

# **TOUR CLUB**

## **Leisure Guide**

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# Welcome to Bay Tours & Charters

## Leisure Guide



Hello Tour Clubbers and welcome to the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of **The Leisure Guide** published, since we took over Bay Tours nearly 14 years ago. What a thrilling and deeply satisfying time it has been as we've watched the company grow and evolve. And the excitement continues. Since the publication of the previous edition, in December last year, it's been a very busy time – particularly in the first four months of 2026. In February the visit of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo to Auckland

prompted the biggest logistical exercise we've ever undertaken. Two coaches for each overnight there-and-back visit, over three successive days, required maximum utilisation of all our resources – staff and vehicles. But it was a triumph and the enjoyment we saw on faces made all the advance planning worthwhile. Our multiple 'tiny tour' visits to The Chef's Table at Blue Duck Station have been a revelation. We were a little nervous about how this small number, but big ticket, overnight visit would go. As it's turned out, the unique aspect of the event has proven very popular as a special treat and we've taken four tours there since January and there's more on the way. In February we lead another very successful tour to Tasmania. The weather gods smiled upon us and our tour participants loved every minute. What a fascinating and diverse part of the world it is. Late April saw another wonderful visit to Molesworth and Rainbow Stations. You'll recall the wonderful weather the country enjoyed over April and May and this really added to the experience. The great weather also added to a most enjoyable West Coast tour in March. There are few more evocative destinations in NZ than 'the Coast'. On the local front, we've just enjoyed a very popular Patrons Lunch at Valley d'Vine in the Esk Valley. More than sixty Tour Club Patrons enjoyed an outstanding subsidised lunch event allowing us to show our appreciation for their regular support.

This edition of **The Leisure Guide** is, as always, choc full of wonderful tour experiences. Our regular 'show' trips across the Tasman continue with '**My Fair Lady**' making a star-studded comeback in Sydney and next March we're making our first visit to the **Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**. Anyone who enjoys beautiful gardens should consider this special tour. Our **Magical MacKenzie Country** tour, in October, also incorporates time in the mystical Maniototo this time. And while we're talking of the South Island, look out for our **Autumn Colours of Central Otago** tour set for April 2027. What a visual treat that will be. We've managed to pack a number of train experiences into this edition. Look out for **Steam Train to High Tea** in August, **The Northern Explorer** journey in October, and **Tunnels, Spirals & Viaducts** in February 2027. We know how popular these train trips are. Locally, we're excited to be returning to experience both the wildlife conservation at **Cape Sanctuary** and the festive glamour of the **Hospice Holly Trail** this year. And anticipation is building for our international tours to cruise the **Murray River** in October and our first ever visit to **Japan** in November. So, as always, there's plenty in here for everyone.

We all here at Bay Tours look forward to bringing these entertaining and enriching trips and tours to you over the next 6 months. We continue to greatly appreciate the loyalty and support of all Tour Club members, and we wish you a very rewarding time as you explore this latest edition of **The Leisure Guide**, of which we're immensely proud.

**Kerren and Ken Withington – owners**

# 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 don't send payment reminders or invoices. This can be found in the details section of each tour.



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**Visit us at our address:**

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# Tour Club Booking Form

Date	Tour	Tour Name	Patron	Member
Thu 16 – Sat 18 July	71626	Mid-Winter Feast at Hobbiton	\$1,795	\$2,085
Wed 22 July	72226	The Sound of Music – Dinner & Show	\$180	\$200
Tue 28 July – Thu 6 Aug	72826	A Winter Escape to Rarotonga	\$7,575	\$8,335
Sat 1 – Sun 2 Aug	80126	Manon by Massenet – Wellington Opera	\$895	\$985
Sun 9 Aug	80926	Sunday Roast at Bay View Hotel	\$145	\$170
Wed 12 Aug	81226	Country Day Out in Norsewood	\$185	\$215
Sun 16 – Mon 17 Aug	81626	Steam Train & High Tea on Kapiti Coast	\$898	\$995
Thu 27 Aug	82726	Pub Lunch & Quiz – Patangata	\$190	\$220
Wed 2 – Sun 6 Sep	90226	The Neil Diamond Musical – Melbourne	\$4,125	\$4,675
Tue 8 Sep	90826	Lunch at Craggy Range	\$220	\$235
Tue 15 – Sat 19 Sep	91526	My Fair Lady – Sydney	\$4,565	\$5,055
Tue 15 Sep	91526A	Gwavas, Smedley & Daffodils	\$205	\$240
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
Tue 22 Sep	92226	Ken’s Big Day Out	\$180	\$220
Thu 24 Sep	92426	Spring Winery Progressive Lunch	\$185	\$210
Fri 25 – Sat 26 Sep	92526	WOW #2 – Wellington	\$755	\$835
Tue 29 Sep	92926	Lunch & Garden Tour at Mangapapa	\$210	\$240
Thu 1 Oct	100126	Lunch at Wallingford	\$325	\$385
Sat 3 – Thu 15 Oct	100326	Murray River, Monarto Safari Park & Indian Pacific	\$13,585	\$14,995
Wed 7 – Fri 9 Oct	100726	Northern Explorer Train	\$1,855	\$2,135
Wed 14 – Tue 20 Oct	101426	MacKenzie Country & The Maniototo	\$5,845	\$6,455
Thu 15 Oct	101526	Winery Lunch at Eleven Thirty Three	\$195	\$225
Wed 21 Oct	102126	CHB Springtime Gardens & Curios	\$220	\$260
Wed 28 Oct	102826	Patangata Station – Farm to Plate	\$220	\$260
Thu 29 Oct – Wed 4 Nov	102926	Coromandel Escape: Soaks, Scenery & Cruises	\$4,295	\$4,930
Thu 5 Nov	110526	Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Brookfields Winery	<b>\$85</b>	N/A
Fri 6 Nov – Tue 1 Dec	110626	Japan – Ancient & Modern Wonders	\$22,588	N/A
Fri 6 Nov	110626A	Beatlemania – Dinner & Show	\$235	\$260
Sun 8 Nov	110826	Hawkes Bay Art Trail	\$135	\$160
Wed 11 Nov	111126	Cape Sanctuary Visit	\$375	\$420
Thu 12 Nov	111226	Hospice Holly Trail	\$335	\$380
Sat 14 Nov	111426	Levin Christmas Fair	\$157	\$200
Tue 17 – Thu 19 Nov	111726	A Shopping Extravaganza - Auckland	\$1,390	\$1,515
Thu 26 Nov	112626	A Farmhouse BBQ Lunch	<b>\$170</b>	\$220
Sat 28 – Sun 29 Nov	112826	Jesus Christ Superstar – Wellington	\$730	\$825
Wed 2 Dec	120226	CHB Garden, Homestead & Private Museum	\$210	\$240
Thu 3 – Sat 5 Dec	120326	Kaimanawa Heritage Horses	\$1,680	\$1,850
Thu 3 Dec	120326A	Mamma Mia! – Dinner & Show	\$170	\$200
Tue 8 – Mon 14 Dec	120826	Lodges of Marlborough Sounds	\$4,865	\$5,355
Thu 24 – Mon 28 Dec	122426	Christmas Mystery	\$2,955	\$3,395
Wed 20 Jan	12027	Mystery Country Day Out	\$165	\$195

Thu 28 Jan	12827	Lake Waikaremoana – Ken’s Way	<b>\$180</b>	\$225
Tue 2 – Thu 4 Feb	20227	Exploring Horowhenua to Rangitikei	\$1,595	\$2,105
Tue 9 Feb	20927	A Classic Kiwi Lunch – Fish ‘n’ Chips & More	<b>\$120</b>	\$150
Wed 17 – Fri 19 Feb	21727	Tunnels, Spirals & Viaducts	\$2,075	\$2,395
Wed 24 Feb	22427	Beach Hop & Lunch	\$165	\$205
Tue 2 Mar	30227	HB Hidden Gems; Food, Art & Flowers	\$220	\$255
Thu 4 – Thu 11 Mar	30427	Chatham Islands including Festival Day	\$6,775	\$7,795
Sat 6 Mar	30627	Martinborough Fair	\$160	\$200
Tue 16 – Sun 21 Mar	31627	Melbourne International Flower Show	\$4,755	\$5,470
Wed 31 Mar – Sun 4 Apr	33127	Great Barrier Island Escape	\$4,085	\$4,695
Sat 3 Apr	40327	Kimbolton Sculpture Festival	\$195	\$235
Mon 5 – Fri 9 Apr	40527	Molesworth & Rainbow Stations & More	\$3,985	\$4,585
Thu 29 Apr – Thu 6 May	42927	Autumn in Central Otago	\$7,295	\$8,015
Fri 21 – Mon 24 May	52127	Bluff Oyster & Food Festival	\$3,495	\$3,970

## 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.

# 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. 72226

## The Sound of Music – Dinner & Show

Date	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Times	All collected by 5.30pm
Cost	Patron: \$180.00 Member: \$200.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course dinner, premium ticket to the show

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Treat yourself to an unforgettable evening of fine food and timeless musical theatre with our special *Dinner & Show* outing to **Theatre Hawke's Bay**. We begin the night with a delicious two-course dinner at **Jarks Cityside Restaurant & Bar**, the perfect opportunity to relax, socialise, and enjoy great company before the show. From there, sit back and be transported by the beloved musical **The Sound of Music**.

Filled with iconic songs like *Do-Re-Mi*, *My Favourite Things*, and *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, this heartwarming story of the von Trapp family has captured audiences for generations. Performed by the talented team at Theatre Hawke's Bay, this production promises an evening of outstanding entertainment, complete with a delightful supper served during the interval. With transport, dinner, and show tickets all taken care of, all you need to do is relax and enjoy a truly magical night out.



### Kerren's Whisper

Planning has begun on several super-exciting tour projects for the next couple of years. If any are of interest to you, I strongly suggest you contact us and register your interest. Once bookings are ready to open for each of these tours, those people who have registered their interest will be given first option to book.

- In response to several casual enquiries made with us, we're in the early stages of planning for a **European River Cruise** in spring of **2027**. It's seven years since we last took this tour.
- The **Chef's Table** degustation at **Blue Duck Station** has proven very popular with multiple visits taking place in the first six months of this year already. We're in the process of finalising more dates and a waitlist is already established. Let us know if you'd like to be added to that list.
- Planning is well advanced for **Vietnam/Cambodia 2028**. We've already asked for, and received, expressions of interest from members for this tour. If you'd like to also register interest – and haven't already done so – let us know.
- We're also planning for our first visit to **Warbirds Over Wanaka** at Easter **2028**. Please get in touch if this is of interest, if you haven't already done so.



## Tour No. 72826

# A Winter Escape to Rarotonga

Date	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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	Full payment upon booking please
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 **Rarotonga** in the **Cook Islands**

**Day 1:** Fly to Auckland and check in to the Novotel Airport Hotel ahead of our international flight.

**Day 2:** Thanks to the International Dateline, we arrive in Rarotonga the day before we leave. Settle into your **Beachfront Deluxe Suite** at the **Edgewater Resort & Spa**, your home for the next eight nights. **Day 3:** Enjoy an **Island Discovery Tour**, learning about local

life and visiting the island's highlights. Lunch is at the popular **Charlie's** before dinner at the elegant **Tamarind House**.

**Day 4:** After a leisurely morning, join renowned chef **Phillip Nordt** for an interactive cooking masterclass and Chef's Table lunch. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy.

**Day 5:** A highlight of the tour – a day trip to spectacular **Aitutaki**. Cruise its world-famous lagoon aboard a traditional vaka, swim in crystal-clear waters, enjoy a BBQ lunch, and visit picturesque One Foot Island.

**Day 6:** Browse the colourful **Punanga Nui Market**, famous for its local crafts, produce, pearls, and island delicacies. Tonight, experience 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 (optional, of course), it's quite the experience. Another option is to join us at **Black Rock** for lunch from one of the many food trucks. 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, and we'll come up with some suggestions. This evening, we enjoy 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**. 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. Come join us in Rarotonga to recharge and enjoy some of that legendary island hospitality. Kia Orana!



## Tour No. 80926

### Sunday Roast at Bay View Hotel

Date	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 9.45am
Cost	Patron: \$145.00 Member: \$170.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, roast lunch

**Physical Activity Level N/A**



There's something special about a traditional Sunday roast shared with good friends, and perhaps even more so in the depths of winter. Brrrr! This relaxed outing combines hearty food with a fascinating slice of local history.

Our morning begins with a visit to the **Lemmon Trust Museum** in Eskdale, where we'll discover an impressive collection of heritage items and hear the stories behind this remarkable local museum. It's a wonderful opportunity to step back in time and explore Hawke's Bay's rich past.

From there, we'll head to the welcoming **Bay View Hotel**, where a delicious 2-course **Sunday roast** lunch and cozy atmosphere awaits. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a leisurely meal while catching up with fellow travellers and soaking up the friendly vibe.

This easy-going Sunday outing is the perfect way to spend a winter's day.

## Tour No. 81226

### Country Day Out in Norsewood

Date	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 8.20am
Cost	Patron: \$185.00 Member: \$215.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

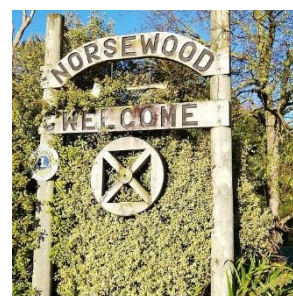
**Physical Activity Level N/A**

Step back in time and enjoy a relaxed country outing to the charming Scandinavian settlement of **Norsewood**. Nestled among rolling rural landscapes, this delightful village offers a glimpse into the history and heritage of one of New Zealand's most unique communities.

We'll begin the day visiting the Norsewood Pioneer Museum and other heritage buildings in the heart of the village, where fascinating stories and displays bring the area's early settler history to life. We'll visit the **New Zealand Natural Clothing**, home of renowned outdoors clothing brand Norsewood. For those not so retail-therapy inclined, there's time to enjoy a gentle stroll through the nearby restored **Wop Wops Wetland**.

A hearty hot lunch awaits at the **Dannevirke Services & Citizens Club** before we enjoy a leisurely journey home through the beautiful Central Hawke's Bay countryside.

With history, country hospitality, good food, and great company, this is the perfect winter day out.



# Tour No. 81626

## Steam Train & High Tea on Kapiti Coast

Date	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$898.00 Twin Share   \$1,025.00 Single Room Member: \$995.00 Twin Share   \$1,115.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea x2, dinner x1, train ticket & high tea, accommodation

**Physical Activity Level** **ABLE**



The image of travelling by steam train to a country house for High Tea seems like something from the pages of Agatha Christie or P G Wodehouse. Yet that is precisely what we plan to do this coming **August**. Our friends at **Steam Incorporated** have invited us to be part of a special run in the elegant surroundings of their vintage rail carriages, pulled by their 111 year old steam locomotive **Ab 608 'Passchendaele'** from **Paraparaumu**, northward through the Kapiti Coast, to **Tatum House** – a splendid Edwardian homestead nestled in a tranquil countryside setting in rural Horowhenua. With limited numbers onboard, this is a more intimate, unhurried journey. Once there, we'll be treated to a classic **High Tea**. Indulge yourself with a selection of finely prepared sweet and savoury treats, accompanied by freshly brewed tea or coffee – the perfect complement to a leisurely afternoon. Later, we'll re-board our 'iron horse', returning south to **Paraparaumu** and our beachside overnight accommodation. This has more than a touch of the old fashioned 'weekend house party' feel to it. The following morning, on a completely different tack, we've the opportunity to make a rare visit to the nearby **N Z Police Museum** in the grounds of the **Royal NZ Police College** at Papakowhai. Here we'll be hosted by Police staff for a guided tour exploring how policing in NZ has changed over the years and perhaps re-visit some of our country's most notorious criminal cases. From here we gradually make our way back northward & home.

Come and join us as the gentle rhythm of steam and the nostalgia of classic rail travel, amid stunning rolling coastal countryside, sets the tone for an experience that is as timeless as it is memorable.

**As mentioned above, numbers aboard the train have been deliberately reduced to enhance the experience. So don't delay in booking your place.**

***PLEASE NOTE: Steam Incorporated require that "All train travelers must have sufficient mobility to be able to independently board and alight the train from rail level (3-4 steps)" – see image.***



## Tour No. 82726

### Pub Lunch & Quiz - Patangata

Date	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August
Times	All collected by 10.10am
Cost	Patron: \$190.00 Member: \$220.00
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 are 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. 90826

### Lunch at Craggy Range

Date	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 11.50am
Cost	Patron: \$220.00 Member: \$235.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**

Treat yourself to an afternoon of exceptional food, fine wine, and stunning Hawke’s Bay scenery as we gather for a spring lunch to remember at the world-renowned **Craggy Range Winery**.

Set beneath the dramatic backdrop of Te Mata Peak, we’ll enjoy an indulgent five-course shared menu in the opulent new restaurant space “**The Loft**”, a private mezzanine dining space overlooking the restaurant. This unique culinary experience showcases seasonal produce and the flavours that have made **Craggy Range Winery** one of New Zealand’s



most celebrated dining destinations. Before we depart, there will be time for photographs to capture a memorable afternoon in one of Hawke’s Bay’s most iconic locations.

A wonderful opportunity to experience outstanding food, wine, and company without having to travel far from home.

## Tour No. 91526A

### Gwavas, Smedley & Daffodils

Date	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$205.00 Member: \$240.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, bunch of daffodils

**Physical Activity Level** **ABLE**



Celebrate the arrival of spring with a delightful day exploring some of Central Hawke's Bay's most fascinating rural treasures.

Our day begins at the beautiful, historic **Gwavas Homestead**, where we'll enjoy morning tea followed by an engaging tour and talk, learning about the history, gardens, and stories of this remarkable country estate.

From there, we'll travel to **Smedley Station**, one of New Zealand's best-known agricultural training

farms. Enjoy a hearty country lunch before discovering the station's rich heritage and the important role it continues to play in New Zealand farming.

To complete our spring adventure, we'll visit **Taniwha Daffodils**, where fields of cheerful blooms create a stunning seasonal display. You'll have the opportunity to pick your own bunch of fresh daffodils to take and brighten your home.

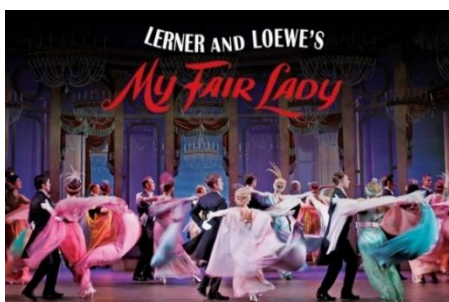
Combining history, rural life, beautiful gardens, spring flowers, and warm country hospitality, this promises to be a memorable day out in the Hawke's Bay countryside.

## Tour No. 91526

### My Fair Lady - Sydney

Date	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 12.20pm
Cost	Patron: \$4,565.00 Twin Share   \$5,435.00 Single Room Member: \$5,055.00 Twin Share   \$5,995.00 Single Room
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x3, flights, return airport transfers in Sydney, afternoon tea, premium ticket to show, dinner x2

**Physical Activity Level** **GENTLE**



Here at Bay Tours HQ, we were super-excited with a recent announcement that Lerner & Loewe's legendary musical **My Fair Lady** is coming to **Sydney** in September. Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Broadway debut, the production will not only be co-directed by Julie Andrews, it will be staged at the iconic **Sydney Opera House**.

AND WE'RE GOING!

This lavish musical catapulted Julie Andrews to stardom when she originated the role of Eliza Doolittle, an irrepressible Cockney flower girl who transforms into a lady of society. A heart-warming story of identity and change, **My Fair Lady** brims with razor sharp wit, unforgettable characters, fabulous costumes and a simply stunning score including 'Wouldn't It Be Lovely?', 'I Could Have Danced All Night', 'Get Me To The Church On Time', 'The Rain In Spain', 'On The Street Where You Live' and many more. Has there ever been a theatre musical with so many great songs?

From its groundbreaking multi-Tony Award winning Broadway debut to the legendary film that was awarded no less than 8 Oscars, **My Fair Lady** remains one of the world's most enduring and beloved musical treasures. And to see it staged at such an incredible venue will take this experience to another level again.



We've secured great tickets in the production's opening week and for **4 nights** we'll stay at the wonderful **Paradox Hotel** in central Sydney. Other highlights of the trip will be **High Tea** at the grand Fullerton Hotel prior to the show and a glorious **Dinner Cruise** on spectacular **Sydney Harbour**. But there'll also be plenty of **Free Time** to catch up with friends or family, get in some shopping or simply relax and check out the many sights and sounds the city has to offer.

And speaking of sounds, September really is show time in Sydney. Both the magnificent musical **The Lion King** and another classic, **Fiddler On The Roof**, are performing in town while we're there. A Thursday matinee, anyone?

Come and join us for another fun-filled long weekend, big-city Bay Tours adventure. **This will be a small group tour, and so places are very limited. Grab your place now.**

## Tour No. 91826

### Exploring New Plymouth to Raglan

Date	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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

### WOW #1 - Wellington

Date	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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**



What can we say about the **World of Wearable Art** show that hasn't already been said? It is simply this, a truly world-class exhibition show, created entirely in and by New Zealanders, which combines theatre, music, dance and even circus to showcase stunning pieces of 'art-to-be-worn' by designers from around the world. Each year the show seems to get even better. Bay Tours have been securing premium viewing seats and taking local Hawke's Bay people to the show in Wellington for years now. Get together with friends or make new ones on the journey to this experience that will dazzle the senses.

## Tour No. 92226

### Ken's Big Day Out

Date	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Times	All collected by 8.15am
Cost	Patron: \$180.00 Member: \$220.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch, ice cream

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**

Sometimes the best days are the simplest ones! Join Bay Tours for a relaxed country outing filled with fresh air, beautiful scenery, good company, and a few favourite treats along the way.

We'll travel through the heart of Central Hawke's Bay, stopping at the tranquil **A'Deane's Bush** for morning tea among the trees before continuing to the picturesque **Dannevirke Domain** for a leisurely picnic lunch.

The afternoon brings more country charm as we make our way to the iconic **Ongaonga General Store**, where a delicious ice cream awaits. Along the journey, enjoy the rolling rural landscapes, in all their high spring glory, and the pleasure of discovering some of the region's quiet gems.

A wonderful day out celebrating the simple pleasures of Hawke's Bay and its back roads - just the way Ken likes it!



## Tour No. 92426

### Spring Winery Progressive Lunch

Date	Thursday 24th September
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	Patron: \$185.00 Member: \$210.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Celebrate the arrival of spring with a delicious Progressive Lunch over three of Hawke's Bay's most iconic wineries. Our culinary journey begins at the historic **Mission Estate Winery**, one of Hawke's Bay's most elegant dining destinations, where we'll enjoy a beautifully prepared **entrée** in the surroundings of New Zealand's oldest winery. From there, we'll travel to Bay View and the relaxed vineyard setting of **Crab Farm Winery** for a delicious **main course** before finishing in the grand surroundings of renowned **Church Road Winery**, where **dessert** awaits. As we move between venues, you'll enjoy the changing vineyard landscapes of Hawke's Bay in spring, with fresh green vines, blossoming gardens, and the promise of a new season in wine country. Gather your friends and join Bay Tours for an afternoon combining outstanding cuisine, beautiful winery settings, and great company. This is a wonderful opportunity to indulge in the very best of Hawke's Bay hospitality.

## Tour No. 92926

### Lunch & Garden Tour at Mangapapa

Date	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Times	All collected by 11.20am
Cost	Patron: \$210.00 Member: \$240.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**

We invite you to indulge yourself and experience the charm and hospitality of the beautiful **Mangapapa Hotel**. This special outing will begin with a guided stroll through the hotel's stunning grounds, accompanied by the Head Gardener, who will share insights into the hotel's philosophy of '*Paddock to Plate*' and how their plantings reflect the desire to grow as much of their fresh produce, as possible on the property. We'll then enjoy a delicious **3-course lunch** in the refined surroundings of this award-winning country estate. Relax, savour each course, and enjoy the company of your fellow diners while taking in the peaceful atmosphere. Following lunch, we'll be given an exclusive look at two of the hotel's luxurious room types, offering a glimpse into the style, comfort, and attention to detail that have made **Mangapapa** one of Hawke's Bay's most sought-after boutique retreats. Combining beautiful gardens, fine dining, and a touch of luxury, this is a delightful Hawke's Bay experience that promises a truly memorable afternoon.



# Tour No. 100126

## Lunch at Wallingford

Date	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Times	All collected by 10.25am
Cost	Patron: \$325.00 Member: \$385.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



We feel privileged to return again to wonderful **Wallingford** south of Waipukurau. One of the great houses of Hawke's Bay, Wallingford homestead was the centre of a farming enterprise that was established by John Davies Ormond in the 1850s and, over the subsequent decades, became the seat of the Ormond

family. At its peak, it was a property spanning 24,000 acres and carrying more than 40,000 head of sheep. Over the years the block was divided among family members and when the fourth J.D. Ormond, known as Johnny, died in 2017 it was purchased by Gareth Dunkerley who had played at Wallingford as a child. Gareth has converted the sprawling house and grounds into a luxury retreat with award-winning Sydney restaurateur **Chris Stockdale** as Executive Chef. Chris grew up in Eketahuna and has returned home to NZ with his business & life partner, Jeanette. They are now working their magic at **Wallingford** and we will join them for an afternoon of fine food and exploring this impressive property. Enjoy a complimentary drink on arrival as we relax in the lounge before lunch and hear more about the history of the property. A superb **3 course lunch** follows with Chris creating dishes especially for our visit. There'll be plenty of time to fully explore the house and grounds after lunch as well.

An opportunity to visit this historic private haven at any time is rare. And the chance to see it in its spring splendour and to experience a Chris Stockdale culinary tour-de-force, even rarer. Treat yourself to a day to remember with fine dining in gracious, glorious surroundings.



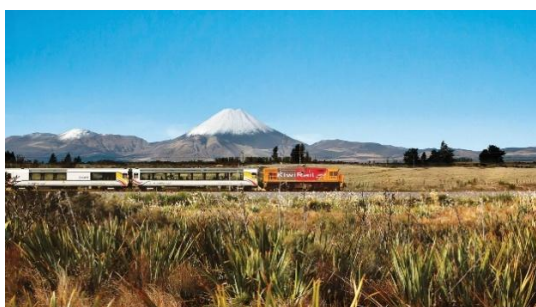
***Dancing in the hot water stream at Lake Rotoiti***

# Tour No. 100726

## Northern Explorer Train

Date	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	Patron: \$1,855.00 Twin Share   \$2,225.00 Single Room Member: \$2,135.00 Twin Share   \$2,560.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch x2, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, dinner x2, scenic train ticket

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Experience one of New Zealand's most iconic rail journeys as part of this **3-day** escape to stunning scenery, beautiful gardens, fascinating history, and the unforgettable **Northern Explorer** train. The unique perspective of rail travel, following a track as it weaves through valleys and vistas never sighted from the highway, makes even seemingly familiar places feel like you're seeing

them for the first time.

**Day 1:** We head north by coach and reach the Waikato in time for lunch at the glorious **Hamilton Gardens** and plenty of time to wander these stunning themed gardens at your leisure. We overnight in Hamilton at the lovely **Novotel Tainui Hotel**.

**Day 2:** This morning, at Hamilton's Frankton Station, we board the **Northern Explorer** train that has already departed Auckland, bound for **Wellington**. The train trundles through the rolling hill country of the **Waikato** and **King Country** before arriving at the northern foot of the Central Plateau and making the 130-metre ascent of the engineering marvel that is the **Raurimu Spiral**. The train seems to loop around itself, squealing and spitting as it takes the tight turns, before emerging onto the plateau itself and crossing the spectacular **Tongariro National Park** with its snow-capped mountains and multiple viaducts. From the tussock grass of the desert terrain the train gradually descends to follow the **Rangitikei River** which has created a narrow gorge with its steep, white sandstone cliffs and horseshoe bends. The train navigates the river and its tributaries via another series of awesome viaducts before emerging into the fertile plains of the **Manawatu**. It then runs down the **Kapiti Coast**, around **Porirua Harbour** and, as a finale, through the bush-clad hills surrounding the capital before arriving into the magnificent architecture of **Wellington Railway Station**. Wow! What a day.

We'll enjoy a wonderful dinner and night at the **James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel**.

**Day 3:** After a hearty breakfast, we depart Wellington. But we have one more brief rail experience in store. In Queen Elizabeth Park at **Paekakariki** we'll visit the **Wellington Tramway Museum**. A testimony to a time when trams filled the streets of not only Wellington, but many towns around New Zealand. As well as the museum itself, we'll take the fun 10-minute tram ride down to the beach, stopping along the way to look at the memorial to the thousands of U.S. Marines stationed in the giant camp here during WWII. Then it's lunch, and time for a wander in **Palmerston North**, before we head home to the Bay.

Combining the romance of rail travel, glorious gardens, city comforts, scenic landscapes, and unique experiences, this tour offers a wonderful way to see some of the very best of the North Island from a different perspective.

# Tour No. 101426

## MacKenzie Country & The Maniototo

Date	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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. 101526

### Winery Lunch at Eleven Thirty Three

Date	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 12pm
Cost	Patron: \$195.00 Member: \$225.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 3 course lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Join us for a relaxed and elegant lunch at **Eleven Thirty Three**, the new brasserie-style restaurant at **PASK Winery** cellar door in the heart of Hawke's Bay wine country.

Set amongst vines and surrounded by the stunning rural landscape of Twyford, we'll gather to enjoy a leisurely **3-course lunch** showcasing fresh local ingredients and the flavours that make Hawke's Bay one of New Zealand's premier food and wine destinations.

Take time to unwind with friends, savour each course, and enjoy the warm hospitality and stylish surroundings that will quickly make

**Eleven Thirty Three** a favourite dining destination.

With no rushing, no cooking, and no dishes to wash, this is the perfect opportunity to indulge in a long lunch while enjoying great company in a beautiful winery setting.

A delightful afternoon of food, friendship, and Hawke's Bay hospitality awaits.

## Tour No. 102126

### CHB Springtime Gardens & Curios

Date	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Times	All collected by 8.40am
Cost	Patron: \$220.00 Member: \$260.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Celebrate spring with a delightful day discovering beautiful gardens, fascinating collections, and hidden treasures in the heart of Central Hawke's Bay.

Our journey begins at **Tironui**, the home and garden of Tour Club members Caroline Baker and Charles Mount. We'll enjoy morning tea with them and explore their stunning private garden bursting with spring colour. Hear the stories behind the garden and the passion that has

shaped this property over the years.

Next, and in a completely different vein, we'll visit the unique **Boat House Collectables** where owner, and professional model maker, Joel Taylor and his wife Lynda have curated an extraordinary collection of handcrafted models, maritime memorabilia, family history treasures, and captivating stories from local life. Get ready to be surprised and to marvel at their creativity and to experience the romance and nostalgia of a bygone seafaring age.

After a leisurely lunch at our beloved **Patangata Tavern**, hosted by publicans Aaron and Rhonda Bartlett, we'll continue to **King's Ridge Garden** in Waipawa. Here, owner Johanna King will show us around her beautifully landscaped grounds bursting with colourful spring blooms and with historic cottages and award-winning sheds nestled in what was, unbelievably, just a farm paddock only eight years ago.

Combining gardens, history, fascinating collections, country hospitality, and the beauty of springtime, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some of Central Hawke's Bay's best-kept secrets with Bay Tours.

## Tour No. 102826

### Patangata Station – Farm to Plate

Date	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Times	All collected by 10am
Cost	Patron: \$220.00 Member: \$260.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

**Physical Activity Level ABLE**



We're very excited to be offered the opportunity to visit the pre-eminent 'Farm to Plate' beef and lamb operation in Hawke's Bay. **Patangata Station**, owned and farmed by Duncan Smith, Annabel Tapley-Smith and their family, is a 1,750-acre sheep, beef and cropping farm that straddles the **Tukituki River** east of Otane. Duncan is the third generation of his family to farm in Central Hawke's Bay and the property's combination of gentle rolling hill country and

fertile river flats is perfect for both livestock and arable farming. It was nearly 10 years ago now that Duncan and Annabel, keen to create a direct supply of their hormone-free, GM-free and antibiotic-free Angus beef and Suffolk-Texel lamb to retail customers, took over the legendary **Waipawa Butchery** from retiring long-time owner, Murray Stephens. The 'Farm to Plate' concept was revolutionary back then. And since then, all the beef and lamb sold at the Waipawa shop has come from their lush paddocks only 15 km from the shop. Our day begins with a stunning, scenic, springtime drive towards the banks of the Tukituki River and **Patangata Station**. Here, our hosts, Duncan and Annabel, will show us around the property and tell us their fascinating story. The 360-degree vistas across hillside and river are stunning in this picture-perfect part of the world. After morning tea in the woolshed, we drive the short 10 minutes to the butcher shop in Waipawa to learn about the retail end of things (and we'll have chilly bins on hand to keep any purchases nice and cool). And what better way to end this story of fresh, local produce than lunch at the excellent **Hatuma Café** where **Patangata Station** beef and lamb takes pride of place on the menu.

After lunch, as a complete contrast, we'll make our first visit in many a year to **Tikokino Peonies** on State Highway 50 to see these impressive blooms at their peak.

This Day Trip is another celebration of Central Hawke's Bay and the diversity this region has to offer. **Don't delay in securing your place on what will no doubt be a very popular day out.**

## Tour No. 102926

# Coromandel Escape: Soaks, Scenery & Cruises

Date	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	Patron: \$4,295.00 Twin Share   \$5,345.00 Single Room Member: \$4,930.00 Twin Share   \$6,135.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,000.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea, lunch x6, afternoon tea, dinner x6

**Physical Activity Level** ABLE

With its pristine beaches, misty forests and laid-back atmosphere, the **Coromandel Peninsula** evokes the feel of easy living and slightly other-worldly mystery. Over **7 Days** we'll explore beyond the commonly beaten track whilst still enjoying the destinations and activities for which this precious paradise is so beloved. Here's a brief indication of the itinerary highlights;



**Day 1:** We leave home and head north towards the Bay Of Plenty, stopping at beautiful **Papamoa Beach** for lunch on the way to our overnight stop in **Tauranga**.

**Day 2:** Today we get our first taste of that special **Coromandel** vibe as we drive up the peninsula's east coast stopping to enjoy the golden sands of first **Whangamatā** and then **Hot Water Beach**. After lunch we visit our friends at **Cathedral Cove**

**Macadamias** and enjoy the fruits of their efforts, before continuing on to our accommodation in the popular seaside town of **Whitianga**.

**Day 3:** This morning we indulge ourselves with a soak in the legendary, and magnificent, **Lost Spring** and after a waterfront lunch we take to the water and cruise the peninsula's east coast with sights such as **Orua Sea Cave**, **Cathedral Cove** itself (only accessible by sea) and a number of spectacular blowholes.

**Day 4:** We leave Whitianga this morning and cross the peninsula to the west. With first a stop at stunning **Whangapoua Beach** and then a long-cherished tradition of visiting the remote **Castle Rock Fine Foods** to sample their delicious preserves, relishes and more. Then we arrive into **Coromandel** town itself for lunch. We'll settle into our accommodation at the **Anchor Lodge Motel** with **Free Time** this afternoon to explore this quaint historic town.

**Day 5:** Today our first stop is the wonderful **mountain railway** built into the bush by the renowned potter, the late Barry Brickell. This amazing rail journey zig zags up to the 'Eyeful Tower' lookout with views right across the **Firth of Thames** to the Hunua Ranges on the other side. Then we head northeast, criss-crossing the peninsula again, enjoying a picnic lunch at a secluded beach, before arriving in **Colville**, back on the west coast. We'll enjoy an ice cream here before following the Pohutukawa-laden west coast road back to **Coromandel** for the night.



**Day 6:** The direction is south today and the first stop is **Thames**. We'll take a guided tour of one of the original old gold mines, learn about the history of gold mining on The Coromandel and see (and hear) a working 19<sup>th</sup> century **gold stamper battery** in action. We continue south across the Hauraki Plains, skirting around the mighty Kaimai Range, we arrive at **Mamaku Blueberries**, the country's biggest producer of mega-healthy blueberry juice. We'll have fun on a tractor tour of their orchards, and you'll enjoy possibly the best blueberry muffin you've ever tasted. Tonight we stay at the swanky **Pullman Hotel** in **Rotorua**.



**Day 7:** This morning we begin our homeward journey. But not before we stretch our legs and take in the **Redwoods Treetop Walk** in Rotorua. Our homeward journey is broken at **Taupo** where we'll have Free Time here in Taupo before continuing our return journey back to the Bay.

Largely hidden from international visitors because of its isolation, and so reminiscent of times past, 'The Coromandel' remains as it always has for Kiwis. Come with us and discover a little of the magic of this incredible region. Please Note: The same logistical limitations that keep heaps of international tourists away mean this tour is limited in its size.

Don't miss out on booking your place.

## Tour No. 110526

### Patrons Lunch to Say Thanks – Brookfields Winery

Date	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 11.45am
Cost	<b>Patron special: \$85.00</b>
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course lunch

**Physical Activity Level N/A**

At Bay Tours, our wonderful Patrons are at the heart of everything we do. And this exclusive lunch is our way of showing how much we appreciate you for your continued support.



Join us at the beautiful **Brookfields Winery**, one of Hawke's Bay's most historic and authentic winery settings, for a delicious **2-course lunch** while catching up with old friends and celebrating another year of memorable adventures together. This is a chance to reminisce about the places we've visited, the laughs we've shared, and the friendships that have been formed along the way. Most importantly, it's an opportunity for us to say thank you to our

Patrons for being such an important part of the Bay Tours family. Kerren and Ken look forward to welcoming you for an afternoon filled with good food, good company, and plenty of reasons to celebrate.



## Tour No. 110626 Japan – Ancient & Modern Wonders

Date	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Times	All collected by 2pm
Cost	Various packages available for twin share & single, please enquire
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x10, breakfast x9, lunch x3, dinner x3, all flights, shinkansen train ticket, all accommodation and meals aboard Diamond Princess

**Physical Activity Level ACTIVE**

Experience the magic of Japan at its most colourful. From ancient temples and peaceful gardens to vibrant cities, bullet trains and breathtaking autumn scenery, this 24-day escorted tour showcases the very best of this fascinating country. Join Kerren & Ken as we explore Tokyo, enjoy a 14-night cruise aboard *Diamond Princess* visiting 11 Japanese ports, and discover the cultural treasures of Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima and Osaka.



Highlights include: Tokyo & Mt Fuji region | 14-night Japan cruise | Bullet train travel | Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima & Osaka | Stunning autumn colours throughout.

**Interested? Contact Kaye on [support@baytours.co.nz](mailto:support@baytours.co.nz) for the full itinerary, pricing and tour details.**

## Tour No. 110626A Beatlemania – Dinner & Show

Date	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 5.30pm
Cost	Patron: \$235.00 Member: \$260.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, 2 course dinner, premium ticket to show

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**

Hey 'Day Tripper', get ready to 'Twist & Shout' as we 'Come Together' for an unforgettable evening celebrating the music that changed the world. Fresh from delighting audiences across Asia and Australia, renowned Beatles tribute act, **Beatlemania**, brings the music that influenced every generation to NZ this November. Now that really is 'Something'. Our night begins with a delicious dinner at **Shed 2**, where you'll enjoy great food and wonderful company before we're off to the **Napier Municipal Theatre** and a 'Magical Mystery Tour' through the greatest song catalogue of all time. Whether you were there in the Sixties and can't wait to 'Get Back' or simply love great music, this promises to be an evening filled with memories, laughter, and sing-along songs you'll be humming all 'The Long and Winding Road' home.!



## Tour No. 110826 Hawkes Bay Art Trail

Date	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 9.40am
Cost	Patron: \$135.00 Member: \$160.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, picnic lunch

**Physical Activity Level** **ABLE**



Immerse yourself in the creativity and talent of Hawke's Bay as we spend a wonderful day exploring the popular **Hawke's Bay Art Trail**. This special event offers a unique opportunity to step inside artists' studios, meet the creators, and discover the inspiration behind their work. From painting and sculpture to ceramics, jewellery, glass, textiles, and more, you'll experience the incredible diversity of artistic talent that

flourishes throughout our region. We'll begin our day at **Keirunga Creative Arts Venue** before venturing through the coastal communities of **Te Awanga** and **Haumoana**, visiting selected artists' studios and galleries along the way. A relaxed **picnic lunch** by the sea provides the perfect opportunity to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the beautiful Hawke's Bay coastline.

Whether you're an art enthusiast, a keen collector, or simply curious about the creative process, this is a fascinating chance to explore behind the scenes and discover some of the remarkable artists who call Hawke's Bay home.

## Tour No. 111126 Cape Sanctuary Visit

Date	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.35am
Cost	Patron: \$375.00 Member: \$420.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

**Physical Activity Level** **ABLE**

Back by popular demand! After the incredible response to last year's tour, we are delighted to once again offer this very special day exploring conservation, sustainability, and outstanding local food in the beautiful Hawke's Bay.

We have been invited to return to **Cape Sanctuary**, Aotearoa's largest privately owned and funded mainland island conservation project, nestled at Cape Kidnappers. Established in 2006 by a local family, the sanctuary has become a remarkable success story in habitat restoration and pest control, creating a safe haven for many of our most endangered native species. Today, **Cape Sanctuary** is home to more than 600 **Eastern Brown Kiwi**, with chick survival



rates far exceeding the national average, allowing kiwi to now be gifted to other emerging conservation projects around the country. **Kākā, Kākāriki, North Island Robin, Rifleman,** and even **Takahē** now thrive within the sanctuary’s protected environment.

Our morning adventure begins with our friends from Gannet Safaris Overland guiding us into the sanctuary aboard their purpose-built 4WD vehicle. We’ll enjoy a fascinating guided experience, spectacular scenery, and morning tea with the dedicated volunteers who help make this inspiring project possible.

The theme of sustainability continues after lunch as we visit the renowned **St Georges Restaurant.** Owner and chef Francky Godinho has spent years developing his extensive kitchen garden to supply as much fresh produce for the restaurant as possible. Following a delicious lunch, Francky will take us to the “secret” location of his garden for a special behind-the-scenes tour and insight into his passion for seasonal, sustainable food.

Spaces are strictly limited to just 20 guests, so don’t miss your chance to experience this unforgettable day.

## Tour No. 111226 Hospice Holly Trail

Date	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$335.00 Member: \$380.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, picnic lunch, trail entry ticket

**Physical Activity Level ABLE**

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas while supporting a wonderful cause on this special day exploring the much-loved biennial fundraiser – The Holly Trail.

This festive event offers a rare opportunity to step inside some of Hawke’s Bay’s most beautifully decorated homes, each dressed in seasonal style and overflowing with creative Christmas inspiration. From elegant decorations and stunning floral displays to innovative entertaining ideas and festive touches, there’s something to delight around every corner. And at a time of the year when gardens are at their most breath-taking.



Travel in comfort with Bay Tours as we visit a selection of carefully chosen properties, enjoying the sights, sounds, and excitement of the Christmas season while helping to support the invaluable work of **Cranford Hospice** right here in Hawke’s Bay.

Come and gather ideas for your own festive celebrations, and enjoy a day filled with friendship, inspiration, and community spirit. Whether you’re passionate about decorating, gardening, entertaining, or simply love Christmas, this is a wonderful way to welcome the festive season.

Join us for a magical day of Christmas creativity, beautiful homes, and heartfelt support for a cause close to many Hawke’s Bay families.

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

## Tour No. 111426 Levin Christmas Fair

Date	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 7.35am
Cost	Patron: \$157.00 Member: \$200.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Kick off the festive season & join us as we travel to the **Levin Christmas Fair**, where you'll discover a wonderful array of unique gifts, handcrafted treasures, gourmet treats, fashion, jewellery & much more. Set in the **Horowhenua Event Centre** and with hundreds of stalls showcasing products from talented artisans and small businesses, it's the perfect place to find those special Christmas gifts while supporting local makers. Enjoy browsing at your own pace, soak up the cheerful Christmas atmosphere, and perhaps indulge in a tasty lunch from one of the many food vendors on offer. Whether you're looking for gift ideas, festive inspiration, or simply a great day out with friends, there's something for everyone. Leave the driving to us and enjoy a relaxed day of shopping, socialising, and Christmas cheer as we count down to the most wonderful time of the year.

## Tour No. 111726 A Shopping Extravaganza - Auckland

Date	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 7.30am
Cost	Patron: \$1,390.00 Twin Share   \$1,760.00 Single Room Member: \$1,515.00 Twin Share   \$1,675.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner

**Physical Activity Level ABLE**

Ladies (and perhaps the odd retail-oriented gent), it's time to gather your friends, pack an extra shopping bag, & join **Bay Tours** for three fabulous days of retail therapy, great food, & plenty of fun in Auckland. This popular getaway combines the best shopping destinations the city of sails has to offer, with visits to **Dress Smart, Broadway in Newmarket, Manawa Bay Outlet Centre, Sylvia Park**, & even the much-anticipated **IKEA** for those keen to explore New Zealand's newest homewares sensation. Also, we'll enjoy quality accommodation at the **Waipuna Hotel**, delicious dining experiences, & plenty of time to browse, shop, and indulge at your own pace. With all the driving taken care of, you can relax, enjoy the company of your fellow travellers, and focus on the important things — shopping, laughter, and making memories (did we mention shopping?). A fun-filled escape featuring fashion, bargains, dining, friendship, and a little bit of luxury. After all, every now and then it's nice to have one tailored for the ladies!



## Tour No. 112626

### A Farmhouse BBQ Lunch

Date	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 10am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$170.00</b> Member: \$220.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Escape to the countryside for a relaxed day of rural hospitality, delicious food, and beautiful Hawke’s Bay scenery.

Join us as we pay an overdue visit to our friends Rachel and Greg Hart at **Māngārara Station**, a remarkable family-owned farm nestled in the rolling hills of **Elsthorpe**. During our visit, we’ll hear the inspiring story of how this working farm has evolved into a leading example of regenerative farming,

environmental stewardship, and sustainable land management.

Following a guided tour and talk, we’ll settle in for a mouth-watering farmhouse BBQ lunch featuring **Māngārara’s** own premium beef, fresh salads, homemade sourdough bread, and a delicious homemade dessert. There will even be an opportunity to purchase farm-fresh meat to take home.

In the afternoon, we’ll continue to the beautiful **Kairakau Beach**, where you’ll have time to enjoy the spectacular coastal views. Combining fascinating stories, genuine country hospitality, outstanding local food, and stunning rural and coastal landscapes, this is a wonderful day out showcasing the very best of Hawke’s Bay.

## Tour No. 112826

### Jesus Christ Superstar - Wellington

Date	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Times	All collected by 8.25am
Cost	Patron: \$730.00 Twin Share   \$885.00 Single Room Member: \$825.00 Twin Share   \$975.00 Single Room
Payment	\$300.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, dinner, premium ticket to show

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**

Experience a spectacular night of world-class musical theatre with this overnight escape to Wellington for **Jesus Christ Superstar**. This iconic rock opera retells the final days of Jesus Christ through powerful music, compelling storytelling, and unforgettable performances - set to a legendary score featuring hits like *I Don’t Know How to Love Him* and *Superstar*. Critics around the world consistently praise the production for its musical power and emotional depth. It has been described as a “gorgeous, thrilling” musical with “wit, lyricism and satirical bite”.

Travelling in comfort, enjoy a relaxed journey to Wellington with convenient stops along the way before checking into the centrally located **James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor**. After a delicious buffet dinner, we head to the historic **St James Theatre** for the evening performance - an electrifying production that has captivated audiences worldwide.



Following a restful night and breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a leisurely return journey home with time for lunch en route. This short getaway perfectly combines great company, comfortable travel, and an unforgettable theatre experience in the capital.

## Tour No. 120226

### CHB Garden, Homestead & Private Museum

Date	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Times	All collected by 9.35am
Cost	Patron: \$210.00 Member: \$240.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Join Bay Tours for a fascinating day of gardens, history, country hospitality, and unique discoveries as we explore some of Central Hawke's Bay's perennial gems.

Our day begins at the beautiful **Gwavas Homestead & Woodland Garden**, where we'll enjoy a guided tour with the fifth-generation owners and hear the remarkable stories behind this historic property before sitting down to a delightful **High Tea**. Surrounded by magnificent

gardens, legacy trees and rich rural heritage, it's the perfect way to start our adventure.

We'll then travel to **Norsewood**, the home of iconic outdoor clothing brand Norsewear, with time to browse the popular and locally owned **New Zealand Natural Clothing** store, renowned for its quality New Zealand-made products.

The afternoon takes us to one of the region's most intriguing private collections. **Lex and Angela Severinsen's Private Museum** at Ashley Clinton is packed with fascinating memorabilia, historical artefacts, hunting treasures, and stories from a lifetime of collecting. The visit includes a guided talk, refreshments, and a few surprises that make this museum unlike any other.

Combining beautiful gardens, local history, country charm, and unique experiences, this is a wonderful day out for those who enjoy discovering the extraordinary stories hidden within our own backyard.

# Tour No. I20326

## Kaimanawa Heritage Horses

Date	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$1,680.00 Twin Share   \$1,975.00 Single Room Member: \$1,850.00 Twin Share   \$2,245.00 Single Room
Payment	\$550.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea, lunch x2, dinner x2

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



An expertly guided trip into the land of the **Kaimanawa Horses** is a rare and wondrous experience. In fact, it's five years since we last had this opportunity.

From the first arrival of Europeans into the central North Island in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, there are records of horses of various breeds escaping from the large inland Hawke's Bay stations into the vast 'desert' area of the Central Plateau. The dominant

'origins' of the **Kaimanawa** breed are believed to be Exmoor and Welsh Mountain ponies released in the 1870s. These hardy and sure-footed breeds were a huge part of pioneer life in early European settlements.

And over the last 150 years there have been a few deliberate releases of unwanted horses into the area as well - from the old army cavalry units, farms and even the odd 'Desert Road drop-off'. The first recorded sighting of groups of wild horses around the Kaimanawa Ranges was as far back as 1876.

Since 1993 there has been an annual muster in order to keep numbers down to around 300 horses, which is the figure believed to allow the herd to remain viable whilst also preserving the delicate and unique environment they live in. Initially, all horses mustered were culled. In 2003 the **Kaimanawa Heritage Horse Trust** (KHHT) was established to work with the **Department of Conservation** and other interested groups to find homes for as many of the mustered horses as possible and close to 1,000 mares and younger males have been homed in the years since. The breed's reputation for resilience, surefootedness and a quiet temperament are very sought after traits.



Hosted by the **KHHT** and the **NZ Army**, we will be guided into the heart of the territory of this unique breed of horse – much of which is NZ Army land and usually very much off-limits. With experts aboard our coach from both D.O.C. and KHHT, we'll set out from the NZ Army camp at **Waiouru** and make our way to the actual muster area by lunchtime, with time to stop and observe the family groups of horses we come across along the way. After lunch, we'll head into the other side of the reserve to spot more roaming horses and experience the unique landscape of this part of the country. Due to the relative isolation of the area in which the breed live, we will overnight in Ohakune, either side of our big day with the horses.

Join us as we step into the world of New Zealand's only wild horse breed and see them in their breath-taking natural surroundings. An experience not to be missed.

## Tour No. I20326A

### Mamma Mia! – Dinner & Show

Date	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Times	All collected by 5.50pm
Cost	Patron: \$170.00 Member: \$200.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, dinner, premium ticket to show

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Get ready for a night of music, laughter, and feel-good entertainment and join us to experience the smash-hit musical **Mamma Mia!** performed by the **Napier Operatic Society** at their Tabard Theatre in Ahuriri.

Set to the unforgettable songs of **ABBA**, this much-loved production is packed with romance, comedy, friendship, and all the infectious energy that has made it a worldwide favourite. Sing along to timeless classics including *Dancing Queen*, *Mamma Mia*, *Super Trouper*, *Take a Chance on Me*, and many more as the story unfolds on stage.

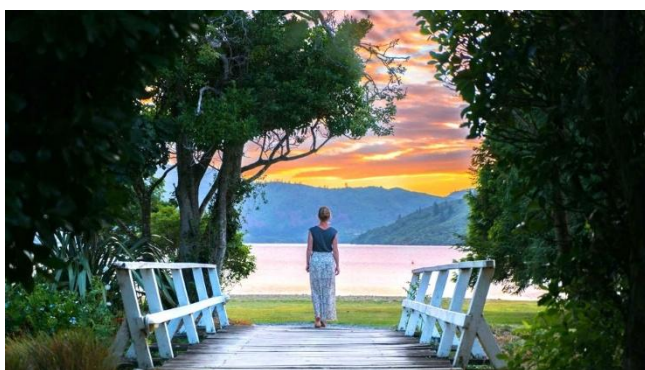
Before the curtain rises, we'll enjoy a delicious dinner in the **Tabard Theatre Restaurant**, providing the perfect opportunity to relax, catch up with friends, and soak up the excitement of a wonderful evening ahead. Book now for an evening of fabulous food, fantastic theatre, and the timeless magic of ABBA. You'll be saying, "Thank You for the Music!" long after the final curtain falls.

## Tour No. I20826

### Lodges of Marlborough Sounds

Date	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 8.30am
Cost	Patron: \$4,865.00 Twin Share   \$6,375.00 Single Room Member: \$5,355.00 Twin Share   \$6,695.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x6, breakfast x6, morning tea, dinner x6, ferry crossing

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



It's been a couple of years since we've had the chance to enjoy early summer in one of NZ's favourite coastal areas. 'The Sounds' are home to several exclusive lodges and resorts. Names such as **The Portage** and **Furneaux Lodge** conjure up images of water's-edged retreats nestled in bush-clad corners that lead down to a beautiful sandy beach and a jetty for the boat.

**Day 1:** We begin our journey heading south where we'll reach Wellington in time to catch

our afternoon ferry across Cook Strait. Tonight, we stay in Blenheim at the luxurious **Chateau Marlborough Hotel**.

**Day 2:** This morning you'll have free time to explore Picton before we take the first of what will be a number of water taxi trips and say goodbye to our coach for a few days. At the outer reaches of the **Queen Charlotte Sound** lies **Endeavour Inlet** and, nestled at the end of the inlet sits **Furneaux Lodge**, our home for the next two nights.

**Day 3:** Today is a **FREE DAY** to relax or explore around the Lodge. We'll reconvene over dinner to swap stories of the day.

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



**Day 5:** Again, let the tranquil tides of the Sounds help you

relax here at **The Portage** today. Enjoy a game of croquet on the lawn, try snorkelling in the crystal-clear waters of the Sound or simply relax in the library with a good book as we have only one activity planned for today. A cruise into the remote **Kenepuru Sound** with local boat guide, Adrian and we'll also harvest mussels straight from the pristine waters. They don't get any fresher than that!

**Day 6:** Another superbly slow start to today as, mid-morning, we say farewell to **Kenepuru Sound** and **The Portage** and head back to 'the mainland'. After lunch in Picton, trundle down the road to **Blenheim**, with time this afternoon to explore this town at the centre of New Zealand's largest wine region. Here we enjoy another tranquil night at **Chateau Marlborough Hotel**.

**Day 7:** This morning we cross Cook Strait again and head homeward with many memories of a wonderful week together in 'the Sounds'.

It's in summer that we find the **Marlborough Sounds** at their sparkling best, when the water glistens and the sun warms the bush. Come and let the locals show you around whilst enjoying the relaxed luxury of these hideaway lodges.

## Tour No. 122426 Christmas Mystery

Date	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$2,955.00 Twin Share   \$3,575.00 Single Room Member: \$3,395.00 Twin Share   \$4,110.00 Single Room
Payment	\$700.00 upon booking, balance due Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea, lunch x4, dinner x4

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Yes, it's back! The popularity of past **Christmas Mystery** tour' getaway formats means we have to try and keep another secret again this year. Christmas Eve will again find us heading somewhere different and taking in the sights, sounds and flavours of another 'not Hawke's Bay' destination. If you've always quite liked the idea of being whisked away for Christmas, then

perhaps this is the year. Our Christmas regulars will tell you that once you try it, you're hooked! Kerren and Ken, owners of Bay Tours, have everything planned (and Kerren reckons this year will be one of the best - ever!) and can't wait to take you on our own annual 'Magical Mystery Tour'. What we can tell you is that you'll enjoy yourself with like-minded people and memorable experiences.

## Tour No. I2027

### Mystery Country Day Out

Date	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$195.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, picnic lunch, ice cream

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



It seems like ages since our last Mystery Country Day Out. And, well, not much else to be said about this one. The clue is in the title. Although it's not an entire mystery, we can tell you that it takes place, err, during the day...and that you'll be, um, 'out', whatever that means. Other than that, our lips are sealed. But be warned, these are very popular. Must be the way we talk them up! Come find out for yourself.

## Tour No. I2827

### Lake Waikaremoana – Ken's Way

Date	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Times	All collected by 7.50am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$180.00</b> Member: \$225.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, picnic lunch, ice cream

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**

Join Bay Tours for a classic Kiwi day out as we journey through some of the most remote and breathtaking scenery in the North Island to the stunning shores of **Lake Waikaremoana**.



Travelling 'Ken's Way', we'll take the scenic route through the rugged landscapes of northern Hawke's Bay, stopping along the way to enjoy morning tea overlooking the mighty **Mōhaka River** and its famous viaduct. As we venture deeper into Te Urewera, you'll be treated to ever-changing

views of native bush, winding roads, and untouched wilderness.

At beautiful **Onepoto Bay**, nestled on the edge of **Lake Waikaremoana**, we'll enjoy a relaxed picnic lunch and time for a gentle stroll while taking in the serenity of one of New

Zealand's most treasured natural landscapes. The lake's rich history, crystal-clear waters, and dramatic surroundings make it a truly special destination.

Our journey home includes a visit to the historic **Tuai Power Station** and, of course, an ice cream stop in **Wairoa** before heading back to Hawke's Bay.

Filled with spectacular scenery, fascinating local stories, and the simple pleasures of a picnic by the lake, this is a wonderful day out exploring one of New Zealand's remote gems. And like Sinatra, Ken does it "My Way".

## Tour No. 20227

### Exploring Horowhenua to Rangitikei

Date	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 7.50am
Cost	Patron: \$1,595.00 Twin Share   \$1,825.00 Single Room Member: \$2,105.00 Twin Share   \$2,355.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea x3, lunch x2, dinner x2

#### Physical Activity Level **ABLE**

The neighbouring districts of **Horowhenua**, in the south, **Manawatu**, and **Rangitikei**, to the north, were among the first parts of New Zealand colonised by Europeans from the 1840s. Over the subsequent decades, these regions have produced many industry leaders in agriculture and horticulture. The rich history and the vibrant communities in this part of NZ are incredibly diverse. Over **3 days** we'll wander these districts discovering distinctive buildings, stunning country gardens, quirky museums, thriving farming operations and more. And we're excited about how many of these places we've not been to before. If variety is your thing, this is the tour for you! Here's a feel for the itinerary;



**Day 1:** Heading south we'll cross into the Manawatu at Ashhurst and take the scenic route up through Cheltenham to **Hunterville**, in the northern **Rangitikei**. After a visit to the charming **Settlers Museum** there, we're into the hills at **Tutaenui** to visit Andrew and Kylie Stewart who farm at 'Tyrone', a 1,560-acre hill country property that has been in the Stewart family for over 120 years. Andrew and Kylie will host us for lunch, show us around the place and introduce us to some of their wide range of pet

animals. Later we take another lovely drive down through Marton and Halcombe to **Feilding** and the amazing **Coach House Museum**. This has to be one of the best rural museums in the country. From the arrival of the first settlers to the area still covered in dense forest, to wandering replica country town streets and admiring the massive collection of restored farming vehicles and equipment. This place tells the stories of the pioneers of the region brilliantly. And our accommodation for the next two nights is just down the street.

**Day 2:** Our day begins with a drive to the southern end of the **Horowhenua** district to look around the beautiful historic **Rangiatea Church** in Otaki that was originally built, under the supervision of legendary Ngati Toa chief Te Rauparaha, in 1849. Then, as a complete contrast, we'll visit '**De Molen**', NZ's only fully operational stone-grind Dutch

windmill at Foxton. We'll enjoy a guided tour of this amazing structure, have lunch in the café, and learn about the huge flax harvesting and processing industry that used to dominate the district a century ago. Our last visit of the afternoon is to the shop at **Lewis Farms**, a huge berry grower in the area, for a fresh berry ice cream. What a day we've had!

**Day 3:** Our final day begins with a visit to **Villa Candotti**, a captivating Tuscan villa and formal Italian Renaissance-style garden at **Colyton** near Feilding. Owner Peter Cranstoun will show us around this magnificent former sheep paddock and give us morning tea. Then we're off to visit a very different garden on the outskirts of Palmerston North. **Longwood** is a breathtaking garden of nearly nine acres created by Yvonne and Peter Long. We'll be hosted by Yvonne who will tell us about the journey of creating this garden over 20 years and show us around. We'll spend time in the centre of **Palmerston North** for lunch before beginning our homeward journey in the afternoon.

We're so thrilled at the incredible variety of experiences we've been able to uncover across this fascinating part of the North Island. The common thread is the pioneer spirit that's still alive and strong in these welcoming and hospitable communities.

Join us on this unique journey through a less trodden part of New Zealand's heartland.



## Tour No. 20927

### A Classic Kiwi Lunch – Fish 'n' Chips & More

Date	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 11.30am
Cost	<b>Patron Special: \$120.00</b> Member: \$150.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, lunch

**Physical Activity Level N/A**



Join us for a fun-filled summer's afternoon celebrating some of New Zealand's favourite foods and simple pleasures.

We'll begin with a delicious **Thai Entrée** in the heart of Napier before taking a leisurely stroll along the waterfront to the iconic **Soundshell**. There, overlooking the sea, we'll enjoy a true Kiwi classic – **fresh fish and chips** by the beach, served picnic-style with all the traditional accompaniments.

Take time to wander the gardens, admire the coastal views, or simply relax and enjoy the atmosphere of Napier's most iconic seaside location.

And because no classic Kiwi outing would be complete without something sweet, we'll finish the day with a visit to a local ice cream favourite on **Marine Parade**.

A sunny day, good food, ocean views, a touch of nostalgia, and great company make this a uniquely Kiwi day out that celebrates the best of summer.

# Tour No. 21727

## Tunnels, Spirals & Viaducts

Date	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	Patron: \$2,075.00 Twin Share   \$2,365.00 Single Room Member: \$2,395.00 Twin Share   \$2,690.00 Single Room
Payment	\$500.00 upon booking, balance due Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x2, breakfast x2, morning tea x2, lunch x2, dinner x2, scenic train ticket

**Physical Activity Level** **ABLE**



Although rail travel had been gradually expanding in the later decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was the completion of the North Island main trunk line in 1908 that was the crowning achievement of the 'Railway Age'. It had taken 23 years of back-breaking manual work with pick and shovel, together with more than a few impressive feats of engineering ingenuity, to achieve. The Stratford-Taumarunui branch line, whilst more than 500 km

shorter in distance, took even longer to complete. For 32 gruelling years hundreds of men laid track through swamps and dug tunnel after tunnel through hillsides. It's more than 3 years since we 'rode the rail' of the Forgotten World in the King Country. And we've never before combined the tranquillity of a long-closed country rail line with a very different ride through, perhaps, the most spectacular stretch of our main trunk line across the North Island's volcanic plateau.

In **February 2027** Bay Tours will lead a 'double-header' rail experience, over **3 days**, exploring some of the most starkly contrasting landscapes the North Island can offer. Here's a summary:

**Day 1:** Our adventure begins as we drive the Napier-Taihape Road, including the legendary 'Gentle Annie' section. Our climb onto the great central plateau takes us past some of the few remaining large-scale pastoral stations left in the North Island. After a poignant stop at the **Tangiwai Memorial**, we reach **Ohakune** in time to meet the **Northern Explorer** scenic train as it makes its way from Wellington to Auckland. Once aboard we'll settle into our comfy seats in time to experience the mighty **viaducts** crossing deep ravines as we approach Mount Ruapehu to the east. The highest of these viaducts crosses the Makatote River nearly 80 metres above the water and the longest, Hapuawhenua Viaduct, is over 400 metres in length. Once through National Park station our train will slowly negotiate the



139 metre drop on the engineering wonder that is the **Raurimu Spiral**, before we enter the rolling hills of the King Country. We disembark at Taumarunui and visit **Omaka Lodge**, a country house once at the centre of a 5,000-acre sheep & cattle station. We'll enjoy afternoon tea in their stunning garden. We overnight in **Taumarunui** this evening.

**Day 2:** First thing this morning we take a short shuttle bus to the settlement of **Okahukura**, west of Taumarunui, where we step aboard our self-steering converted golf buggies to spend the morning gently travelling along the old branch rail line to **Tokirima**, 42 km away. Passing stunning hill country farms and native bush, we'll cross many bridges and go through **10 tunnels**, including the longest on the whole line at 1.5 km. We'll stop

for a cuppa at Ohura and lunch in the country hall at Matiere. This memorable journey will also include a visit to **Lauren’s Lavender Farm** on the banks of the Whanganui River. What a relaxing contrast these lush, quiet valleys are, to yesterday’s dramatic volcanic landscapes. In the mid-afternoon we head south, this time by road, back to **Ohakune** where we overnight at the wonderful **Powderhorn Chateau**.



**Day 3:** This morning we head to the village of **Whakapapa**, on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu, and enjoy a short walk to the lovely **Tawhai Falls** (made famous in the ‘*Lord of The Rings*’ movies as ‘Gollum’s Pool’) before we continue up to the ‘Top of the Bruce’ road. Here we take the **Skywaka Gondola** up the side of the mountain to Knoll Ridge Chalet sitting over 2,000 metres above sea level. The rugged volcanic landscape is striking and the views across the mighty central plateau towards

Mount Taranaki are awesome. After a delightful scenic drive over State Highway 47, past mountains Ngauruhoe and Tongariro, we follow the eastern shore of Lake Taupō into the town of Taupō itself with time for lunch, shopping and a wander before we take the final leg homeward.

At a time when we’re beginning to see some elements of rail transport re-emerge in NZ, this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this most romantic form of travel and enjoy the different picturesque landscapes only rail journeys can provide. “All aboard!”

## Tour No. 22427

### Beach Hop & Lunch

Date	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Times	All collected by 8.20am
Cost	Patron: \$165.00 Member: \$205.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, picnic lunch, ice cream

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Pack your sunhat and join us for a delightful summer day exploring some of Central Hawke’s Bay’s beautiful and hard-to-get-to beaches. We’ll spend the day beach hopping along the stunning coastline, enjoying the fresh sea air, spectacular views, and relaxed pace that makes summer in Hawke’s Bay so special. From the rugged beauty of **Kairakau Beach** to the sweeping sands of **Mangakuri** and **Pourerere**, there will be plenty of opportunities to stroll along the shoreline, collect shells, take photos, or simply sit back and soak up the scenery.

A **picnic lunch** by the beach provides the perfect chance to relax and enjoy good company while listening to the sound of the waves. We’ll also visit picturesque **Aramoana Beach** before rounding off the day with a traditional ice cream stop at the iconic **Otane General Store**.

With coastal scenery, seaside strolls, a picnic lunch, picturesque vistas around every corner, and plenty of summer sunshine, this is a wonderful day out celebrating some of Hawke’s Bay’s coastal gems.

## Tour No. 30227

### HB Hidden Gems; Food, Art & Flowers

Date	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Times	All collected by 9.30am
Cost	Patron: \$220.00 Member: \$255.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, lunch

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Discover a collection of Hawke's Bay's best-kept secrets on this delightful day of inspiration, creativity, community, & colour. We'll begin with morning tea among the beautiful blooms of **Frimley Rose Garden** before visiting **Nourished for Nil**, an extraordinary local not-for-profit organisation making a real difference in our community. Learn about the innovative work being done to rescue food, reduce waste, and support families throughout Hawke's Bay. Next, we'll enjoy an exclusive visit to the studio of **acclaimed artist Sophie Blokker**, offering a rare opportunity to see where creativity comes to life and gain insight into the artistic process behind her much-loved works. After a leisurely two-

course lunch at the **Hastings Golf Club** at Bridge Pa, our final stop is the charming **Little Lifestyle Flower Farm**. Surrounded by seasonal blooms, you'll enjoy time among the flowers & take home your own beautiful bunch as a lasting reminder of the day.

Combining community spirit, local art, delicious food, & stunning flowers, this unique Hawke's Bay experience showcases some of the wonderful hidden gems right here in our own backyard.



## Tour No. 30427

### Chatham Islands including Festival Day

Date	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8.45am
Cost	Patron: \$6,775.00 Twin Share   \$6,995.00 Single Room   \$6,425.00 Shared Single Member: \$7,795.00 Twin Share   \$8,055.00 Single Room   \$7,390.00 Shared Single
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Secure your place today with our early bird offer - save \$250 per person when you book now and pay in full by 1 September 2026</i>
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, lunch x6, dinner x7, flights

**Physical Activity Level ABLE**

Join our small group tour & experience the absolute uniqueness that is 'The Chathams'. From windswept coastlines & volcanic landscapes to a fascinating history shaped by Moriori, Māori & early settlers, these islands offer a uniquely memorable experience. We'll fly 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** & 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** & much, much more. 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, & the quality of the seafood will astound you. This is a bucket-list trip for many & we can't wait to show you around.

## Tour No. 30627 Martinborough Fair

Date	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Times	All collected by 6.45am
Cost	Patron: \$160.00 Member: \$200.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**

The Rotary **Martinborough Fair** is held in the picturesque Martinborough Square. This iconic fair comprises over **480 stalls** selling artwork, crafts, clothing, food and other quality products. One of our most popular day trips year after year, an early departure allows us to make the most of our time in **Martinborough**. We'll stop for morning tea on the way & plan to **arrive around 11.30am**. There'll be plenty of time to wander at your leisure (& plenty of space on the coach to stash your goodies). We'll **depart by 3.00pm** & 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. 31627 Melbourne International Flower Show

Date	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$4,755.00 Twin Share   \$5,475.00 Single Room Member: \$5,470.00 Twin Share   \$6,295.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,750.00 upon booking, balance due Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x5, breakfast x5, morning tea, lunch, dinner x4, flights, flower show ticket

**Physical Activity Level ABLE**

We're very excited to invite you to join us for a wonderful **6-day** escape to **Melbourne** that features world-class gardens, fine dining, some of Victoria's best attractions, & plenty of spare time to spend in one of the great cities of the world.

The centrepiece of the tour is the **2027 Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**, the largest and most prestigious flower and garden show in the Southern



Hemisphere. Set in the magnificent, historic **Royal Exhibition Building** and the surrounding **Carlton Gardens**, the show includes stunning show gardens, breathtaking floral displays, creative contemporary landscape designs and inspiring exhibits showcasing the very best and latest in horticulture and garden innovation. But our tour extends far beyond the flower show. Here's a taste of what's in store:

**Day 1:** We fly to **Melbourne** via Auckland, and transfer to the opulent grandeur of **The Hotel**

**Windsor** that sits opposite the Victorian Parliament, just minutes from the flower show site, and will be our home for the next five nights.

**Day 2:** This morning we enjoy a **guided sightseeing tour of Melbourne** followed by **free time** in the afternoon to further explore the city's famous laneways, cafés, galleries, shops and public gardens at your leisure. We come together for dinner this evening, in anticipation of our exciting day tomorrow.

**Day 3:** It's Show Time! This morning we get our first chance to experience the **2027 Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**. We'll make our way to the show site, either on foot or by tram, and all-day admission to the show is included. Once there and armed with a map of the show grounds, you're free to indulge your interests by determining for yourself in which order you want to take it all in. Perhaps it's the **Sculpture Precinct**, the **Great Hall of Flowers**, the **Show Gardens** competition, the **Feature Garden** competition, the **Welcome Garden** or the events on the **Main Stage**. Masterclasses, workshops, demonstrations, tours, the retail exhibitors. The options really are endless. But don't despair, you need not try to fit it all in today. There's plenty of free time later in the tour to return to the show to take more in. And remember, our hotel – and a little down time – is only a few minutes away. You can go at your own pace. Let's meet up for dinner and compare show highlights.



**Day 4:** Today we retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city and take a scenic coach drive down to the **Mornington Peninsula** to visit a couple of very special destinations. **Beleura Estate**, on the Mornington coast, began as a pastoral lease 180 years ago. Since 1863 when the house was built, **Beleura** has been home to successive generations of distinguished Australians. Gifted to the state of Victoria by its last private owner, composer John Tallis, the house and its contents, and the Italianate

gardens are maintained in beautiful order. We're very fortunate that the Trust that runs the estate is opening the place just for us today. We'll enjoy morning tea here before our guided tour.

Our other visit here on the peninsula is to the **Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria** at **Cranbourne**. This is one of two sites for the Botanic Gardens, the other being in the city. Australian plants and garden environments are the focus here at **Cranbourne** and we'll enjoy a guided tour aboard 'The Explorer', an open-air electric people mover. We'll also have lunch at the café in the gardens.

We'll likely get back to our hotel in the mid-afternoon and the rest of the day, and evening are yours to enjoy as you wish. This evening will be a good opportunity for those wishing to experience '**Gardens by Twilight**'. It's one of only two nights that the **Flower Show** lights up with illuminated gardens, glowing installations, live music and botanical cocktails creating an atmosphere unlike anything else in Melbourne.

**Day 5:** The day is entirely **Free** for you to do whatever you wish in Melbourne. Perhaps return to the **Flower Show** to tick off a few more of the elements that interest you. Maybe it's a chance to catch up with friends or family...or maybe it's retail time.

This evening we'll come together and it's "all aboard" the '**Spirit of Melbourne**' river cruiser for a banquet dinner as we sail up the Yarra River with the city lights sparking around us. What a wonderful way to celebrate the last night of our tour.

**Day 6:** This morning we transfer by coach back to **Melbourne Airport** and fly back to **Auckland** and home.

The **Melbourne International Flower Show** is, without doubt, one of the great garden and plant events in the world. The experience of attending will be one-of-a-kind. But there's more to this tour than just the events happening at **Carlton Gardens**. This tour is about embracing more of what the fabulous city of **Melbourne**, and further afield in Victoria, has to offer. This tour will appeal to anyone who enjoys creating, tending, or simply being in, a beautiful garden. Come and experience the colours, creativity, and excitement of one of the world's great flower & garden shows with **Bay Tours**.

**Places are limited, so don't delay. Secure your place at the 2027 Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show now.**



## Tour No. 33127 Great Barrier Island Escape

Date	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March – Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 7.15am
Cost	Patron: \$4,085.00 Twin Share   \$4,740.00 Single Room Member: \$4,695.00 Twin Share   \$5,450.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,000.00 upon booking, balance due by Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, lunch x4, dinner x4, 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 **Curraich 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. 40327

### Kimbolton Sculpture Festival

Date	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Times	All collected by 7.45am
Cost	Patron: \$195.00 Member: \$235.00
Payment	Full payment upon booking please
Price includes	Door to door transport, morning tea, festival entry

**Physical Activity Level GENTLE**



Join us for a creative and inspiring day out to one of the most popular rural arts events anywhere – the **Kimbolton Sculpture Festival**. Now in its eighth year and set in the picturesque **Kimbolton Domain**, this vibrant festival showcases an extraordinary collection of rural sculptures, creative artworks, and handcrafted treasures from talented artists and makers across the region. Wander at your own pace through the displays, admire the imagination and craftsmanship on show, and perhaps even find a special

piece to take home. The festival atmosphere is enhanced by live music, country food, artisan market stalls, heritage demonstrations, and opportunities to meet the artists behind the creations. With more than \$14,000 up for grabs in different judged categories, rural artists come from far and wide to be part of it all. You'll also have the chance to cast your vote in the **People's Choice Rural Sculpture Award** and enjoy the unique blend of art, rural life, and community spirit that makes this event so special. Whether you're an art lover, a keen gardener looking for inspiration, or simply enjoy discovering something different, this promises to be a fascinating and enjoyable day filled with creativity, colour, and country charm.

## Tour No. 40527

### Molesworth & Rainbow Stations & More

Date	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$3,985.00 Twin Share   \$4,495.00 Single Room Member: \$4,585.00 Twin Share   \$5,175.00 Single Room
Payment	\$800.00 upon booking, balance due by Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x4, breakfast x4, morning tea x4, lunch x3, dinner x4

**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 high country offer rugged landscapes, alpine lakes, and fascinating glimpses into remote farming life. Based in the charming alpine village of **Hanmer Springs**, you’ll enjoy the perfect mix of adventure and relaxation.

**Day 1:** We fly from Napier to **Christchurch**, where our long-time local guide, Ross Carter of Molesworth Tours, greets us. We’ve enjoyed Ross and his company guiding us into these huge inland stations for more than a decade. Ross first takes us north to **Woodchester Station** near Mt Lyford. Hosted by the Kelly family for lunch, we witness first-hand the lasting impact on their farm of the 2016 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 the vast **Molesworth Station** by 4WD, travelling over **Jack’s Pass**, across the **Clarence Valley** and visiting landmarks like the historic **Acheron Accommodation House** and **Isolated Flat**. With sweeping vistas across landscapes dotted with cob homesteads and river valleys with cattle, Canada geese, and paradise ducks, the scale and raw beauty of the station are 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 climb past **Lake Tennyson** and over **Island Pass** — the country’s highest pass — taking in spectacular views and diverse terrain. Rainbow’s 20,500 acres are rich in natural contrast, with its blend of sheep, cattle, rivers, forested ridges and alpine flora.

**Day 5:** We return to Christchurch, but first we stop at the **Iron Ridge Sculpture Park**, a unique art experience in a former quarry. After a late lunch, we fly north and home. These iconic stations are steeped in the spirit of a Kiwi high country that’s still the domain of shepherds, stockmen, horses and dogs. And where the wide-open skies of the ‘Big Country’ never fail to thrill. 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. 42927

## Autumn in Central Otago

Date	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 8am
Cost	Patron: \$7,295.00 Twin Share   \$8,585.00 Single Room Member: \$8,015.00 Twin Share   \$9,355.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,500.00 upon booking, balance due by Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Secure your place today with our early bird offer - save \$300 per person when you book now and pay in full by 30 November 2026</i>
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x7, breakfast x7, morning tea x3, lunch x2, dinner x7

**Physical Activity Level** **ABLE**

Experience the magic of autumn in one of New Zealand's most spectacular regions as **Bay Tours** takes you on an unforgettable journey through the golden landscapes of **Central Otago**. In **April 2027** we'll spend **8 days** travelling around a patchwork of vibrant autumn colours that decorate some of the South Island's most breathtaking scenery. Basing ourselves for a few days in each of **Queenstown, Wānaka** and **Cromwell**, we'll enjoy an amazing array of activities and travel over some of New Zealand's most iconic roads, all in the full flush of autumn hues. Here's an idea of what we'll get up to;

**Day 1:** Today we gather and fly to **Queenstown**. Is there a more visually spectacular arrival into an airport anywhere? We'll be met by our Bay Tours coach and make our way to the **Novotel Queenstown**, nestled on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, our home for the next three nights.



**Day 2:** Our adventures start as we head to **Millbrook Resort** – golfing playground of the rich and famous – for morning tea before we continue down the road to **Arrowtown**. If there's one town in NZ most strongly associated with autumn colours in all their splendour, it's Arrowtown, with reds, oranges and yellows lighting up the surrounding hillsides. We'll take time to wander and explore this historic gold-rush town and enjoy lunch here. Our

afternoon destination is **Ayrburn**, a rather glamorous new multi-venue precinct on the Lake Hayes Road, which is a wonderland of galleries, gardens, bars and restaurants. We'll enjoy some relaxing time here before we return to **Queenstown** and our hotel. A special treat this evening as we take the magnificent **TSS Earnslaw** across the lake to **Walter Peak Station** for a gourmet barbeque dinner followed by entertainment.

**Day 3:** It's a leisurely start today with **Free Time** in the morning to wander central Queenstown before we embark on our afternoon's adventure – a jet boat journey with a difference. This isn't some quick thrill-seeker spin on the river. The experience begins when we board our coach and drive the scenic road around **Lake Wakatipu to Glenorchy**, at the northerly end of the lake. From here our river journey begins as we gradually thread our way up the braided **Dart River**, deep into **Mt Aspiring National Park** as our guide's stories bring the scenery to life. There's the option of an easy walk into native bush before we re-board our jetboat and pick the pace up for our return journey. What a wonderful afternoon spent in this remote, pristine place.

**Day 4:** This morning we load our luggage as today we're transferring our attention to the **Wānaka** district. We'll take the legendary Crown Range Road, stopping at the old

**Cardrona Hotel** and a few other viewing spots along the way before we arrive in **Wānaka** itself. Our first stop is the unique community recycling hub that is **Wastebusters**, where the locals have formulated all sorts of ways of minimising how much of their waste goes to landfill. There's free time to wander the centre of town and grab a bite for lunch before we meet at the lakefront for our afternoon guided cruise up **Lake Wānaka**. Our accommodation for the next two nights is the **Edgewater Hotel**.

**Day 5:** We can't come to Wānaka without visiting '**The Wānaka Tree**' which is half submerged in the lake and still growing. Then we're off to the famous **National Transport & Toy Museum** to view the widest (and wildest) range of vehicles you can imagine, plus a huge gallery of toys from your childhood up to the present day. (Don't forget to have a go on the vintage pedal cars out the back). For lunch we visit Wānaka's renowned **Food Truck Park** where there's a huge range of food styles to choose from.



The afternoon is Free Time where you can relax at the hotel or perhaps go for a wander along the lake front into town.

**Day 6:** We're on the move again today, this time to the **Cromwell** district. And our first destination is **Highlands Motorsport Park**. This motor racetrack, and much more, was established by Scotsman Tony Quinn, who also owns Hampton Downs and Taupo Motorsport Park as well. Tony's amazing collection of race cars is housed at **Highlands**, and we'll have a chance to look around it as well as have some morning tea...and a special experience as well (cameras at the ready). A stay in **Cromwell** wouldn't be complete without a visit to the **Jones Family Fruit Stall** for a chance to try the huge range of fresh produce grown in the Cromwell area. Then it's off to lunch at **Carrick Winery**, 'out the back' of Cromwell in a wine making area called **Bannockburn**. In the afternoon we first explore **Cromwell Historic Precinct** with its restored buildings, information boards and lakeside gardens. Our accommodation for these next two nights is **Marsden Lake Resort** at Pisa Moorings on Lake Dunstan.



**Day 7:** Today we venture south into first the **Roxburgh** and then the **Alexandra** districts. We'll explore the old town of Roxburgh before heading on to 'Alex' and the new **Iceinline Indoor Curling Rink** for a go at this most ancient of sports. We'll have a look around town before heading back to **Clyde** for lunch at **The Old Post Office Café**. After lunch there's time to stroll down Sunderland St and Miners Lane to see all the restored 19<sup>th</sup> century

stone buildings. Our final destination of the day is a special one, as we have the rare opportunity to tour the mighty **Clyde Hydro Dam** on the Clyde River.

**Day 8:** This morning we make our way back to **Queenstown Airport** and say farewell to Central Otago as we fly home.

Join us for a spectacular autumn escape where golden poplars and liquid ambers, crystal-clear lakes, mountain vistas, and unforgettable experiences showcase Central Otago at its most colourful and captivating.

# Tour No. 52127

## Bluff Oyster & Food Festival

Date	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Times	All collected by 9.25am
Cost	Patron: \$3,495.00 Twin Share   \$3,775.00 Single Room Member: \$3,970.00 Twin Share   \$4,345.00 Single Room
Payment	\$1,200.00 upon booking, balance due by Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Secure your place today with our early bird offer - save \$300 per person when you book now and pay in full by 30 November 2026</i>
Price includes	Door to door transport, accommodation x3, breakfast x3, lunch x2, dinner x3, festival entry ticket, flights

**Physical Activity Level** **ABLE**



Join us for this **4-day** Southland adventure centred around an iconic celebration of southern Kai, the annual **Bluff Oyster & Food Festival**. These days the festival is about much more than just the humble oyster. All manner of seafood and other 'wild' foods are celebrated and presented in ways you never dreamed possible.

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

**Day 2:** Today is the day of the **Bluff Oyster & Food Festival** itself. Imagine an abundance of oysters (surprise, surprise), pāua, salmon, blue cod, mussels, crayfish, and whitebait. Add local wild venison, mutton-bird, wild pork, and this is a festive feast like no other. Spend the day sampling delicious food, enjoying live music and cultural performances, and soaking up the festive atmosphere alongside

thousands of fellow food lovers. We transport you there and back, of course.

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

**Day 4:** A relaxed start to the day with a morning cuppa in town before we head west to **Riverton** and stretch our legs with a wander on the beach. After a relaxing lunch at **Aparima**, we're off to the airport to make our way home at the end of a superb weekend in the deep south.

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

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



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## **Tour No. 71626 – Mid-Winter Feast at Hobbiton**

A delightful winter escape to the Waikato featuring unique local experiences, a stay in Cambridge, and the magical Hobbiton Mid-Winter Feast with an evening tour of the illuminated movie set.

## **Tour No. 80126 – Manon by Massenet – Wellington Opera**

An overnight Wellington getaway to enjoy premium seating at *Manon*, performed by some of New Zealand's most celebrated opera stars in the beautiful St James Theatre.

## **Tour No. 90226 – The Neil Diamond Musical – Melbourne**

A long weekend in Melbourne featuring premium seats to *A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical*, plus free time to explore the city, a Yarra Valley excursion, and a memorable High Tea experience.

## **Tour No. 92526 – WOW #2 – Wellington**

Experience the world-renowned World of WearableArt Show, a spectacular fusion of fashion, theatre, music and dance that showcases extraordinary wearable art from around the globe. *We have 1 seat available on this tour*

## **Tour No. 100326 – Murray River, Monarto Safari Park & Indian Pacific**

An unforgettable Australian adventure combining a Murray River cruise, an immersive safari experience at Monarto Safari Park, and a journey aboard the iconic Indian Pacific train.

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