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# Taranaki & The Scenic West Coast

Friday 27 October – Tuesday 31 October 2017

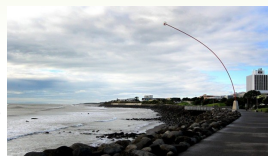
Blessed by an equable climate with some of the highest sunshine hours in the country and just enough rainfall to ensure the rainforest and pastures remain a luminous green, Taranaki offers visitors a microcosm of New Zealand's best scenery all in one accessible area. New Plymouth is the regions only city and while magnificent Mt Taranaki dominates the skyline and sends rivers and streams flowing through the city, New Plymouth is also a coastal city hugging the shores of the Tasman Sea. On this five day tour, we will explore New Plymouth, including Pukekura Park and Puke Ariki, enjoy a scenic drive along Surf Highway 45, visiting museums such as Tawhiti and the Fun Ho Toy Museum. We also visit Whanganui, and enjoy a ride on the PS Waimarie.

## Day 1 Friday 27 October 2017 HOME CITIES – NEW PLYMOUTH

From Auckland then Hamilton we travel to New Plymouth travelling State Highway 3 via Te Kuiti. We travel the Awakino Gorge Road to Mokau and then traverse Mt. Messenger to Uruti. Once we arrive in New Plymouth, we have time for a brief orientation tour around the town before arriving at our hotel to settle into our accommodation for the next 2 nights.

Accommodation: Copthorne Grand Central Hotel, New Plymouth – 2 nights

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## Day 2 Saturday 28 October 2017 AROUND NEW PLYMOUTH

This morning we visit the Pukekura Park As a world renowned gem, Pukekura Park offers in season splashes of Azaleas and Rhododendrons among native flora and waterways. The park contains stunning fernery and display houses. We also visit Puke Ariki. The story of Taranaki, the mountain, is one of passion, conflict and drama. So it is with Taranaki, the place; a region of legendary struggles and challenges. Here, on the western bump of New Zealand's North Island, the colossal forces of Mount Taranaki and the wild Tasman Sea have shaped the geography, climate and people. All these tales unfold at Puke Ariki – a united museum, library and visitor information centre for Taranaki. This afternoon we enjoy a scenic drive along State Highway 45, also known as the Surf Highway. Surf Highway 45 follows the stunning Taranaki coastline through many of NZ's best surfing spots, including Ohawe Beach, Opunake, Okato and Oakura.

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## Day 3 Sunday 29 October 2017 NEW PLYMOUTH - WHANGANUI

After breakfast this morning, we travel south and enjoy a visit to the Fun Ho Toy Museum. For over 70 years Fun Ho! has been a household name in New Zealand, suggesting robust, quality toys. Still found in sandpits and toy collections around the world, the original Fun Ho! toys are a highly sought after collectable. We then continue on to Stratford. Stratford is located in the heart of Taranaki, and is the gateway to Mt Taranaki / Egmont, Egmont National Park, and the Forgotten World Highway. Stratford is nestled at the junction of two major roads (SH3 and SH43), and sits on the banks of the Patea River. It is known for its Shakespearean theme and stunning parks and gardens. It is here we view Stratford's glockenspiel which is unique in

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New Zealand. The glockenspiel plays a scene from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet four times daily (at 10am, 1pm, 3pm and 7pm) with figures made by the curator of the Tawhiti Museum, Nigel Ogle. The glockenspiel performs for approximately 5 minutes, after the hour chimes are finished. We continue on our travel south, where we visit the Tawhiti Museum – an impressive visual history of South Taranaki. Tawhiti Museum is a truly unique enterprise. The creation of artist Nigel Ogle, its attention to detail is simply stunning. Widely acclaimed as the best private museum in the country, the museum uses life size exhibits and scale models to present our heritage in a series of super realistic and engaging displays. All these displays are designed and built on the premises in the 'Body Shop' and accompanying studios, which can be viewed as part of a museum visit. After this visit, we make our way down to Whanganui where we will stay for the next two nights.

Accommodation: Kingsgate Hotel The Avenue, Wanganui – 2 nights.

## Day 4 Monday 30 October 2017 WHANGANUI

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Following breakfast we tour the city before a visit to the Paddle Steamer Museum, which gives us an insight of the areas river transport history. From the past to the present - we board the PS Waimarie for a lunch cruise on the Whanganui River. This afternoon we discover more about what Whanganui has to offer. Located opposite the Whanganui City Bridge at the bottom of Victoria Avenue, the Durie Hill pedestrian tunnel leads to the historic Durie Hill Elevator. Built in 1919 it is the only earthbound elevator in New Zealand and one of only two in the world. Two viewpoints are located at the top, one above the elevator's machinery room and the other on the nearby Memorial Tower. The 33.5 metre Memorial Tower is built from fossilised shell rock and offers excellent views of the city, Mounts Taranaki and Ruapehu and the Tasman Sea. A walkway beside the Elevator Tower offers an alternative route descending 191 steps to the City Bridge. The balance of today is yours to enjoy Whanganui at your leisure.



## Day 5 Tuesday 31 October 2017 WHANGANUI TO HOME CITIES

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Departing Wanganui this morning following breakfast we begin our return journey to Hamilton. Today we travel north via State Highway 4 through to Waiouru where we will visit the Waiouru Army Museum for lunch and a guided tour. After lunch we skirt the shores of the Great Lake – Lake Taupo then return via Tirau, and Cambridge to Hamilton.



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0620	1010	1025	1052	2023	2104	2120
0622	1011	1041	1060	2024	2105	2474
0624	1021	1042	1061	2025	2110	2675
0627	1023	1050	1062	2102	2112	
0629	1024	1051	2022	2103	2113	

### Additional collections with a \$25 surcharge:

0600	0626	0630	0632	1022	1026	1071
1072	2010	2013	2014	2016	2105	2576
2582						

### Hamilton Collections:

3200	3204	3206	3210	3214	3216	3218
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### Tauranga Collections:

3110	3112	3116	3118
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### Rotorua Collections:

3010	3015
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## Tour Inclusions & Costs....

- Door to door home collection & drop off service available from selected areas
- 4 nights hotel accommodation, twin/double rooms, (single rooms available with surcharge) all with private facilities
- Tour Admissions as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfasts (B), Lunch (L) and Dinners (D) where indicated on the itinerary
- Complimentary Travel Bag and Map
- Touring in modern air conditioned tour coach

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Club Member Guaranteed Share Twin/Double:	\$1,495.00
Non Member Guaranteed Share Twin/Double:	\$1,520.00
Single Supplement :	\$ 355.00
Deposit due at time of booking:	\$ 200.00

Balance of tour payment due 15 September 2017

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