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19 – 30 APRIL 2024



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- Travel on the vintage Weka Railways through the North Canterbury Hills and plains.
- Relaxing in the warm Hanmer Springs, wine tasting, sculpture park visit and vineyard lunches and dinners.
- Limited to one coach load of travellers.

## OUR ARTISTS FOR THIS TRIP:

Karl Perigo, Marian Burns, Ben Makisi and Grant Winterburn



### FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2024 (L, D)

#### - Nelson - Rutherford Hotel (4 nights)

##### Highlights Include:

- Mid-morning we meet at the airport to begin our time in Nelson.
- A foodies tour today which includes lunch at a vineyard with some tastings, peanut butter factory tour and craft beer!
- Welcome dinner this evening at our iconic venue with concert entitled: *Melodies and Memories*.

### SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024 (B, L, D)

##### Highlights Include:

- Nelson city walking tour including history, architecture, Nelson Cathedral, the Centre of NZ view, the Queen's Gardens, the Maitai River Walk, Nelson Provincial Museum and Suter Art Gallery.
- Free time to visit the Nelson food markets first thing before our tour begins.
- Lunch, tour and talk at a historic house this afternoon.
- Dinner at our hotel this evening.

### SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024 (B, L)

- Drive to Motueka and visit the famous Motueka Markets.
- Lunch is included today at a vineyard before we visit some of the art galleries and craft shops in the area.
- Evening free to meet friends or experience one of the local restaurants.

### MONDAY 22 APRIL 2024 (B, D)

- Visit to Founders Heritage Park, a historic collection of great old buildings with some art demonstrations from local artists.
- Time off for your own shopping and wandering this afternoon.
- Dinner at our lovely venue with a concert from our hosts: *Some Enchanted Evening*, featuring music from Rodgers and Hammerstein plus other famous composers, songs from around the world and from the sea.

### TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024 (B, L, D)

#### - Blenheim, Chateau Marlborough (3 nights)

##### Highlights Include:

- Drive to Blenheim this morning and enjoy lunch at a vineyard with wine-tasting and chocolate tasting this afternoon.
- Time to settle into our hotel before enjoying dinner at The Old Barn with good food and wine: *Love and Laughter*, a celebration of life in song!

### WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024 (B, L)

##### Highlights Include:

- Drive to Picton today, explore Picton and do some shopping.
- Enjoy a lunchtime cruise around the magnificent Marlborough Sounds.
- Cruise to visit the famous Ship Cove and anchor in a quiet bay to enjoy our lunch surrounded by wonderful scenery.
- A chance to see dolphins and learn about mussel farming in the area as well as some mussel tasting with a glass of wine.
- Free evening after our big day on the water.

### THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024 (B, D)

##### Highlights Include:

- Tour of Omaka Heritage Aviation Centre with famous Sir Peter Jackson exhibits of WW1 and WW2 vintage aircraft and the nearby Classic Car Museum.
- Free time this afternoon to spend time in Blenheim or relax by the pool.
- Church concert for ANZAC day, followed by dinner.

### FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024 (B, L, D)

#### - Kaikoura (2 nights)

##### Highlights Include:

- A leisurely start today and then we are off to Kaikoura.
- A lovely drive down the coast towards Kaikoura with a stop for lunch at an iconic venue with views over the coast along the way.
- Visit to a lavender farm to enjoy the lavender and thyme gardens plus time for tea and lavender cakes, wander the gardens and shop for gifts, crafts and lavender products.
- Light dinner at our hotel after time for check in and settling in.

### SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024 (B, L, D)

##### Highlights Include:

- Today we cruise the wonderful Kaikoura Coast on our quest for whales. Today we hope to see whales, dolphins, seals and albatross as the Kaikoura Coast is one of the most prolific areas for sea-life in New Zealand!
- Crayfish lunch in Kaikoura. (YUM!)
- We enjoy *If you're Irish, come into the parlour* with dinner at an Irish pub this evening. Time for jokes, stories, songs, jamming, singalongs, games and fun from our wonderful hosts and you!

### SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 (B, L, D)

#### - Hanmer Springs (2 nights)

##### Highlights Include:

- Today we are off to Hanmer Springs, driving south on this beautiful highway.
- Visit Fyffe House, built during whaling times and a great chance to step back into a different time.
- Stop for lunch in Cheviot along the way.
- A ride on Weka Railway to enjoy a steam train ride through the hills of North Canterbury.
- Light dinner at our hotel on arrival.

### MONDAY 29 APRIL 2024 (B, L, D)

##### Highlights Include:

- Visit famous sculpture park and vineyards of Waipara Valley.
- Relax in the Hanmer Springs and enjoy the local shopping.
- Our final gala night dinner and concert at a famous local restaurant with music from our hosts: *Wine, Women and Song!*

### TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2024 (B, HIGH TEA)

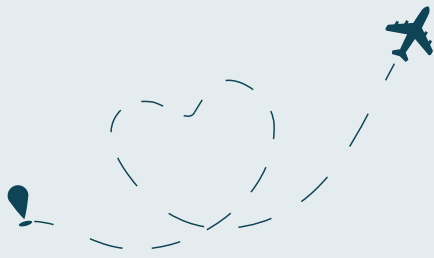
##### Highlights Include:

- A driving tour of Christchurch, time for some shopping and a tour and visit to Kate Sheppard House with high tea included.
- Late afternoon transfer for our flights to our various destinations around New Zealand.
- What a week of *Wine, Whales and Song* from our artists and our wonderful pianist.



Entertainment from Marian and Grant





# \$6790 per person twin share

## Single Room Supplement Add \$1800

Initial Deposit on booking: \$1000

Second Deposit due 11th October 2023: \$2000

Final Balance due: 20th December 2023

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- Day tour of Christchurch including driving tour, time for shopping and tour of Kate Sheppard House with afternoon tea.
- Limited to one coach load of travellers.
- Trip includes all tours, transfers, tips, and content listed in the itinerary.
- All breakfasts, 9 lunches, 9 dinners and 1 high tea are included.
- Please note: this tour does not include airfares as our travellers will be travelling from all over NZ.
- Hosted by Karl Perigo, Marian Burns, Benjamin Makisi and Grant Winterburn.

### GENTLE TOUR

This tour will suit most people, even with a stick or a walker, but sorry not someone in a wheelchair. The activity level is gently paced, but you still need to be able to get on and off buses easily. There will be walking, but not a lot.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All itinerary details are subject to change, but changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.
- Initial & Second deposits are fully refundable up until final balance due date, minus an administration fee of up to \$500 plus any non-recoverable costs.
- All monies are non-refundable at final balance due date. This becomes an insurance claim.
- Payment by direct credit incurs no surcharge. Credit card payments will incur a surcharge of 1.5%.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Bookings will only be accepted with initial deposit.
- All travellers must obtain comprehensive travel insurance for international travel and insurance for domestic travel is recommended.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions on booking form.