

SOUTH ISLAND

Sunday April 16 - Pre tour dinner, destination; Invercargill.
Overnight in Invercargill.

Monday April 17 - Formal tour commencement midday at Stirling Point SH1 at Bluff, we are driving via the Catlins to for a 'gathering of the clans' in Dunedin.
Overnight in Dunedin.

Tuesday April 18 – A driving tour from Dunedin to Geraldine.
Overnight Geraldine.

Wednesday April 19 - The touring continues from Geraldine to Christchurch.
Dinner and overnight in Christchurch.

Thursday April 20 - We are off to Picton.
Overnight in Picton.

Friday April 21 – We are on the Bluebridge 7:45am sailing to Wellington where we will be met by our Wellington members for a short drive through the Capital city, and then head north to Masterton over the Remutaka Hill road.
Dinner and overnight in Masterton.

NORTH ISLAND

Friday April 14 - Assemble at the Taipa Beach Resort at Taipa in the evening for drinks and a casual dinner.
Overnight at the Taipa Beach Resort.

Sat April 15 - Round trip to Cape Reinga - photo op at the Cape as the northern starting point - return to Taipa for a casual dinner.
Overnight at the Taipa Beach Resort.

Sun April 16 - slow day touring round the far north - Taipa-Kerikeri-Okaihau-Mangamuka-Kohukohu-Rawene-Omapere - morning tea with Adrian Garrett at the Carriage House in Kerikeri.
Dinner and overnight at The Heads in Omapere.

Mon April 17 - Run down to Orewa - Tane Mahuta-Dargaville-Matakohe (Kauri Museum)-Wellsford-Warkworth-Orewa. Overnight at The Northridge Lodge at Wainui.
Auckland Tour Dinner - BBQ at the lodge.

Tues April 18 - Whizz through Auckland after the morning rushhour (pick up Aucklanders at BP Drury on the way) and on to The Trinity Wharf in Tauranga
Dinner and overnight in Tauranga.

Wed April 19 – Northern Region participants meet up with the Central Region members from East Cape and Cape Egmont at lunch in Taupo and then on to Ohakune.
Dinner and overnight at the Powderhorn.

Thursday April 20 – We are ‘off-the-beaten-track – down the ‘River Road to Whanganui. You can choose either;

1. jet boat trip from Pipiriki to The Bridge to Nowhere (this does involve a walk), or;
2. continue on to Whanganui for lunch on the paddle steamer Waimarie.

Dinner and overnight in Whanganui

Friday April 21 - Southern Region catch the Cook Strait ferry at Picton and travel to Wellington to be met by Wellington members for a short drive through the city, and then head to Masterton over the Remutaka Hill road.

Northern and Central Regions travel to Masterton - via the Saddle Road through Woodville with lunch at the Tui Brewery, Mangatainoka. Possible stop at Pukaha Mount Bruce Bird Sanctuary, SH2 for coffee and a walking tour. Meet and greet drinks and dinner with a mix and mingle game (to get to know each other better) over dinner.

Dinner and overnight in Masterton.

NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND PARTICIPANTS

Saturday April 22 - Travel to Greytown for the 'Great Greytown Explorer'. This will be a relaxing time with plenty to see and do - most within easy walking distance. It is pretty much free time in one of NZ's most beautiful towns. There are plenty of cafes and eateries available for casual lunch etc.

That evening, bus from Copthorne Solway Park to the Kittyhawk Café, Hood Aerodrome, for a 1970's dress-up celebratory dinner (our club was formed in 1972 {or 1973 depending on which records you read!}). Return in by bus from Kittyhawk back to Copthorne Solway Park.

Dinner and overnight at Masterton.

Sunday April 23 - Wash and wax - Concours d' Elegance. Drive to Martinborough for light catered lunch at the historic Martinborough Town Hall, with wine tasting. Afternoon is a casual drive (via an easy navigational run with other places of interest en-route) back to Masterton for a National Committee meeting @ 5pm and then the National AGM @ 5.30pm, leading straight into pre-dinner drinks and then the formal Gala Dinner @ 7pm. Our guest speaker is Scott Thompson - 'Rolls Royce - the myth and the magic'.

Dinner and overnight at Masterton.

Monday April 24 - We have two options:

1. bus tours going to various places of interest, or;
2. convoy / selfdrive to the south coast (Cape Palliser / Ngawi).

Our guest speaker at our evening meal is John Kennedy.

Dinner and overnight at Masterton.

Tuesday April 25 - ANZAC Day. There will be a options;

1. a dawn parade at the Masterton War Memorial Hall at 5:30am with a memorial service at the Cenotaph in Queen Elizabeth Park at 5:55am;
2. a memorial service at Tinui Church (en route to Castle Point) commencing at 10:00am, or;
3. join the service at the ANZAC Bridge Kaipororo - 20km's north of the Pukaha Mount Bruce Bird Sanctuary at 2:00pm. This will be too late for our visits to Manfield or the Coach House – so a ‘on-your-own’ visit will work but there will not be a morning service.

We head over the Pahiatua Track to either

1. Manfield Autocourse, Feilding where a light lunch will be provided, or;
2. The Coach House in Feilding where a light lunch is available.

Dinner and overnight in Palmerston North.

Wednesday April 26 - There are two options;

1. travel to Ohakea air base for a Biggin Hill aircraft museum visit - possibly including the helicopter repair / maintenance facility (the NZ Air Force helicopters are fitted with Rolls Royce jet engines), or;
2. Gables museum and Gardens and Awahuri.

Lunch at The Woolshed, en-route to Southwards Car Museum at Paraparaumu, and then to the prestigious Wellington Club for our final gala dinner - Sir Neville Jordan is our guest speaker - 'Peking to Paris - trials and tribulations'.

Dinner and overnight in Wellington.

Thursday April 27 - farewell breakfast - on your own to get home!