



29th Jan - 2nd Feb 2026

Wairarapa Wonder

You'll be wonderfully surprised with this gorgeous region.

Steeped in history, the Wairarapa region has so many wonderful surprises in store for us. From the incredible historic homesteads, to the rugged and remote beauty of the area, you will be in awe each and every day.

Staying in comfort for the duration of the tour at resort style accommodation with leisure facilities, you will only need to unpack your bags once. Feeling refreshed and relaxed, there are so many fantastic and diverse activities to savour such as the open-sky observatory at Stonehenge Aotearoa and the chance to meet rare New Zealand wildlife at the Pukaha National Wildlife Centre in Mt Bruce. With stunning scenery, fresh ocean air, bountiful gardens and delicious local cuisine, it is not hard to see why this is one of our most popular tours.

DAY 1

Thurs 29th Jan

Home - Masterton



Depart Wanganui Racecourse at 8.30am and travel through the Manawatu over to Woodville where we will have our first stop and enjoy some home baked morning tea.

Departing from another destination

For those departing from another destination you will fly into Palmerston North and be collected upon arrival by the coach. You will also return home via the same route.

From here we head south to the magnificent **Pukaha Mount Bruce Wildlife Centre**. We will have a fully **guided tour** and the chance to learn about and see Tuatara, Eels and a huge range of native birds, including Manukura, the world's only white kiwi in captivity. A scrumptious group lunch is organized at the centre.

This afternoon we just sit back and take it easy as we head out to the Wairarapa coast to **Castle Point**. We head into the township and view the Castle Point lighthouse which was one of the last manned lights to be established in New Zealand. After taking in the wonderful views and the ocean air it is just a short drive to our great accommodation for the next 4 nights, the Copthorne Hotel & Resort Solway Park (06 3700500) on the outskirts of Masterton. We will also be dining for dinner and breakfast at the great onsite restaurant for the duration of the tour. Minus day 2 where we will dine at a local Masterton eatery.

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DAY 2

Fri 30th Jan

Wairarapa Exploring



After a relaxed start to the day we board the coach and head out to explore some of the great history this area has to offer. Our first stop is at one of Wairarapa's grand and most treasured historic sites, the colonial homestead and gardens of **Brancepeth**. This was once one of the largest sheep stations in New Zealand and is still owned by the Beetham family, who settled on the land in 1856. We have a guided tour and a lovely morning tea while learning the history of this magnificent location.

From here it is just a short drive to the beautiful **Te Parae** homestead. Designed and built in 1905 the homestead is still owned and operated by fourth generation family members. The 600sqm two story home is set in extensive park-like gardens featuring 100-year-old Oaks, Weeping Elms, Taxodium, Wellingtonia, and Liquid Amber trees, with a ten-acre lake forming a picturesque vista. It is amongst this amazing setting we relax and enjoy a gourmet 2 course lunch in the dining room while hearing about the family, history and future of the place. The guided tour also extends out to the stables & gardens where you will have time to relax and enjoy the surroundings. Mid afternoon we'll head back into Masterton to view the **Woolshed Museum**. A wonderful exhibition of all things wool to stimulate your knowledge on the history and actual activities on sheep farms.

Following this we make our way back via some scenic country roads to our accommodation with time to freshen up before another great group dinner at **Farriers Bar and Eatery**.

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DAY 3

Sat 31st Jan

Wairarapa Exploring



This morning we make our way through to Martinborough where we visit the stunning **Ranui Essentials Lavender Farm**. Here we will experience a tour of the farm and learn about the varieties that they grow. We may see their distillery in operation as this is harvest time for lavender growers. You can roam the boutique shop, taste some alcohol, chocolate and icecream! Or take those perfect pictures of the amazing views.

From here it is into **Greytown** which was awarded NZ's Most Beautiful Small Town in 2017! Known for its great food and sophisticated shopping, cute colonial cottages, historic trees and extraordinary chocolate, it is a must visit when exploring the region.

Our first stop is **Cobblestone Museum** & historic village. Here you have time to explore this remarkable attraction either by yourself or on a guided tour before we visit the famous **Schoc Chocolates**. This unique artisan chocolate studio will surely have something for everyone. You are then given free time to get yourself some lunch and wander this lovely little town and yes ladies, there will be time for some shopping! Back on the coach we venture out into the countryside to experience a full-scale working adaptation of **Stonehenge** which has been built right here in NZ. We have a fully guided tour and learn all about the wonders of stone circles and 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. After another great day of exploring we head back to the accommodation for some R & R before meeting for dinner.

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DAY 4

Sun 1st Feb

Wairarapa Exploring



Today will see us venture as far south as the coach can take us so make sure you bring your cameras as the scenery will be amazing!

Our first stop is at the fabulous **Fell Locomotive Museum** which houses H199, the only locomotive of its type in the world and presents a unique aspect of New Zealand's railway heritage. Learn the fascinating history of the Rimutaka Incline and its Fell locomotives which is recalled in the magnificent museum while we enjoy a lovely morning tea.

We then head right down to the southern tip and enjoy the coastal scenery to the small fishing village of **Ngawi**, which has more tractors per head of population than anywhere else in the world. Lunch today will be at the famous **Lake Ferry Hotel**.

It is then into Martinborough as we make our way back north where we have the final stop of the day at **Poppies Vineyard** for a **Wine Tasting**. Sample some of the fine wines this region has to offer or have time to browse some shops and have a look around the quant town of Martinborough if you prefer. We then take a short drive back to our hotel where we can relax before meeting for dinner.

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DAY 5

Mon 2nd Feb

Masterton - Home

A relaxed start to the final day sees us pack our bags on the coach and start the journey back home but not before some more great attractions.

Before leaving town, we head to the fabulous **Pointon Collection**. Presented as though you've walked back in time into an early 1900s garage and workshop, you view not only the huge range of Vintage cars and Motorcycles, but also Costumes and Antiques.

We then head north taking the scenic route via the Whangaehu Valley to one and over the Pahiatua Hill towards home stopping for a delightful **lunch** at **Orlando Country**. Then it's just a short drive home arriving late afternoon.



Total cost

From Wanganui: \$1,995 per person

Final payment due by 1st December 2025

Payment methods

✓ Cheque

✓ Cash

✓ Eftpos

✓ Online

Send online bank deposits to:
BNZ 02-0792-0090015-00

Please use your name and trip name as code and reference.

What's included?



Transport

All coach travel as stated in itinerary



Accommodation

Twin share accommodation
(single supplement available)



Food and drink

- Two course dinners every night
- Buffet breakfast every morning
- Lunch on day 1,2,4 & 5
- Morning and afternoon tea as stated in the itinerary



Tour guide

Experienced Tour Leader



Activities

All activities as stated in itinerary



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- For cancellations after **January 11th** – 75% of total fare will apply.
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