and the turquoise glacial lakes glisten and beckon. Over the mountains and southward, the plains of The Maniototo form part of the Central Otago area that comes closer than any in NZ to a continental climate. This means low rainfall, sparse vegetation and the coldest winters and warmest summers in the country. And the red tussock that prompted Māori to give the area the name than means '*plans of blood*' replaces the golden colours of further north. Though Māori had lived in both these districts intermittently over the centuries, they were virtually empty of human habitation when, in the 1850's, both James MacKenzie (whose name is lent to the district) and J.T. Thompson, further south – Scotsmen both – became the first Europeans to venture so far inland from the east coast. In MacKenzie's case it was to hide the sheep he'd stolen with the assistance of his trusted sheep dog, Friday. For Thompson, it was to survey that area and the unique place names in the district such as Eweburn, Wedderburn and Kyeburn reflect his Scottish farming heritage. Bay Tours invite you to join us for a **7 Day tour**, in Spring, exploring these most fascinating of southern districts. Here's a snapshot of the planned itinerary;

Day 1: We take late morning flights to, first Wellington then on to **Christchurch** before heading to **Rangiatea Station** in the Canterbury foothills where owners, Sara and Blair Gallagher, will show us around their beautiful property. Tonight, we stay in **Ashburton**.

Day 2: Today we head into the **MacKenzie Basin**, but not without a stop first at one of NZ's finest artisan food producers, **Barkers of Geraldine**. We'll enjoy morning tea at this superb maker of preserves before we carry on for lunch at **Fairlie** and then over **Burke's Pass** as the first vistas of the MacKenzie country come into view. At **Lake Tekapo** we'll check out the famous Church of The Good



Shepherd that overlooks the lake and enjoy a leisurely soak at **Tekapo Springs**, with views across the lake, before checking in to our accommodation **Pepper's Bluewater Resort**.

Day 3: No visit to the MacKenzie Basin is complete without experiencing the views across the district from atop **Mt John**. It's recognised as one of the finest places in the world for observing the night sky. Nonetheless the daytime 360 degree views across the lakes, tussock land and mountains will take your breath away. From here we head south towards the turquoise waters of Lake Pukaki and to **Braemar Station**, a Perendale sheep farm on the lake's eastern shore, for lunch with owners Hamish and Julia MacKenzie. After lunch we follow the shoreline around Lake Pukaki and up into **Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park** and the legendary hotel, **The Hermitage**, our home for the next 2 nights.



Day 4: Today is a very special day! For today we will join **Mt Cook Ski Planes** for an amazing **scenic flight across the Southern Alps culminating with a landing on the Tasman Glacier**. This is an experience of our most acclaimed alpine region like no other. Flights will be staggered through the day, so the rest of your time is FREE to explore the extensive Hermitage complex. Perhaps check

out the **Sir Edmund Hillary Museum** or the **Planetarium**, walk the **Hooker Track** or simply enjoy the alpine views from one of the many vantage points inside the hotel itself.

Day 5: We say farewell to The Hermitage this morning and make our way back into the MacKenzie Basin to continue southward. We'll visit the famous '**Clay Cliffs**' of **Omarama** and walk through these 'other worldly' pinnacles and ridges that tower over us. Then, after lunch, we make our way down the **Waitaki River Valley** via the impressive **Benmore** and **Aviemore** dams. After a brief stop in iconic **Kurow**, we head through **Duntroon** and over the mountainous **Dansey's Pass**, an old stock route between the MacKenzie/Wataki districts and The Maniototo. We'll have dinner at the beautifully restored **Dansey's Pass Hotel** before descending into the town of **Ranfurly** where we'll stay tonight.

Day 6: Today we explore The Maniototo, firstly heading out through **Weddeburn** and **Otuehura** through the **Ida Valley** stopping at historic **Hayes Engineering**, a beautifully restored complex of buildings where, for decades, the Hayes family literally made anything that any of the locals needed. From here it's on through settlements like **Omakau** and **Lauder** to the old gold mining town of **St Bathans** where we'll have lunch in the supposedly haunted **Vulcan Hotel**. After a chance to wander this fascinating village overlooking the curious Blue Lake it's on to **Naseby** to try our hand at the most Maniototo of winter sports - curling. Our last night together is back in **Ranfurly**.

Day 7: Our last day begins with a scenic drive through the southern Maniototo and Taieri districts. Places with such evocative names as **Kyeburn & Hyde**, following the **Rock & Pillar Range**, through **Middlemarch** and on towards Mosgiel and our destination - **Dunedin Airport**. From here we fly home, via Wellington, to **Hawke's Bay**.

These magical regions have captivated locals and visitors alike with their big skies, rolling tussock and pristine lakes, for generations. Countless artists and writers have been inspired by their stark grandeur and yet so much of them remain largely unchanged today. Join us as we explore and celebrate these most iconic of New Zealand environments, the way only Kiwis can.





Tour No. 110726 Japan – Ancient & Modern Wonders

Date	Saturday 7 th – Monday 30 th November
Times	All collected by TBC
Cost	TBC
Payment	TBC
Price includes	TBC

Physical Activity Level ACTIVE



Japan is an island country full of fascinating contrasts. From ultra-sleek modern cities to traditional villages, historic shrines and soaring alps, the seemingly contradictory reverence for an ancient culture nestled within an ultra-modern technological society is one of this country's great enigmas. And its reputation for being a very clean and safe country is yet another attraction for visitors. With four distinct seasons, Japanese landscapes offer

much to the visitor at any time of the year. And whilst travelers flock to the country in April and May to enjoy the cherry blossoms, it is in autumn that **Japan** undergoes its most stunning transformation. The hot, humid summer gives way to crisp days, and the trees respond with a spectacular show of colour. **Japan** in autumn is an experience like no other: ancient temples blanketed in red maple leaves, golden Ginko trees lining wide boulevards, and misty mountains covered in a rich tapestry of orange and rust. For many travelers, it's the most beautiful season to explore the country. Fewer crowds, at this time of the year, also make autumn one of the most comfortable and scenic times to visit.

Kerren & Ken invite you to join them on an experience of a lifetime as they lead a tour exploring the unique vibrant country and culture that is **Japan**. In **November 2026** we'll immerse ourselves in Japan's autumn magnificence. The **24 Day tour** can be separated into three distinct sections. After the initial travel day, we spend 3 days exploring in and around **Tokyo**. The second phase of our tour is a 14-day Princess cruise around the main island of **Honshu**, together with the islands of **Kyushu** and **Shikoku** to the south. The third and final phase comprises 6 days spent exploring ancient **Kyoto** and **Nara**, the re-born **Hiroshima** and Japan's lively food capital, **Osaka**. Both of the land-based phases of the tour will utilise local English-speaking guides.

Here's a brief summary of the tour;

Days 1 – 4 Tokyo: After a day spent travelling we arrive at Narita Airport, Tokyo and transfer to the **Metropolitan Hotel** in the central Ikebukuro neighbourhood. This will be our base for the next four nights. Nowhere emphasises the old and modern Japan, side-by-side, better than **Tokyo**. Incense curls through the scarlet gates of the giant **Senso-ji Temple** while out front, on **Nakamise Street**, merchants arrange their stalls full of sweet treats and lucky charms. The contrast to the soaring **Tokyo Skytree** and the mind-boggling **Shibuya Crossing** (the busiest pedestrian intersection in the world) couldn't be



greater. Traditional markets, Sumo wrestling and even a day trip to the alpine spa town of **Hakone**, with its stunning views of Mt Fuji, are all on the agenda for these days.



Days 5 – 18 Cruise exploration of Japan:

Our exciting cruise journey aboard the gleaming **Diamond Princess** cruise ship begins in **Yokohama**. Princess Cruises have embraced **Japan** as a destination like no other cruise line has. Opportunities to experience elements of Japanese culture, onboard ship, are seemingly endless. Amongst the packed daily

activity schedule there are basic Japanese lessons (and English lessons for Japanese passengers), origami classes, Japanese festival dance classes, the chance to dress in a *yukata* (a summer-style kimono) with help from Japanese volunteers, traditional Japanese story tellers and many other cultural activities to explore. Many of the classes offer an opportunity to interact with Japanese passengers who come along to both learn and help. The cruise itinerary is essentially an anti-clockwise circuit of the three islands noted above with **11 different ports** visited over the 14 days of the cruise. From the colour-laden orchards and forests of Honshu's north, down Japan's western coast with its old provincial cities and small fishing ports, to the verdant hillside cities of volcanic Kyushu and the great feudal castles of Shikoku where history abounds with legends of samurai and shogun. Or how about enjoying the best views of Mt Fuji right on your stateroom balcony as you sail into Shimizu? There's simply no better way to experience so much of **Japan**, in our limited time, than from the comfort of your floating resort, the **Diamond Princess**.

Days 19 – 24 Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima & Osaka: Arriving back in Yokohama, we farewell Diamond Princess and have our first experience of the **Shinkansen (Bullet Train)** as we zoom our way to **Kyoto** at a speed of up to 285km/h (177 mph). Over the next couple of days we'll explore historic **Kyoto** and the ancient Japanese city of **Nara** with our English-speaking guide. The **Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavillion)** in **Kyoto** shimmers over a mirror-smooth pond and the parks and Great Buddha at **Todai-ji** in **Nara**, with their resident deer, will astound you with their grandeur. Back in **Kyoto** you'll wonder at how the magnificent **Kiyomizu-dera** shrine can stay balanced on its wooden terrace and marvel at the glorious **Yasaka Pagoda** among the stone lanes of **Sannenzaka**. And for a countryside contrast, the calm and tranquility of one of Japan's most sacred sites – the shrine of **Fushimi Inari** with its 'tunnel' of identical red *torii* (gates) – will relieve the senses. The following morning we're back on the **Shinkansen** and speeding to **Hiroshima** for a poignant and inspiring guided tour of this city raised from the ashes. Our final destination is Japan's culinary capital and second largest city, **Osaka**. We'll take in the views from **Umeda Sky Building** and explore the vast complex of imperial **Osaka Castle**. The neon lights of the **Dotonbori and Namba districts** are a wonder to behold and any stay in this city wouldn't be complete without a lunch of the local delicacy – **Okonomiyaki** (Osaka's beloved savoury pancake). On the last day we fly back to **Tokyo** and depart for home from Narita Airport.



Back in early 2025 Kerren and Ken spent time exploring **Japan**, with the assistance of some local contacts they'd made through the travel industry. Their aim was to identify the best way our Tour Club group could experience this amazing country, and the result is this **24 Day** adventure with the destinations reached by land and sea complementing each

other. For those who have long wished for a chance to explore **Japan** within the safety and reassurance of the **Bay Tours** escorted tour structure, this tour is for you! The finer details are still being finalised, but we couldn't resist sharing this incredible journey with you early! If Japan in autumn sounds like your kind of adventure, email **Kaye** on support@baytours.co.nz to join our interest list — we'll be in touch with the full itinerary & pricing as soon as it's ready.

Fully Booked – Waitlist Open

The following tours have proven incredibly popular and are now fully booked. However, don't worry – we are holding waitlists for each in case of cancellations. If you'd like to add your name to a waitlist, just get in touch and we'll let you know if a spot opens.

Tour No. 12126 Ed Sheeran in Concert – Wellington

An memorable summer getaway to see global superstar Ed Sheeran live at Wellington's Sky Stadium. Enjoy pre-show drinks, a delicious buffet dinner, and a relaxing stay at the stylish Rydges Hotel, just a short stroll from the concert.

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Kerren's Whisper

In March 2027 we'll be headed to the **Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**. Staged in the heritage-listed Royal Exhibition Building and its surrounding Carlton Gardens, the show has become the Southern

Hemisphere's largest flower and garden event featuring stunning landscape design show gardens and innovative floral displays crafted by some of the world's top horticultural talent. Plus educational workshops, art installations, retail exhibits and more. And there'll be plenty of other activities, in and around Melbourne, on the itinerary as well. To register your interest contact either **Kerren** or **Kaye** at the office.

We're in the initial stages of planning a tour to **Vietnam** in 2027 that will centre around a **Mekong River cruise** that follows the river through both Vietnam and Cambodia. In the last couple of years, we've had numerous enquiries from members about this. Again, you can register your interest, and be first to get the completed tour details, by contacting **Kerren**



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