



ICONIC TRAINS OF THE NORTH & SOUTH

***Fully escorted 9 day tour with Greig Lysaght.
From Rotorua to Christchurch return
8 nights/9 days: 01 Nov to 09 Nov 2021***

Who can't help but be enthralled by the romance of travelling by rail, join Greig Lysaght on this tour that includes three of New Zealand's iconic train journeys. The NORTHERN EXPLORER as you journey through Tongariro National Park. Climb aboard The COASTAL PACIFIC Train one of New Zealand's most picturesque rail journeys meandering breathtakingly close to the Pacific Ocean. Top all this with The TRANZALPINE one of the world's great train journeys - the journey of a lifetime. Accommodation in Wellington, the Marlborough Sounds and Christchurch combined with a selection of amazing handpicked sightseeing make this an absolute must do itinerary.

Day 1: 01 November 2021: Rotorua – Hamilton - Wellington – The Northern Explorer Train

07:30am: Departure from Rotorua to Hamilton on a shuttle bus to meet the Northern Explorer train.

10:15am: Departure from Hamilton on the Northern Explorer bound for Wellington. This remarkable, ever-changing daytime journey of 680 kms, takes you into the North Island's heartland, through lush green farmland, native forests, over stunning river gorges and across New Zealand's Volcanic plateau. Highlights include Tongariro National Park and the Raurimu Spiral, a truly amazing feat of railway engineering.



Your window to New Zealand: At the heart of our carriages' design are our **spacious reclined seats**, panoramic windows, glass shelves and skylights. These details bathe our carriages in light and deliver an incredible view of New Zealand's epic landscapes, and the carriages are spacious with generous amounts of leg room, and extra-wide viewing angles.

Experience the great outdoors from the Northern Explorer open-air carriage, redesigned in 2019 and with safety and comfort enhancements. The new chest-high bar is the perfect height for resting and supporting yourself and keeping hands free for taking photographs. But even for those just wanting to get a breath of fresh air, you'll find it easy holding steady while the train sweeps through the countryside.



The licensed café onboard the Northern Explorer offers an array of food and beverage choices. Relax over a barista coffee and cake or toast the journey with a bottle of bubbles or an award-winning local wine.

6:25pm: Arrival into Wellington. Shared transfer to your hotel.

Heritage Citylife, Wellington

There is no better place to soak up the atmosphere than CityLife Wellington, with hotel accommodation located right in the heart of the city. Situated on Lambton Quay, you'll find the best shopping, tourist attractions and cultural landmarks all within easy walking distance. Breakfast is included at Columbus Coffee – 2 minutes' walk from the hotel.



Included: Northern Explorer Train ticket; Transfers & Accommodation including breakfast

Day 2: 02 November 2021: Wellington

Breakfast is served at Columbus Coffee Café.

08:30am: Pick up at the hotel for a Lord of The Rings locations tour. This half day tour takes you to the best locations in Wellington City. Explore key sites in the film-making process with your specialist Lord of the Rings guide. See the Embassy Cinema, which hosted the world premieres of 'The Return of the King' and 'An Unexpected Journey'. Stop at Mt Victoria Lookout for stunning views across Wellington City and Harbour, before a short descent into a unique pine forest where Peter Jackson began the filming of his epic trilogy. See the locations of scenes such as the "Dunharrow Encampment," "Shortcut to Mushrooms," "Race to the Buckleberry Ferry," and the iconic "Get off the Road" scene, where the Hobbits hid from the Black Riders.

Next stop is Miramar, the home of the Wellington film industry, to visit Weta – the company who designed and fabricated almost everything Middle-earth. We show you the studios and postproduction facilities that helped bring these films to screen before settling at the Weta Cave. Here you have a chance to pose for photos with various characters and marvel at the craftsmanship of the sculptures, armour and weapons on display, and pick up those essential souvenirs and gifts. You can watch a behind the scenes documentary that details the history of the Weta company, from its origins through to present day, and enjoy the "Windows into Workshop" tour. Guided by a Weta technician, this tour delves into the creativity and ingenuity needed to create the physical effects for some of the biggest and best movies ever, not just Middle earth. It will leave you amazed at the vast influence Weta has had on the film industry and in no doubt why we call the area "Wellywood."

The tour finishes with a scenic drive around the harbour back to the city.

12.30pm: Back in the city, you are dropped off at Te Papa where you can enjoy lunch (On own account).

2.00pm: 1 hour guided tour (not exclusive) at Te Papa

Beginning over one hundred million years ago, join your guide on a journey through New Zealand's rich history and cultures. Hear stories of our adaptive wildlife, the resilience of our peoples, along with and artistic interpretations of life in the South Pacific.

You will have the option to stay a while longer to enjoy the other parts of the museum.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Heritage Citylife, Wellington

Included: Half day LOTR tour; 1-hour guided tour and entry at Te Papa; Accommodation including breakfast

Day 3: 03 November 2021: Wellington to Picton to Marlborough Sounds

Breakfast is served at Columbus Coffee Café.

08:00am: Transfers: Shared transfer from accommodation to the Interislander Ferry Terminal.

09:00am: Interislander Ferry – Premium Plus Lounge: Departure of the ferry sailing between Wellington and Picton. The Interislander journey is considered one of the most beautiful ferry journeys in the world and one of New Zealand's most iconic experiences. **Premium Plus Lounge** is the most comfortable way to travel across the Cook Strait. Interislander Plus lounges provide comfy seating with complimentary hot and cold food and drinks in a relaxing child-free lounge. You will be treated to complimentary newspapers, the latest magazines, WIFI and a variety of teas, coffees, juices and cookies, complimentary beer, wine, and snacks. Light lunch can be taken in the lounge. Each of the three ships has its own Plus Lounge with its own unique identity.



QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND - The most well-known and visited of the four sounds and is also the scenic highlight of the inter-island ferry journey from Wellington to Picton. At the head of the Sound is Ship Cove where visitors can trace the steps of Captain Cook: Motuara Island, now a bird sanctuary, is where he claimed British sovereignty over the South Island. Queen Charlotte Sound is also home to the Queen Charlotte Track; 71 kilometres of spectacular walking tracks that traverse historic sites, secluded bays, skyline ridges and coastal bush.

12:30pm: Arrival into Picton. A Beachcomber Cruises staff member will be waiting for the group outside the luggage pick up /drop off area of the ferry terminal to transport luggage only from the ferry terminal to their office. The guest will walk from the ferry terminal to Beachcomber Cruises office (a 10-minute walk). Luggage will be on board the mail boat and dropped off at the same time the guests at the Portage Hotel.

Included: Mail Boat Cruise: Check in time: 1pm. Departure time 1:30pm. The mail has been delivered by boat for over 150 years in the Queen Charlotte Sounds. This is the only official licensed New Zealand Post Rural Delivery Service by water in the Queen Charlotte Sounds making this a truly unique and interesting tour! Designed to take you off the beaten tourist path so you can experience the real Queen Charlotte Sounds, share the excitement of Mail Day as the skipper delivers the New Zealand Rural post bags, groceries and freight to the residents that call the Queen Charlotte Sound waterways home.

No one day is the same as the route changes daily covering a different area delivering the Mail. People often ask what the best day to go is, or what route we like the best, but each mail route has its own highlights. Sit back and relax, take in the skippers amazing wealth of knowledge as they provide an interesting and informative commentary. The Mail Boat vessel Matua presents excellent viewing areas and is the most comfortable way of cruising and taking in the vista of the waterways of the Queen Charlotte Sounds. Keep your camera handy for any wildlife encounters!



5:30pm: Drop off at the Portage Hotel for check-in

The Portage Hotel, Marlborough Sounds



Tui Terraces offer the most magical views over of the Kenepuru Sounds due to its perfect position. With its large private deck, you can watch the boats arrive into the Bay from one of the most peaceful parts of The Portage. The Tui rooms can comfortably sleep up to two people with a super king or two single beds. The rooms have a contemporary ensuite, tea and coffee making facilities and a mini fridge for your convenience.



Evening at leisure at Portage Hotel, Marlborough Sounds

The Portage Hotel, Marlborough Sounds

Includes: transfers; Interislander ferry tickets with Premium Plus lounge access; Mail Boat Cruise; accommodation including dinner and breakfast

Day 4: 04 November 2021: Marlborough Sounds - Picton - Christchurch

After breakfast enjoy a short walk or time at the hotel.

11:00am: Transfer by boat from The Portage Hotel to Picton (30 minutes)

11:30am: Arrival in Picton. Luggage transferred from Beachcomber Cruises Office to the train station. Guests walk to the train station – 5 minutes. Check in for train.

1:00pm: Coastal Pacific Train: Alongside mountains and sea, this memorable journey between Picton and Christchurch stops at Blenheim and the renowned whale watching town of Kaikoura. Along 98 kilometres of ruggedly beautiful coastline you'll get astonishingly close to the surging Pacific Ocean and steeply rising Kaikoura Ranges. You'll also travel through beautiful wine growing regions, across broad, braided rivers and the rich patchwork farming landscape of the Canterbury Plains.



6:20pm: Arrival in Christchurch, shared transfer to your hotel

Hotel Montreal Christchurch City

Hotel Montreal is a unique, luxury escape in the heart of Christchurch city. Hotel Montreal is often recognised for the five-star comfort and convenience it affords those passing through the Garden City. Sitting in the heart of the inner-city, just a stone's throw from Hagley Park, these luxury apartments are the perfect base in Christchurch. Adorned with all of the features and comforts you expect of five-star accommodation, Hotel Montreal's serviced apartments are a reliable and relaxing home away from home.



Hotel Montreal Christchurch City, Junior Suite

Includes: transfers; Coastal Pacific Train tickets; accommodation including breakfast

Day 5: 05 November 2021: Christchurch

The world-famous 'Garden City', Christchurch's well-established expansive parks and public gardens owe much to the planning and foresight of the city's founding fathers. The central city area and some eastern suburbs were heavily affected by the earthquake, but the rebuild of the CBD has brought a new vibrancy to the ever-changing city as the completion of new buildings carries on, and innovation and creativity has come out of very dire circumstances. A day of included highlights to see and experience Christchurch through new eyes.

Included Punting on the Avon: offers authentic punt rides along the Avon River and has been one of Christchurch's iconic attractions since 1986. An Edwardian-attired punter will guide you onboard a classic punt quietly past trailing willows, woodlands and the leafy banks of the Botanic Gardens; through the re-building city centre of Christchurch; Avon River Punting tours are set aboard handcrafted flat-bottomed boats, poled along by your Punter from the platform till at the aft of the boat. Punting on the Avon is an eco-friendly way to relax and enjoy Christchurch from a different perspective.

Included: The Christchurch City Tram – hop on hop off: A unique, and environmentally friendly way to see the city. It takes you around the 'must see' central attractions – get on and off as you please at any of the 17 stops including New Regent Street, Cathedral Junction, Avon River, Canterbury Museum, Botanical Gardens and many more. A full circuit takes 50 minutes and the Trams run approximately every 8 minutes in summer and every 15 minutes in winter, with commentary from the local guide. The Tram Pass is valid for one calendar day.

Included: Tramway Restaurant Dinner: the only Restaurant Tram in New Zealand which can offer such a unique way to enjoy a delicious evening dinner. Tram 411 was built in Melbourne, Australia in 1927 and ran until 1982. The tram was then refurbished and shipped to Christchurch in 1999 and began operating as the Christchurch Tramway Restaurant in 2000. Experience the luxury of a 36-seater air-conditioned, colonial style dining Tram and be treated to the finest service, cuisine and beverages New Zealand has to offer. Incorporate fabulous dining with Christchurch City heritage – truly a mix of the old and the new. The tramway stop is 15min walk from your hotel.



Hotel Montreal Christchurch City, Junior Suite

Includes: Punting on the Avon; Christchurch Tram Hop on Hop Off ticket; Tramway Restaurant Dinner; accommodation including breakfast

Day 6: 06 November 2021: Day tour Christchurch to Akaroa

09:00am: Departure from Christchurch to Akaroa

10:30am: Guided tour at the Giant House, Akaroa: An historic Akaroa house with original contemporary artworks, terraced gardens with sculptures, mosaics, ceramics, a creative sensory, quirky, colourful feast, a unique creation by artist Josie Martin.

It is now a Garden of International Significance (NZGT) with 6 stars.

The garden is a playful, extraordinary wonderland, with a fully integrated combination of art works and gardens. The Giant's House has featured on top television programmes and in numerous house/art/garden magazines. The house has many extraordinary features - a grand entrance hall with mahogany staircase imported from France, original open fireplaces, beautifully proportioned rooms, a conservatory with mosaic floor, a large sunny sheltered veranda, quirky bathrooms, bright yellow farmhouse kitchen, comfortable large bedrooms with unique artistic features and artwork throughout.



Photo: Ferdinand Graf Luckner



Lunch on own arrangements

Included: 12:45pm: Dolphin watching cruise: Akaroa Harbour is host to amazing bird life and sea mammals, including the world's rarest and smallest dolphin, the friendly Hector Dolphin. The rear viewing platform is close to sea level providing you with the opportunity to get up close to these playful dolphins. Watch out for fur seals sunbathing on the rocks, little blue penguins, marine salmon, Paua, and pearl farm. The harbour is known for a variety of fascinating sea birds including five species of cormorant, black-backed gulls, red-billed gulls, shearwaters, terns, prions, mollymawks, petrels, skuas, oystercatchers, albatross and more. The vessel is fast, stable and manoeuvrable allowing you to visit the spectacular sea caves, volcanic formations, high cliffs and bird nesting sites both within Akaroa Harbour and beyond the entrance along the Pacific Ocean coastline. A comprehensive commentary on geology, history, ecology and Maori heritage and traditions is included. Complimentary wine for adults, hot and cold drinks and fresh home baking are served on board.



2:45pm: End of the cruise.

3:30pm: Departure from Akaroa by coach.

5:00pm: Arrival back to Hotel Montreal.

Dinner is on own arrangements.

Hotel Montreal Christchurch City, Junior Suite

Included: transfers; Guided tour at the Giant House; Dolphin watching cruise; accommodation including breakfast

Day 7: 07 November 2021: TranzAlpine Christchurch to Greymouth to Christchurch

7:15am: After early breakfast - transfer to the train station for an early departure.



8:15am: TranzAlpine Train departs Christchurch: The TranzAlpine is truly one of the world's great scenic train trips through the dramatic contrast of dry beech forests and tussock land on one side of the Alps and lush green landscapes on the other. From Christchurch, cross the patchwork farmland of the Canterbury plains, follow the Waimakariri River, climbing into alpine scenery on a series of spectacular viaducts. After stopping at Arthur's Pass, emerge from the long Otira Tunnel to descend through sub-tropical rain forest past beautiful Lake Brunner and on to Greymouth.



The TransAlpine arrives in Greymouth at 1:05pm, and departs again at 2:05pm for the return journey back to Christchurch.

6:30pm - Arrival back into Christchurch. Transfer back to your hotel.

Hotel Montreal Christchurch City, Junior Suite

Included: transfers; TransAlpine train ticket; accommodation including breakfast

Day 8: 08 November 2021: Day tour - Ashburton and Geraldine

Depart Christchurch after breakfast, for a 1-hour drive to Trott's Garden in Ashburton.

Trott's Garden: A renowned garden which has international acclaim, Trott's Garden, has been home to Alan and Catherine Trott and their family for thirty-seven years. In September 2017 the garden was sold to the newly formed Trott's Garden Charitable Trust to ensure this beautiful garden remains accessible to people from all over the world who admire this local New Zealand paradise. Trott's Garden is recognised as a Garden of International Significance and has been awarded 6 stars by the New Zealand Gardens Trust.

Visit of the garden (1 hour approx.). Unguided, at leisure.



About 40 minutes further south is Geraldine. Set at the heart of the Canterbury region at the foot of the Southern Alps, *Geraldine* is the gateway to the lakes in the central Mackenzie Basin and the beginning of the Starlight Highway.

Barkers of Geraldine. We are delighted to introduce you to Michael Barker – 3rd generation of this well-known New Zealand Family. Michael will host you at the Barker's Foodstore & Eatery for a personal history and insight into the 50-year history of Barker's, showcase the development of their food products, and you will visit to the Barkers exhibit in the Geraldine museum.

The Barker family name is synonymous with Geraldine after Anthony Barker and his wife Gillian started preserving and bottling local fruits in 1969. Barker's of Geraldine is still located on a corner of the original family farm, 8km from the South Canterbury town of Geraldine. The farm sits in the lee of the Four Peaks mountain range, beside the Te Moana River and surrounded by rolling pastures. The farm is now a thriving business, making world-class jams, chutneys, syrups, and condiments. Barker's supports the local community employing over 200 local people, and always buys local produce whenever possible.

Included: Lunch at the Foodstore & Eatery, including pie, quiche served with seasonal salad and a treat.

Return to Christchurch in the late afternoon. Dinner on own arrangements.

Hotel Montreal Christchurch City, Junior Suite

Included: transfers; Trott's Garden entrance; Barkers of Geraldine encounter including lunch & Accommodation including breakfast

Day 9: 09 November 2021: Christchurch to Christchurch Airport

Transfer to the airport.

FLIGHT AIR NEW ZEALAND NZ 5782

Check in at Christchurch Airport					
09 Nov 21	Tue	Depart	Christchurch	09:30 AM	Economy
09 Nov 21	Tue	Arrive	Rotorua	11:20 AM	Non-stop
09 Nov 21	Tue	Arrival in Rotorua			
			Total Journey Time	1hr 50mins	

Seat + Bag gives you a checked-in baggage allowance of up to 23k & a carry-on bag of up to 7kg.

Travel Costs:

- Shuttle from Rotorua to Hamilton
- Northern Explorer Train from Hamilton to Wellington – Scenic Class
- Shared arrival transfer from Wellington Train station to Heritage CityLife Hotel
- 2 nights' accommodation at Heritage CityLife, Wellington with Breakfast (served at Columbus Coffee Café)
- Half Day Lord of the Rings Tour
- 1 hour guided tour at Te Papa
- Shared transfer from Heritage CityLife to the Interislander Ferry terminal
- Interislander Ferry from Wellington to Picton in Premium Plus Lounges
- The Mail Boat cruise – including drop off at The Portage, Queen Charlotte Sounds.
- 1 x night at The Portage, Queen Charlotte Sounds with breakfast and dinner
- Transfer by boat from The Portage to Picton Wharf
- Coastal Pacific Train from Picton to Christchurch (Scenic class)
- Shared transfer from Christchurch Train Station to Hotel Montreal, Christchurch
- 5 x nights at Hotel Montreal, Christchurch, in a Junior Suite, including breakfast
- Punting on the Avon excursion, and Tramway Hop on Hop Off City Tour
- Christchurch Tramway Dinner
- Akaroa Day tour – Guided tour of the Giant House, Dolphin cruise
- Return shared transfer from Hotel to Christchurch train station
- The TranzAlpine Train Christchurch to Greymouth return (Scenic class)
- Day tour to Trott's Garden in Ashburton (guided tour) and Barkers of Geraldine, meet Michael Barker and lunch included at Barkers Foodstore
- Transfer from Hotel to Christchurch airport
- Flight from Christchurch to Rotorua (based on
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary. 8 x B (breakfast) 1 x L (lunch) 2 x D (dinner)
- 15% GST Government Tax
- Services of professional tour escort, Greig Lysaght

Cost per person \$4,998.00 (based on twin share)

Single Supplement \$1,600.00

*NB: Please note that all rates are subject to a minimum of 12 paying adults – should the numbers decrease, prices may alter or tour may not proceed. All prices are subject to alteration paid in full.

Non-refundable deposit of \$600.00 per person due at time of booking and balance due by Friday 24th September 2021.

We suggest taking out Travel Insurance at the same time. Please speak with us regarding Insurance details.

Note: Included train tickets are Scenic Class seats. Scenic Plus is not currently being offered for this period on TranzAlpine or Coastal Pacific trains.

Please note the above costs include our non-refundable helloworld service fee as per our full Terms & Conditions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

It is important we meet the payment deadlines imposed by the suppliers involved; your payment schedule is as above. Please note that if you do not meet these payment deadlines your travel plans may automatically be cancelled, or your price may increase. Please ensure you record these dates accurately.

Now you have requested us to proceed with your travel arrangements, we are now committed to our suppliers. Any amendment or cancellation will incur amendment and cancellation fees. Travel Insurance should be taken out at this stage.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Should you wish to direct credit into our bank account, our account details are:

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Client Trust Funds

Please use your surname as the reference, please allow enough time for your payment to be processed by the bank and still appear in our account by the due date.

Payment of your travel arrangements is deemed as acknowledgement and acceptance of our Terms and Conditions.

CREDIT CARDS:

Most major credit cards accepted, but these will attract administration fees.

Visa/MasterCard 2% Farmers Card 2.5% Q Card 2.5%

*****PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALONG WITH THE FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS ATTACHED SO YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF ALL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS*****

All prices quoted are correct at present but are subject to change by airlines, hotels, tour and /or cruise operators, currency fluctuation or government intervention until paid in full.

COVID CHANGE POLICY:

We have already recommended purchasing a Travel Insurance policy, however it excludes cancellation/amendment due to any Covid/Pandemic related situation. Should Covid alert levels change and you are not able to proceed with your travel arrangements, we would need to confirm with the Airline, Hotel and other supplier's regarding their policy at that stage. You may be able to hold your travel arrangements in credit and rebook for a later date, however any fare difference and helloworld change/amendment fees will apply. Should you be eligible for a full or partial refund from our suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain these for you. However you need to be aware you will not receive a refund of all monies paid as our helloworld deposit and booking fees are non-refundable and our change/cancellation fees will apply. Should you voluntarily choose to change or cancel your travel arrangements due to any reason, normal change and cancellation fees will apply. Please refer to our full Terms & Conditions or speak with your Travel Consultant for details.

CANCELLATION AND AMENDMENT PENALTIES:

All travel arrangements are non-refundable after you have paid your deposit or paid in full; however, some travel arrangements may be amendable subject to paying the applicable penalty or fee. Fees vary depending on the date of your amendment or cancellation and fees increase the closer you get to your departure date and can be up to 100% of the value of your travel arrangements.

Strict cancellation and amendment penalties will be imposed by all suppliers in the event that you cancel or amend your travel arrangements. Fees vary by supplier and date of amendment / cancellation. Please ask your travel consultant if you would like clarification of these fees.

INSURANCE:

A fully comprehensive travel insurance policy is essential for all travellers. I can advise you on the most suitable options for your travel and provide you with a quotation. Pre-existing medical conditions must be declared to ensure correct cover and claims are not declined. Cancellation insurance should be included from the time you make your first payment towards your travel. Should you decide not to purchase travel insurance through our store, an Insurance Responsibility Waiver is required to be signed in all cases. helloworld Travel strongly cautions anyone against travelling without a suitable insurance cover. **Please note Travel Insurance covers any unforeseen reason you may need to cancel (excluding pre-existing medical conditions and any Covid/Pandemic related situations).**

SPECIAL SERVICE REQUESTS:

Please advise if you have any special requests, eg: diabetic, vegetarian meals etc or any other special service requirements.

FREQUENT FLYER REWARD POINTS:

At your request, your airline frequent flyer details can be entered into your reservation at the time of booking for the purpose of recording your air miles. Please advise your consultant of your membership details. Due to the inability of our consultants to be able guarantee that points will be awarded correctly, we strongly recommend that you retain copies of your E-tickets and boarding passes until your membership account has been updated correctly.

We confirm that we have read, understood and accept the full terms and conditions as per the above and the attached document, relating to our travel arrangements made by helloworld Travel.

Signed_____

Name(s)_____ Date_____

This is a one off personalised itinerary that truly includes some of New Zealand's most amazing sights and experiences. Enjoy the company of a small group of like-minded people, relax and enjoy the fun without the worry with your professional tour escort with you throughout the tour. We look forward to you joining us.

Kind regards

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