

Inter City Travel Club Hawke's Bay



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Itinerary #62 in 2009

No 848	<i>Day Trip</i>	MKK Garden Trail	Saturday 7 th November	\$45.00
No 849	<i>evening</i>	Music Hall	Friday 13 th November	\$80.00
No 850	<i>Overnight</i>	Stonehenge	17 th -19 th November	\$245.00
No 851	<i>Day Trip</i>	Train Excursion	Saturday 21 st November	\$175.00
No 852	<i>Day Trip</i>	Tiko Garden Festival	Sunday 22 nd November	\$85.00
No 853	<i>Day Trip</i>	Mystery	Thursday 26 th November	\$75.00
No 854	<i>Evening</i>	Christmas Function	Sunday 6 th December	\$30.00
No 847	<i>Day Trip</i>	Fantasy Caves	Wednesday 9 th December	\$75.00
No 846	<i>Tour</i>	Great Southern Land	5 th -17 th January 2010	\$2995.00
No 855	<i>Tour</i>	Norfolk Island	27 th March- 4 th April 2010	\$3350.00

There are no strangers in this club only friends you have not yet met

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKE AN EARLY BOOKING TO SECURE A PLACE ON THE COACH

For bookings ring the Hastings office

870-8740 after 8.30am



**Day Trip #T848 – Saturday 7th November
MKK Garden Trail - \$45.00**

A Fundraising Event for Maraekakaho School
Bring a picnic and a deck chair. Come and enjoy this day with a difference visiting:

11 Private country gardens are opening their gates to the public. Gardens will include:
• Two historic properties with 100 year old gardens. • “No Water”, Succulent, Native, Formal and Floral Gardens. • Sculptures, Water Features, Handpainted Beehives. • Spectacular views of the Kaweka and Ruahine Ranges and Ngaruroro River. • Kemplefield Estate Winery.

There will be a Craft Market at Maraekakaho School with
• Handmade Ceramic Art • Lavender Products • Plants • Jewellery • Olive Oil Products • Food and Drinks • Great selection of Used Books • Handmade Chocolates and Preserves.

*The cost of this day trip includes pick-ups and drop-offs, afternoon tea, entry to all gardens and coach travel.
(No lunch costs included)*

Evening frolics #T849 – Friday 13th November

Music Hall meets Vaudeville at the Tabard Theatre - \$80.00

Napier Operatic is delighted to welcome the talents of Wendy Revell in this fresh take on an old favourite. Wendy has devised and is directing this pre-Christmas show which is guaranteed to have you rolling in the aisles. Gorgeous girls, handsome men, some great comedians and a fast-paced delivery will keep you entertained all night. The cast will travel through England, France and America singing rousing renditions of popular favourites, plus there will be some surprise guest artists. This evening we will collect you and transport you to the venue in Napier. Dinner is part of the show package. Once the evening is finished we will return you to your doors.

The cost of this evening includes pick-ups and drop-offs, dinner and show costs. Full payment is required to secure your place (only refundable if we can on sell your ticket).

Overnight #T850 – Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th November

Stonehenge - \$245.00

Taking a Guided Tour of Stonehenge Aotearoa. Apart from its majestic and mysterious appearance a stone circle has little meaning unless one knows how it works and why people built them eons ago. The people who built Stonehenge Aotearoa have put together a special presentation that unravels ancient mysteries and takes the visitor on a journey of discovery. Our tours include tales from antiquity of the solstices and equinoxes and signs of the Zodiac. You will discover how stones, posts and shadows were used to unlock mysteries of the earth and sky which formed a cornerstone to the rise of civilization. You can also visit the Stonehenge Shop.



Day 1 Tuesday 17th

Departing Hawke's Bay we travel to the Wairarapa stopping for smoko at a suitable place. Lunch will be own choice in Masterton before arriving at our 3pm appointment at Stonehenge, which is just out of Carterton. Then on to Solway Park where we spend the night with dinner in the restaurant.

Day 2 Wednesday 18th

After breakfast we have arrive at one of the most picturesque gardens before travelling the eastern route home, stopping at the Duke of Edinburgh in Porangahau for lunch.

The cost of this tour includes pickups and drop offs, dinner, bed, and breakfast on a twin share basis, smoko, entrance fees to Stonehenge, lunch on Day 2, garden entrance fees, plus luxury coach travel. A deposit of \$100.00 is required to secure your place and the balance of \$145.00 is required by 12th November.



Day Trip #T851 – Saturday 21st November

Train excursion - \$175.00

“The Endeavour Express to Gisborne”

A rare chance to travel over the Napier - Gisborne rail line on a special excursion train departing from Napier. Admire the scenery and coastal vistas of Blacks Beach, Opoutama, Kopuawhara Valley and the Beach Loop area. It will stop on the way for photo opportunities. There are viaducts and tunnels galore.

This train is diesel locomotive with a fleet of heritage carriages. Many of these cars have open end platforms and wide opening windows to enable you to better enjoy and photograph the scenery and experience the romance of rail travel.

Saturday 21st November

We will collect you from your home and deliver you to the train station where you will board our carriage. Enjoy the ambience of the day arriving in Gisborne at about 2pm. A packed picnic lunch has been arranged for you. Our coach will be ready to collect you in Gisborne where you will have an opportunity to freshen up before the coach will return you to Hawke's Bay. We will stop at Wairoa for our dinner break.



The cost of this day trip includes pick-ups and drop-offs, train ticket, lunch, dinner, coach travel. Full payment is required to secure your place (only refundable if we can on sell your ticket).

Day Trip #852 – Sunday 22nd November

Tiko Garden Festival - \$85.00

It truly is the season for garden visits, and after all the rather nasty spring weather what better way than to travel down HW 50 to some super commercial gardens. There are four gardens to visit today - Sentry Hill, Awatea Daffodils, Trenrose Paeony Garden and Gallery, Springvale gardens. Lunch has been arranged for you, and I believe “Wi” is singing in one of the gardens. Later we will return you to your doors.

The cost of this day trip includes pickups and drop offs, smoko, lunch, entrance fees plus coach travel.

Day Trip #853 – Thursday 26th November

Mystery - \$75.00

The only clue you have is its 100 years old???????

The cost of this day trip includes pickups and drop offs, smoko, lunch, entrance fees plus coach travel.



Evening #8?? – Sunday 6th December

WBL Bus & Coach Travel Clubs

Christmas Function- \$30.00

Our end of year function is to be held at the Havelock North Community Centre. We request you arrive at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to catch up with fellow members that you have travelled with throughout the year. We run raffles with proceeds going to Cranford Hospice. You may be one of 10 lucky recipients to receive a gift. If you require bus transport please contact the Hastings office to make this arrangement. Payment for this dinner is to be made at the Function Centre please.

Day Trip #T847 – Wednesday 9th December

Fantasy Caves - \$75.00

After collecting you from your door this morning we travel south Dannevirke. Fantasy Cave is administered by a committee of 13 Cave Dwellers. In 1998 an Incorporated Society was formed known at the Dannevirke Cave Dwellers Inc, and is entirely constructed and operated by volunteers. Mondays are the official workdays, but in typical volunteer tradition many extra hours, often at night are spent all in the name of enjoyment of their project and the pleasure it brings to the public. Displays constantly change and are frequently replaced. This is a good time of the year to visit as Santa and his fairies are in residence for three weeks before Christmas Day. Lunch will be arranged before we return you home.



The cost of this day trip includes pick-ups and drop-offs, lunch, entrance fees, plus luxury coach travel.



Tour #846 – Tuesday 5th - Sunday 17th January 2010

South Island - \$2995.00 (Napier to Napier)

What better way to celebrate a new year than with a summer holiday in the South Island.

Molesworth Station, Antarctic Centre, Tranz Alpine train Journey, Christchurch Gondolas, Taieri Rail journey, Cadbury Factory tour, Milford Sound Cruise, Manapouri Power Station, Whale Watch are some of the activities to experience.

Tuesday 5th

We depart Hawke's Bay in time for a sailing to Picton. We overnight in Blenheim with dinner in their restaurant this evening.

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Wednesday 6th

After breakfast this morning we connect with the 4WD vehicles that will take you over Molesworth Station. As you board these vehicles our own tour coach will travel to Hanmer Springs to our motel. We depart from Blenheim at 8.30 am and we travel up over the Taylor's Pass (the original stock track) to the Awatere Valley and on to Molesworth Farm Park passing numerous famous high country runs on the way. This part of the journey is a scenic delight with the colourful and swift Awatere river snaking its way down to the east coast and the high narrow country road winding its way up through idyllic rural life scenes, stock, narrow gorges, rough country with the incredible early pioneer history all explained to you by your experienced and friendly driver/guide. After a picnic lunch at the Old Cob Homestead we will travel through the Molesworth to the Acheron River and down to the famous old Acheron house for a break. Crossing over the Clarence River and on into the Clarence Valley we finally descend down the historic Jollies Pass stock track into the tranquil Alpine Village of Hanmer Springs arriving at approximately 4 pm. Tonight's accommodation and dinner is in Hanmer Springs where our tour coach and driver will be waiting for you.

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast & Lunch.



Thursday 7th

After breakfast this morning we travel to Christchurch. En route to our hotel we will stop at the Antarctic Centre. This will be at about lunch time. (lunch will be your own choice from their café.) Then an introduction from the liaison officer at the Antarctic Centre before starting our tour. After this fascinating visit we make our way to our hotel. Dinner is in our restaurant this evening.

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Friday 8th

After breakfast and a 9.30am departure we explore Akaroa and Banks Peninsula this morning. Lunch will be your own choice in Akaroa. This afternoon we will explore Lyttleton and its surrounding areas, then to top your day off we have a ride up the Gondolas to the restaurant for our evening meal before returning to our hotel for the night.

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Saturday 9th

After breakfast you are transported to the Tranz Alpine terminal to catch the train over to Greymouth. The coach will follow over and collect you from the train station then take you on to Franz Joseph where our accommodation is with dinner in their restaurant this evening

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Sunday 10th

After breakfast we pack up and spend the day travelling to Te Anau. On the way we will stop at some very picturesque spots like Arrowtown and Wanaka before arriving in Te Anau. Dinner is in the restaurant this evening.

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Monday 11th

After breakfast, a day of pure scenic pleasure. A trip on Milford sounds with Real Journeys. Milford Sound is a world-renowned natural wonder. Nowhere else in Fiordland do the mountains stand so tall, straight out of the sea. Luxuriant rainforest clings to sheer rock walls and waterfalls tumble hundreds of metres to the sea below. In Maori legend, this landscape was created by Tu Te Raki Whanao, a godly figure who carved the fiords with a magical adze. Without doubt, Milford Sound (Piopiotahi) is his finest creation.



With specialist nature guides on board, Real Journeys Nature Cruises offer a close-up experience of Milford Sound's rainforest, soaring rock walls, and wildlife. Throughout the cruise, the guides share stories of the fiord's history and are happy to answer your questions.

Nature Cruises have a flexible itinerary that allows plenty of time to enjoy the scenery and to pause to view highlights. Cruise so close to waterfalls that water soaks the foredeck, or drift gently while watching out for dolphins, seals and penguins. After this extraordinary experience we travel back to Te Anau to our accommodation with dinner in the restaurant.

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Tuesday 12th

Another adventure today with Real Journeys. A trip to Manapouri Power Station. The Manapouri Underground Power Station, located deep beneath Fiordland, harnesses the energy of rushing water to generate electricity. The construction of this power station was one of New Zealand's greatest engineering achievements, with the majority of the work completed underground in a remote location. The only external signs are the above-ground control building, a switchyard and two sets of transmission lines that loop across the head of the lake on their way to join the national grid. A visit to the Manapouri Underground Power Station begins with a cruise across beautiful Lake Manapouri. You will then travel by coach down a 2km (1.2 miles) spiral tunnel to view the immense underground machine hall and learn the story behind this power station. We depart the lake joining up with our coach and travel on to our next accommodation spot in Invercargill. Dinner is in the restaurant this evening.

Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Wednesday 13th

After breakfast this morning we travel to Bluff to experience the Maritime Museum, and maybe there will be oysters around. We then travel through the Catlins to Dunedin. Dinner is in their restaurant this evening.

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Thursday 14th

After breakfast this morning we visit the Cadbury Factoryyummy! Then we join the Taieri Railway for a journey through the rugged Taieri River Gorge over wrought iron viaducts and through tunnels that were carved by hand over 100 years ago.



Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Friday 15th

Departing Otago today we travel through to Christchurch. There will be stops on the way to view the truly amazing Moeraki Boulders north of Palmerston, and a lunch stop later along the way. Dinner has been arranged.

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Saturday 16th

We have an early start today as we need to be in Kaikoura at the Old Railway station to meet the transfer to the Whale Watch boat. Every tour is a unique experience and sightings will vary. What could be in store for you are Giant Sperm Whales, (all year round residents), New Zealand Fur seals, Dolphins, Albatross, Pilot whales, Humpback whales, and a variety of sea birds. This tour is weather dependent, but of course we only have perfect weather on our tours! The trip returns you to the wharf three hours later where we board our coach and travel to Blenheim. This is our final night in the great south, so a special dinner has been arranged for us.



Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Sunday 17th

After breakfast we travel through to Picton in time to get the 10am sailing to Wellington. On arrival in Wellington we continue our journey to Hawke's Bay, with a dinner stop on the way.

Cost of this trip includes accommodation share twin, ferry costs, coach travel all dinners including the night of the 17th January, all breakfasts. No lunches are included with the exception of Molesworth Station and the Manapouri day trip. A deposit of \$995.00 per person is required to secure your place. Balance of \$2000.00 by 30th December.

Entrance Fees included are: Molesworth Station tour, Antarctic Centre, Tranz Alpine train Journey Christchurch Gondolas, Taieri Rail journey, Cadbury Factory tour, Milford Sound Cruise, Manapouri Power Station, The Whale Watch.

Tour #855– 27th March- 4th April 2010

Norfolk Island - \$3350.00 (expected cost)

(Napier to Napier)

Saturday 27th March

A very early start this morning as we need to be at Auckland airport by 11.15am with a departure time of 12.50pm .A breakfast/ brunch will be arranged on the way. At 1.15pm we arrive on Norfolk Island and we are greeted by Pine Tree Tours, our tour guides for the duration of our stay who transport us to our accommodation. We relax for the afternoon and get acquainted with “Island Time”. Our accommodation for the duration of our stay is at the South Pacific Resort with dinner in their restaurant this evening.

Dinner & Bed

South Pacific Resort

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Sunday 28th March

8.30am Half Day Tour

Pinetree's Half Day Tour is a must for every visitor! Visit historic Kingston, Cascade, Longridge & much more. See and hear about the famous convict buildings, beautiful beaches and golf course, the renowned Melanesian Chapel, their Government laws and lifestyle. Enjoy views from Queen Elizabeth Lookout and other scenic spots on this full commentary conducted tour. Rest for delicious morning tea in the garden of an historic Island home built by Fletcher Christian & Matthew Quintal.



Breakfast, Dinner, Bed

5pm Sunday Supper & Service

A three course dinner during which there will be an audio visual presentation on the History of the oldest church in Norfolk Island. After dinner we will transport you to All Saints Church, Kingston, for the evening service and popular sing a long of favourite hymns and songs.

Monday 29th March

8.30am Convict Settlement Tour

Join us on an 'In Depth' tour of the historic Georgian settlement of Kingston. Walk through the cemetery & hear the history of interesting convict and colonial headstones as well as stories of the houses along Quality Row. Walk through the ruins of the New Gaol, see the Pier Store, Boat Shed and the Crank Mill. Morning tea included.

PM Free Afternoon

5.15 pm Seaworld Restaurant

Enjoy a delicious 2 course dinner at Norfolk's premier Seafood Restaurant.

7.15pm Wonderland by Night

The setting is 10 acres of magical Norfolk pines and bush land lit up like an enchanted forest. Meander along (or ride in the 'moon buggy') a winding pathway with Archie, a descendant of the Bounty mutineers, as he recites his poems and lights up the dioramas. Then afterwards enjoy a light supper.

Breakfast, Dinner, Bed



Tuesday 30th March

8.30am Behind the Hedges

Travel to Anson Bay to visit a small hobby farm, which has been instrumental in improving their local livestock industry. Close by see a demonstration at Norfolk's major pottery and browse at the Cottage Pottery shop. After a delicious morning tea at a scenic location, visit a beautiful commercial garden that supplies local florists with stock. Visit Peter Christians' Kentia palm plantation, which has exports around the world. Exclusive to Pinetree Tours – visit "Sweeties" to learn how they make chocolate on Norfolk.

PM Free afternoon

5.30pm Barney Duffy's Restaurant

This evening enjoy a sumptuous 2 course dinner at Norfolk's best steak house.

Evening Sound & Light Show

Nightfall at Kingston brings a different mood to the convict settlement. The stillness and the stars are there just as they were before mankind arrived in 1788. However, with dramatic use of real life sounds

together with theatrical lighting and costumed actors, the stillness is broken as Pinetree tours takes you through the horrifying decades of Norfolk Island's convict era.

Breakfast ,Dinner, Bed

Wednesday 31st March

7.00am Breakfast Bush Walk

Take your choice of a stroll through One Hundred Acres Reserve or for the more energetic, a leisurely 3.5km walk through scenic Mt Bates to Captain Cook Monument. At the end of both walks we meet on the cliff top for a delicious breakfast barbecue.

This morning is at leisure. Please note the shops close at 12.30pm.

1.00PM Island Culture Tour

Experience the culture of their forebears! From the mutineer ancestors and their Tahitian wives came the arts of woodcarving, weaving, cooking and Norfolk Language. On this tour see a demonstration using Norfolk timber, visit Island homes for a talk on cooking and a lecture about the Norfolk Island language. An example of Island weaving will be given after our afternoon tea break.

6.00pm Progressive Dinner

Enjoy a four course meal progressing to different Island homes. A fun night and a good way to meet the local people and sample some of the Island dishes.

Breakfast, Dinner, bed

Thursday 1st April

A morning at leisure to shop till you drop, or perhaps enjoy an optional tour of the 4WD, or Culla & Co Carriage Ride, or Glass Bottom Boat or the Farm and Industry Tour. These we can arrange for you if you require. (They are extras over above tour cost)

1.00pm Artists trail afternoon

5.00pm Island Fish Fry

Enjoy a feast of Island dishes, salads, homemade bread and fresh fried fish, followed by Island desserts and tea/coffee. Watch the sun set from Puppy's Point on Norfolk's beautiful western coastline.

7.30pm Mutiny on the Bounty Show

See descendants of the mutineers bring the story of the famed 'Mutiny on the Bounty' and historic events to life in a 90 minute show performed in an outdoor amphitheatre on Norfolk's western coastline.

Breakfast Dinner & Bed

Friday 2nd April

8.30am Greenfingers

A tour featuring some of the Islands most lovely gardens. This morning we visit a nursery owned and operated by a young Norfolk Islander, a private fruit and vegetable market garden as well as visit a gorgeous private garden with spectacular views of Kingston, Nepean and Philip Islands. The local historian will give a talk on this area with a history dating to 1788. Morning tea is served in a scenic location.

PM Afternoon Free

5.45pm Night as a Convict

A fun night out for all ages! Dress as a convict and join with the commandant for an evening of gaiety, feasting and singing. Great food! Great fun! (outfit supplied). This is the most popular feature dinner on Norfolk.

Breakfast , Dinner, Bed

Saturday 3rd April



10.00am ish Transfer to the airport.
Pinetree tours will return us to the airport from your accommodation to catch our return flight home. Our arrival time in Auckland is 2.15pm. We intend to stay the night in Auckland with dinner included.

Breakfast, Dinner, Bed

Sunday 4th April

After breakfast we depart to return to Hawke's Bay, having spent a fabulous time on Norfolk Island

Breakfast

Cost of this trip includes accommodation share twin, all dinners, all breakfasts. (No lunches) A deposit of \$1500.00 per person is required to secure your place with progressive payments to follow. Included in this tour are all entrance fees and tours listed, Airline tickets, coach travel to and from Auckland. To book on this tour you must have a current passport and travel insurance.

Please express your interest in this tour by contacting the Hastings Depot (06)8708740. Confirmation and deposit is required by November 12th. This is to ensure the best possible costs for flights and accommodation.

NEWS

Brisbane- Queensland

What a fabulous trip enjoyed by all 22 people who went. We were blessed with very warm temperatures and no rain. The adventure started with our flight arriving in Brisbane. Our coach although smaller than we are used to here in Hawke's Bay was comfortable and suited our needs, and Frank our coach driver was a pleasure to be with. He had a true Australian sense of humour. Our accommodation in Brisbane was outstanding and so very close to the City. Our stay at Mooloolaba on the Sunshine coast was excellent. They were like apartments with all amenities. We saw some magnificent scenery and experienced some truly Australian iconic tourist attractions.

- The Kookaburra River Queen cruise was a relaxing luncheon, with a very entertaining captain. Our group enjoyed a singalong with him.
- The Outback Spectacular Show was spectacular. I have never experienced catering like it before. There were at least 1500 people at this show and we were all presented with our dinners within minutes of each other.
- Australian Zoo. Wow! The bird show was awesome, and you can't help but be enthralled with those croc's.
- Gympie Rattler was a magnificent piece of heritage rail. At Imble we were seated on the oldest two storied hotel I have seen. I would suggest about 200 people sat on the balcony for lunch. I did wonder how strong its foundations were.

World of Wearable Art:

A full coach once again enjoyed this year's performance. Do remember the tickets are purchased in February, so if you are interested in next years show, please let us know.

Just a friendly reminder:

For any of our away from home trips, I would like to remind you how important it is that your luggage is labelled correctly. We do try very hard to streamline transferring from coach to drop off buses, or in to accommodation.