



THE TALBOT OWNERS' CLUB

TALBOT ANTIPODEAN TOUR

A TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND



10 FEBRUARY-5 MARCH 2019.



Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa!

Welcome, everyone, to New Zealand and the Talbot Owners' Club Talbot Antipodean Tour!

Over the coming three weeks we will traverse New Zealand from coast to coast and (almost) top to (almost) bottom, avoiding the highways and keeping to the byways as much as we can.

We will travel on generally uncluttered roads, winding through ever changing, often dramatic scenery - territory and conditions that will present your Talbot with every opportunity to demonstrate what it's made of and what it was made for!

Our prime focus in the planning of this tour has been to present to you New Zealand and the New Zealand way as we know it - its beauty and its peculiarities, without embellishment. The routes, the stops, the suggested activities have all been chosen with this objective in mind.

However, no matter what we have planned or suggested, it will be your personal experiences, your chance encounters, that will make your N.Z Talbot tour truly memorable.

Travel well and above all, travel safely.

Alistair Robinson & Kevin Beesley

February 2019



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This is an informal social event and it is the responsibility of participants to comply with current N.Z. road traffic regulations and to ensure that their cars are in a road-worthy and road-legal condition.





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OUTLINE ITINERARY

DAY No.	DATE (2019)	DAY	OVERNIGHT STOP	ROUTE OUTLINE	DISTANCE (Miles)	TIME (Hours)
1	10 Feb	Sunday	Paihia	Auckland via Whangarei to Paihia in the Bay of Islands.	198	6
2	11 Feb	Monday	Paihia	Free Day in Paihia. Dinner at Swordfish Club, Russell.		
3	12 Feb	Tuesday	Omapere	Paihia to Omapere.	156	4.5
4	13 Feb	Wednesday	Auckland	Omapere to Auckland.	200	6
5	14 Feb	Thursday	Waitomo	Auckland via Raglan and Kawhia Harbour to Waitomo.	205	6
6	15 Feb	Friday	Napier	Waitomo to Napier via Taupo.	208	5
7	16 Feb	Saturday	Napier	Free Day in Napier. The annual Art Deco Festival.		
8	17 Feb	Sunday	Napier	Free Day in Napier. Maori Hangi dinner.		
9	18 Feb	Monday	Oreti, Taupo	Napier to Oreti, Lake Taupo, via Taihape.	163	4.5
10	19 Feb	Tuesday	Whanganui	Oreti to Whanganui via Pipiriki.	135	3.5
11	20 Feb	Wednesday	Wellington	Whanganui to Wellington through Marton, Ashurst and Masterton.	183	5
12	21 Feb	Thursday	Wellington	Free Day in Wellington.		
13	22 Feb	Friday	Nelson	Wellington to Nelson across Cook Strait on the Interisland ferry.	Ferry, 70	3.5, 2
14	23 Feb	Saturday	Greymouth	Nelson to Greymouth via Motueka, Murchison and Reefton.	212	5.5
15	24 Feb	Sunday	Greymouth	Free Day in Greymouth.		
16	25 Feb	Monday	Haast	Greymouth to Haast via Inchbonnie and Kaniere.	253	6.5
17	26 Feb	Tuesday	Queenstown	Haast to Queenstown through Haast Pass and Crown Range.	134	3.5
18	27 Feb	Wednesday	Queenstown	Free day in Queenstown.		
19	28 Feb	Thursday	Dunedin	Queenstown to Dunedin via Clyde, Cromwell, Ophir, St Bathans. (Old Dunstan Road option.)	206	6
20	1 Mar	Friday	Dunedin	Free Day in Dunedin.		
21	2 Mar	Saturday	Oamaru	Dunedin to Oamaru, (Danseys Pass option).	145	4.5
22	3 Mar	Sunday	Twizel	Oamaru to Twizel via Duntroon, Kurow. Option via Hakataramea Pass or Omarama.	143	4.5
23	4 Mar	Monday	Christchurch	Twizel to Christchurch via Burkes Pass, Fairlie, Geraldine, Hororata, Darfield.	205	5.5
24	5 Mar	Tuesday	Christchurch	Free Day in Christchurch and farewell dinner.		

Total miles: 2,816

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ENTRANTS (as at 10 January 2019)

	VEHICLE				PASSENGERS	NOTES
	Year	Make	Model	Reg. No		
1	1931	Talbot	AM90 De Luxe Sports Tourer	IU6037	Kevin Beesley	
2	1931	Talbot	AM90 De Luxe Sports Tourer	GX1320	David & Gilly Booth	
3	1934	Talbot	AV105 VdP Deluxe Tourer	BLF105	David & Susann Cook	
4	1930	Talbot	AO70 Sports Tourer	NZ3730	James Fack & Stephen Gaut	
5	1936	Talbot	BG110 VdP Tourer	EUU923	Robert & Julia Frankcom	
6	1933	Talbot	AV105 VdP Saloon	TAS354	Rowland Grindell & Janet Sparks	
7	1930	Sunbeam	20 (23.8)	GK 8560	Oliver & Annik Heal	
8	1935	Talbot	BA 105 Carlton 2-seater Drophead Coupe & Dickey	DZ-34-05	Rob & Jeanne Jeurissen	
9	1937	Talbot	BG110 Saloon	MR110	Craig & Elizabeth Keenan	From Napier
10	1973	MG	MGB	ZW8160	David & Claire Kenworthy	From Greymouth
11	1934	Talbot	AV 105 Super Speed Saloon	BGH192	Adrian & Joanna van der Kroft	
12	1939	Alvis	Speed 25	AR-03-29	Hans & Marien Kuipers	
13	1933	Talbot	AV105 VdP Tourer	AGC386	Roman & Helen Mohr	
14	1933	Talbot	75/105 Alpine Replica	JJ8802	Kelvin & Jessica New	
15	1931	Talbot	AM90 Carlton Drop head Coupe	GN3089	Tim & Wendy O'Brien Charles & Claire Richardson Jules Howard	Auckland/Napier Napier/Nelson
16	1932	Talbot	AM75 2-seater & Dickey	GY2272	Gordon & Kirsteen Matthews	
17	1928	Sunbeam	20.9.	YC3407	Michael Power & Rosalind Wild	
18	1934	Talbot	AV95/105 Alpine Replica	WN6598	Geoffrey & Penelope Rawlings	
19	1935	Talbot	BA75/95 Special Sports Saloon	TBA	Alistair Robinson & Carla Rosseels	
20	1934	Talbot	AV105 vdP De Luxe Sports Tourer	DG8829	Tim & Paula Robinson	
21	1933	Sunbeam	20hp Special Sports	JW2035	Paul & Jayne Wignall	
		VW	Passat	FAS336	Mariette Beesley	Support Vehicle

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NOTES TO THE ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation of the tour routes commenced many months in advance of the tour itself and we have relied extensively on Google Maps in our planning.

Despite updates, checking and local knowledge, we cannot guarantee the route instructions will be free from error. Google is fine for main roads but not so cooperative in respect of the byways we want to take you down. In addition to the infinite opportunity for human error in the formulation of these instructions, over the period between their preparation and the tour there is every likelihood that roads will have been developed or altered, roundabouts and intersections reconfigured and signs changed or vandalised.

It will be worth your while tracking each day's journey in advance on the map. This will ease the navigational burden and help you keep your bearings where the instructions may be unclear.

A pre-read of the itineraries will forewarn you of suggested stops and activities and help you make the most of each day.

Please note the following:

1. The straight-ahead rule applies. You're probably familiar with this but what it means is that at every intersection or side road where no instruction applies you should proceed ahead on the line of least deviation.
2. Ignore 'No Exit' roads. We will not, unless particularly noted in the instructions, be taking you down any no exit roads.
3. Information in brackets (...), such as place names is intended to help with interpretation of the instruction.
4. Mileages, both per section and accumulative are approximate.
5. Whilst alternative routes are provided in respect of major sections of gravel, there will be some minor sections of unsealed road en route.
6. Our estimates of driving time allow for time actually on the road, with brief pauses for sight-seeing, refreshments and a leg stretch. They do not include for lunch stops. We believe our estimates err on the conservative side, but, time will tell (no pun intended).

DRIVING ON NZ ROADS

Before you sally forth on Day One we strongly recommend you read the booklet 'DRIVING IN NEW ZEALAND' published by the NZ Transport Agency and available at the following address:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/driving-in-nz/>

It's only seven pages long and contains essential information, such as the rules for one-way bridges. You will be coming across a lot of one-way bridges en route, the first day being no exception.

Many of the roads we will be on are winding and narrow. Keep left and always be on the look-out for oncoming traffic, particularly logging trucks and milk tankers.

Wandering livestock is not uncommon. If you come across stock on the road, either stop until it passes you or proceed very slowly to pass it. Do not sound your horn!

Whilst N.Z is known as a safe destination, it's common sense to ensure that you do not leave items of value visible or accessible in your car when you leave it unattended. Keep your phones, purses, wallets, passports, etc with you!

Be careful, enjoy the drive and stay safe.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Sunday 10 February

Auckland to Paihia

The Holiday Highway

Every holiday, Aucklanders stream out of the city to their holiday homes and favourite camping sites on the coast in 'the winterless north'. On this first day of the TOC T.A.T we also head north; a run that will acquaint you with NZ roads and the NZ way. An alternative route is provided that avoids the main section of gravel road.

Departure: We haven't spared you. 198 miles or so today, say about 6 hours driving. So, we aim to get away around 9.00 am.

Petrol: First available is in Oteha Valley Rd, very soon after you turn off the motorway, about 11 miles from the start. There is a gas station at Oakura on the Old Russell Rd should you find yourself running short towards the end of the day.

Arrival: Our destination is the Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge 104 Marsden Road, Paihia 0247
Phone: +64 9-402 7416.

Dinner tonight is a buffet in McKenzie's Restaurant at the hotel, 7.30 pm. \$45 per person.

Breakfast tomorrow and Monday, in the hotel. Cost for this is included in your room rate.

The journey: A cruise up the northern motorway to clear Auckland central, then east to follow the coast, with a dip inland before arriving in Whangarei. A loop out to the coast again and a couple of lovely beaches, a short stretch up SH1 then onto the Old Russell Road through to the ferry at Okaito and a short run from there to our destination.

Mangawhai or Waipu Cove are pleasant spots for morning tea and we suggest you stop for **lunch in the town basin at Whangarei** where there are a number of cafes in close proximity to each other.

Whangarei is the northernmost city in New Zealand and the regional capital of Northland Region. Overlooking the city, volcanic Mount Parihaka features a war memorial and the remains of Maori villages. By the Hatea River, the Town Basin is a boat-dotted marina with restaurants, shops and galleries.

Depending on the weather you may be tempted to go for a swim at **Matapouri Bay** or one of the beaches you'll pass to the north of it. The Old Russell Rd is an interesting drive with some spectacular coastal views and fine native bush.

About 9 miles in on this road you'll come across *The Gallery & Café* at Helena Bay. An interesting place where you can enjoy a coffee and/or browse the artwork.

On the road down to the ferry at Okaito we suggest you call into the **Omata Estate Vineyard and Kitchen**, which is up a driveway, on your right at 212 Aucks Rd. You are, by now, well deserving of some inner fortification. Sample their wines, perhaps have a snack and enjoy the wonderful view out over the bay.

Okaito or Old Russell is a small holiday spot in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand, seven km south of present-day Russell. It was New Zealand's first national capital, for a short time from 1840 to 1841, before the seat of government was moved to Auckland.



MAP 1

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 1 – Sunday 10 February

Auckland to Paihia

	Westhaven, Auckland to Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge 104 Marsden Road, Paihia 0247. Ph: 09-402 7416.	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Right out of car park onto Westhaven Drive		
2	Circle roundabout to exit into Shelley Beach Road (4 th exit)		
3	1 st Right into Sarsfield Street		
4	Right at Stop onto Curran St.		
5	Keep right to follow 'Motorway Traffic Use Right Lane'.		
6	Proceed over the Harbour Bridge and continue north on SH1.		
7	Take Exit 410 Oteha Valley Rd		
8	Right at traffic lights onto Oteha Valley Rd. (Route 29, Long Bay Regional Park)	11	11
9	Proceed straight ahead through 2 roundabouts.		
10	Left at traffic lights onto East Coast Rd. (Free left turn, medical centre on left)		
11	Stay on SH25		
12	Right at traffic lights (major intersection) onto Hibiscus Coast Highway (Orewa, Whangarei)		
13	Continue on Hibiscus Coast Highway (Orewa, Whangarei) to and along the coast through Orewa, Hatfield Bay, Waiwera, past Wenderholm Regional Park		
14	Merge onto SH1 North (Whangarei)		
15	Continue on SH1 to Warkworth.	28	39
16	Right at traffic lights onto Sandspit Rd (Twin Coast Discovery, Warkworth Town Centre, Leigh)		
17	Veer left onto Matakana Rd to follow Leigh, Omaha Beach, Matakana.		
18	At roundabout take 1 st exit onto Matakana Valley Rd.		
19	Left at 'T' onto Whangaripo Valley Rd		
20	Right onto Waiteitei Rd (Mangawhai)		
21	Right at Stop ('T') onto Mangawhai Rd.		
22	Continue onto Tomarata Rd		
23	Continue past Black Swamp Rd on right onto Insley St and cross bridge.		
24	Right at 'T' into Moir St.	33	72
	<i>Or, if you are a chocolate lover, go left and a short distance on the right you will find Bennetts Chocolate Factory, world famous locally for their very fine products. They also have a café.</i>		
25	First left onto Molesworth Dr.		
26	At roundabout take 1 st exit onto Mangawhai Heads Rd. (Waipu)		
27	Right at 'T' onto Cove Rd East		
28	Continue on Cove Rd into Waipu village. Cove Rd becomes The Centre.		
	<i>Take some time out to visit the Waipu Museum, on the right at 36 The Centre. It's an interesting little place, particularly as it features a model of Alistair Robinson in</i>		



	<i>full family regalia! This museum won the best small museum award and has a UNESCO listing. It tells the story of the refugees from the Clearances in Scotland who after making it to Cape Breton in Nova Scotia decided life there was just too hard. They then built their own ships and sailed for Australia to find it in the heat of gold fever and so came on to NZ to be offered Waipu by the government.</i>		
29	Pass through village then right onto Shoemaker Rd		
30	Cross SH1 to remain on Shoemaker Rd.		
31	Left at 'T' (Compulsory Stop)		
32	1 st Right onto Ormiston Rd		
33	Left at 'T' onto Springfield Rd.		
34	Right to follow Mangapai Caves Rd.		
35	Right at 'T' onto Mangapai Rd		
36	Left onto SH1 (Whangarei)		
37	Continue on to Whangarei		
38	Right onto Tarewa Rd (City Centre, Town Basin, Whangarei Heads)		
39	Straight ahead at traffic lights onto Lower Tarewa Rd		
40	At roundabout take 3 rd exit onto Walton St		
41	Right at traffic lights. (South, SH1, Port Whangarei)		
42	Left to find a car park at the Town Basin. <i>Take a break, stretch your legs, maybe have lunch.</i>	44	116
43	Exit Town Basin area to turn right onto Dent St.		
44	Continue ahead at traffic lights onto Hatea Drive		
45	Left onto Nixon St (continuation of Hatea Drive)		
46	First Right onto Mill Rd		
47	Mill Rd veers left and becomes Waiaatawa Rd		
48	Waiaatawa Rd veers right and becomes Kiripaka Rd		
49	Take 3 rd exit at roundabout to remain on Kiripaka Rd		
50	Kiripaka Rd becomes Ngunguru Rd		
51	Right to stay on Ngunguru Rd (Matapouri 9km)		
52	Continue through Ngunguru and onto Matapouri Rd	12	128
53	<i>To visit Matapouri Bay, (worth a look, particularly on a fine day, perhaps a swim?) Turn right onto Te Wairoa St. Then left onto Waetford Rd and right out of Waetford Rd back on to Matapouri Rd. Or you may prefer to stop/swim at Woolley's Bay or Sandy Bay which are coming right up.</i>		
54	Left at 'T' (SH1 North. Hikurangi)		
55	Right at 'T' at compulsory stop (SH1. Cape Reinga)		
56	Right at 'T' onto SH1. (Cape Reinga)	24	152
57	2 nd right onto Old Russell Rd (Oakura 28 km)		
58	Ahead onto gravel to continue on Russell Rd (Russell 26km).		
59	<i>To avoid the gravel, veer right to follow 'Russell 36km via the coast' and follow the signs to Russell. Then pick up from instruction 61 below</i>		
60	Left at 'T' onto Russell Whakapara Rd.		
61	Left at Giveway onto Aucks Rd		
62	<i>In need of some inner fortification after the day's journey? We recommend you call into the Omata Estate Vineyard and Kitchen, on your right at 212 Aucks Rd, up a driveway.</i>		

	<i>Sample their wines, perhaps have a snack and enjoy the wonderful view out over the bay.</i>		
63	Take ferry to Opua (Ferry departs about every 15 minutes and costs \$13 – at time of writing)	41	193
64	From ferry drive up to SH11, direction Paihia. Right at Compulsory Stop onto SH11		
65	Continue into Paihia centre.		
66	Straight ahead at traffic lights and The Kingsgate Hotel is 150m or so further on the left.	5	198



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Day 2 - Monday 11 February

Free Day in Pahia

The Bay of Islands - A place of significant N.Z. historical interest. Māori knew it as Pēwhairangi and settled here early in their migrations. As the site of NZ's first permanent British settlement (at Russell), it is the birthplace of European colonisation in New Zealand. It was here that the Treaty of Waitangi between the Maori and the British Crown was drawn up and first signed in 1840; the treaty remains the linchpin of race relations in NZ today. The bay itself encompasses 144 islands between Cape Brett and the Purerua Peninsula and includes the boutique towns of Opuā, Pahia, Russell and Kerikeri.

The first of our free days.

Well, not quite free.

This evening we dine together at the **Bay of Islands Swordfish Club** in Russell, where dinner is booked for 7.00 p.m. The club is situated at 25 The Strand, immediately to the right as you come off the wharf. It is sign-posted and you go upstairs through the doors at the end of a short alcove.

So, whatever else you do today, please be in Russell at the Swordfish Club in time for dinner. We suggest you travel over to Russell in the afternoon, have a wander around, perhaps drop into the Duke of Marlborough, the oldest licensed premises in NZ, then head down to the Swordfish Club, say around 6.00 pm. They have a well-stocked bar and upstairs balcony overlooking the bay where you can sit, refreshment in hand and watch the sunset before dinner.

Suggested Activities:

- **Bay of Islands cruise to Cape Brett**, the hole in the rock and perhaps a swim with dolphins. A half day trip takes about 4 hours and is on most people's 'must do' list. Check out <https://www.dolphincruises.co.nz/bay-of-islands-info/about-the-bay-of-islands/>
- Visit the **Waitangi Treaty Grounds**, New Zealand's birthplace as a nation. You can spend longer but an hour or two can cover it.
- A trip to and wander around **Russell** is a must. You can easily spend a morning or afternoon here. Visit Pompellier Mission, Flagstaff Hill, Christ Church, the Russell Museum, walk over to Oneroa Bay. <http://russellnz.co.nz/>
- There is an excellent (and not well known) walk from **Haruru Falls** down to the Waitangi Golf course, or vice versa. It includes a boardwalk through the mangrove forest. A modest level of fitness is required, it'll take 2-2.5 hours and you will need arrange to be dropped off and collected at each end. Ordering a taxi is the best way around this. http://www.pahia.co.nz/Walk_Waitangi2HaruruFalls.cfm
- There is another pleasant 2-hour walk around the coast from Pahia to Opuā. Again, you'll need transport one way or the other and a taxi is easily arranged. <https://www.teararoa.org.nz/northland/pahia-opua-coastal-walkway>
- Go fishing! Half day trips are available, including supply of all required tackle. Google 'Bay of Islands Fishing Charters' for an indication of the various options.



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Day 3 - Tuesday 12 February

Paihia to Omapere

Contrasting Coasts

A day of two halves with various stops and places of interest along the way. An alternative route is provided that avoids a section of gravel road.

Departure: No great rush to get away; about 156 miles to cover, say 4.5 hours driving time. However, you will want to allow yourself opportunity for sightseeing and we need be at the Butler Point Whaling Museum by 2.15 pm. After this tour we recommend you push on over the remaining 88 miles, aiming for timely arrival at our destination.

Petrol: Available on our way out of Paihia and at various places along our travels. Shouldn't be a problem.

Arrival: Our destination is the Copthorne Hotel and Resort Hokianga State Highway 12, Omapere. Ph: 09 405-8737.

Dinner tonight - buffet at the hotel, 7.30 pm. \$50 per person.

Breakfast tomorrow in the hotel, available from 7.30 am. Cost is included in your room rate.

Note: \$25 per room has already been paid as part of your deposit. This will be deducted from each room account.

The journey; We head up the east coast taking in the beautiful beaches and some wonderful views. We recommend you visit Kerikeri on the way past.

The Northland town of Kerikeri has a long, colourful history. The area was home ground for the fearsome Maori chief Hongi Hika, who terrorised many tribes throughout the North Island in the early 1800s. Yet he was kind to missionaries, allowing Samuel Marsden to establish New Zealand's second mission station here.

The Kerikeri Mission Station, also known as Kemp House, is New Zealand's oldest standing European building. Built to house the Reverend John Butler in 1821, this elegant wooden home has the protection of the Historic Places Trust.

Nearby is the Stone Store, which dates back to 1832 and is New Zealand's oldest stone building. Designed by Wesleyan missionary John Hobbs and built by an ex-convict stonemason from New South Wales, the store was meant to house large quantities of wheat from the mission farm at Te Waimate. When the wheat failed, the building was used as a kauri gum trading store.

You may want to spend a little time at one or two of the beaches and stop at some of the splendid viewing points.

Detour into **Whangaroa**, an interesting fishing village, famous for an historic NZ incident, the burning of the sailing ship 'The Boyd' (see account below) and where the Marlin Hotel offers food and refreshments. Could be a lunch stop depending on your timing.

Mangonui is another potential lunch stop. You could go there first, have lunch then back track to Hihi for the Butler Point Whaling Museum tour.

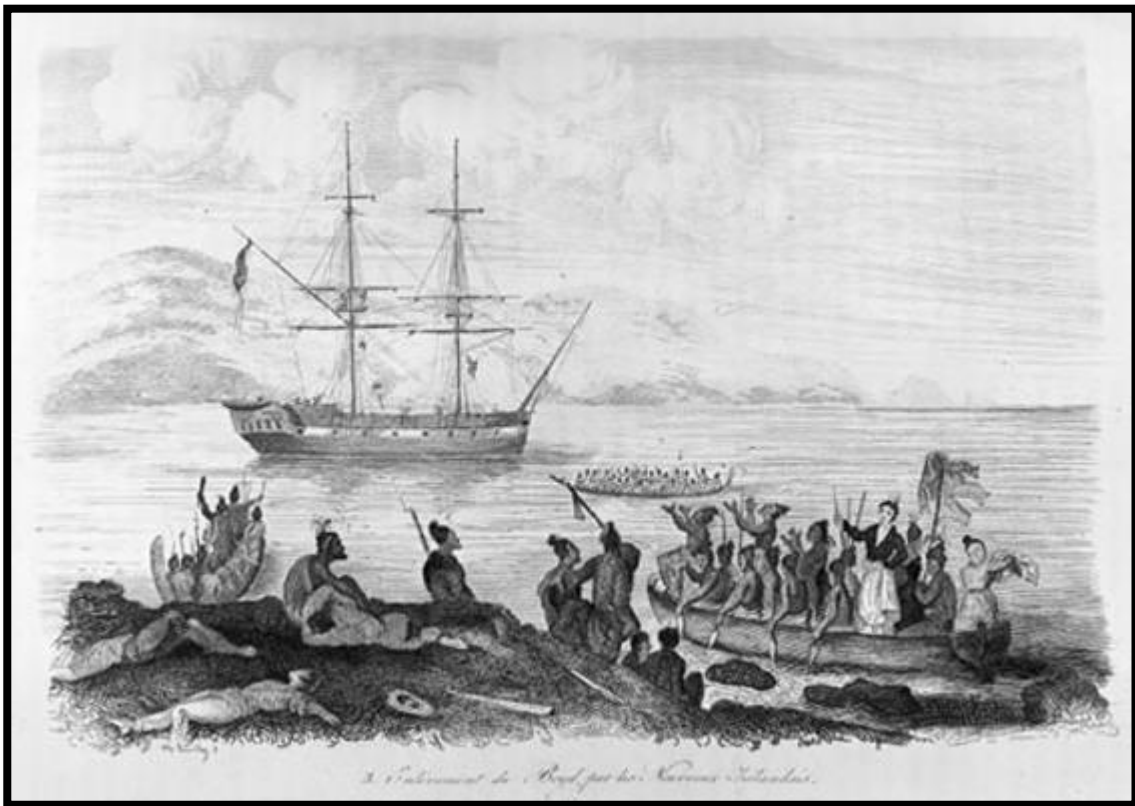
Just before Mangonui we have an appointment to tour the **Butler Point Whaling Museum** and learn something of this fascinating aspect of the region's history. The tour will start at 2.30pm and takes about an hour and a half. We need arrive there by 2.15 p.m.

Butler Point is notable for its association with the early history of the Far North. On the property are a Whaling Museum, acknowledged as one of the most comprehensive private museums of its kind in New Zealand; Butler House, the residence of Captain William Butler built in 1847; and Gardens of exotic and native flora, including extensive stands of ancient pohutukawa trees. The Whaling Museum is a member of the Northland Museums Association and Butler House is recognised by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust as a nationally significant heritage building. The gardens have been recognised as a 'Garden of Significance' with the New Zealand Gardens Trust (NZGT).

At Taipa we leave the east coast and commence our crossing to the west. The landscape becomes steadily more rugged and we feel increasingly remote as we progress briskly towards our lodgings near the dramatic entrance to the Hokianga Harbour.

The Boyd Incident

In December 1809, a 395 ton brigantine named the *Boyd*, under the command of a Captain John Thompson, arrived from Port Jackson (Sydney, New South Wales) seeking a cargo of kauri spars. Three days after the arrival of the *Boyd* in Whangaroa, almost all of her crew and passengers were dead.



"L'Enlèvement du Boyd par les Nouveaux Zélandais" Engraving by Louis Auguste Sainson, published in Paris 1826.

Although the *Boyd* already had a profitable cargo, the intention was to take on kauri spars for the Cape of Good Hope, Whangaroa being selected as the port of call. One of the ship's passengers was the young Whangaroa chief Tara (Te Ara) also known as 'George', returning home after his stay in Port Jackson.

After dropping anchor in the harbour, Whangaroa Maori offered to show the captain and his officers some excellent kauri timber. The locals led the ship's party in their boats up the Kaeo river for several miles till they approached the conical hill, Pohue-nui on which stood the pa of Te Ara's people, the Ngati-Uru. It was near here that Captain Thompson and his group were attacked and killed. Later, a war party left Kaeo to return to the Boyd and dispatch the remaining members of the crew. In fading light, these Maori gained easy access aboard the Boyd, as they rowed the ship's boats and were dressed in the uniforms of the slain officers. The attackers killed more of the crew. In the subsequent confusion, a spark fell into a barrel of gunpowder and, with a tremendous explosion, the ship was destroyed.

The reason often given for the attack is that the young chief, Te Ara or 'George', returning from Port Jackson aboard The Boyd, was tied to the capstan for several hours and threatened by Captain Thompson with flogging for allegedly concealing a

carpenter's axe under his cloak. Other reports maintain that Te Ara became ill or was unable to comply with orders to work his passage home and was denied food for several days. These grave offences against the mana of a chief were intolerable to Maori and required utu or vengeance.



'The Burning of The Boyd, Whangaroa Harbour 1809' by Walter Wright, 1908. Courtesy of Auckland City Art Gallery

News of the Boyd incident shortly reached the whaling fleet moored at nearby Kororareka (Russell) in the Bay of Islands. The news rumoured that there were some survivors.

There were four survivors: they were Mrs Ann Morley; her babe in arms; the ship's boy, Thomas Davis; and a two-year-old child named Betsy Broughton. In local Maori oral histories, the survivors of the massacre were spared the same fate of the rest of the crew and passengers because Ann Morley and Thomas Davis had shown kindness to 'George' Te Ara after his ill-treatment by the captain. There may have been more survivors, had the locals heeded the pleas for lenience from a visiting Bay of Islands chief named Te Pahi.

After the news reached Kororareka, Captain Alexander Berry, a merchant who was trading with the whaling fleet in Russell, arrived by boat a few weeks later to collect the survivors. Upon his return to the Bay of Islands, Berry's account of the incident portrayed Te Pahi's role in the massacre in an unfavourable light, with the tragic result that in March 1810, the crews of five whaling ships attacked the Rangihoua village of Te Pahi. The whalers shot and wounded Te Pahi, (who later died of his wounds) and murdered at least 60 (some accounts say over 200) of his innocent tribes-people. Another reason for this murderous act of retaliation is attributed to Te Ara's father being called Te Puhī, whose similar sounding name may have led to Te Pahi being tragically confused with him.



MAP 2

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS**Day 3 – Tuesday 12 February****Paihia to Omapere**

	Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge Paihia to Copthorne Hotel and Resort Hokianga State Highway 12, Omapere. Ph: 09 405-8737	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Right out of rear of hotel carpark, right again onto Bayview Rd, then left onto Marsden Rd		
2	Take 1 st exit at roundabout (SH11)		
3	Right at 'T' onto SH10 (Kerikeri, Kaitaia.)		
4	Take 2 nd exit at roundabout to remain on SH10		
5	Or, take the 3rd exit and visit Kerikeri, a worthwhile detour to view Kemp House, NZ's oldest standing European building (1821) and the nearby Stone Store, which dates back to 1832 and is New Zealand's oldest stone building. Return to the roundabout either the way you came or via Waipapa Rd to continue north on SH10.	15	15
6	Right onto Matauri Bay Rd (Matauri Bay 16kms)		
7	Left onto Whakarara Rd. (Te Ngaere Bay 5kms)		
8	Or left to visit Matauri Bay, a lovely spot. The road down is steep with good views. Toilets and access to beach available. Return to take Whakarara Rd. There is a look out point about 1 mile down the road with superb views.	20	35
9	Whakarara Rd becomes Wainui Rd.		
10	<i>The reserve area at Te Ngaere is a pleasant place to stop (swim?) on a nice day.</i>		
11	Right at 'Giveaway' to visit Whangaroa		
12	<i>Whangaroa, an interesting fishing village, famous for an historic NZ incident, 'The burning of the sailing ship 'The Boyd' (see itinerary) and where the Marlin Hotel can provide refreshments. Perhaps lunch? Retrace your steps back to the intersection and continue on Whangaroa Rd.</i>	16	51
13	Right at 'Stop' onto SH10 (Mangonui, Kaitaia.)	22	73
14	Right onto Hihi Rd (Hihi Beach Motor Camp sign) for our tour of the Butler Point Whaling Museum , scheduled to start at 2.30 pm. Aim to arrive at the museum about 2.15 pm. After the visit return by the same road back to turn right onto SH 10.		
15	Or, continue in to Mangonui for lunch, then return back along SH10 and left onto Hihi Rd for our Butler Point Whaling Station appointment. Mangonui has various eateries and craft shops. The fish and chip shop on the wharf is well known (some, including us, say overrated) in NZ for its products.		
16	Right onto Waterfront Drive (Mangonui 1km)		
17	Right onto Mabel Thorburn Place	7	80
18	Mabel Thorburn Pl becomes Mill Bay Rd.		
19	Right at 'Stop' onto SH10		
20	Left immediately over bridge onto Oruru Rd (Oruru 8 kms)		

21	Note: there is about 7 miles of gravel road between here and SH1. To avoid this requires a detour of about 22 miles, making it quite a jaunt to our destination. To avoid the gravel: ignore instruction 21. Continue on SH10 to Awanui. Left onto SH1. Continue on SH1 south through Kaitaia. Pick up from instruction 26 below.)		
22	Left onto Honeymoon Valley Rd		
23	Right onto Peria Valley Rd		
24	Left at 'T' onto Kitchen Rd		
25	Left at 'T' onto SH1 (Whangarei 137kms)		
26	Right onto Rangiahua Rd (Horeke 10kms. Mangungu Mission 12kms)	37	117
27	Right at 'T' onto Horeke Rd (Mangungu Mission)		
28	Left at 'Y' immediately over bridge onto Taheke Rd (Motukiore)		
29	Right at 'T' onto SH12 (Dargaville 120kms)	17	134
30	Drive from ferry to SH12. Right onto SH12.		
31	Continue on SH12 through Opononi to Omapere.		
32	Copthorne Hotel is on the right on southern edge of village.	22	156



NOTES



ITINERARY

Day 4 - Wednesday 13 February Omapere to Auckland Kauri and Colonists

A reasonable distance today, including an interesting museum stop and a run on the motorway through to central Auckland. An alternative route is provided that avoids the main sections of gravel road.

Departure: A full day – we've allowed about 6 hours for the 200 miles of the recommended route, so best to be on the road by or before 9.00 am. It will be shorter and quicker on the alternative route.

Petrol: Fill up at the G.A.S. station next door to the Hotel. Next certain availability won't be until Paparua, near Matakohu, about 120 miles away (unless you take the alternative route in which case petrol is available in Dargaville, 52 miles distant.)

Arrival: Our destination is the Quality Hotel Parnell, 20 Gladstone Road Parnell, Auckland. Ph: 09 303-3789

Dinner tonight has not been arranged but is available in 'Gladstones', the hotel restaurant, which has been advised to expect us. It will pay you to reserve a table when you check in. Also, local members of the **NZ Sunbeam Talbot Darracq Register** plan on joining with us in 'Gladstones' this evening for an informal get-together.

Breakfast tomorrow in the hotel, available from 7.45 am. A continental buffet will be provided for us at \$17.50 per person and anyone wanting to order a cooked breakfast can do so off the a la carte menu. The hotel assures us they will serve everyone in a timely fashion.

The journey: South down the west of the Island through the **Waipoua State Forest**. First though, the scenic look-out down Signal Station Rd on the right towards the top of the hill as we pull up out of Omapere is worth a visit.

When in the forest, look for the signs and parking area allowing you to stop and visit Tane Mahuta. The more energetic amongst you may also want to do the 40-minute round trip walk to view Te Matua Ngaere.

Waipoua Forest preserves some of the best examples of kauri forest remaining in New Zealand. It is notable for having two of the largest living kauri trees, Tane Mahuta and Te Matua Ngahere. The forest was declared a sanctuary in 1952. Te Matua Ngahere is the largest tree in New Zealand by girth and the second largest by volume and is estimated to be from 2,000 to 3,000 years old.

There are two recommended walks for visitors to the Waipoua Forest:

1. Kauri Walks

*Located approximately 1 km before Tane Mahuta – less known and not publicised as much this truly has some hidden secrets: **Te Matua Ngahere** "Father of the Forest" estimated to be approximately 3000 years old he is the oldest and widest known kauri tree in the world. This tree is over 5 metres in diameter and has a girth greater than Tane Mahuta (16.4 metres) but the trunk is much shorter at only 10.2 metres giving a total height of 29.9 metres and an estimated volume of 208 cubic metres. Te Matua Ngahere is an easy and enjoyable 40-minute round trip walk into the heart of the forest. **The Four Sisters** Located on the path to Te Matua Ngahere this is definitely another Must See. Normally kauri fight for sole survival but this stand of four separate trees are believed to come from the same seed pod explosion*

and have co-existed for about 500 years. These trees have evenly spaced, slender trunks and the branches at the top reach outwards and not in. Just like siblings some are stronger than others due to their position in relation to wind, rain and soil nutrients.

2. Tane Mahuta

1 km north from Kauri Walks and just a 3-minute walk from the main highway (map i) “Lord of the Forest” and spiritual “God of the Forest” is estimated to be approximately 2000 years old, dates back to the birth of Christ and is the largest known kauri tree in the world. This tree stands over 4 metres in diameter and has a girth of 13.77 metres, a trunk height of 17.69 metres, a total height of 51.5 metres with an estimated volume of 244.5 cubic metres.

Once clear of the forest we cut inland to travel down the centre of the island – a remote area in which you are unlikely to encounter many other tourists – on our way to Matakohe where we recommend you visit the **Matakohe Kauri Museum**.

The **Gumdiggers Café** at Matakohe is our lunch stop. They tell us they can cope with our numbers but best to space our sittings if we can to avoid service delays. It would be helpful for those who arrive early via the alternative Dargaville route to dine before the rest of us arrive.

THE STORY OF OUR PIONEERING SETTLERS THROUGH THE LENS OF THE KAURI INDUSTRY ...

The Kauri Museum is located approximately 90 minutes’ drive north of Auckland, in the rural backdrop of Matakohe. The Kauri Museum offers galleries of lifelike scenes of pioneering life. With over 4500 sq. metres of



undercover exhibits The Kauri Museum is the largest undercover attraction in Northland, with the theme and focal point of the mighty Kauri in mind. Displays which include the largest collection of Kauri Gum in the world, a fully furnished 1900s kauri house occupied with dressed models, the largest collection of Kauri furniture in the world, a huge 22-metre-long Kauri slab and a magnificent collection of original photographs and pioneering memorabilia.

The Kauri Museum gives a fascinating insight into what life was like for our early pioneering settlers and shows through the galleries the demise of the mighty Kauri Tree, through the development of pioneering life.

The Kauri Museum is a true masterpiece of Real New Zealand Heritage.

From Matakohe it is a reasonably straight forward hour and forty minutes (or thereabouts) drive down to Auckland with a stretch on State Highway 1 before we turn off onto the more pleasant and less busy State Highway 16 which brings us almost to our hotel door on the eastern fringe of the city centre.



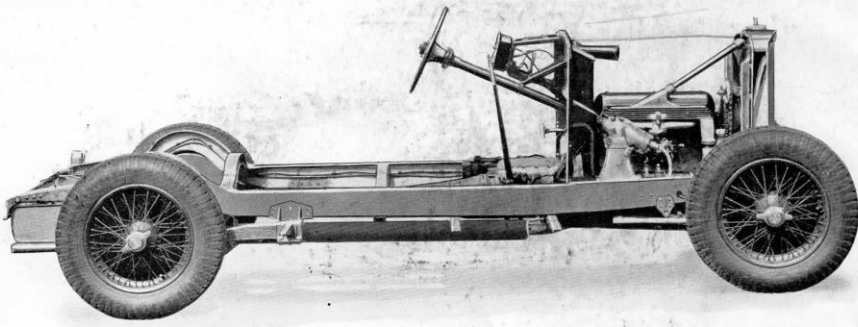
MAP 1

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS**Day 4 – Wednesday 13 February****Omapere to Auckland**

	Copthorne Hotel and Resort, Omapere to Quality Hotel Parnell, 20 Gladstone Road Parnell, Auckland Ph: 09 303-3789	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Right out of hotel carpark onto SH12		
2	<i>The scenic look out down Signal Station Rd on the right as you ascend the hill out of Omapere is worth a visit.</i>		
3	Continue on SH12 through the Waipoua Forest.		
4	<i>Stop and take short walks to visit 'Tane Mahuta' and Te Matua Ngahere', giant 2-3,000-year-old kauri trees. Awe inspiring.</i>		
5	Left onto Marlborough Rd (soon after 'Trounson Kauri Park Turn left 400m' sign)	22	22
6	Note: there are extensive sections of gravel road on the route below to Matakohe. To avoid the gravel: Stay on SH12 to and through Dargaville. Then continue on SH12 to Matakohe. Right onto Matakohe E Rd to follow signs to the Kauri Museum. Pick up from instruction 23.		
7	Marlborough Rd turns right and becomes Kaikohe Rd/Mangatu Rd		
8	Sharp left onto Kaikohe Rd.		
9	Right onto Waimatenui E Rd.		
10	Sharp Left to stay on Waimatenui E Rd.		
11	Ahead at 'Giveaway' onto SH15 (Mangakahia Rd. Whangarei, Dargaville)	24	46
12	Right onto Kirikopuni Rd (Dargaville 39 kms)		
13	Kirikopuni Rd turns slightly left and becomes Kirikopuni Valley Rd		
14	Left at sloping 'T' onto SH14	21	67
15	Right onto Pukehuia Rd. (Pukehuia 8 kms)		
16	Left onto Omana Rd		
17	Right onto Pikiwahine Rd		
18	Veer left onto Mititai Rd		
19	Right onto Ararua Rd (Matakohe 29kms)		
20	Right at 'Giveaway' onto SH12		
21	Left onto Matakohe East Rd to Kauri Museum	39	106
22	Left onto Church Rd to Kauri Museum		
23	<i>Visit the Kauri Museum. A fascinating collection of artefacts and displays that tell the story of NZ's pioneering settlers through the lens of the kauri industry.</i>		
24	Return from Museum down Church St and right onto Matakohe E Rd back to SH 12.		
25	Right onto SH12 (Brynderwyn)		
26	Continue on SH12 through Maungaturoto		
27	Right at 'T' onto SH1 (Auckland)		
28	Continue on SH1 to Wellsford	33	139
29	In Wellsford, turn right onto SH16 (just before Caltex station. Helensville. Port Albert)		

30	<i>After you pass West Coast Rd on the left, keep an eye out on the right for large works of art on a property known as Gibbs Farm (visits by arrangement). You may even see a Giraffe. There are a few on the property.</i>		
	<i>Soon after you pass Jordan Road on your right you will find the 'Kaipara Coast Plant Centre and Sculpture Gardens' signposted on your right. If you have time, this is a pleasant café stop for garden lovers with a 1 km sculpture trail set in a rural oasis featuring 60 or so sculptures by leading NZ artists. You can walk the trail in 40 minutes or so – a relaxing interlude before we venture into the city. Open to 5.00pm.</i>		
31	Left onto Peak Rd (just after passing through Kaukapakapa)	29	168
32	Left onto Old North Road		
33	Straight ahead at roundabout to stay on Old North Rd.		
34	Take 1st exit at roundabout onto SH16 (Waitakere, Auckland)		
35	Take 2 nd exit at roundabout. (Auckland. Motorway South)		
36	As you come into Auckland, keep first to the middle lanes then to the right-hand lanes to follow and stay on SH16 , to and into Auckland central (East. Port)		
37	Straight ahead at traffic lights (Port. Parnell)		
38	Straight ahead at traffic lights (to go under railway overpass)		
39	Straight ahead at next traffic lights		
40	Right into Gladstone Rd (just prior to 'Quay St, Tamaki Drive' sign. Parnell Pools)	32	200
41	Quality Hotel is on right, number 20, opposite a primary school.		

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3rd ... 5-964 or 6-288 to 1	3rd ... 5-977 or 6-302 to 1	
4th (Top) 4-363 or 4-6 to 1	4th (Top) 4-363 or 4-6 to 1	
Reverse ... 19-633 or 20-70 to 1	Reverse ... 21-3 or 22-5 to 1	





ITINERARY

Day 5 - Thursday 14 February

Auckland to Waitomo

Limestone Country

An adventurous run that takes us off the beaten track, with some interesting and unusual stops along the way. Alternative routes are provided that avoid the sections of gravel road.

Departure: About 6 hours driving and you should get away around 9.00 am. This will miss the worst of the Auckland morning traffic. You will be driving against the predominant flow anyway.

Petrol: There is a BP station about 20 miles down the motorway and a station at Pokeno (33 miles), in the town itself just off to the left of our route. After that, not much if anything for the next 90 miles, until Raglan. Please ensure you leave Raglan with enough fuel for at least 100 miles as you are unlikely to find any petrol until about 11 miles past our destination.

Arrival: Our destination is the Waitomo Caves Hotel, Access Rd, Waitomo 3977. Ph: 07-878 8204.

Dinner tonight is a buffet at the hotel, 7.00 pm. \$58 pp. The bar will be a useful port of call to slake the dust.

Breakfast tomorrow in the hotel. Set menu ranging from \$14 pp for Continental buffet to \$20pp for full cooked, commencing 7.45 am.

Note: \$50 per room has already been paid as part of your deposit. This will be deducted from each room account.

The journey: A brisk run down the southern motorway out of Auckland, then west towards the mouth of the Waikato, New Zealand's largest river. South from there into the wilds, past limestone formations, streams alongside the road, through bush and rolling farmland. Watch for wandering stock and wild turkeys.

We suggest you stop for lunch in Raglan. There is a choice of cafes in the town centre or drive through town and around the water front to 'Raglan Fish' on the wharf.

Raglan, population 3,120, once a quiet backwater, now a trendy and slightly 'alternative' destination, is known for black-sand Ngarunui Beach and the long surf break at Manu Bay. There are some interesting shops to browse through, a choice of eating establishments and good coffee to be had. To the south, native forest surrounds the tall Bridal Veil Falls. Mount Karioi is an extinct, forest-clad volcano with summit views over the Tasman Sea.

South from Raglan we recommend you detour to view the **Bridal Veil Falls**.

The Bridal Veil Falls/Waireinga is a plunge waterfall located along the Pakoka River. The waterfall is 55 m high and has over time caused the formation of a large pool at the base of the waterfall. Access is an easy 10 min (one way) attractive walk through native forest following the Pakoka River

We skirt round remote Aotea and Kawhia Harbours, natural inlets on the Tasman sea coast, rich in Maori history, before heading inland across to our destination, Waitomo Caves.

Just past Te Anga we highly recommend you stop to visit both the:



- **Marakopa Falls**, 35m high and often described as the most beautiful in NZ, cascading over the undercut greywacke basement rock. A 600m return walk through tawa and nikau forest.

And

- About 3km further along the road, the **Mangapohue Natural Bridge**, consisting of two rock arches formed by the Mangapohue Stream in the Marokopa River valley. The 17 m high limestone arches are a remnant of an ancient cave system. The easy, 700m loop track follows a boardwalk through an impressive limestone gorge that takes you underneath the 17 m high limestone arch. From here the track becomes stepped and passes under the bridge giving a superb view of the ceiling studded with stalactite-like formations and an excellent view back down the gorge. The track continues over farmland. Follow the marker posts around to the right and up the hill where you can see 25-million-year-old fossilised oysters exposed in the limestone outcrops. Follow the marker posts until you cross a stile back into the reserve heading back to the car park.

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Maps 3 & 4

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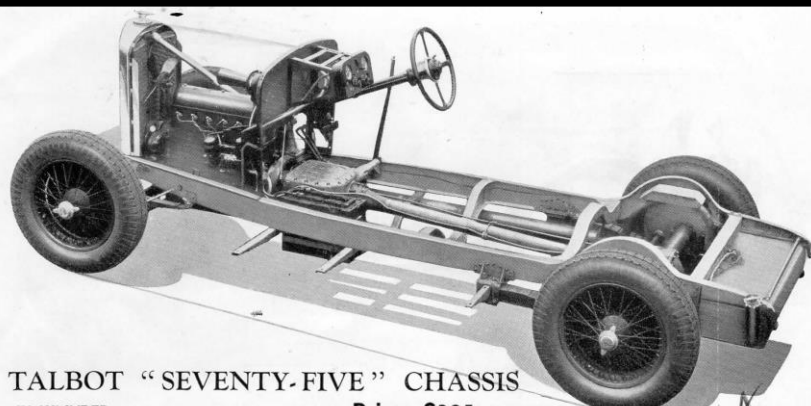
Day 5 – Thursday 14 February

Auckland to Waitomo

	Quality Hotel, Parnell to Waitomo Caves Hotel, Access Rd, Waitomo 3977. Ph: 07-878 8204.	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Left out of hotel onto Gladstone Rd		
2	left into Cleveland Rd (5 th road on left)		
3	Right at 'Stop' into St Georges Bay Rd		
4	Left at 'Give Way' onto The Strand (Highway 16)		
5	Straight ahead at Parnell Rise intersection onto Stanley St to stay on SH16 following Motorways 1 and 16 signs.		
6	Follow Motorways 1 and 16 signs		
7	Keep left to take Exit 2 off SH16 to SH1 South (Manukau, Hamilton)		
8	Continue south on SH1, past Bombay. (Becomes Waikato Expressway here.)		
9	Exit Motorway at Pokeno (first exit, unnumbered, <u>after</u> Exit 477.)		
10	Right at Roundabout to follow Pokeno	33	33
11	Right to follow 'Tuakau 9 km' (Pokeno Road)		
12	Left at 'T' to follow 'Port Waikato 29km'		
13	Cross bridge then immediate right off bridge to follow 'Port Waikato 25 km' (Sign on the left)		
14	Alternative To avoid gravel roads: (The gravel section is only 8 miles long so why not stay with us?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veer left across bridge to stay on main road, Hwy 22. - Stay on Hwy 22 towards Waingaro. Then pick up from instruction 21 		
15	Continue to Port Waikato	23	56
16	At Port Waikato continue on to Port Waikato – Waikaretu Rd to follow 'Nikau Cave 28 km' sign.		
17	Continue onto Waikaretu Valley Rd past Nikau Caves. (Maybe a coffee here if café is open. Service is slow if café is busy)		
18	Stay on Waikaretu Valley Rd through to Hwy 22		
19	Right at 'Giveaway' onto Hwy 22 to follow Naikē 7km		
20	Stay on Hwy22 towards Waingaro		
21	Right after 'Raglan Hwy 23' sign, into Ohautira Rd	49	105
22	Right at 'T' into SH23 (Raglan 13km)	19	124
23	Continue on SH 23 to Raglan (<i>suggested lunch stop</i>)		
24	Take Hwy23 back out of Raglan		
25	Right into Te Mata Rd (Bridal Veil Falls 13 km) and continue through Te Mata		
	Alternative To avoid gravel roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not turn into Te Mata Rd. Stay on SH23 - Right into Ferguson Rd. - Right at Stop into Te Pahu Rd - Stay on Te Pahu Rd through Karamu and Te Pahu - Right at 'Giveaway' onto Kakaramea Rd SH39 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay on SH39 to Otorohanga - At Otorohanga take SH3 towards Te Kuiti - Right at roundabout onto SH37 Waitomo Caves Rd to Waitomo Caves 		
26	<p>Left into Kawhia Rd (Bridal Veil Falls/Waireinga) to visit the falls. No Exit.</p> <p><i>It's an 8km (round trip) detour but the Falls are worth a stop. An easy 10 min (one way) attractive walk through native forest.</i></p>		
27	Return back to the Bridal Veil Falls turn-off. Left at 'Stop' onto Te Papatapu Rd.		
28	Right onto Kawhia Rd (Kawhia 22kms).		
29	Stay on Kawhia Rd (which becomes Raglan Rd) through Makomako on to SH 31		
30	Left at 'T' into SH31 (Otorohanga 52km)		
31	Right onto Harbour Rd (Kinohaku 28km)		
32	Stay on Harbour Rd through Hauturu (becomes Kawhia Harbour Rd) to Kinohaku	51	175
33	Left at 'T' onto Te Waitere Rd (Te Anga 16km).		
34	Left at 'T' onto Taharoa Rd (Te Anga 9 km)		
35	Left at 'Giveaway' onto Te Anga Rd (Waitomo 34km)	10	185
36	<p>Continue on Te Anga Rd to Waitomo Caves.</p> <p><i>Stop to visit the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Marakopa Falls. A 600m return walk through tawa and nikau forest, and</i> - <i>Mangapohue Natural Bridge, an easy, 700m loop track</i> 	20	205
37	At Waitomo village, right onto Access Rd ('Cave World' on corner). Our hotel is at the end of this road		

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TALBOT "SEVENTY-FIVE" CHASSIS

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Tyres Dunlop "Fort," 29" x 5.5"	Turning circle 37' 0"
Wheels Detachable steel Artillery or wire (balanced).	Overall length 14' 6"
Gear Ratios Silent 3rd Gearbox	Overall width 5' 9"
	Overall height 5' 5"
1st 19:00 to 1	Fuel tank capacity 16 galls.
2nd 10:51 to 1	
3rd 7:13 to 1	
4th (Top) 5:22 to 1	
Reverse 23:5 to 1	

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2nd 10:57 to 1
3rd 7:15 to 1
4th (Top) 5:22 to 1
Reverse 25:4 to 1

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ITINERARY

Day 6 – Friday 15 February

Waitomo to Napier

Geology & Geothermal

We begin the day underground, visiting the Waitomo Glowworm Caves, then cross the island through its geothermal heart, stopping to view the thermal wonderland of Orakei Korako, then on to Napier in sunny Hawke's Bay on the east coast.

Departure: We need be at the **Waitomo Glowworm Caves** office by 9.00 a.m. for our cave tour. The cost of this is included in your entry fee so nothing to pay here except attention. The tour takes around 45 minutes, so we will be ready for the road about 10.00 a.m. Driving time – about 5 hours today. We will be stopping for lunch at Orakei Korako.

World-renowned and a magnet for both local and overseas visitors, the Waitomo Glowworm Caves occupy a high placing in the New Zealand vacation wish-list.

*The glowworm, *Arachnocampa luminosa*, is unique to New Zealand. Thousands of these tiny creatures radiate their unmistakable luminescent light as our expert guides provide informative commentary on the Cave's historical and geological significance.*

Petrol: Is available in Te Kuiti, Benneydale and Taupo and at the start of SH5, the Napier/Taupo road. Thereafter, not so much until near Napier.

Arrival: Our destination is the Bluewater Hotel, 10 West Quay Ahuriri, Napier 4110. PH 06 835 8668. We are staying here for three nights, so, unpack and relax!

Dinner tonight: Is at **Crab Farm Winery**, a boutique family owned and operated winery and restaurant in Bay View, on SH2 about 6 miles north from our accommodation. A set menu, \$54 per person. We'll be sorting out transport there and back for those who don't wish to drive.

There are no arrangements for dinner on Saturday night. You may choose to dine in the city centre or there are plenty of restaurants to choose from in Ahuriri, within walking distance from our motel. 'Boardwalk', 'Milk and Honey' and '3 Doors Up' have been mentioned to us by locals as worth a try, but there are others that we are told are equally as good.

Breakfasts: No arrangements have been made for breakfast for either Saturday, Sunday or Monday. We suggest you head down into Ahuriri where a range of options are available, including the 'Café Ahuriri', 16 Mahia St, the 'Ahuriri Village Kitchen', 6/15 Hardinge St, the 'Adoro Ahuriri', 2 Bridge St, amongst several others.

Note: Full payment for your accommodation in the Bluewater Hotel has already been made by way of your deposit, so you only need settle for any sundries on departure.

The journey: It's all sealed and civilised today. We travel through Te Kuiti, the sheep shearing capital of New Zealand and home of a legendary All Black, the late Sir Colin Meads, (a statue of whom stands in the town). Then on through the rich farmlands of the King Country and the small town of Benneydale.

Origin of name: *Coal was discovered here in 1931 and in 1940 the government bought the mine, thus creating the township, naming it for Mr Benney, (the under-secretary of mines at the time), and Mr Dale, (the mine superintendent) making it the only King Country settlement without a Maori name.*

Population: *When the mine was running at peak production it climbed to 2000 but today it's closer to 200, including those on outlying farms.*

East through the King Country to cross Whakamaru, one of the hydroelectric dams on the Waikato River then on to the thermal wonderland of Orakei Korako.

Lunch here in the Orakei Korako café.

Then we take a boat across to view the geothermal park on the other side. The entrance fee for T.A.T participants is \$29 per person. Make sure you have T.A.T. identification with you. Allow an hour or so for the geothermal park visit.

Orakei Korako (also known as 'The Hidden Valley') is a highly active geothermal area situated in the Taupo Volcanic Zone on the Waikato River at Lake Ohakuri, which is part of the hydro-electric power scheme. The formation of the lake raised the Waikato River at Orakei Korako by 18m, flooding more than 250 hot springs and geysers. Even with two thirds of the original geothermal area covered by the artificial lake, Orakei Korako is still New Zealand's largest geyser field and one of the country's must-see natural attractions.

South then to Taupo. On the way stop for a look at the **Huka Falls**. Entrance and parking on the left going down the hill towards Taupo. A visit doesn't take long.

Huka Falls is a thundering 11-metre high waterfall and the most visited and photographed natural attraction in New Zealand. The sheer volume of water flowing over the falls amounts to 220,000 litres per second - enough to fill one Olympic sized swimming pool in 11 seconds!

In Taupo have a wander along the lake front or through the town, a quick swim if you enjoy bracing experiences, coffee or tea at one of the many cafes.

The Napier-Taupo road is one of NZ's iconic stretches of highway. Frequently closed by snow in the winter, it takes you through fantastic scenery with rugged hills, beautiful valleys, gentle plains and huge vistas. As you cross the island the rugged hills give way to the rich farmland, lavender fields, orchards and vineyards of Hawke's Bay and our destination, Napier - a city rebuilt after a 1931 earthquake, known for art deco landmarks like the zigzag-patterned Daily Telegraph Building. Along the tree-lined waterfront promenade the Marine Parade, the Pania of the Reef statue depicting a Maori maiden, is a symbol of the town.

And we arrive just in time to enjoy Napier's annual Art Deco Festival Weekend! Enjoy the next couple of (almost) free days!



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MAPS 4 & 5

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 6 – Friday 15 February

Waitomo to Napier

	Waitomo Caves Hotel to Bluewater Hotel, 10 West Quay Ahuriri, Napier 4110. PH 06 835 8668	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	<i>Assemble by 9.00 a.m. at the Waitomo Caves car park down the hill from the hotel for a tour of the Waitomo Glow worm cave. Duration 45 minutes. The cost of the tour is included in your entry fee.</i>		
2	Left out of caves car park		
3	Right at roundabout onto SH3 (Te Kuiti, New Plymouth)		
4	Immediate left onto Mangarino Rd.		
5	Right onto Hangatiki East Rd		
6	Veer left onto Somerville Rd (Te Kumi Station Rd sign).		
7	Proceed through Te Kuiti	12	12
8	Take SH30 to Benneydale (Taupo, Rotorua)	22	34
9	Continue through Benneydale on SH30 towards Mangakino		
10	Right to follow SH30 (Taupo, Rotorua)		
11	Stay on SH30 through Whakamaru, cross the dam and stay on SH30 (Rotorua) to SH1	44	78
12	Right at 'T' (SH1) to Taupo		
13	Left onto Tutukau Rd (Orakei Korako Cave & Thermal Park 14km)		
14	Left onto Orakei Korako Rd. (Orakei Korako 5km)		
15	Stop at Orakei Korako for lunch and visit to the geothermal area. Visit costs \$29 for T.A.T. entrants. Please identify yourself as a T.A.T. participant.	19	97
16	Retrace route back to SH1.		
17	Left at SH1 to Taupo		
18	Take 3 rd exit at roundabout (Taupo, Huka Falls and Wairakei Tourist Park)		
19	<i>Stop to visit Huka Falls. Entrance and parking on the left going down the hill towards Taupo. (Huka Falls Rd)</i>		
20	Proceed into Taupo and travel along lake front	23	120
21	Left, just past the Mobil petrol station to follow 'Napier' sign		
22	Straight ahead through roundabout onto SH5. Napier.		
23	Continue on SH5, then right at sloping 'T' into SH2 to Napier. <i>As you cruise down the coast towards the airport spare a thought for the fact that where you are right now was under water prior to the 1931 earthquake. The coast was the hills off to your right.</i>		
24	Just past the airport left at roundabout to follow SH2 city centre and port.		
25	Stay on SH2 to cross causeway.		
26	Left at the roundabout after causeway into West Quay and our hotel, The Bluewater, is on the left.	88	208



NOTES

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Days 7 & 8 – Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 February Free Days in Napier

Napier – the art deco capital of New Zealand and we are here over the weekend of its annual Art Deco Festival, one of the foremost festivals of this type in the world.

Fabulous art deco architecture, lush wineries, beautiful beaches and a mild climate – Napier has lots to offer.

Again, our time here is not entirely free. On Sunday afternoon we will be introduced to Maori culture and treated to a **Hangi** – dinner cooked the traditional Maori way using heated rocks buried in a pit oven. This will be an authentic and interactive experience such as few visitors to NZ get to enjoy. It is taking place at Puketitiri, about 33 miles, say 1 hour's drive, from our accommodation and we need be there by 4.00 pm, which means leaving Ahuriri by 3.00 pm. We'll be providing you with instructions on how to get there.

While we wait for the stone oven to do its thing, **Balls Clearing Scenic Reserve**, near to where we will be, provides us the opportunity for walks through an outstanding example of dense virgin podocarp forest accessed by a network of walking tracks that vary in time from 10 to 40 minutes. Or just kick back and have a rest.

Suggested Activities:

Saturday.

- The Art Deco Festival.

Head into the town centre and immerse yourself in the art deco festivities. Wander around and enjoy the music and dancing, the costumes and the architecture. At 12.30 p.m. view the vintage car parade.

There will be events and goings-on everywhere. Enjoy the party! To help plan your stay this link provides you with a full programme of the festival events.



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Sunday: (or part of Saturday should you find yourself art-deco'd out)

- Take a wander along **Marine Parade** and admire the architecture here and in the compact CBD. The town's art deco buildings are very striking. It's all curves, pastel



colours and long horizontal lines, with touches of Maori embellishment here and there. Pass the Soundshell; make sure you see the statue of **Pania of the Reef** (a Maori mythological figure and Napier icon) located amid colourful gardens, just metres from the shoreline. The walk will bring you to the National Aquarium of New Zealand and its impressive conservation projects, as well as sharks, penguins, turtles, kiwis and more.

- Visit the [MTG](#) (Museum, Gallery, Theatre), which has interesting, oft-changing exhibitions on local culture and history, the earthquake and art deco.
- **Visit a Vineyard** (or two). With 72, give or take, in the area there is plenty of choice of vineyards and wineries. The wineries have cellar door tastings with a cover charge of about \$5 that typically gets you a few swigs of five or six wines and is waived if you buy yourself a bottle of the stuff. The area is responsible for 32% of New Zealand's chardonnay and more than 83% of its syrahs, while the varied soil (there are 25 separate soil classifications) makes for very different tasting wines from various regions. Head out to Church Road and Mission Estate Wineries in Taradale. [Mission Estate](#), having opened in 1851, is the oldest winery in New Zealand. Take in the Gimblett Gravels and the Ngatarawa Triangle, two neighbouring but distinct wine regions. [Trinity Hill](#) wine is excellent and the hospitality a treat; the voignier and syrah are superb. Tie it in with a trip to [Te Awa](#) and the beautiful vine-circled garden at [Salvare](#), which are both just down the road in the Ngatarawa Triangle. You'll be astounded how such a compact area can produce such different tasting wines.
- Take a drive inland to **Havelock North**, a cosy little village near Hastings and home to the area's premier boutique shops and cute coffee stops. Cruise up the winding path to Te Mata Peak to take in panoramic 365-degree views of the area. Nestling at the foot of the hill is [Craggy Range Winery](#), one of Hawke's Bay's grand affairs, which boasts a fine restaurant.
- Or go to the beach. The crashing waves and white sands of beautiful **Waimarama Beach** a few miles down the coast are enticing on a hot summer's day.
- **Gannets!** Head out to **Cape Kidnappers**, a craggy, but stunning peninsula viewable from the Marine Parade and where you can get within a few feet of the world's largest, most accessible mainland gannet colony which is at the top of the Cape's sheer and barren cliffs. A good way to enjoy what Cape Kidnappers has to offer is on a tractor-pulled trailer with [Gannet Beach Adventure Tours](#). You may have to book in advance. The tour takes around 4 hours. Plus, it is a pleasant drive around the coast through Te Awanga to Clifton.

Either Day:

- Go for a walk. Practically on our accommodation door step we have the **Ahuriri Estuary Walking Track**. The track begins at the end of Humber St, across the roundabout on Pandora Rd and you can walk a loop that brings you out on Meeanee Quay, then on to Pandora Rd and home again. An easy 2.8 kms over an hour or so providing the opportunity for you to view a community of wading birds, fish, mud dwellers and aquatic plant life from the estuary track and boardwalk. Over 70 species of resident and migratory water birds use the estuary as a feeding and resting area.



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Day 9 – Monday 18 February

Napier to Oreti-Lake Taupo

The Gentle Annie and Desert Road

Another day of two halves – the road less travelled for the first section, then a burst up the main highway to our destination.

Departure: Not a strenuous day so no need to rush away this morning. About 4.5 hours' drive time over 160 miles or so.

There are no cafes between Napier and Taihape so, if it's open, the Silky Oak Chocolate Factory down Links Rd just out of Napier is likely to be your last chance for a coffee and a snack before lunch.

Petrol: There are no stations between Napier and Taihape, so we suggest you fill up before you leave. If you are running low later in the day, fill up at Waiouru.

Arrival: Our destination is the Oreti Village Resort, 88 Pukawa Road, Pukawa Bay, on the shores of Lake Taupo. Phone 07 386 7070.

There is no harm in arriving a little early here. Surrounded by tranquil bush, offering breathtaking water and mountain range views, Oreti is one of New Zealand's better kept secrets. Just relax in this magical location in the heart of the North Island.

Dinner tonight will be at the resort and there is a bar we can gather at beforehand (and afterhand, for that matter...).

Breakfast tomorrow: Is not being provided at Oreti. We will be stopping for this at Turangi at either the 'Creel Tackle House & Café' 189 Taupahi Rd, the 'Hydro Eatery' 17 Ohuanga Rd, or the 'Mustard Seed Café' 91 The Town Centre.

The journey: The Napier-Taihape road, historically known as the **Gentle Annie**, has only recently been fully sealed and is a lot gentler on travellers than it used to be. Leaving the fertile plains and vineyards of Hawke's Bay you'll climb steadily up into the Kaweka forest park, then on upwards to the North Island's central volcanic plateau - tussock country ideal for merino sheep. You'll cross the spectacular Rangitikei River Gorge where a weathered old suspension bridge still resides alongside the concrete and steel structure that replaced it in 1974, and then finally descend into Taihape.

Lunch in Taihape. 'Le Café Telephonique' in Huia Street, close to where you will enter the town is recommended and has ample parking nearby. 'The Brown Sugar Café' in Kiwi Street, just across the intersection is another option.

Taihape is a rural supply town and was at its peak during the 1960s when it was a railway and transport hub for the surrounding farming community. Much of its economic activity revolved around the railway and rural communities. In recent years with the advent of major tourist attractions Taihape is now experiencing an upturn in local commerce. Its main claim to fame is as the "Gumboot Capital of the World", and it attracts large numbers of people to the annual gumboot-throwing contest.

Between Taihape and Turangi you will traverse **The Desert Road**, the section of State Highway 1, frequently closed in winter, across the Rangipo Desert, a barren high-altitude plateau. Weather permitting you'll have stunning views across the desert to the three



volcanically active peaks of Mount Ruapehu, the conical Mount Ngauruhoe and broad-domed Mount Tongariro. As fans of Tolkein and the 'Lord of the Rings' films will tell you, the Black Gate of Mordor scenes were shot in the Rangipo Desert.

Waiouru is home to a major military base and the surrounding area is used extensively for army training. The **National Army Museum** there (on the right-hand side of the road - you can't miss it) is New Zealand's most comprehensive Army Museum with a unique collection of military exhibits, memorabilia and public research material. A visit of an hour or so is worthwhile for those who may be interested.

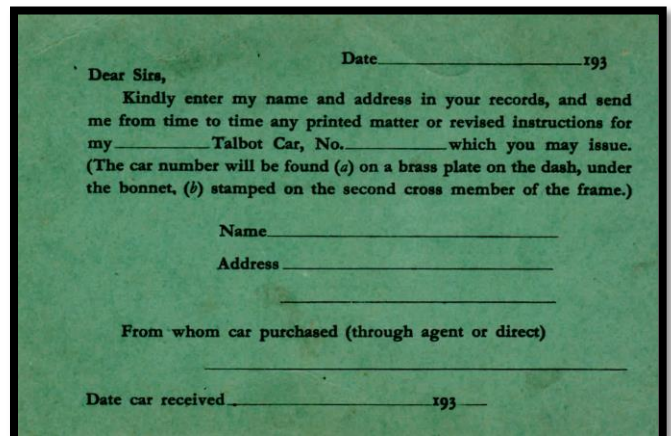
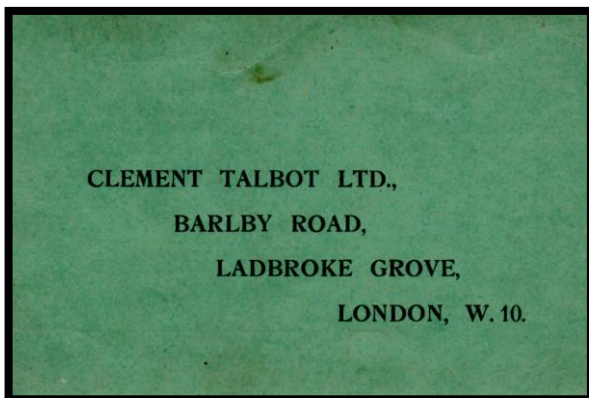
Lake Taupo:

Taupo volcano last erupted over 1,800 years ago and is today filled by New Zealand's largest lake.

Taupo volcano first began to erupt over 300,000 years ago. It is very large and has many vents, most of which are now under Lake Taupo. Geological studies of Taupo show that the volcano makes up only the northern half of the lake and a small surrounding area but there have been numerous eruptions from different sites within this large volcano. Taupo is not a large mountain because the eruptions have been so explosive that all material has been deposited far from the vent and subsequent collapse of the ground has formed a caldera (a collapsed volcano).

The Taupo eruption was the most violent eruption in the world in the last 5,000 years; it was a complex series of events. The first phases of the eruption produced a series of five pumice and ash fall deposits over a wide area of the central North Island, especially east of Taupo and beyond Napier into Hawke Bay. The eruption culminated with a large and very energetic pyroclastic flow that devastated an area of about 20,000 km² and filled all the major river valleys of the central North Island with pumice and ash. These pumice deposits can still be seen today and many of the major rivers in the North Island carry large amounts of this pumice when in flood. Rounded pumice found on the beaches of the North Island have come from this eruption. The Taupo eruption took place from a line of vents near the eastern side of the modern lake.

But, don't worry, it's unlikely to blow again while we are there.





MAP 5

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS**Day 9 – Monday 18 February
Napier to Oreti-Lake Taupo**

	Bluewater Hotel, Napier to Oreti Village 88 Pukawa Road, Lake Taupo. Phone: 07 386 7070	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Left at roundabout out of West Quay into SH2 (Pandora Rd)		
2	Right at roundabout to follow Napier Hastings signs (Hydrabad Rd. SH2)		
3	Left at roundabout to follow SH50 Taradale, City Centre		
4	Right at roundabout to follow SH50 Taradale, Hastings. (Taradale Rd)		
5	Left at roundabout to follow SH50 (Hastings)		
7	Right at roundabout (or at intersection. Roundabout construction not complete at time of writing) into Links Rd to follow SH50. (Fernhill, Taihape. Silky Oak Chocolate Factory). <i>Note that the Silky oak Chocolate Factory down this road is likely to be your last chance for a coffee and a snack before Taihape.</i>		
6	Left at 'T' to follow SH50 (Fernhill, Taihape. Korokipo Rd)		
7	Right into Taihape Rd (Puketapu, Taihape. Church and cemetery on corner.)	12	12
8	Stay on Taihape Rd, following Taihape signs, through Sherenden, Otamauri, Willowford, Kuripapango, Timahanga Station. Taihape Rd becomes Erewhon Rd ('Nowhere' spelt backwards),		
9	Stay on Erewhon Rd to Moawhango		
10	At Moawhango follow Taihape, Waiouru signs into Te Moehau Rd.		
11	Left at 'T' into Spooners Hill Rd (Taihape)		
12	Continue on Spooners Hill Rd into Taihape for lunch	84	96
13	Head north on SH1 to Waiouru		
14	Pass through Waiouru	18	114
15	Stay on SH1 through to Turangi		
16	Left at Turangi into SH41 (Taumaranui, National Park)	39	153
17	Right into Pukawa Rd		
18	Right at 'Oreti' sign and continue on to our accommodation	10	163



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Day 10 – Tuesday 19 February Oreti-Lake Taupo to Whanganui Poets and Preachers.

A journey around the mountains of the Central Plateau and down the Whanganui River – remote and rugged but sealed roads all the way.

Departure: No great distance today, 135 miles, about 3.5 hours driving time and only 63 miles to the suggested lunch stop, so you can take your time.

Petrol: There's petrol in Turangi and at National park about 41 miles from our start. After that, you can fill up at Ohakune or Raetihi. There are no stations down the Whanganui River road.

Arrival: Our destination is the '151 on London Motel', at 151 London St, College Estate, Whanganui 4500. Phone: 06 345-8668.

Dinner: We will be dining tonight on board the '**ss Waimarie**', NZ's only authentic coal fired paddle steamer, as she paddles her way along the Whanganui River. The cruise departs at 6.00 pm, takes 2 hours and we'll be sorting out transport to and from the boat.

Breakfast tomorrow: The motel is putting on a Continental buffet for us in the conference room, \$10 per person, incl tea or coffee. We'll be asking for numbers of those who wish to take advantage of this so the Motel can cater accordingly. Also, Kristy's Cafe onsite provides all day breakfasts (and famous Raetihi Pies) - chargeback available but best to stagger our attendance as they generally serve about 6 full cooked meals per 30 minutes.

Note: Full payment for your accommodation in the '151' has already been made by way of your deposit, so you only need settle for your breakfast on departure.

The journey: We circle around the volcanic plateau from the east today, down through Tongariro National Park, New Zealand's oldest national park and a dual World Heritage area. This status recognises the park's important Maori cultural and spiritual associations as well as its outstanding volcanic features.

***Tongariro National Park** is the oldest national park in New Zealand, located in the central North Island. It has been acknowledged by UNESCO as one of the 28 mixed cultural and natural World Heritage Sites.*

Tongariro National Park was the fourth national park established in the world. The active volcanic mountains Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe, and Tongariro are located in the centre of the park.

There are a number of Māori religious sites within the park, and many of the park's summits, including Ngauruhoe and Ruapehu, are tapu, or sacred. The park includes many towns around its boundary including Ohakune, Waiouru, Horopito, Pokaka, Erua, National Park Village, Whakapapa ski field and Turangi.

The Tongariro National Park is home to the famed Tongariro Alpine Crossing, widely regarded as one of the world's best one-day hikes.

We divert through the village of Ohakune, a ski resort town in winter, famous locally for growing NZ's best carrots!

Lunch: We suggest you stop in Ohakune for this. It offers a range of choices. There is a dairy on the right just past the BP station that sells the most wonderful chocolate eclairs. We



are told they are not providing them over the summer, but if they happen to be available they are highly recommended.

From here we pass through Raetihi and on into the wilds towards Pipiriki and the Whanganui River. This is heartland New Zealand, rugged and remote. Watch for cyclists as you travel down to Jerusalem, home of the Sisters of Compassion and, for a time, James K Baxter, one of New Zealand's best known and best loved poets. In his short life he produced a huge number of poems, as well as plays, literary criticism, and social and religious commentary. A hugely influential figure, Baxter was as well known for his life as for his writing.

JERUSALEM WHANGANUI

Jerusalem, Hiruhārama in Māori, is a tiny settlement 66 kilometres up the Whanganui River Road. It was originally called Patiarero and was one of the biggest settlements on the Whanganui River in the 1840's with several hundred Ngāti Hau inhabitants of the iwi Te Āti Haunui a Pāpārangī. Many Whanganui River settlements were given new place names by Reverend Richard Taylor in the 1850's.

Jerusalem Whanganui was an isolated site where, in 1892, Suzanne Aubert (known as Mother Mary Joseph) established the congregation of the Sisters of Compassion. They became a highly respected charitable nursing and religious order.

Also established was the Jerusalem Foundling Home in 1886 which housed and cared for abandoned children from around New Zealand. A convent remains in Jerusalem as well as the Church where the Sisters of Compassion still care for the buildings and the history of the site.

James K Baxter, born in Dunedin in 1926, took an interest in poetry from an early age. His first collection of poems was published in 1944 when he was only 18, and a new collection was published every few years thereafter. Like many of his contemporaries he explored the character of New Zealand society through his poems, contrasting the wildness and grandeur of the New Zealand landscape with the 'human daydream', the 'short fever' of human life. He spent several years grappling with university study and then working on farms in Canterbury, before settling in Wellington with his young family in 1948. He struggled with alcoholism, but the poems continued to flow. Christian theology was an important influence in his life, and he was baptised as an Anglican in 1948 and then as a Catholic in 1957.

He developed an interest in Māori culture, seeing Māori as marginalised and persecuted by mainstream society.

In 1968 Baxter decided to form a community centred on 'spiritual aspects of Maori communal life', to 'try to live without money or books'. For Baxter, who thought Auckland a 'great arsehole' and Wellington 'a sterile whore of a thousand bureaucrats', this meant retreating to the countryside. A community was established on the Whanganui River at the remote rural settlement of Jerusalem in 1969.

Baxter now referred to himself as 'Hemi'. In addition to his time at Jerusalem, he periodically lived with drug addicts in an Auckland commune. His bearded and shabby appearance, and outspoken attitudes towards the authorities, earned him a dubious national celebrity. His infamy made life at Jerusalem complicated, and his indigent and haphazard lifestyle seriously affected his health. He died of a heart attack in Auckland on 22 October 1972, at the age of 46.

The river road eventually brings us out to SH4 for our final run down into Whanganui.



MAPS 5 & 6

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 10 – Tuesday 19 February Oreti-Lake Taupo to Whanganui.

	Oreti Village to 151 on London Motel, 151 London St, College Estate, Whanganui 4500. Phone: 06 345-8668	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	From Oreti Village return to SH41.		
2	Left onto SH41 and continue on to Turangi		
3	Left to Turangi Town Centre (Ohuanga Rd)	9	9
	<i>Stop for breakfast in Turangi. Try the Creel Tackle House & Café. Taupahi Rd. (take 2nd exit from 2nd roundabout down Ohuanga Rd, straight ahead at compulsory stop, right at 'T', Creel Tackle House on left) Or, if that's too full try Hydro Eatery, 17 Ohuanga Rd, on the right just before the 2nd roundabout. There is also the Mustard Seed Café, 91 The Town Centre, on the left just after the 2nd roundabout. After breakfast, return to SH41</i>		
4	Right onto SH41		
5	Left onto SH47 (Whakakpapa, National Park)		
6	Left at 'T' onto SH4 (Wanganui)	32	41
7	Left onto SH49 to follow Ohakune, Waiouru		
8	Right at BP Station in Ohakune to follow Wanganui	22	63
9	Continue on to Raetihi	8	71
10	At Give Way sign proceed straight ahead to follow Pipiriki and Wanganui National Park 17km		
11	At Pipiriki turn left onto Taheke Rd to Jerusalem. Stop here to view the village, church and convent.	16	87
12	Continue down the Whanganui River Rd through Ranana, Matahiwi, Parakino	35	122
13	Right at Give Way onto SH4 and proceed on to Whanganui		
14	Take 3 rd exit from roundabout to cross Dublin St Bridge		
15	Across bridge take second exit from roundabout onto Dublin St.		
16	Right at traffic lights onto Victoria Ave (SH3 sign to New Plymouth)		
17	Left at 'T' onto London St. (Palmerston North)		
18	Left into our accommodation at number 151, a short distance down London St.	13	135



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Day 11 – Wednesday 20 February Whanganui to Wellington The Wairarapa

Wairarapa - the south-eastern corner of the North Island. Sheep and beef, also renowned for its pinot noir produced near Martinborough.

Departure: aim to be on the road by 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. Around 5 hours driving over 183 miles and we'll be running into Wellington against the rush hour flow.

Petrol: is available in the main towns en route but will be hard to find between Woodville and Masterton so best you ensure you have plenty in the tank for that stretch.

Arrival: Our destination is the Bay Plaza Hotel, 40-44 Oriental Parade, Oriental Bay, ph: 04 385-7799 in central Wellington

Dinner: no special arrangements for either tonight or tomorrow night. There is a bar and restaurant in the hotel and you are within walking distance of a range of eateries.

Breakfasts: are available at \$30 pp in the hotel restaurant or venture out down to the waterfront where there are two or three cafes in close proximity. Little hint – the bakery section in the 'New World' Supermarket opposite the hotel has an excellent selection of pastries, muffins and such like.

On Friday morning we suggest you have breakfast on the Interisland Ferry, which we will be boarding at 9.00 am and you can dine at your leisure as you cruise.

Note: Full payment for your accommodation in the Bay Plaza Hotel, including parking, has already been made by way of your deposit, so you only need settle your food and beverage bill on departure.

The journey: First, a jaunt across the lower Manawatu, then over the Saddle Road into the Wairarapa, ending with a run down the main highway into Wellington City.

The name 'Wairarapa' means "Glistening Waters" in Maori and is said to have been applied by an early Maori explorer, Huanui, who saw the rivers and 'Wairarapa Moana' (Lake Wairarapa) from the mountains to the west. European settlement began in the early 1840s, initially on large grazing runs leased from Māori, with closer settlement from the 1850s. In 1855 the region was hit by the strongest earthquake recorded in New Zealand, which reached Magnitude 8.2 on the Richter Scale.

It is a rural area with an off-the-beaten-track charm.

You'll pass through Mangatainoka which is home to 'Tui', one of NZ's iconic breweries.

Lunch: Somewhere in Masterton will be your best bet. 'The Farriers Bar and Eatery' at 4 Queen St North is handy to our route and there are other options in the area.

Greytown is a nice place to stop for a stretch on the run down to Wellington.

Towns don't get much prettier than Greytown. It's so pretty it's won the award for NZ's Most Beautiful Small Town 2017. Greytown is known for its great food and sophisticated shopping, cute colonial cottages, historic trees and extra-ordinary chocolate. With its small, owner operated shops that are high quality and distinctive, Greytown offers the antithesis of big box shopping or bland samey malls you find in many large centres these days. Yep, you need to come and check it out!

After Featherston we cross the Rimutaka Hill (a feared obstacle for automobilists in days of yore) then continue down SH 2 into Wellington and our accommodation for the next two nights, the Bay Plaza Hotel.

Bay Plaza

At the edge of the city centre, this refined hotel is a 3-minute walk from Courtenay Place's nightlife, a 5-minute walk from the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and an 8-minute walk from Oriental Bay Beach.

A bright restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows has views of the harbour. There's also a bar and off-street parking (charge).

Wellington (Māori: Te Whanganui-a-Tara) is the capital city and second most populous urban area of New Zealand, with 418,500 residents. It is located at the south-western tip of the North Island, between Cook Strait and the Rimutaka Range. Wellington is the major population centre of the southern North Island and is the administrative centre of the Wellington Region, which also includes the Kapiti Coast and Wairarapa. It is the world's southernmost capital of a sovereign state. Wellington features a temperate maritime climate and is the world's windiest city, with an average wind speed of over 26 km/h (16 mph).



Situated near the geographic centre of the country, Wellington was well placed for trade. In 1839 it was chosen as the first major planned settlement for British immigrants coming to New Zealand. The settlement was named in honour of Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington and victor of the Battle of Waterloo.

As the nation's capital since 1865, the New Zealand Government and Parliament, Supreme Court and most of the civil service are based in the city. Architectural sights include the Government Building—one of the largest wooden buildings in the world—as well as the iconic Beehive. Wellington is also home to several of the largest and oldest cultural institutions in the nation such the National Archives, the National Library, the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, and numerous theatres. It plays host to many artistic and cultural organisations, including the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and Royal New Zealand Ballet. One of the world's most liveable cities, the 2014 Mercer Quality of Living Survey ranked Wellington 12th in the world.



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ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 11 – Wednesday 20 February

Whanganui to Wellington

	151 on London, Whanganui to Bay Plaza Hotel 40-44 Oriental Parade, Oriental Bay, 6011 Ph: 04 385-7799	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Left out of Motel onto London St. (SH3)		
2	Take 2nd exit at roundabout to stay on SH3 (Carlton Ave. Palmerston North)		
3	Straight ahead at roundabout to stay on SH3		
4	Straight ahead at roundabout to stay on SH3 (2 nd exit. Palmerston North) and continue to Turakina	15	15
5	At Turakina left onto Wanganui Rd (Marton 15kms)		
6	Take 3 rd exit at roundabout (Wellington Rd)		
7	Left onto Makirikiri Rd (Lawson St, direction Feilding)		
8	Right at 'T' (SH1)		
9	First left onto Kakariki Rd (becomes Halcombe Rd and then, at entrance to Feilding, West St)		
10	In Feilding left onto North St (Cheltenham)		
11	First right onto Lethbridge St		
12	Continue onto Church St		
13	Church St becomes Aorangī St		
14	Straight ahead at roundabout onto SH54 (Palmerston North)		
15	Continue on SH54, becomes Waughs Rd (Palmerston North)		
16	Left to cross railway lines onto Campbell Rd (Colyton 6kms. Feilding Golf Club on right.)		
17	Veer left at 'Giveaway' to remain on Campbell Rd.		
18	Straight ahead at roundabout (Giveaway) in Bunnythorpe to remain on Campbell Rd		
19	Veer left to follow Ashhurst (Ashhurst Rd)		
20	Ashhurst Rd becomes Mulgrave St at 'Ashhurst 2km' sign.		
21	Straight ahead at Hillary Cres to remain on Mulgrave St.	41	56
22	Straight ahead at roundabout to cross Cambridge St and continue on Mulgrave St (Woodville via Saddle Rd)		
23	2 nd left onto Salisbury St (Woodville)		
24	Continue past 'The Terrace' onto Saddle Rd		
25	Continue on to Oxford Rd		
26	Right onto Woodlands Rd (Woodville)		
27	Left at Give Way onto SH3 (Woodville)		
28	Right onto Mclean St to follow SH2 (Wellington)		
29	Left onto Pahiatua Pongaroa Rd (Makuri/Pongoroa)		
30	Right onto Mangamarama Rd		
31	Left at Give Way onto Kaitawa Rd. Kaitawa Rd becomes Mangaone Valley Rd		
32	Left onto Pa Valley Rd		
33	Right at 'T' ('Giveaway') onto Route 52 and continue into Alfredton	39	95
34	At Alfredton turn left to follow Route 52 (Masterton) through Ihuraua (Route 52 becomes Whangaehu Valley Rd)		
35	Right at 'Give Way' onto Te Ore Bideford Rd (Masterton)		



36	Right at 'T' (Give Way, Masterton) onto Te Ore Rd		
37	Stay on Te Ore Rd to turn left at 'Give Way' onto SH2 (Town Centre. Wellington.)		
38	2 nd exit at roundabout (Town Centre) onto Queen St. <i>For lunch, we suggest 'The Farriers Bar & Eatery' which is on the right. There are other cafes nearby.</i> After lunch, - Continue down Queen St. - Straight ahead at 'Stop' onto South Rd		
39	Right at intersection at 'Hood Aerodrome' and air terminal sign onto South Belt	27	122
40	Left at Give Way onto SH2		
41	Continue on SH2 through Carterton, Greytown, Featherston, Upper and Lower Hutt to Wellington		
42	Merge onto State Highway 1		
43	Exit motorway onto Aotea Quay (Waterfront)		
44	Continue onto Waterloo Quay (Aotea Quay becomes Waterloo Quay by Stadium)		
45	Waterloo Quay becomes Customhouse Quay		
46	Customhouse Quay veers left and becomes Jervois Quay. Keep in left lane		
47	Continue onto Cable St (Island Bay. Seatoun)		
48	Right at 'T' (traffic lights) onto Oriental Parade (Island Bay. Seatoun).		
49	Bay Plaza Hotel entrance immediately on left. Drive up the ramp next to the reception area to the car park at the top, at the rear of the hotel.	61	183

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Day 12 - Thursday 21 February Free Day in Wellington

Wellington - New Zealand's capital city and seat of government. Wellingtonians claim it as NZ's cultural and culinary capital as well. Famous for its windy weather, the saying goes that there is no place better than Wellington on a nice day.

The city centre is compact and many of its attractions are within easy walking distance of our hotel.

Suggested Activities:

- Go for a walk. **Wander along the waterfront.** Follow the trail of sculptures and the poetic slabs of concrete that form the [Writers Walk](#), as well as the Water Whirler located by Frank Kitts Park and the Solace in the Wind sculpture by Te Papa. You might make it as far as our Parliament buildings and The Beehive, housing the Executive Wing in an unusual design by the Scottish architect Sir Basil Spence. Take in the Courtney Quarter, centred on Courtney St and the Cuba Street district on the way there or back.
- Visit **The Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa**, New Zealand's national museum, tracking native and colonial culture as well as natural history. Known as Te Papa, or "Our Place", it opened in 1998 and its layout and display philosophy is refreshingly modern. You could spend lots of time here but can cover the best bits in a couple of hours or so.
- For movie buffs, visit **The Weta Cave**, (1 Weka St, Miramar). The Weta Cave Workshop Tour displays and reveals how props, costumes, creatures and models are made for films such as 'Lord of the Rings' to 'Avatar'. There is a shop there as well, boasting collectibles designed by the artists at Weta Workshop, prop replicas, apparel, jewellery, books and such-like.
- For a more 'natural' experience, visit **ZEALANDIA**, the world's first fully-fenced urban ecosanctuary, with an extraordinary 500-year vision to restore a Wellington valley's forest and freshwater ecosystems as closely as possible to their pre-human state. The 225-hectare ecosanctuary is a ground-breaking conservation project that has reintroduced 18 species of native wildlife back into the area, 6 of which were previously absent from mainland New Zealand for over 100 years. It's located only about 10 minutes from the CBD. Allow a couple of hours for this. It is well worth while. <https://www.visitzealandia.com/>
- Take a ride on the historic **Cable Car**, one of Wellington's most popular tourist attractions. Departing every 10 minutes, the short journey begins on Lambton Quay in the city centre and finishes in the charming suburb of Kelburn. Along the way, you'll travel under the corporate towers of The Terrace, past Kelburn Park and Victoria University of Wellington. Emerging at the top, check out the lookout and Cable Car Museum or walk through the Wellington Botanic Garden. You'll also be a short walk from Space Place at Carter Observatory. The view from the lookout



takes in the city's central business district, Mount Victoria and out across the harbour to the Hutt Valley and Eastbourne. Return trips are available or you can take a leisurely walk through Wellington Botanic Garden and historic Bolton Street Cemetery, to Parliament.

<https://www.wellingtonnz.com/discover/sights-activities/wellington-cable-car/>

"We Own Two"

It is with pleasure that I am able to say something in favour of Talbot Cars. We own two; one purchased in 1912, and the other in 1922. I could not pass the Talbot when selecting a car on my last trip to England. I am still convinced that the British-made article is far superior to any other. The last Talbot that I bought has given every satisfaction, and I do not think for smooth running and comfort there is anything to beat them.

Wishing you every success,

Yours faithfully,

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"Fastest Time on Formula"

I have driven an 8 h.p. Talbot about Otago, covering several thousand miles, and although the engine is very small (57 x 95), it performed excellently, surmounting over steepest and roughest roads with ease. At the Otago Motor Club Hill Climb, 1923, the 8 h.p. Talbot secured fastest time on formula against the field. This car is still doing good work on the bush roads of the King Country, Auckland, and on a run from Picton to Dunedin, with two passengers, non-stop, an average of 62 miles per gallon was attained.

I may conclude by saying that the Talbot has a pleasant future before it in New Zealand, for a Talbot owner is always a satisfied owner.

Sincerely yours,

H. P. JEFCOATE.

"Wonderfully Economical"

You will be pleased to know that the Talbot Six is still maintaining the high opinion I formed of her during the first few months. She is thoroughly reliable, and is very comfortable to ride. I have had ten months of pleasant motoring with her. She is wonderfully economical in petrol, doing up to 38 miles to the gallon, and is running about town, constantly stopping and starting. She does well over 30 miles to the gallon. The car has now run 2075 miles, and the Dunlop Cord Tyres show almost no sign of wear. She performs splendidly on hills, and is very easily handled. I bought this new model on account of the satisfaction given by my 1914 model Talbot, which, by the way, is still running very nicely after nine years' use. It gives me great pleasure in stating that I am exceedingly pleased with my purchase.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN McRAE.

"Easy to Handle"

The Talbot Six that I purchased from your firm last May has given me great satisfaction. It is very easy to handle and comfortable to ride in.

The petrol consumption is very light; it does well over thirty miles to the gallon in all weather, and seems to sail along as easily against a gale as with it.

I have been running the car for nearly six months, and I have never had to use the spare wheel.

So far I am more than pleased with my car, and if I ever want another it shall be a Talbot.

I am, Yours sincerely,

B. HORSEY.

"150,000 Miles"

We have had a Talbot car for 15 years, and during that time it has given entire satisfaction. The car has now run over 150,000 miles, and is still in perfect order. Except that the body is out of date, she is as good as ever.

Twelve months ago, while visiting England, we purchased another Talbot, after seeing everything manufactured at Home.

This speaks for itself.

Yours faithfully,

T. ALLAN.

"Absolute Prouddness"

Apart from having the first 1925 Model Talbot Ten in Christchurch, I confess to absolute prouddness of being a Talbot owner. So much so, however, I cannot subdue the desire to express my appreciation.

Perhaps it would seem undue flaunting to state I have never ridden in a more comfortable car, but I assure you, after my various tests, I make this assertion from experience. During the second week of running I set out on a petrol test which, though made officially and accurately, did not disprove what you had claimed.

I traversed 4.76 miles on a pint along a level, yet winding course, punctuated with acceleration tests, which averaged 38.1 miles per gallon. This I claim equal to 45 miles per gallon when the car is properly run in.

As yet I have had no occasion to use any more oil.

These achievements, together with its sweetness in running, are what induce my friends to term the car "a sweet little thing," and I ask you to accept this as an unsolicited testimonial.

I wish you continued success with the car.

Yours faithfully,

C. W. OLIVER.



NOTES



ITINERARY

Day 13 – Friday 22 February Wellington to Nelson Blue Water, Bush Clad Hills.

A scenic cruise then a scenic drive – the shortest day's driving on the tour.

Departure: We need leave the hotel by 7.45 a.m. in order to report in and catch the 9.00 a.m. ferry to Picton. The crossing takes about 3.5 hours. On the other side it's about 70 miles to our Nelson destination.

Petrol: is available in Picton if you need it.

Arrival: Our destination is the Rutherford Hotel, 27 Nile St W, in central Nelson. Ph: 03 548-2299.

Dinner: nothing formally arranged tonight but there are some excellent restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel and we may set up something informally.

Breakfast tomorrow: Continental Breakfast at \$25pp, full Breakfast \$30pp is available at our hotel. However, better value is to be had at the following local cafes which all open at 8.00am and are within 5 minutes' walk of the Rutherford: 'Columbia' - in the centre of Morrison Square (off Hardy Street), 'Lambretta's Cafe and Bar', 204 Hardy Street and 'Caffe Roma', Church Street. All are on the 'sunny side of the street' in the mornings. Best we spread ourselves between these premises to avoid overwhelming any one of them.

The journey: A short drive through central Wellington to the ferry terminal where you drive on board and settle in for the three-and-a-half-hour crossing. There are café and dining facilities on board where you can have breakfast, morning tea, or lunch if you so wish.

The 92km ferry between Wellington and Picton takes 3 hours and has been described by many as "one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world". From the dynamic, hilly cityscape of Wellington Harbour out through the rugged rocks and steep cliffs above the Wellington Heads – this is a journey of spectacular contrasts. On a clear day you can see the outline of the South Island as you depart Wellington. As you sail the short stretch of open water between Wellington Heads and Tory Channel, look out for dolphins, whales and other wildlife that often keep the ferries company. The route through Tory Channel in the Marlborough Sounds looks good from every angle. Rolling hills, lushly covered with native New Zealand bush to the water's edge, are dotted with the occasional remote holiday home, with water access only. As you cruise Queen Charlotte Sound towards the pretty town of Picton, you'll experience an area world-famous for its beautiful beaches, bush walks and great climate.

From Picton we take the scenic **Queen Charlotte Drive** through to the fishing village of Havelock, then past Canvastown, with its iconic pub.

Canvastown, the home of the Trout Hotel, is 50 kilometres west of Blenheim and is a locality at the point where the Wakamarina River joins the Pelorous River, in Marlborough. Named after all the miner's thick canvas tents that were set up all over the land, the town was founded in 1864, after gold was discovered in the Wakamarina Valley. As many as six thousand miners came to the valley in the hopes of making their fortunes. Where there had previously been a Maori Pa, streets of tents sprang up providing accommodation, restaurants and taverns to a population of about 3,000 people. About 25,000 ounces (710kg) of gold was recovered in 1864. The surface gold was worked out within two years and most

of the miners moved to new gold discoveries on the West Coast. Steam dredges continued to work the river into the 20th century.

Soon after Canvastown we come to the Pelorous Bridge and it is worth a stop here to enjoy the scenery and one of the various easy, 30-minute walks that are available. Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve offers



numerous tracks, taking you through ancient forest and to the edge of the beautiful Pelorus River. Many of the tracks are wide and gentle, built to a standard suitable for wheelchairs. Beyond these paths, and across the Rai swing bridge there are several other tracks.

Pelorus Bridge is a tiny locality in Marlborough, New Zealand where the Rai River meets Pelorus River. State Highway 6 crosses the Pelorus River at Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve, which was used as one of the film locations for *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*.

The scenic reserve contains one of the last stands of original river flat forest in the area. The forest contains a mixture of beech and broadleaf species, as well as mature podocarps such as rimu, kahikatea and totara towering over the canopy. Several easy walking tracks connect the camping ground, picnic site, river, and the carparks. A circular walk leads over a pedestrian suspension bridge over the Rai River.

The closest small towns are Rai Valley 7 km to the north, and Canvastown 8 km to the east. A cafe is situated at the Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve.

On then through the Rai Valley, over the hills down to the coast into Nelson and the Rutherford Hotel.

Nelson (Māori: ***Whakatū***), on the eastern shores of Tasman Bay is the oldest city in the South Island and the second-oldest settled city in New Zealand – it was established in 1841 and was proclaimed a city by royal charter in 1858.

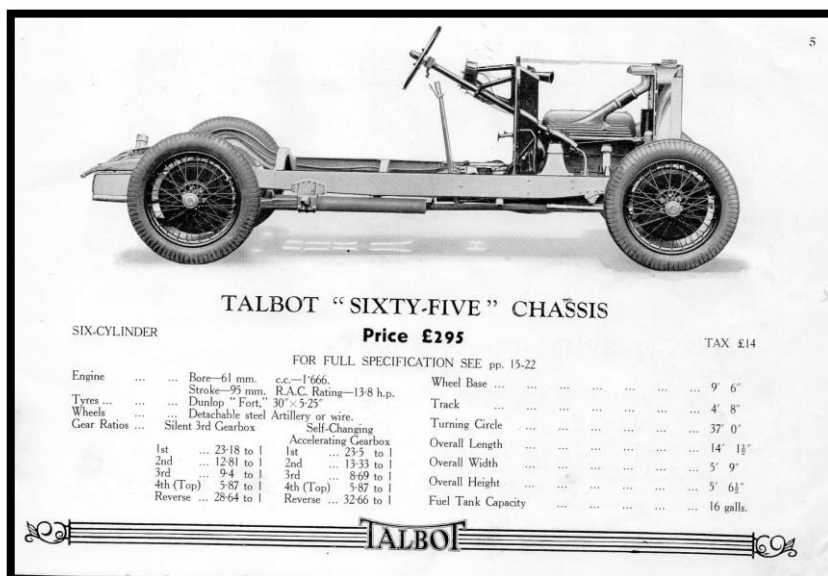
Nelson City has a population of around 50,000, making it New Zealand's 12th most populous city and the geographical centre of New Zealand. It is well known for its thriving local arts and crafts scene, crafts stores, and art galleries. The annual Wearable Art Awards began near Nelson and a local museum, World of Wearable Art now showcases winning designs alongside a collection of classic cars. It's also a popular base for nearby caving sites, vineyards and Abel Tasman National Park. The city's history is showcased at Founders Heritage Park, a living museum with a vintage railway.

MAP 8

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

**Day 13 – Friday 22 February
Wellington to Nelson.**

	Bay Plaza Hotel Oriental Bay to the Rutherford Hotel, 27 Nile St W, Nelson. Ph: 03 548-2299	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Right out of Hotel car park onto Roxburgh St		
	First right onto Majoribanks St		
	Right at traffic lights to cross intersection onto Cambridge Terrace.		
2	Cambridge Terrace veers left and becomes Wakefield St		
3	Continue on Wakefield St, keep to right lanes and veer gently right (not hard right) at traffic lights onto Jervois Quay just past BP station on the right. (North. Highways 1 & 2)		
4	Continue onto Customhouse Quay, Waterloo Quay, Aotea Quay (North. 1, 2). Ignore any signs for Bluebridge ferry.		
5	Veer left to follow 'The Interislander' signs (signs for Porirua/State Highway 1/Hutt Valley)		
6	Follow 'Ferry' and 'The Interislander' signs to ferry check-in	3	3
7	Ferry journey takes about 3.5 hours		
8	Off the ferry, follow SH1 signs (Blenheim) (Lagoon Rd)		
9	At roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Queen Charlotte Dr. (Havelock)		
10	Right at Stop ('T') onto SH6 (Havelock).	21	24
11	<i>You might enjoy a coffee or something stronger at the Tout Hotel in Canvas Town. And you should stop for a view and a walk at Pelorous Bridge.</i>		
12	Continue on SH6 to Nelson		
13	At roundabout 1 st exit left to City Centre		
14	Right at traffic lights onto Halifax St E		
15	First left onto Rutherford St		
16	Left onto Nile St West. Hotel entrance is on the left	46	70





ITINERARY

Day 14 – Saturday 23 February

Nelson to Greymouth

From the Buller to the Grey.

Gold, coal and timber feature large in the history of the area we traverse today. Good rural roads through valley, gorge and forest.

Departure: We have 212 miles to cover, give or take and things to see en route so best be away by 9.00 a.m.

Petrol: After Motueka, Murchison will be the next available petrol, about 110 miles from Nelson. After that, Reefton, 163 miles from Nelson.

Arrival: Our destination is The Ashley Hotel, 74 Tasman St, Karoro, on the southern edge of Greymouth, Ph: 03 768-5135.

Dinner: We will be dining at the hotel tonight. Buffet dinner at 7.30 pm, \$54.05 per person. No dinner arrangements have been made for Sunday night. Each to his own. The restaurant in the Ashley is available but you will need to book in advance.

Breakfast tomorrow: Is available at the hotel both mornings. Buffet Cooked breakfast \$28.75, continental breakfast \$22.42, per person

Note: Full payment for your accommodation in The Ashley Hotel has already been made by way of your deposit, so you only need settle your food and beverage bill on departure.

The journey: We exit Nelson first along the coast then inland to Motueka, NZ's major hops growing area and, in earlier times famed for growing excellent tobacco.

Then down the river valleys through Glenhope to Murchison, an old gold mining town.

The district is steeped in history from the days of the gold miners and early settlers. Lyell, once one of the largest gold mining settlements in the South Island, is nearby, and offers an interesting example of how quickly the bush can wipe away traces of civilization. Murchison was the epicentre of the 1929 Murchison earthquake (also known as the Buller earthquake).

The world's earliest non-military suicide attack is believed to have occurred in Murchison on 14 July 1905. A long-standing dispute between two farmers resulted in a court case, and the defendant (Joseph Sewell) had sticks of gelignite strapped to his body. When Sewell excitedly shouted during the court sitting about the other farmer "I'll blow the devil to hell, and I have enough dynamite to do just that", he was ushered out of the building. Sewell detonated the charge when a police officer tried to arrest him on the street, and his body was blown to pieces, but nobody else died from their injuries.

We suggest **Murchison** as your lunch stop. It has a number of good cafes, all in close proximity to one another. 'The Cow Shed Restaurant', 'Rivers Café' and the 'Sweet Dreams French Bakery' rate highly.

In the Buller Gorge it's worthwhile stopping for a break at **The Buller Gorge Swing Bridge** where you can walk NZ's longest swing bridge. Various short nature walks (30 minutes or so) are also available.

Through Inangahua, scene of a powerful and highly destructive earthquake back in May 1968, to **Reefton**, the first town in the Southern Hemisphere to have electric street lighting. A walk around Reefton's centre is recommended. Many of its old buildings have been restored and it's not often you find the world's only Single 'R' Class Fairlie locomotive in its original form right in the heart of town. You might also enjoy the following;



Miners Hut

Bringing history further to life are the Bearded Mining Company at the Miners Hut. This replica hut depicting 1860s style housing is made of native cedar slabs and set amongst native plantings right in the heart of town on Broadway.

Gavin, Peter are 'in residence' all year, and welcome visitors in to learn how a miner lived in the 19th century when the promise of gold lured thousands of prospectors to the area. You can sit in front of the fire, enjoy a cup of billy tea, watch pieces of iron and steel being shaped on the blacksmith forge or try your hand at gold panning where flakes of gold are 'guaranteed' to be found.

Later, turning off the main road we head into the old coal mining town of Blackball, generally accepted as the birthplace of New Zealand's Labour Party. Have a short wander around and a drink in the '**Blackball Hilton**'.

As you approach Greymouth on the Taylorville-Blackball Rd watch out for the **Brunner Coal Mine Disaster** monument on the left. It is worth a stop and a look.

***Coal:** The outcrop of the Brunner Seam on the banks of the Grey River, about six miles (10 km) from the mouth was the first recorded occurrence of coal in the district and the credit for its discovery goes to Thomas Brunner, Surveyor and explorer. The first coal was worked in 1864 when the discovery of gold in the area resulted in a demand for coal to supply the steamers trading to the West Coast. Reuben Waite (pioneer storekeeper) was commissioned by the Nelson Provincial Government to procure 40 tons of coal from the Brunner Seam. The coal was hewn by a party of Maori overseen by a miner Matthew Batty, transported to the coast by canoe and loaded aboard s. s. Nelson. This ship then ran a regular service between Nelson and Greymouth, steaming on Brunner Coal. The Brunner mine is remembered for the disaster where 65 miners were killed. The discovery of further bituminous coal soon followed and by 1878 162,000 tons were exported. The industry grew and by the 1900's over one million tons were being produced annually.*

Onwards after that to Greymouth, and our home for the next two nights, The Ashley Hotel.

The Stable Lad – NZ folk song

When Cobb & Co ran coaches
from the Buller to the Grey,
I went for a livery-stable lad
At a halt up Westport way,
And I gave my heart to a red-haired girl,
And left it where she lay.
By the winding Westland highway
From the Buller to the Grey.

(Cobb & Co were a stage coach service)

There's neatsfoot on my fingers,
and lamp-black on my face,
And I've saddle-soaped the harness
and hung each piece in place,
But my heart's not in the stable,
it's in Charleston far away,
Where Cobb & Co goes rolling by
from the Buller to the Grey.

(Charleston – a small West Coast port)

There's a red-haired girl in Charleston,

and she's dancing in the bar,
But I know she's not like other girls
who dance where miners are,
And I can't forget her eyes,
everything they seemed to say
The day I rode with Cobb & Co
from the Buller to the Grey.

There's a schooner down from Murchison,
I can hear it in the gorge,
So I'll have to pump the bellows now
and redden up the forge,
And I'll strike that iron so hard
she'll hear it far away
In the roaring European
where the road runs by from Grey.

(prairie schooner- a type of covered wagon)

Some day I'll be a teamster
with the ribbons in my fist,
And I'll drive that Cobb & Co Express
through rain and snow and mist,
Drive a four-in-hand to Charleston,
and no matter what they say,
I'll take my girl up on the box
and marry her in Grey.

There's a graveyard down in Charleston
where the moss trails from the trees,
And the Westland wind comes moaning in
from off the Tasman Sea.
It was there they laid my red-haired girl,
in a pit of yellow clay
As Cobb & Co went rolling by
from the Buller to the Grey.





MAPS 8 & 9

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 14 – Saturday 23 February

Nelson to Greymouth

	Rutherford Hotel, Nelson to The Ashley Hotel 74 Tasman St, Karoro, Greymouth 7805 Ph: 03 768-5135	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Left onto Rutherford St.		
2	Continue onto Waimea Rd		
3	At roundabout take 2 nd exit onto Whakatu Drive		
4	At roundabout, take 2 nd exit onto SH 6 (Richmond, Westport)		
5	Keep left to bypass roundabout and stay on SH 6 to follow Richmond, Westport		
6	At roundabout, take 2 nd exit to stay on SH 6 (Collingwood, Westport)		
7	At roundabout, take 3 rd exit onto SH 60 (Motueka, Collingwood)		
8	After crossing bridge 2 nd left onto Moutere Hwy (Upper Moutere, Redwood Valley)		
9	Right to stay on Moutere Hwy (Upper Moutere 13km)		
10	Continue on Moutere Hwy through Upper and Lower Moutere (becomes Main Rd and Queen Victoria St) into Motueka		
11	Left into College St (Ngatimoti 16km) <i>(Or straight ahead if you want to go into Motueka centre, then retrace your steps)</i>	32	32
12	College St becomes Motueka Valley Highway. Continue on through Ngatimoti to Tapawera	26	58
13	Right onto Tadmor Valley Rd		
14	Right at 'T' onto State Highway 6	24	82
15	Continue on SH6 to Murchison	57	139
	<i>Lunch at Murchison</i>		
16	Continue on SH6 to Inangahua Junction (Westport, Greymouth)		
	<i>Visit the Buller Gorge Swing Bridge.</i>		
17	Left at 'T' onto SH69 (Reefton)		
18	Stay on SH69 to Reefton.	21	160
	<i>Take time to wander around Reefton</i>		
19	Continue through Reefton onto SH7 (Stillwater. Greymouth)		
20	At Ikamatua, Right onto Atarau Rd (Blackball, Stillwater)		
21	Right to follow Blackball, Roa.		
	<i>Visit Blackball</i>	35	195
22	Retrace back to the SH6 (Taylorville-Blackball Rd) and Right to follow Greymouth 22kms		
23	Right at 'T' (Greymouth via Taylorville)		
	<i>Visit the Buller Mine Disaster monument</i>		
24	Left at 'T' (Give Way) onto SH6 (Greymouth)		
25	Left at 'Give Way' to stay on State Highway 6 (Greymouth)		
26	Right after crossing bridge to stay on SH6 (Town Centre)		
27	Continue through Greymouth on SH6		
28	Right to cross railway line just before blue 'Holiday Park 600m' sign on your right. (Weenink Rd a bit further along on the left)		
29	Immediate right onto Tasman St. Hotel is on the left.	17	212



ITINERARY

Day 15 - Sunday 24 February

Free Day in Greymouth

Greymouth - A base from which to explore the raw beauty and rich history of the South Island's west coast.

Not for nothing was The Great Coast Road between Westport and Greymouth recently declared by 'Lonely Planet' to be one of the top ten coastal drives in the world.

Suggested Activities:

- Take a drive up the coast to Westport. It's about 63 miles, say 1.5 hours driving and on the way:
 - Visit **Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and Blowholes**. Formed over 30 million years ago, these ancient limestone stacks are the most visited natural attraction on the West Coast. It's best to visit around high tide when you can witness the blowholes in action as well.
 - At Westport, head out to view the seal colony at **Cape Foulwind**. It's an easy 15-minute walk to a viewpoint overlooking a New Zealand fur seal breeding colony.
- Continue on past Westport up to **Denniston**, the dramatic location of what was the West Coast's leading coal mine. Described as "*a place either loved or hated - but always with a passion*", the people living and working on the rocky, exposed 'hill' back in early days were extremely isolated, with the perilous incline and steep windy tracks forming the only modes of access and transportation. Take Highway 67 north east out of Westport about 10 miles up to Waimangaroa then take the Denniston Road up to the Denniston Coalmining Historic Area where interpretation panels present historic stories and research about the area. The drive up rises steeply about 600m from the coastal plain to the Mount Rochfort Plateau and on a warm day will be a good test of your cooling system. Denniston offers magnificent views down to the coastal plains of the Karamea Bight and the mouth of the Waimangaroa River.

Coal from the mines was transported off the plateau by way of the 'Denniston Incline', a self-acting rail system that carted coal down from the plateau while also returning empty wagons to the top. Locals called the Denniston Incline the eighth wonder of the world and it was recognised the world over as a fine engineering achievement. Opened in 1879, this South Island railway transported coal from the precipitous Mount Rochfort Plateau to Denniston, a fall of 518 metres (m) in a track distance of 1670m. From its opening on 24 October 1879 till its closing on 16 August 1967 it carried an estimated 12,600,000 tons of coal from the plateau, down to the rail head at Waimangaroa.

"Damn Denniston
Damn the track
Damn the way both there and back
Damn the wind and damn the weather
God damn Denniston altogether." Anon.



- Explore the **Nile River Canyon**. Drive up to Charleston, a one hour drive, or thereabouts, north from Greymouth and take a ride on The Nile River Rainforest Train - a short interpretative train journey through primeval rain forest whilst seated in small open sided carriages. The journey takes you in to the magnificent Nile River Canyon & passes through the “The Lost World” film site. The train will wait at the “Soft Rock” Terminal while visitors take a short 200 metre forest walk to the Nile River Suspension Bridge & if time, to the entrance of the Nile River Glow Worm Caves. The Charleston Adventure Centre is alongside State Highway 6 adjacent to the Charleston Hotel in the Charleston Township. Departure times from Charleston Base 9:00am, 11:30am & 2:00pm. Will pay to book first.
- Closer to our hotel, visit **Shantytown**, about 6 miles south of Greymouth. A faithfully recreated 1900s pioneer town, born out of, and stimulated by, the great West Coast gold rushes of the 1860s. Nestled amidst regenerative native rain forest Shantytown provides a sense of what it was like to live in New Zealand then and what it means to be a New Zealander now, by allowing you to be both participant and observer in this most dynamic period of its post-Maori colonisation.
- Go for a walk. Try the lovely bush walk down to the impressive **Coal Creek Falls**. It’s an easy, hour long return walk. To get there from Greymouth follow SH6 northeast for 8 km to Runanga. Turn right down Seddon Street and right into Ballance Street. There is a carpark at the end of Ballance Street.

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Day 16 – Monday 25 February

Greymouth to Haast

The West Coast

Remote, sparsely populated, prone to extreme weather - only someone born and bred on the West Coast has the right to call themselves “a Coaster”.

Departure: Our longest day today – 253 miles – so we suggest you get away by 8.30 a.m. or earlier. Good roads all the way, say 6-6.5 hours driving time with scenery you will surely want to stop and enjoy.

Petrol: Fill up in Greymouth before you leave today. There is a petrol station on the edge of town en route. The next available petrol is at Lake Brunner, then Ross and then Hari Hari, about 131 miles from Greymouth.

Arrival: Our destination is the Heartland World Heritage Hotel, Haast-Jackson Bay Rd, Haast 7886. Ph: 03 750-0828

Dinner: We'll be dining at the hotel tonight. Set menu, \$54 per person. To ease waiting times, please make your menu choice and place your order when you check in.

Breakfast tomorrow: There are three buffet options - full buffet \$27, Continental (cold, cereal, pastry, etc), \$18.50, or tea & toast \$10. Each price per person.

The journey: A diversion inland via scenic Lake Brunner, famous for its fishing and where they say the trout die of old age, then off the beaten track along the Old Christchurch Road and through Kaniere towards the gold mining town of Ross.

Ross is a quirky sort of place and worth a quick stop to stretch your legs and wander up past the pub to the old town and mine area.

Claim to fame: *New Zealand's largest gold nugget was unearthed in Ross in 1909; weighing 3.1kg or 99.9oz, it was dubbed the "Honourable Roddy Nugget" after Roderick Mackenzie, Minister for Mines at the time. Although don't expect to clap eyes on it, because in 1911 the nugget was given to King George V as a coronation gift and was melted down and gilded on to a tea set. Prior to that it was used as a doorstep at the local hotel before being raffled off to raise funds to build the local hospital.*

Then on down SH6. The scenery will speak for itself. Primordial rain forest, a backdrop of mountains, a windswept coastline. You'll pass Franz Josef and Fox Glaciers. Probably not enough time to walk up to the glaciers proper, but there are other activities such as the **Minehaha Walk** at Fox Glacier, a delightful 20 minute 1.2km walk following a stream through the rain forest.

We suggest you stop for lunch at either Franz Josef or Fox – there are good cafes in both villages.

However, save a little space because, about 10kms before our destination, just over the one-way bridge across the Waita River, turn right at the sign for the **Curly Tree Whitebait Company** and treat yourself to a sample of this unique NZ delicacy.

South of the Knights Point Lookout, about 20 kms north of our destination you will cross a one-way bridge over Ship Creek. Just over the bridge there is a sign for the **Ship Creek walks**, which won't take much time and are highly recommended.

Ship Creek - From swamp forest to windswept sand dunes these two short walks will give you give a real taste of the wild West Coast.



There are two walks you can do at Ship Creek, do one or both while you're visiting.

Kahikatea Swamp Forest Walk

Walk through lush shaded forest and experience one of the best examples of swamp forest, featuring stunning specimens of New Zealand's tallest tree, the kahikatea (white pine).

Time: 20 min, return

Distance: 800 m return

Dune Lake Walk

Follow the rugged west coast dunes before heading into a dense coastal forest of stunted, windswept trees. Take in spectacular views of the coastline and dune lake along the way.

Time: 30 min round trip

Distance: 1 km round trip

A short run down from Ship Creek brings us to the Haast River and, dwarfed by the mountains, rivers, beaches and lush rain forest of the South Westland World Heritage Area, our destination, the Heartland World Heritage Hotel.

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ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 16 – Monday 25 February

Greymouth to Haast

	The Ashley Hotel, Greymouth to Heartland World Heritage Hotel, Haast-Jackson Bay Rd, Haast 7886. Ph: 03 750-0828	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Right out of Hotel then left to cross railway lines to SH6		
2	Left onto SH6		
3	Take 2 nd exit at roundabout to follow SH 6 & 7 (Westport, Nelson)		
4	Ahead at SH6 intersection to follow SH7 (Reefton, Nelson)		
5	Right at Stillwater to follow sign 'Lake Brunner Tourist Drive' onto Arnold Valley Rd. (Moana, Christchurch)	11	11
6	At Moana, Arnold Valley Rd becomes Lake Brunner Rd		
7	Veer right to remain on Lake Brunner Rd. (Inchbonnie. Christchurch)		
8	Veer left to remain on Lake Brunner Rd (Jacksons 5km)		
9	Right at 'T' onto SH73 (Greymouth, Hokitika)	32	43
10	Left (after about 16 miles) onto Old Christchurch Rd (Arahura Valley)	16	59
	<i>To avoid gravel, continue on SH73 and veer left at Kumara Junction onto SH6. Then pick up from instruction 12</i>		
11	Left at 'T' onto SH6		
12	At roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Arahura Valley Rd (Blue Spur Tourist Drive)	19	78
13	Right at 'Y' onto Blue Spur Rd		
14	Left onto Hau Rd		
15	Right at 'T' onto Lake Kaniere Rd		
16	Right at 'T' (Give Way) onto Kaniere Rd		
17	Left onto Woodstock-Rimu Rd	5	83
18	Left at 'T' onto SH 6 (Glaciers/Haast)		
19	Remain on SH6 to Haast		
20	Right onto Haast-Jackson Bay Rd (Haast Beach/Jackson Bay) Hotel is on the right.	170	253





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Day 17 - Tuesday 26 February

Haast to Queenstown

Contrasting Scenery

A relaxed day today and a remarkable change in scenery. More or less main roads all the way. There will be plenty of camper vans out and about. Be on the alert for tourists unaccustomed to our roads and to driving on the left.

Departure: 134 miles, about 3.5 hours driving time so no need to rush away. But, again, you will want plenty of time for stops and sight-seeing.

Petrol: First available petrol after Haast is 50 miles away, at Makaroa. After that, Lake Hawea and Wanaka.

Arrival: Our destination is the Alexis Motor Lodge, 69 Frankton Rd Queenstown. Ph: 03 409-0052. This is on the fringe of the town centre.

Dinner: No arrangements have been made for evening meals in Queenstown. You are free to do your own thing. Our accommodation is just eight minutes' walk from the heart of town where there is an abundance of cafes, restaurants and pubs to choose from.

Breakfast. As with dinner, no arrangements have been made for breakfasts here. On Thursday you could detour off along our route through Frankton and stop there, but we suggest you breakfast in town at your favoured place before we leave.

The journey: A dramatic change in scenery today; from the wet and verdant primeval forests and tumbling rivers of the West Coast to the dry, softer hues and tranquil lakes of Central Otago - all within about 80 miles.

There are various places you will want to stop at as you journey through the Haast Pass and some stunning lake views as you approach Lakes Wanaka and Hawea. Take the time to enjoy them.

The lake front at Wanaka is very pleasant, but a 'must do' is to stop for refreshments at the old **Cardrona Hotel**. Depending on how long you have taken over your journey you could make this your lunch stop, or you may prefer to wait until **Arrowtown** where there is a wide range of dining options.

***Cardrona** is one of New Zealand's most popular ski resorts, with wide open trails and a world-class terrain park. The village of Cardrona is 20 minutes drive from Wanaka and during the late 1800's was at the centre of the region's gold mining industry. You can still visit the historic Cardrona Hotel today, which is a popular après-ski destination during the winter and has a large sunny garden for summer dining. This is one of NZ's oldest and most iconic hotels. Rumoured to be the most photographed building in New Zealand, the historic facade hides an award-winning restaurant, legendary beer garden and charming hotel rooms with an atmosphere second-to-none.*

From June to early October, [Cardrona Alpine Resort](#) is open for skiing and snowboarding with wide open trails great for beginner or intermediate skiers plus a world-class terrain park. On the opposite side of the valley is [Snow Farm](#), New Zealand's only cross-country (Nordic) skiing area with 55kms of trails to explore.

From Cardrona we continue on the **Crown Range Road**. Take time to stop and admire the massive views. These stops are often accompanied by amusing encounters with Kea, NZ's

native mountain parrot. But beware! These birds have an inquisitive nature. They often take a fancy to the soft parts of motor vehicles (windscreen wipers, rubber sealing strips and so on) and can be surprisingly destructive.

There are two ways to drive between Queenstown and Wanaka, and this one is the most memorable. It's the highest main road in New Zealand.

*The Crown Range lies between Queenstown and Wanaka. The road over the range, known as the **Crown Range Road**, is the highest main road in New Zealand. It reaches an altitude of 1,121 metres, which does bring challenges. In winter, the road is often covered in snow and ice, making for very difficult driving conditions.*

Arrowtown is a quaint old place you will certainly want to spend some time in. Of particular interest are the ruins of the Chinese settlement.

Arrowtown is a historic former gold mining town, rich in heritage. Its tree-lined main street provides calendar images of autumn-gold colour that go around the world.

Located only 20 minutes' drive from Queenstown, the spectacular scenery, distinct four seasons and charming character make Arrowtown a must do for visitors from all over the world. This delightful town has maintained its rich heritage and historic buildings and is now a vibrant destination with world class food and beverage, shopping and attractions.

It is built on the banks of the Arrow River, once a rich source of gold, which attracted miners from around the world in pursuit of their fortune. In 1862 thousands of miners flocked to the Arrow River to the cry of "gold!" At the height of the gold rush, the population reached 7,000. While the miners have now gone, the legacy of those early settlers has been retained in Arrowtown through careful preservation and it has become a treasure in its own right. The Lakes District Museum, located on the main street, is the focal point for the history of Arrowtown and the surrounding areas and is also the town's major Information Centre. The cottages and buildings in the historic Buckingham Street precinct represent the original core of economic activity within the town.

Chinese gold-miners also flocked to this area and in 1874 there were 3,564 Chinese living in Otago. In Arrowtown, the Chinese were forced to live in huts along isolated gullies on the banks of Bush Creek at the edge of town. Many of the huts have been restored, offering visitors the chance to step back into that 'golden' era and see up-close the toil and modest living conditions of the 'other half' in this prosperous town.

Travelling via Arthurs Point we skirt the Coronet Peak ski fields and cross the Shotover River, the second richest gold bearing river in the world, as we head towards Queenstown.





MAP 11

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 17 – Tuesday 26 February

Haast to Queenstown

	Heartland World Heritage Hotel, Haast to Alexis Motor Lodge, 69 Frankton Rd Queenstown. Ph: 03 409-0052	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Left out of hotel carpark to return to SH6		
2	Right onto SH6 (Queenstown)		
3	Continue on SH6 through the Haast Pass to Wanaka		
4	<i>There are various worthwhile stops along the way. The Roaring Billy Falls, the Fantail Falls, the Blue Pools Walk, the look-out points on and near 'The Neck' between Lakes Wanaka and Hawea – the scenery will speak for itself.</i>		
5	Right at 'T' onto SH 84 (Wanaka)	88	88
6	Take 1 st exit off roundabout to continue on SH84 (Wanaka)		
7	Take 1 st exit at roundabout to follow Cardrona Queenstown Or: continue on ahead down to the lake shore. Along the lake shore turn left to follow Queenstown Cardrona		
8	Left at 'Stop' onto McDougall St. (Queenstown)		
9	McDougall St becomes Cardrona Valley Rd		
10	<i>It's traditional to stop at the old Cardrona Hotel for refreshment. Maybe it's lunchtime? Or wait until Arrowtown.</i>	15	103
11	Cardrona Valley Rd becomes Crown Range Rd		
12	Right at 'T' onto SH6 (Queenstown)		
13	Left onto McDonald Rd (Arrowtown)	15	118
14	McDonald Rd becomes Centennial Ave.		
15	Centennial Ave becomes Bedford St		
	<i>Take time out to have a wander around Arrowtown, an historic former gold mining town, rich in heritage and one of the South Island's and New Zealand's, iconic visitor destinations.</i>		
16	Veer left onto Buckingham St		
17	Left onto Wiltshire St (Queenstown)		
18	Veer right to stay on Wiltshire St (Queenstown)		
19	Take 2 nd exit at roundabout (Berkshire St)		
20	Right onto Malaghans Rd (Queenstown, Coronet Peak)		
21	Stay on this road through to Arthurs Point	12	130
22	Cross bridge onto Gorge Rd.		
23	Left at traffic lights to follow Frankton, SH6A		
24	Straight ahead at next traffic lights		
25	Right onto Suburb St. The Alexis Motor Lodge is on the right with access from Suburb St.	4	134



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Day 18 - Wednesday 27 February

Free Day in Queenstown

Queenstown - surrounded by majestic mountains and set on the shores of crystal-clear Lake Wakatipu. New Zealand's adventure capital and most popular skiing destination. It's rumoured that gold prospectors - captivated by the majestic beauty of the surrounding mountains and rivers - gave this now cosmopolitan town its name.

Suggested Activities:

- **The Gondola.** An iconic Queenstown experience. Take the Gondola up Bob's Peak, to the Skyline complex. From the top enjoy panoramic views of the Southern Alps and across Lake Wakatipu. <https://www.skyline.co.nz/en/queenstown>
- A cruise across Lake Wakatipu aboard the century-old coal fired steamship, the TSS Earnslaw. A great way to see Queenstown's surrounding landscape. Explore the vessel, view the engine room, enjoy a snack on board at the Promenade Café and licensed bar. There are a range of daily departure times for a 1hr 30 mins return cruise. Or, cruise across to Walter Peak for a chef prepared BBQ lunch and watch a sheepdog and sheep-shearing demonstration before your return. <https://www.realjourneys.co.nz/en/experiences/cruises/tss-earnslaw-steamship-cruises/>
- Drive around the lake to **Glenorchy**. Just 45 minutes from Queenstown, Glenorchy is nestled on the northern shores of Lake Wakatipu. Its spectacular landscapes are a prime location for film scouts; many scenes from *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, including Isengard, Amon Hen, Lothlorien Forest, The Misty Mountains and Ithilien, as well as scenes from the *Narnia* movies were shot here. Continue a further twenty kilometres beyond Glenorchy to **Paradise**. Some say it was christened for its natural charms, others for the paradise ducks that live in the area. A place of breath-taking beauty. <http://www.glenorchyinfocentre.co.nz/>
- **Go Jet Boating.** Combine the classic New Zealand invention of the jet - boat with exhilarating adventure and stunning Queenstown landscapes. There's a number of wilderness rivers to explore on a jet boating adventure. The braided Dart River journeys deep into Mount Aspiring National Park; winding its way through Lord of the Rings filming locations and grand alpine wilderness. A short drive from Queenstown lies the turquoise Shotover River, which winds through towering canyons and huge rocks. Skipper's Canyon, where the Shotover Jet operates, makes for a spectacular jet boating backdrop. The Shotover Jet is one of the most popular jet boating experiences. Jet boat operators also operate on the Kawarau River, known for its dramatic gorges, strong currents and bright blue colour.
- Explore the **Gibbston Valley**, also known as the 'Valley of the Vines'. It is one of the most scenic wine growing areas you'll ever encounter. Located just 20 minutes from Queenstown it is home to a range of vineyards, restaurants and cafes. Vineyards are sandwiched, sometimes precariously, between rugged schist mountains and the rocky Kawarau River gorge. Raising grapes this far south is hard work, but one sip of the local pinot noir will tell you the effort is worthwhile. More than 70% of the grapes grown here are pinot noir; other varieties include chardonnay, pinot gris, riesling and sauvignon blanc. Check out the website for some popular Gibbston Valley wineries.



<https://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/gibbston-valley-vineyards/>

- Make a **Bungy Jump**. Queenstown is where it all began. The Kawarau Bridge Bungy Jump in Queenstown is the original – the ‘World Home of Bungy’. There is a multitude of jump options and just think how good you will look in the commemorative T-shirt. Or just watch.

- Take a **day tour to Milford Sound**. Discover why Milford Sound is often regarded as the 8th wonder of the world and learn the history of this world-famous region. Travel through glacier carved valleys and cruise under cascading waterfalls. **Sit back and relax in a comfortable glass-roof coach while someone else does the driving. The coach stops at various places of interest en route and connects with a boat for a cruise on the sound.** Buffet Lunch and tea and coffee are included and the coach trip includes pick up/drop off service from various Queenstown locations. It is a long day, but well worthwhile. Some providers offer the return to Queenstown on a scenic flight – meaning you’ll see even more of this spectacular region!
<https://www.milford-sound.co.nz/>

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Day 19 - Thursday 28 February Queenstown to Dunedin 'Central'

'Central' – the colloquial abbreviation for Central Otago and you'll be traversing it today on a choice of routes, both of which take you through the historic towns of Cromwell, Clyde, Ophir and St Bathans. At Ranfurly you need choose between either:

- **The Main Road** south on the eastern side of the Rock and Pillar Range. Scenic and civilised all the way, a pleasant drive and popular tourist route, or
- **The Old Dunstan Road.** Known as the Dunstan Trail, from Patearoa south, to the west of the Rock and Pillar Range, down through the very centre of 'Central' to join the main road again at Clarkes Junction.
This trail was used by gold miners seeking the riches of the Dunstan gold diggings in the 1860's. It was the shortest viable route (175km) at the time from Dunedin to Dunstan (Clyde) but was limited by its altitude (up to 1000m) in adverse weather. Known as the 'Mountain Track' it was a most desolate and dangerous way to the possible riches of the interior, with many a gold seeker falling by the wayside in treacherous conditions. The drive involves about 19 miles of gravel road, (from the Linnburn Rd intersection through to the Welshs Rd intersection) and it's best to have company en route. Our use of this option is somewhat weather dependant. We do not recommend it if it has been raining or if inclement weather is forecast. There will be no cell phone coverage along much of the trail.

Departure: It's 206 miles of comfortable drive via the main road, so allow 5 hours driving time which provides for a leisurely start. As always, you will want time for stops and sight-seeing en route.

The Old Dunstan Rd, though a little shorter in distance, (we estimate about 203 miles in total) will take a bit longer. How long? Unsure. Allow 6 hours.

Petrol: Available at the major towns along the main road. Make sure you have plenty in the tank before attempting the Old Dunstan Road. There will be nothing after Ranfurly until Mosgiel.

Arrival: Our destination is the Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 6 Liverpool St, Dunedin 9016. Ph: 03 471-8543 in central Dunedin. They have a parking building adjacent to the hotel. \$20 per car per day.

Dinner tonight and on Friday has not been arranged. There is a bar and restaurant in the hotel and our accommodation is just minutes away from the centre of town where there is an abundance of cafes, restaurants and pubs to choose from.

Breakfast tomorrow and Saturday. No arrangements have been made for this. Breakfast either in the hotel or venture out to a nearby café of your choice.

The journey: It's 'Central' all the way today as we traverse NZ's most inland region through to the coast. It's breathtakingly different with vast undulating landscapes, rugged mountains, clear blue rivers, deep gorges and tussock-clad hills. The Old Dunstan Road offers a truly remote experience with little evidence of human impact.



We recommend you visit the historic precincts in both Cromwell and Clyde. Try the local stone fruit, particularly cherries if you can find them. Delicious!

A stop for a photograph of your car on the **Ophir Bridge** is a must, as is a walk around the old gold mining town of St Bathans, perhaps stop for a drink at the old **Vulcan Hotel**, where you may encounter its ghost.

Lunch is a 'choose your destination' today, depending on whether you want to eat early or late. Whilst St Bathans is conveniently located for this we are likely to overwhelm the facilities there, so consider dining at Ophir (limited facilities), or at Ranfurly. Or take something with you and picnic along the way.

Cromwell. *History. Galleries. Cafes. Boutique shops. Central Otago's best kept secret – a free visitor attraction that has something for the whole family.*

When the Clyde dam was completed in 1990, Cromwell's main street disappeared under Lake Dunstan. Some of the historic buildings dating back to the gold rush of the 1860's were saved or lovingly rebuilt on higher ground, creating the Cromwell Heritage Precinct. Step back in time to the gold rush and explore heritage buildings, many with artisan businesses in them, located on the shore of beautiful Lake Dunstan.

Clyde is a small town in Central Otago is nestled in a sheltered basin at the foot of an immense and crooked gorge, now flooded by the huge concrete hydro dam just upstream. The old gorge was a severe test of mettle for early goldfields traffic and horse teams often paused in Clyde to prepare for the rigours ahead.

The town is surrounded by an area renowned first for gold then for its stone fruit orchards, especially in the Earnsclough district. The fruits thrived here in the hot, dry summers but more recently huge areas of grapes have been planted with local vineyards producing their internationally renowned Pinot Noir. Many historic buildings have survived and the town centre has been declared an historic precinct. Some buildings have been refurbished as cafes, bars, and places to stay.

St Bathans. *Steeped in history with a dazzling landscape, St Bathans is famed for its startling Blue Lake and the Vulcan Hotel, said to be haunted.*

Nested under Mt St Bathans and surrounded by the spectacular Hawkdun Ranges and Dunstan Mountains, St Bathans is approximately 40 minutes drive northeast of Alexandra and 25 minutes from Ranfurly.

Established in 1863, this Central Otago town once consisted of more than 2000 miners and a surprising 13 hotels. Now the permanent population is less than 10. View restored stone fences, the Anglican Church, bank, stone houses, school ruins, Catholic Church and billiard hall. A highlight is the two-storey high Kauri Post Office (1909).

The Blue Lake was created during the Otago gold mining era. It started as a hill and was reduced to a pit from which shafts and then hydraulic elevators brought up gravel for sluicing. In its day it was the deepest mining hole in the Southern Hemisphere. When mining stopped, it flooded full of water. The blue colour of the lake is caused by the mineral content of the surrounding, visually striking cliffs.

The famous Vulcan Hotel, constructed of sun-dried mud brick, dates back to 1882. It is said to be haunted by a female ghost, which was the inspiration behind the name of a local triathlon event, Ghost to Ghost. A shamrock on the front facade of the Vulcan is a reminder of the rivalry between the Irish settlers from St Bathans and the Welsh settlers from nearby Cambrians, known as The War of the Roses.



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ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 19 – Thursday 28 February

Queenstown to Dunedin

	Alexis Motor Lodge, Queenstown to Distinction Dunedin Hotel, 6 Liverpool St, Dunedin 9016. Ph:03 471-8543	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Left out of hotel and right onto SH6A		
2	Straight ahead at roundabout onto SH6 (Cromwell. Wanaka)		
3	Straight ahead at next 3 roundabouts to remain on SH6 (Cromwell. Wanaka)		
	<i>Enjoy the drive through the Gibbston Valley wine country and the Kawarau Gorge. The Roaring Meg look-out is worth a stop</i>		
4	Right onto SH8B (Cromwell)		
	<i>The Cromwell Heritage Precinct is a good place for a leg stretch</i>		
5	2 nd right onto Barry Ave (Town Centre)		
6	Take 1 st exit at roundabout onto Inniscort St (Old Cromwell Town)		
7	Right into Erris St (Old Cromwell Town) and continue down to heritage precinct.	37	37
8	Return to and turn right onto Inniscort St.		
9	Inniscort St veers left and becomes Alpha St.		
10	Right at 'T' (Giveway) onto SH8B.		
11	Right at 'T' onto SH8 (Alexandra)		
12	Right onto Sunderland St. (Clyde)	15	52
	<i>Stop and visit the old Clyde town centre</i>		
13	Continue through Clyde on Sutherland St		
14	Left at 'T' onto SH8 (Cromwell, Omakau)		
15	Right onto Springvale Rd (Omakau)		
16	Left at 'T' onto SH85 Chatto Creek Sprinvale Rd. (Omakau)		
17	Right onto Ophir Bridge Rd (Ophir)		
	<i>A photo of your vehicle on the old Ophir bridge is a classic shot</i>		
18	Ophir Bridge Rd becomes Swindon St	19	71
19	Left at 'Giveway' onto Ida Valley-Omakau Rd		
20	Right at 'T' onto SH85		
21	Left onto Loop Rd. (St Bathans & Blue Lake 17km)		
	<i>Stop for a look around St Bathans and the lake. Maybe enjoy something refreshing at the old Vulcan Hotel. Beware of ghosts.</i>	22	93
22	Continue on Loop Rd through St Bathans back to SH85		
23	Left at 'T' onto SH85 and continue on SH85 to Ranfurly		
	<i>At Ranfurly, choose between the Old Dunstan Road adventurous route, or the main road that avoids the gravel and slower going. For the Old Dunstan Road jump to instruction 37</i>		
	Main Road Route.		
24	Stay on SH85 through Ranfurly	24	117
25	Right onto SH87 (Middlemarch, Mosgiel)		



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26	Continue on SH87 through Outram towards Mosgiel		
27	Left onto Dukes Rd North (Showgrounds)		
28	Dukes Rd North becomes Three Mile Hill Rd		
29	Three Mile Hill Rd becomes Taieri Rd		
30	Merge left onto Stuart St (City Centre)		
31	Right at traffic lights onto Smith St (Just After King Edward Court building on right)		
32	Veer left to continue onto Rattray St		
33	Left at 'Giveaway' to stay on Rattray St		
34	Right at next traffic lights onto Princes St (Dunedin Casino on corner)		
35	First left onto Water St		
36	Right opposite first road on left (Bond St) onto 'Hotel Access Only' (Distinction Hotel)	89	206
	Old Dunstan Road Route		
37	<i>Approaching Ranfurly, Right onto Stuart Road (Electricity substation on right)</i>		117
38	<i>After Catholic Church on left, Stuart Rd becomes Ranfurly – Patearoa Rd.</i>		
39	<i>At Patearoa, veer right onto Patearoa – Waipiata Rd which soon becomes Patearoa – Paerau Rd</i>	12	129
40	<i>Stay on Patearoa – Paerau Rd which, at Paerau becomes Styx – Paerau Rd</i>	10	139
41	<i>Continue on Styx - Paerau Rd</i>		
42	<i>Soon after crossing the Taieri River, Left onto Old Dunstan Rd.</i>		
43	<i>Stay on Old Dunstan Rd to pass Welshs Rd on right hand side</i>		
44	<i>Right at 'T' onto SH87 (Dunedin 53 km)</i>	28	167
45	<i>Pick up from instruction 26 above.</i>		



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Day 20 - Friday 1 March Free Day in Dunedin

Dunedin, New Zealand's oldest city, a university city modelled on Edinburgh in Scotland, it is one of the best-preserved Victorian and Edwardian cities in the Southern Hemisphere. It possesses a unique combination of cultural riches, fine architecture and world-famous wildlife reserves on the Otago Peninsular.

Suggested Activities – Dunedin.

- Explore **Otago Peninsula**. As a scenic drive, Otago Peninsula is spectacular. It will take the best part of a day to do it justice. The peninsula is part of the crater wall of a large, long-extinct volcano. Flanking the southern edge of Dunedin's extensive harbour, Otago Peninsula is high and rugged on the ocean side; warm and sheltered on the harbour side.
Beginning at Vauxhall, you can follow the coastal road past small settlements and beaches to Tairaroa Head, where there's the world's only mainland breeding colony of northern Royal Albatross. Other attractions near Tairaroa Head include the fur seals at Pilots Beach and sea lions on Te Rauone Beach. The southern side of Otago Peninsula is high and rugged. Walking tracks lead to cliff lookouts, beaches, penguin nesting areas and seal colonies. At Victory Beach there's an Egyptian-looking rock formation known locally as "The Pyramids"; at Allans Beach you might see yellow-eyed penguins, fur seals and sea lions.
From Portobello you can return to Dunedin via Highcliff Road, which winds along the ridge of the peninsula. Take a detour down Sandy Mount Road to find The Chasm and Lovers Leap; you can also walk to see three historic lime kilns that were in use from the 1860s until 1938. Sealpoint Road, another detour, leads to Seal Point and the track to Sandfly Bay (named for sand flying off the giant dunes rather than biting insects). Larnach Castle is also accessed from Highcliff Road.
- **Larnach Castle**. New Zealand's only castle is an important piece of Dunedin history. Built in 1871 by William Larnach, a merchant and politician born of Scottish parents, [Larnach Castle](#) has been carefully restored to its original Victorian grandeur, and its beautiful rooms and gardens are open to the public 365 days a year. The castle boasts a 3,000 square foot ballroom, which hosts high tea at 3pm every day, and a tower commanding sweeping views of the Otago Peninsula. It's located 20 minutes' drive from downtown Dunedin.
- Take the train. **The Taieri Gorge Railway** departs from the historic Dunedin Railway Station and takes passengers on a picturesque journey through the Central Otago hinterland. Travel across the Taieri Plains and into the deep and narrow Taieri Gorge. Ride over the Wingatui Viaduct, the largest wrought iron structure in the world, and if the sun is out, stretch your legs by crossing one of the bridges on foot (the train will wait for you). The Taieri Gorge train departs daily to Pukerangi (four hours return). <https://www.dunedinrailways.co.nz/our-journeys/taieri-gorge-railway/taieri-gorge-railways>

- Hang out in the town.
 - **History.** If you're interested in discovering New Zealand's unique story, Dunedin has history to spare. The [Toitu Otago Settlers Museum](#), awarded TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice Award, shares the stories of Dunedin's European pioneers. Olveston Historic Home shows how the Theomin family lived in the early 1900's. The Otago Museum has a huge range of artefacts and artworks, including displays on Dunedin's natural environment and native wildlife.
 - **Art.** Follow the Dunedin Street Art Trail. Experience 25 vibrant, whimsical artworks from international and local artists, painted on giant, blank-wall canvases. The artworks are commissioned by passionate local volunteers, who fundraise for them through crowd sourcing, sponsorships and grants. The walk takes around 90 minutes, and you can pick up a copy of the trail map at the Dunedin i-SITE visitor centre.
 - **Literature.** Dunedin is a UNESCO designated City of Literature, and it shows. The town's central Octagon proudly displays a statue of Robert Burns, and has its own Writers' Walk - a series of plaques featuring entertaining and informative quotes about Dunedin and its heritage. Bibliophiles should visit the rare manuscript collections at the Reed and de Beer Galleries, or head to Dutybound Book Bindery to see old binding techniques in action. For some serious browsing, swing by Hard to Find Bookshop, Stafford 6 Books or the University Book Shop.
 - **Horticulture.** Visit the Dunedin Botanic Garden. With over 6,800 plant species the 28-hectare Dunedin Botanic Garden is rated as a Garden of International Significance and is the oldest botanic garden in the country. Native birds can be seen in the aviary and the New Zealand Native Plant Collection shows what makes NZ's native fauna so unique. There is a cafe and a winter garden glasshouse provides a tropical retreat. Access to the botanic garden is free and it is open every day of the year from dawn till dusk.
 - **Go to the beach.** During summer, the locals head to [St Clair Beach](#); a wildly beautiful beach to walk, swim or surf. It's only a 10-minute drive from the city centre.





ITINERARY

Day 21 - Saturday 2 March

Dunedin to Oamaru

Coast & Country

From the west Otago coast, through tussock country and mountain pass back to the coast again. A rich and varied scenic tapestry.

Departure: 145 miles of driving that will not be particularly arduous. Say 4.5 hours to cover the distance so plenty of time to dally along the way.

There is an alternative main road route up the coast that cuts out the high country and avoids Danseys Pass with its associated 26 miles or so of gravel road. This alternative is only 72 miles in total, an easy 2-hour run. However, whilst it will be dusty, the Danseys Pass road is quite popular and its surface is usually kept in reasonable condition.

Petrol: There will be little if any availability after Palmerston so we suggest you top up there to ensure you have enough to get you through to Oamaru.

Arrival: Our destination is the Brydone Hotel, 115 Thames Street, Oamaru. Ph: 03 433 0480 adjacent to Oamaru's Victorian precinct and Steam Punk Central!

Dinner tonight has not been arranged. There is a bar and restaurant in the hotel (you will need to book if you wish to dine in) and our accommodation is just minutes away from the cafes and restaurants in the Victorian precinct.

Breakfast: A buffet is arranged for in the hotel, \$23.50 per person.

The logical stop for lunch today is the Danseys Pass Inn, but we will test the facilities there if we all arrive and order at once. There is a choice of eating establishments in Palmerston but not much between there and Oamaru other than Stanley's Hotel at Macreas Flat. Your choice of lunch stop will likely depend on the timing of your travel. You could always pick up something in Palmerston and picnic along the way.

The journey: From Dunedin city it is straight into the country via Mt Cargill, passing some fascinating geology and the 'Organ Pipes Walk' which, for those interested will take you a half hour or so for the round trip, with some wonderful views.

Then north up the Otago coast through Karitane, a name echoed in many New Zealand child-related services and products because of Karitane's association with a pioneering paediatrician and psychiatrist Sir Truby King, founder of the Plunket Society which set up a string of neonatal care institutions known throughout the country as Karitane Hospitals and trained 'Karitane Nurses', specialising in infant care. For New Zealanders, 'Karitane yellow' describes a certain baby poo shade of this colour.

The Organ Pipes are an outstanding example of columnar jointed basalt in the Dunedin area accessible to the public. When molten volcanic rock cools, the rock contracts and causes regular hairline cracks. At the Organ Pipes this cooling process has resulted in the formation of four-to-six-sided columns of rock, some of which are over 2m long. These in time became exposed and weathered. Unfortunately, earthquakes and vandalism have caused many of the larger columns to fall over. However, the remaining outcrop and pile of broken columns, some of which have been used to line the track, are still impressive.



Access: *The Organ Pipes Walk begins at a small car park on the Mt Cargill Road north east of central Dunedin. The car park is signposted on the left beyond the Mt Zion quarry. There is a healthy crop of rhubarb here and room for one or two cars.*

It is a ½ hr, easy walk. The track climbs up steps composed largely of fallen columns. After passing a track junction to the Mt Cargill Walk, you will come upon a scree slide of columns where there was once a viewing platform. There is a good view of the Organ Pipes from here.

A further circuit towards the coast through Goodwood, soon after which a short detour down Bobby's Head Rd brings you to Tavora Reserve and an interesting coastal walk. The full round trip takes an hour but it's only 10 minutes down to the beach and you could then walk back.

Tavora Reserve *is a 10-minute drive from Palmerston and offers visitors a fantastic coastal walking track with stunning views and the opportunity to see some interesting wildlife. Park at the reserve entrance off Bobby's Head Rd and wander along the waterway to the beach, up the hill, around the headland and back down the road. The walk is about an hour loop. The reserve is owned and managed by the Yellow-Eyed Penguin Trust and is home to a small number of critically endangered yellow-eyed penguins. You can view penguins crossing the beach from the walking track up the hill - but please stay off the beach after 3pm so the penguins are not disturbed. The reserve may be closed during the penguin breeding season.*

Then inland from Palmerston, through the Dunback and Macraes area, passing Macraes Mine, New Zealand's largest gold mine, a large-scale opencast mine opened in 1990, and a newer underground mine, opened in 2008. Macraes Mine accounts for around 50% of the country's gold production.

Dunback & Macraes

*Originally the **Dunback** and **Macraes** area was settled in the 1850s by farmers and later by miners following the discovery of gold in the 1860s.*

Dunback is only a short 10-minute drive from Palmerston on State Highway 85. In town you'll spot a handful of beautiful historic buildings over 100 years old, notably, the coronation hall and the Dunback Hotel - which still operates today.

Meandering through Dunback, the Shag River used to be quite the divide until a swing bridge was erected in the early 1900s to provide better access to town for those living on the other side of the river. The bridge has since been refurbished and can be accessed via Murphy Street.

Just another 20 minutes up the hill is Macraes - frequently referred to as Macraes Flat. Macraes Flat is a beautifully rugged high-country area with expanses of rolling, golden tussock-land peppered with weathered schist outcrops. Visitors go to Macraes to view the heavy machinery and expansive open-cast pit of the working gold mine, Macraes Mine. Remnants of early mining history can be found at the Golden Point Historic Reserve just a few minutes' drive from the viewing area.

Travellers may also wish to visit the Art Park and Wetlands Heritage Walkway which can be accessed from the township.

The heart and long-standing hub of Macraes township has been Stanley's Hotel - a charming bar, restaurant and accommodation option full of character for those wishing to spend more time.

Further north we leave the main roads to traverse the scenic and historic **Danseys Pass**, taking us from Central Otago back towards the coast and our eventual destination, Oamaru.



Danseys Pass. Arriving at Danseys Pass you can't help but feel a sense of achievement and freedom; it truly is, away from it all.

Danseys Pass links Central Otago to the Waitaki District. This classic alpine pass is unsealed, narrow in places and can be closed by snow during winter. It also travels directly through high-country paddocks, so be aware that stock may be on the road.

The Pass is named after William Heywood Dansey. William Dansey was a North Otago run holder who was with three others on an expedition over the Pass into Central Otago in 1855-56. These gentlemen are likely to have been the first Europeans to see the Maniototo Plains.

Danseys Pass was once well used for gold mining traffic. Races dug by Chinese miners into the hillsides scar the landscape and are a reminder of the intense hard work required to source water for inland and high country prospecting.

On the Maniototo side of the Pass was the relatively successful Kyeburn River dredging and Kyeburn gold diggings, which were discovered even before major findings at Naseby. While the landscape tells a story of furious activity, the only substantial building remaining is the Danseys Pass Coach Inn. Built in 1862 by miners who laboured for payment in beer, it served a community of 2000. Behind the hotel is German Creek Reserve where miners planted trees representing their homelands.

There are many places where you can stop, spend some idle time and absorb the soulful peace and solitude of Danseys Pass.

On the way through we recommend you stop for refreshments, if not lunch, at the Danseys Pass Coach Inn.

Danseys Pass Coach Inn. Built in 1862, the Coach Inns of Central Otago are unique. Most have succumbed to floods, fire or simply the ravages of time. Of the few that remain, Danseys Pass Coach Inn stands out. The essential elements of a 19th century Coach Inn have been retained, and sensitive, authentic refurbishing has allowed the utmost comfort while maintaining the character and atmosphere of the goldrush era.

Oamaru, the largest town of the Waitaki District, has a rich history and proud heritage, enriched by the passionate and perhaps quirky locals. Explore this heritage in the Victorian Precinct, where you will find, shops, galleries and traditional crafts within some of the Southern Hemispheres most complete Victorian streetscapes and 19th century architecture.

Oamaru looks a little different from any other town in New Zealand. You'll definitely feel like you've left New Zealand and been transported back in time as you wander the Victorian Precinct.

Visitors are not the only ones to love Oamaru. The world's smallest species of penguins, little blue penguins, love Oamaru too! The best viewing of the penguins can be found at the Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony with seating set-up around a little blue penguin colony nesting site. Watch the penguins return from the sea in groups as the sun goes down. Alternatively, find yourself a place to sit on the Oamaru waterfront at dusk and chances are you will spot at least one little blue penguin. (Remember to give the penguins as much space as possible in order not to disturb their natural behaviour).

Oamaru has an obsession with all things Victorian including the science fiction genre of steampunk! Steampunk is about all things "steam-powered", just like in the Victorian age, but with a futuristic twist. This has inspired some amazing art and inventions that you can check out at Steampunk HQ. Take a look at some crazy creations inside and outside, as well as the ever-memorable "Portal" which is the closest you'll get to feeling like a time-traveller.



NOTES



MAPS 12 &
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ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 21 – Saturday 2 March

Dunedin to Oamaru

	Distinction Dunedin Hotel, Dunedin to Brydone Hotel, 115 Thames Street, Oamaru. Ph: 03 433 0480	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Right out of hotel onto Water St		
2	Left at 'T' (Giveway) onto Crawford St.		
3	Straight ahead at traffic lights around Queens Gardens.		
4	Straight ahead at traffic lights. Crawford St becomes Cumberland St		
5	Continue on Cumberland St straight ahead onto Great King St (Captain Cook Hotel on left)		
6	Straight ahead at Compulsory Stop to follow signs for North East Valley		
7	Straight ahead at next traffic lights onto North Rd		
8	Continue on North Rd out of the city		
9	North Rd becomes Mount Cargill Rd (sign for Waitati)		
	<i>Along Mount Cargill Rd we pass Grahams Bush Walk to The Organ Pipes. (Just after sign 'Walkway Car Park 400m'. There is no other sign visible from the road and the car park is small, so keep an eye out. It's about a half hour return walk, quite steep with impressive views and geology. You'll need good footwear.</i>		
10	Right onto Blueskin Rd then <u>immediate</u> left onto Shortcut Rd (just after Purakaunui, Port Chalmers sign)		
11	Merge ahead at 'Giveway' onto Mount Cargill Rd		
12	Mount Cargill Rd becomes Harvey St (at Waitati)		
13	Right at 'T' (Giveway) onto SH1 (Timaru)	12	12
14	Right onto Coast Rd (Warrington 3kms)		
15	Stay on Coast Rd through Seacliff and Karitane		
16	Right at 'T' (Giveway) onto SH1 (Oamaru)	12	24
17	Right onto Goodwood Rd (Palmerston 6kms)		
	<i>A short detour down Bobby's Head Rd brings you to Tavora Reserve and an interesting coastal walk. Full round trip takes an hour but it's only 10 minutes down to the beach and you could then walk back.</i>		
18	Goodwood Rd becomes Tiverton St (at Palmerston)		
19	Right at 'Giveway' onto SH1		
20	Immediate left onto SH85 (Ranfurly, Alexandra)	15	39
	<p>Alternative to miss Danseys Pass and gravel road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not turn left onto SH85. Continue north on SH1 through Katiki, Moeraki (stop to view the boulders), Hampden to Waianakarua. - Right onto Waianakarua Rd (Oamaru via Kakanui. Across railway lines) - Continue through Kakanui on Beach Rd to Oamaru. - At Oamaru, ahead at 'Giveway' onto Wharfe St. - Right at 'T' onto Itchen St. - First left onto Thames St. 		



	- Right onto Wear St for hotel parking. Brydone Hotel on right.		72
21	Left onto Macraes Rd (Macraes Flat, Middlemarch)	9	48
22	Veer right onto Hyde-Macraes Rd (Hyde 4km, Middlemarch)		
23	Right at 'T' onto SH87 (Ranfurly)	23	71
24	Left at 'T' onto SH85 (Ranfurly, Alexandra).	14	85
25	First Right onto Lower To Upper Kyeburn Rd. (Danseys Pass)		
26	Right onto Danseys Pass Rd (3 rd road on right)		
	<i>Stop for refreshments at the Danseys Pass Coach Inn</i>	13	98
27	Merge Left onto Livingstone-Dunroon Rd (Dunroon 12km)	21	119
28	First Right onto Dip Hill Rd (Oamaru)		
29	Right at 'T' onto Tokarahi-Dunroon Rd. (Oamaru, Tokarahi)		
30	Tokarahi-Dunroon Rd turns right and becomes Tokarahi-Tapui Rd		
31	Tokarahi-Tapui Rd turns left and becomes Crown Hill Rd.		
32	Right onto Kakanui Valley Rd (Maheno, Five Forks)		
33	Veer Left onto Whitestone-Five Forks Rd		
34	Right at 'T' onto Weston-Ngapara Rd		
35	Weston-Ngapara Rd becomes Main St (at Weston)	22	141
36	Slight right to stay on Main St		
37	Slight right again to stay on Main St		
38	Left onto Westview Dr (Oamaru 3kms)		
39	Westview Dr veers right to become Weston Rd		
40	Left at 'Giveaway' onto SH1		
41	Continue into city on SH1		
42	Hard Right at traffic lights onto Thames St (around Boer War memorial statue. Abacus Hotel on right)		
43	First Left onto Wear St to park for Kingsgate Hotel Brydone	4	145



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Day 22 – Sunday 3 March

Oamaru to Twizel

The Mackenzie Country

The Mackenzie Country - the heart of the South Island. Clear starry nights, turquoise lakes, open golden grasslands, valleys of emerald green and snow-capped mountains.

A day of two possibilities; the **Hakataramea Pass** road for the adventurous, or the highway through **Omarama** as a gravel free alternative.

Departure: The Hakataramea route is about 143 miles over, say, 4.5 hours driving time, the main road via Omarama is shorter, 97 miles and 2.5 hours driving time. Either way, opportunity for sightseeing around Oamaru before you leave and for stops along the way.

Petrol: First petrol outside of Oamaru will be at Kurow. Ensure you have plenty in the tank before embarking on the Hakataramea Pass road as the next station on that route is at Tekapo, 65 miles away. On the main road petrol is also available at Omarama.

Arrival: Our destination is The Mackenzie Country Hotel, cnr Ostler & Wairepo Rds on the southern side of Twizel. Phone 03 435-0869.

Dinner: Buffet dinner at the hotel tonight. \$42 per person.

Breakfast tomorrow: is buffet style and is included in your room rate.

Lunch today. If you are going via the main road then you could lunch in Oamaru before you leave. Omarama offers various alternatives and there is a choice of reasonable cafes at Kurow, (we are told the Valley Café at Kurow is quite good) and, of course, the old Kurow pub. For those taking the Hakataramea road, Kurow is the last lunch stop.

The journey: We head inland on country roads through Duntroon on our way to Kurow. Before Duntroon watch for signs to the Elephant Rocks. They are a short walk from the road over private property and are worth a visit.

Elephant Rocks. *Located near Duntroon, between Oamaru and Omarama in Otago, the Elephant Rocks are fairly straightforward to find: from near Duntroon, take Livingston-Duntroon Road and follow the signposts until you get to the Elephant Rocks.*

The Elephant Rocks are massive limestone formations sitting in a sea of grass on private farmland. The rocks were once sand at the bottom of the sea that accumulated 25 million years ago. These sediments were buried and the pressure turned the sand into rock, or limestone. When the whole area of limestone lifted and surfaced, the forces of the wind and water did their part in shaping the limestone.

The rocks come in all shapes and sizes, and are popular with climbers, especially for doing some serious bouldering. The area may also give some people a certain sensation of déjà vu; especially those that are fans of "The Chronicles of Narnia" movie: the Elephant Rocks served as a location for Aslan's camp.

At Kurow it is decision time – the Hakataramea Pass or the main road.



The Hakataramea. Your trusty steed has brought you this far, only a couple more days of motoring. For the adventurous, the Hakataramea Pass road right through the middle of the Mackenzie Country is an iconic stretch of back country NZ by-way much loved by local vintage motorists. It will be dusty, parts of it will be moderately challenging; ease yourself through the challenging sections then ease your foot down a tad on the long, gravel straights, the surface of which can be quite smooth, depending on the severity of the preceding winter. It will bring you out to the main road again at Dog Kennel Corner from where it is an easy run south through Tekapo to Twizel. (You will be visiting Tekapo again tomorrow.)

Note: our use of this road will be dictated by the weather. If it has been wet or if bad weather is forecast, we won't be using it. There will be no cell phone coverage for much of the journey.

Do not avoid rabbits. They are a pest.

The main road continues along the Waitaki River, a prime source of hydro-electric power and you'll pass the Aviemore and Benmore dams. Take a short detour at Otematata up to Benmore.

Then on to Omarama, a world-renowned centre for gliding – the trout fishing is pretty good around here as well – then into the Mackenzie Country proper to Twizel.

The Mackenzie Country, or Mackenzie Basin was named in the 1850s by and after James Mckenzie (or in his native Scottish Gaelic: Seumas MacCoinneach), a shepherd and sheep thief of Scottish origin, who herded his stolen flocks in what was then an area almost totally empty of any human habitation, though Māori previously lived there intermittently. After his capture, the area was soon divided up amongst new sheep pasture stations in 1857.

Sparsely populated, and with only four settlements (Lake Tekapo, population <500; Mount Cook Village, population <150; Twizel, population <1,000; and Omarama, population <400, the Mackenzie Country comprises an area of huge glacial lakes and snow-capped mountains, particularly favoured by tourists and skiers.

The Mackenzie Country is frequently utilized as the principal and second-unit location for television commercials, documentaries, and motion pictures, including much of Peter Jackson's epic The Lord of the Rings film trilogy and The Hobbit film trilogy.

Gliding is another common activity within the Mackenzie Basin, and the area was host to a Gliding World Cup event in 1995, as well as being the home of several gliding clubs, airfields, and numerous private glider pilots, of both amateur and professional status.

Due to its clean, dry and dark sky, the Mackenzie Basin serves as an important area for New Zealand-based astronomy, with a number of related facilities located there, including the nation's premier astronomical observatory, the University of Canterbury's Mount John University Observatory, and several amateur observatories.

We'll be hoping for clear weather up here because:

In the heart of the South Island the sky is so clear and vast that millions of stars seem to appear right before your eyes.

Unique to the Mackenzie Region, the clear skies found in this part of the world are like nothing else in New Zealand. Very limited light pollution means the views of the night sky seem to stretch on as far as the eye can see.

In 2012, the 4300 square kilometre area was declared the **Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve**, with light pollution strictly controlled in the area. It is the only one of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, and one of only eight in the world. Within this reserve is New Zealand's premier astronomical research centre, the [Mount John Observatory](#). Seeing this sky through a telescope is an experience unlike any other. Take the time to look up, study the galaxies and stars, and feel connected to the awesome history of the universe. There are a number of ways to take a stargazing tour in the Mackenzie Region. Keen stargazers will see amazing constellations that can only be seen in the southern hemisphere, including the Southern Cross, to the Magellanic Clouds and the Milky Way.

Twizel:

The town of Twizel was purpose-built in the 1960s to provide a home for workers involved with the Upper Waitaki Power Scheme. Today it is a well-positioned base for mountain climbing, kayaking, mountain biking, skiing, horse trekking and hiking.

If you are feeling like a little exercise on your arrival, then...

Twizel River Trail

Stroll by the beautiful and peaceful Twizel River and find a shady spot to sit and relax or enjoy a picnic. The full [Twizel River Trail](#) is 24 kilometres return, but shorter sections are just as rewarding. The trail is easy for children and is baby buggy friendly. Enjoy the Market Place with its spacious pedestrian-only layout. There are excellent cafés, cool and quirky shops and large kakī (black stilt) bird public artworks.



MAP 13

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 22 – Sunday 3 March

Oamaru to Twizel

	The Brydone Hotel, Oamaru to The Mackenzie Country Hotel, cnr Ostler & Wairepo Rds Twizel. Ph: 03 435-0869	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	Left from Wear St onto Thames St (keep hotel on left)		
2	Right at Give Way onto Itchen St (Dunedin)		
3	Left at Give Way onto Severn St (SH1)		
4	Stay on SH1 out of Oamaru		
5	Right onto Weston Rd (Weston, Ngapara)		
6	Weston Rd becomes W View Dr		
7	Right at sloping 'T' (Weston. Parkside Quarries)		
8	Veer left to follow Ngapara		
9	Through Ngapara and follow signs to Duntroon	29	29
	<i>Visit the Elephant Rocks. They are signposted before Duntroon</i>		
10	Left at 'T' SH 83 (Kurow, Omarama)		
	At Kurow: Choose between the adventurous Hakataramea Pass route, OR the main road via Omarama that avoids the gravel. For the main road route, jump to instruction 21	13	42
	Hakataramea Pass Route		
11	Right onto SH82 (Waimate, Timaru)		
12	Left to Hakataramea Valley (Cattle Creek 34 kms)		
13	Stay on Hakataramea Valley Rd (Hakataramea Pass 27kms)		
14	Right to stay on Hakataramea Valley Rd		
15	Continue onto Hakataramea Pass Rd		
16	Veer left to stay on Hakataramea Pass Rd following the most used path		
17	Right at 'T' onto Haldon Rd		
18	Left at fork (Giveaway) onto SH8 (Lake Tekapo 14km) Dog Kennel Corner	55	97
19	Continue on SH8 through Tekapo to Twizel		
20	Right onto Ostler Rd (Twizel Town Centre 1km) Hotel on right	46	143
	Main Road Route		
21	At Kurow, continue on SH83 to Otematata	19	61
22	Right past golf course to view Benmore dam.		
23	Retrace back to SH83		
24	Continue on SH83 to Omarama	15	76
25	Right at 'T' onto SH8 (Aoraki Mt Cook)		
26	Left onto Ostler Rd (Twizel Town Centre 1km) Hotel on right	21	97



ITINERARY

Day 23 – Monday 4 March

Twizel to Christchurch

From High Country to the Plains

Our last day of motoring. Skirting the Southern Alps through Southern Canterbury then flat and fast across the Canterbury Plains. A modest rural detour is offered, which includes some gravel.

Departure: About 205 miles, most of which you will do at a good clip. Say 5 to 5.5 hours driving time.

Petrol: is available at major towns en route, i.e. Tekapo, Fairlie and Geraldine, but the next station after Geraldine is likely to be Darfield, 80 miles distant, so be sure you can cover this distance.

Arrival: Our destination is the Pavilions Hotel, 42 Papanui Rd, Merivale, Christchurch 8014. Ph: 03 355-5633 on the northern edge of the central city district.

Dinner tonight: No formal arrangements tonight. There is a restaurant and bar at the hotel and a number of good restaurants within comfortable walking distance.

Final Dinner tomorrow: On Tuesday night we have our final dinner at the Pavilions Hotel, set menu \$45 per person, time to be confirmed.

Breakfast tomorrow: Buffet breakfast is available at the hotel both mornings, \$20 per person.

The journey: Across the Mackenzie Country and through the pleasant South Canterbury towns of Fairlie and Geraldine.

First, though, **Tekapo**, where the **Church of the Good Shepherd** is amongst the most photographed sites in NZ. Lake Tekapo gets its intense milky-turquoise colour from the fine rock-flour (ground by glaciers) which is suspended in the water. On the way into Tekapo watch for signs to the **Mt St. John Observatory** (Godley Peaks Rd on the left). A drive up to the observatory is good fun and well worth the 10 km or so detour for the outstanding views of the outstanding area.

We recommend **Geraldine** as your lunch stop. There are various good cafes and we hear that Café Verde is a pleasant sort of spot. Have a wander around the shops, perhaps the vintage car museum. And how about a visit to Talbot Forest Cheese in Talbot Street?

Then we head up into the Canterbury Plains, skirting the Southern Alps, through the Rakaia Gorge and on to Hororata for a visit to historic **Terrace Station** at Hororata, where amongst other things we'll view a 1909 Talbot.

TERRACE STATION at HORORATA, Canterbury NZ

Terrace Station is one of New Zealand's most important historic properties. It is situated at Hororata, 60kms west of Christchurch. It was the primary home of prominent pioneering politician, Sir John Hall his wife Rose, Lady Hall. Though they died at the beginning of last century, reminders of them are evident throughout Terrace Station. Family portraits dominate the dining room, the buildings which were part of a large



pastoral enterprise still stand, and trees planted in the 19th Century are now a feature of the landscape.

John Hall was one of the foremost figures in nineteenth century N Z politics. In 1852 he arrived in Lyttelton on The Samarang, the last of the Canterbury Association ships. He was a member of the Canterbury Provincial Council for most of its existence, and a member of both houses of the General Assembly. He first sat in the House of Representatives in 1856 and held cabinet rank several times. From 1879-1882 he was Premier, after which he was knighted for his services. His most notable achievement was his leadership of the campaign in the General Assembly which won all women in New Zealand the parliamentary vote in 1893. He was the first Chairman of the Christchurch Municipal Council and in 1906/07 Honorary Mayor for the Exhibition. From his arrival in New Zealand as one of the last Canterbury Association settlers in 1852 until his retirement in 1894 he was almost continuously engaged in the administration of public affairs. When he died the Obit in The Press referred to him as 'The Grand Old Man of Canterbury'.

The homestead, set among the trees in an extensive woodland garden, is an excellent example of colonial domestic architecture. It has evolved from a precut three-roomed house imported from Australia in the 1850s to a rambling 550 square metres weatherboard homestead with a partially shingled roof. Artistically the most significant alteration was made in 1890 when the eminent Christchurch architect, Samuel Hurst Seager designed a lining for the entrance hall. He was greatly influenced by the Arts and Crafts Movement and made a speciality of using native timbers. In this instance a feature is the panels of alternating and overlapping diagonal boards of kauri and rimu. Seager's design also incorporates a coloured glass skylight above the front door. The entrance hall houses a collection of curios and artefacts collected on John's travels around the world. There are many display areas – one being Richard Foster's collection of vintage and veteran cars. Also on site are horsedrawn vehicles from the 19th century. The children's room has toys, books, games from the four generation of children who have been brought up here. The Hutch has a display of garden and farm tools and other items. The 1 hectare garden is full of magnificent trees underplanted with woodland perennials and bulbs.

www.terracestation.org.nz

Then a simple run across the plains and in to Christchurch and the Pavilions Hotel where we spend the final two nights of the tour.



MAPS 13 &
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ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Day 23 – Monday 4 March

Twizel to Christchurch

	The Mackenzie Country Hotel, Twizel to Pavilions Hotel, 42 Papanui Rd, Merivale, Christchurch 8014. Ph: 03 355-5633	MILES	
		Section	Cumulative
1	From Hotel return to SH8		
2	Left onto SH8		
3	Continue on SH8 to Tekapo Stop here to visit Church of the Good Shepherd	37	37
4	Continue through Tekapo on SH8 to Fairlie	26	63
5	At Fairlie, veer left to follow SH79 (Geraldine)		
6	Continue on SH79 to Geraldine.	28	91
	<i>Stop here for lunch and a leg stretch. Visit Talbot Forest Cheese, the shops, maybe the vintage car museum.</i>		
7	Continue through Geraldine (on Talbot St!) to remain on SH79		
8	Over Orari Bridge, veer left onto SH72 (Methven, Mt Hutt)		
9	Remain on SH72 past Arundel	10	101
	<i>A choice here to continue on the main road, SH72, or take a slightly more rural detour. The detour includes some gravel, but it is expected to be quite benign. To continue on SH72, jump to instruction 16</i>		
	Rural Detour		
10	Left at crossroads then dog leg right onto Ealing Montalto Rd (a cross roads soon after Arundel. Watch for road signs).		
11	Continue ahead at crossroads (Shephards Bush Rd, Moorhouse Rd) onto Montalto Rd		
12	Right at first cross roads (Giveaway) onto Mayfield Klondyke Rd		
13	Veer right at Hinds Gorge Rd to remain on Mayfield Klondyke Rd		
14	Left onto Lower Downs Rd (Montalto, Mt Somers)		
15	Left onto SH72 (Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd/Inland Scenic Route)		
	Main Road Route		
16	Continue on SH72 ahead onto SH77 (Rakaia Gorge, Darfield)		
17	Right onto Leaches Rd (Hororata 22km) at cross road after sign for 'Hororata Turn Right 300m'		
18	Veer left (<u>not</u> hard left onto unmarked road)) approx. 12 miles from the cross road, at sweeping corner, just after sign for 'Dunsandel (1)' to follow Milnes Road	63	164
19	Proceed <u>straight ahead</u> onto minor road to stay on Milnes Rd where the main road sweeps right and becomes Cordys Rd)		
20	Approx. 0.5 km turn left, by Terrace Station sign. Please drive slowly along the road through the farm, enjoy the views of mountains, hills and magnificent trees and follow signs to park		

21	Left out of Terrace Station onto Milnes Rd		
22	First Right onto Duncans Rd		
23	Left at 'T' onto Hororata Rd		
24	Continue on Hororata Rd through Coalgate		
25	Right onto SH77 (Darfield 12km)		
26	Right at 'T' onto SH73 (Christchurch)		
27	Proceed to Christchurch on SH73		
28	At roundabout, take 1st exit onto Pound Rd		
29	Right at 1 st crossroads onto Ryans Rd		
30	Left at 'T' onto SH 1		
31	Right opposite airport entrance onto Memorial Ave (City Centre, Fendalton)		
32	Straight ahead at traffic lights by Clyde Rd. Memorial Ave becomes Fendalton Rd		
33	Left at traffic lights on edge of park onto Harper Ave		
34	Ahead at traffic lights over bridge at Carlton Mill Rd onto Bealey Ave		
35	First left onto Papanui Rd. The Pavilions Hotel is very soon on the right.	41	205
	Congratulations, Team. You've made it!		

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Engine Bore—75 mm. c.c.—2,969.	Stroke—112 mm. R.A.C. Rating—20.9 h.p.	Wheel base 9' 6"
Tyres Dunlop "Fort" 29" x 5.5"	Wheels Detachable wire (balanced).	Track 4' 8"
Gear ratios—	Self-Changing Accelerating	Turning circle 37' 0"
Silent 3rd Gearbox	Gearbox	Overall length 14' 6"
1st ... 13.45 to 1 or 14.67 to 1	1st ... 13.6 to 1 or 14.83 to 1	Overall width 5' 9"
2nd ... 7.43 to 1 or 8.11 to 1	2nd ... 7.56 to 1 or 8.24 to 1	Fuel tank capacity 19½ galls
3rd ... 5.43 to 1 or 5.94 to 1	3rd ... 5.44 to 1 or 5.93 to 1	Bumpers fitted to front and rear.
4th (Top) 4.0 to 1 or 4.36 to 1	4th (Top) 4.0 to 1 or 4.36 to 1	
Reverse 16.62 to 1 or 18.12 to 1	Reverse 17.0 to 1 or 18.55 to 1	

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Day 24 - Tuesday 5 March

Free Day in Christchurch

Christchurch, New Zealand's garden City – a unique destination. A city rebuilding after major earthquakes in 2010 and 2011, combining urban regeneration and innovation with heritage, culture and creativity.

Suggested Activities – Christchurch.

- **Tour the city.** It's flat, so why not explore it by joining a guided bike tour or do it on your own in style with a vintage bike. If you're not a fan of two wheels, hop on a [Hassle-free](#) double-decker bus for great views and informative commentary. Or, better still, catch an old-fashioned tram around the central city. You can get a day pass and hop on and off at the various stops. This can also be combined with a ride on the gondola and punting on the Avon. (See below) <http://www.christchurchattractions.nz/christchurch-tram/>
- For some retail therapy and a good spot for lunch or afternoon tea, visit **The Tannery**, where you'll find various specialist shops and dining options housed in historic Victorian tannery buildings. <https://thetannery.co.nz/stores/>
- **Parks, gardens and walks.** Long referred to as "The Garden City" Christchurch's parks and gardens are ripe for exploration. Take a run or stroll around the vast green space of Hagley Park, or wander the blooms and foliage at [Christchurch Botanic Gardens](#) – New Zealand's largest inner-city park. Enjoy the beauty and the tranquillity of this green sanctum with a [punt down the Avon](#).
- **Punting on the Avon.** Glide along the tranquil Avon River as a skilled punter in traditional Edwardian attire propels you slowly along the water aboard a handcrafted flat-bottomed boat. Depart from 2 Cambridge Terrace then travel leisurely from the historic Antigua Boat sheds, through the Botanic Gardens, and enjoy the spectacular flora that the 'Garden City' is famous for.
- Visit [The Arts Centre of Christchurch, 301 Montreal Street](#). This neo-gothic building and campus was the hub for arts and culture in the city until the 2011 earthquake that badly damaged a lot of the buildings. It's being restored and opened in stages, with the completion scheduled for 2019. It comprises one of the most significant collections of heritage buildings in NZ and has a rich history. Located in the heart of Christchurch and open seven days, the Arts Centre takes up an entire city block that is bounded by Worcester Boulevard, Montreal Street, Hereford Street and Rolleston Avenue.
- Visit the **International Antarctic Centre** out at the airport (38 Orchard Rd.) Christchurch is the gateway to NZ's extensive involvement in the study and protection of Antarctica and there's no better place to learn more about this connection than at the [International Antarctic Centre](#).
- **Drive out to Akaroa**, about 90 minutes from Christchurch via SH75 around Banks Peninsular, enjoying the stunning scenery on the way, then immerse yourself in the



French charm of Akaroa, a picturesque seaside settlement. Wander through boutique stores and galleries, relax over a leisurely café lunch and a local drop. Board a cruise to see rare and spectacular wildlife – and even swim with them if you like. Akaroa oozes charm! Nods to its history as a French settlement are everywhere, with pretty French-named streets, lined with historic cottages cloaked in roses.

CHRISTCHURCH AUTOMOBILE CLUB RELIABILITY TRIALS.

CHRISTCHURCH TO AKAROA AND RETURN.

RUN 17th MARCH, 1910.

The Automobile Club's annual testing of motor cars is arranged with the object of finding out by test the best and most suitable motor cars for daily use in New Zealand, and also to ascertain by competition which is the cheapest car to run as regards the amount of petrol consumed for the trial trip. The route, Christchurch to Akaroa and return via Gebbie's Valley, Governor's Bay, and Dyer's Pass, was selected to test the cars severely, as on the return journey the climb to the top of the Dyer's Pass is undoubtedly steep, rough, and dangerous, and on the down grade into Christchurch the road abounds with rough rocks which are calculated to shake out any defects before the cars reach the official garage. Every car is accompanied by a competent Club Observer, who records every stop and break down. All cars compete in one class for the champion prize, while there is a special class for private owners only.

RESULTS OF THE TRIALS.

FIRST AND CHAMPION PRIZE in the Open Class, 15-25 h.p. Talbot touring car carrying four persons, driven by H. T. Adams making a non-stop run and using only 3 gallons 6 pints of petrol, costing 1s 6d per gallon—8s 9d for the 113 miles, slightly over 3d per mile and equal to 29½ miles to the gallon, putting up the blue ribbon performance of the whole trials.

SECOND PRIZE IN OPEN CLASS, 12-22 h.p. Talbot in touring trim, driven by A. F. Collins, making a non-stop run and using 4 gallons of petrol at 1s 6d per gallon—8s for the 113 miles, slightly over 3d per mile—28½ miles to the gallon.

100 GUINEA CUP for competition among private owners only, 12-18 h.p. Clement Bayard touring car, driven by owner, Dr Simpson, making a non-stop run and using 4 gallons, 4½ pints of petrol at 1s 6d per gallon—8s 10d for the 113 miles—25 miles to the gallon—3d per mile.

FIRST PRIZE for least petrol consumption in private owners' class, 12-18 h.p. Clement Bayard (French Talbot), driven by owner, Dr Simpson.

The public are requested to observe that Talbots year after year have administered crushing defeats to all makes of cars by winning all the chief prizes offered by the club.

- 1907—Duvanchelle's Bay Trial Talbots 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- 1907—Dune 503 mile Trial Talbots three 1st and one 2nd.
- 1908—Christchurch 547 mile Trial: Talbots 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.



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