

Tranzit Tours

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TRANZIT TOURS
*Holidays with a
Difference*

*South Island
Autumn Colours*

12 - 21 April 2010

Highlights of the Autumn Colours Tour

- *A free morning in Hanmer Springs*
- *Two nights on the banks of the Avon River, Christchurch*
- *Wildlife Cruise on Lyttelton Harbour*



Photo Courtesy of Trotts Garden

- *A night in Tekapo*
- *Autumn Festival - Arrowtown*
- *A night in Alexandra - the heart of Central Otago*
- *History Old Town Cromwell and Clyde*
- *Rural Art Deco - Ranfurly*

- *The Historic townships of St Bathans, Ophir, and many others*
- *Riccarton House & Bush*
- *Two Autumn gardens - Trotts, Ashburton, and Stuarts, Wanaka*

Conditions and Important Booking Information

Reservations & Payments

Tranzit Tours can be booked through your local Tranzit Coachlines Reservations Centre or an approved local Travel Agent.

A deposit as stated in this tour schedule is payable to secure the booking. Any reservation made within fourteen (14) days of the tour departure must be paid in full.

The balance must be paid in full by the declared date in this tour schedule.

Cancellations and Refunds.

Cancellations 35 days or more prior to the tour departure will be subject to a fee of 15% of the tour's deposit. Cancellations within 35 days of departure will be subject to a fee of 15% of the total tour cost, up to a maximum of \$100 (NZ), plus any other fees as charged by the contracted services and providers. Cancellations within 7 days of departures will be subject to a fee of 25% of the total tour cost, plus any other fees as charged by the contracted services and providers. No refunds will be made for cancellations made on day prior to departure, on day of departure or once travel has commenced. Nor will refunds be made on any unused portions of the tour. However where clients can provide documentary evidence that goods or services were unable to be utilised (and a refund if applicable is available from the service provider) the company will review this request and provide a refund at the sole discretion of the company.

Itinerary Variations

The company reserves the right to alter the tour package (including the itinerary) and substitute accommodation facilities should unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary.

Tour Cancellations

Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Ltd reserves the right to cancel or withdrawal any tour or any booking made for a traveller. In this event Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Ltd will refund the total tour price, but will not have any further liability to the traveller.

Responsibilities

Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa 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 Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa 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.

Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa 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.

Insurance

We recommend that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance to cover against lost or damaged luggage, accident or sickness, loss or theft of personal belongings and documents, or the need to cancel or curtail your holiday. Please note that special conditions apply for pre-existing medical conditions with all travel insurance policies.

Brochure Validity

The prices quoted in this brochure are valid for the dates or tour numbers listed in it.

Photographs

The photographs reproduced depict typical scenes experienced, but the subject matter may not necessarily be seen or experienced whilst visiting that destination.

**We offer
Travel Insurance**

Tour Schedule

Price Per Person:

Full tour:.....\$2,495.00

Single Accommodation Supplement \$625.00

Cost of Tour Includes:

- 3-5 star accommodation
- All breakfasts
- All dinners – 2 or 3 course
- All coach travel
- *Interisland Ferry* return
- *Christchurch Wildlife Cruise* - Lyttelton
- *Morning tea and garden visit - Trotts Garden*, Ashburton
- *Garden visit - Stuarts Garden*, Wanaka
- *Gibbston Valley Winery* - guided tour and wine tasting
- *Central Otago* - historical/art deco tour & lunch
- *Riccarton House & Bush* - guided tour and lunch

Deposit required to confirm your booking: \$295.00

Balance payable by..... **13 March 2010**

To:

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Please read “Terms and Conditions ” on back cover

Day 1: Monday 12 April - *Travelling to Hanmer Springs*

An early start from all destinations today as we are transferred to Wellington and meet at the Interislander Ferry terminal for our mid morning sailing across Cook Strait to Picton (*lunch on board own expense*). We then travel through the autumnal colours of the Marlborough wine region, the Kaikoura highway and picturesque Leader Valley to Hanmer Springs, our final destination today.

Day 2: Tuesday 13 April - *Hanmer Springs to Christchurch*

The morning is ours to enjoy in Hanmer. We may choose to soak in the natural mineral waters of the Thermal pools that have for 125 years attracted visitors seeking its benefits and the clean, clear alpine air. Alternatively short walks both flat and hilly abound within the exotic forests of Hanmer, featuring the autumn hues of both larch and birch. For those already requiring retail therapy, there are a number of interesting local shops from gourmet fudge to fine art, jewellery and fashion, New Zealand giftware and beauty products. Following lunch (*own cost and leisure*) we travel through to Christchurch city to our hotel on the banks of the Avon.

Day 3: Wednesday 14 April - *Scenic Christchurch & Banks Peninsula*

This morning we wend our way over the Port Hills, past the *Sign of the Takaha*, with its unique vista of Christchurch city, and over the Summit Road, featuring unusual rock formations and superb views into Lyttelton Harbour. We descend to Sumner Beach for morning tea. Our lunch (*own choice and cost*) is in Lyttelton with time to check out the local galleries and perhaps take the short walk up to the Timeball Station. This afternoon we join the Blackcat on its two hour *Wildlife Cruise* out into Lyttelton Harbour. Some of the highlights of this cruise will be the dramatic Godley Head, Quail Island, Ripapa Island, and Diamond Harbour. We are due back into Christchurch city mid afternoon and dine in tonight.

Day 4: Thursday 15 April - *Christchurch to Tekapo*

As we travel south today we cross NZ’s longest bridge spanning the Rakaia River. Our first visit is to *Trotts Garden* at Ashburton. This garden is described as one of NZ’s most beautiful and extensive privately owned country gardens and includes 3 hectares of peaceful woodland areas, formal

and water gardens. A special feature is a relocated chapel built in 1916 and our hosts also provide us with morning tea. Our lunch stop is in Geraldine (*own choice and cost*) home of the famous Barkers shop and not forgetting the exceptional local wool garments. This afternoon we travel the Geraldine-Fairlie highway, over historic Burkes Pass and into Lake Tekapo today's final destination. We have a unique opportunity to extend our usual whistle stop, taking in the Church of the Good Shepherd with its view on a great day of the Southern Alps, to enjoying a stroll along the peaceful tranquillity of the lake shore. We dine in tonight.

Day 5: Friday 16 April - *Tekapo to Queenstown*

Today we take time out to drive the Tekapo canal, passing the Salmon Farm and Power Station before (weather permitting) enjoying the view of Mt Cook at the head of Lake Pukaki. After a comfort stop in Omarama with its renown Clay Cliffs, we continue over the tussocky slopes of the Lindis Pass and on to Wanaka (*lunch own choice and cost*). Following lunch we enjoy a visit to **Stuarts Garden** with its maples, stuartia, dogwoods and other deciduous trees displaying their brilliant autumn colours. This afternoon we wend our way via the Kawarau Gorge through to Queenstown, our final destination. Late afternoon is ours to enjoy in Queenstown before dining in tonight.

Day 6: Saturday 17 April - *Arrowtown Autumn Festival*

Our focus today is to join the activities of the **Arrowtown Autumn Festival**. The festival runs for a week based out of the South Island's most photographed autumn town, and today features markets, parades and family fun. Lunch is squeezed in at our own cost and choice during the day. On our way back to Queenstown we take the scenic route past Lake Hayes before visiting the **Gibbston Valley Winery** for a tour of their famous wine cave. Blasted out of the solid schist rock of the Central Otago mountains, the Gibbston Valley Wine Cave provides the perfect natural environment to mature their award-winning wines and we enjoy tastings of three of their finest. Tonight we take the gondola ride up to the Skyline Restaurant to finish our day with grand views and fine food.

Day 7: Sunday 18 April - *Queenstown to Alexandra*

Today is for enjoying the history of Central Otago as we meander down the Karawau and Cromwell Gorges, and take time to wander the streets and view the buildings of Old Cromwell Town and tiny Clyde. Our overnight stay is in its very heart - Alexandra, which we should reach by lunchtime. Lunch is at our own cost and choice. Arts and crafts are well represented here with many photographic opportunities of landmarks such as the 11m clock on the hill, the Shaky bridge opened in 1879, and many more. A drive this afternoon takes us to a scenic lookout up in the schisty outcrops of the hills above the town. We dine in at our motel tonight.

Day 8: Monday 19 April - *Alexandra to Oamaru*

Today we are joined by a knowledgeable and entertaining local guide as we travel an interesting inland route that takes in the historic settlements of Ophir, with its handsome Post Office, and St Bathans, located beside a picturesque lake formed by early gold mining. We visit Ranfurly, known as the Art Deco town of the South and other local gems. Lunch is included along the way as part of the tour cost. This afternoon we travel over the curiously named piece of road known as the "*Pigroot*", an old gold trail through from the Central Otago goldfields. Oamaru is our final destination today and we dine in tonight.

Day 9: Tuesday 20 April - *Oamaru to Kaikoura*

With any early start today we make our way through to Christchurch with a welcome stop in Temuka - a household name in pottery. Our lunch today is included in the tour price as we enjoy a few hours at **Riccarton House and Bush**. A guided tour and finger food lunch is offered. The nearby bush is of national significance, as Canterbury's sole remnant of kahikatea floodplain forest. Following lunch we travel through to our luxurious Kaikoura accommodation, before dining in after a full day's travel.

Day 10: Wednesday 21 April - *Travelling Home*

We retrace our steps up the Pacific Coast today, and back through the changing colours of the Marlborough vineyards on our way to Picton. Lunch today is in Picton (*own choice and expense*) prior to departing on our early afternoon sailing which will return us to Wellington. Finally we bid our fellow travellers goodbye before being transferred to our home locations.