

STRAY

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NEW ZEALAND

VALID SUMMER 10/11

Further Off The Beaten Track

NEW ZEALAND'S FLEXIBLE BUS NETWORK FOR ADVENTUROUS TRAVELLERS

+ MORE UNIQUE STOPS INCLUDING:

A night at the base of Aoraki/Mt Cook
An overnight Maori cultural stay

+ UNLIMITED TRAVEL

+ FREE AUCKLAND CITY ORIENTATION

+ WELLINGTON WALKING TOUR INCLUDED

+ REDUCED CARBON FOOTPRINT

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THE STRAY PROMISE: FLEXIBLE GUIDED TRIPS WHICH GET YOU FURTHER OFF THE BEATEN TRACK + INTO LOCAL CULTURE + AMONGST REAL ACTION + BETTER VALUE FOR MONEY

Sailing, Abel Tasman National Park
Unique Stray Overnight Stop and Activity



THE GOLDEN BACKPACKS
WINNER 2008





Free snorkelling (Goat Island)



Hug a tree (Marahau)



Mini coaches — Go further



World's best beaches (Cathedral Cove)



Just cruise (Milford Sound)



Free hot pools, with mud! (Secret place)



NZ's highest mountain (Aoraki/Mt Cook)

Get off the beaten track and see the locals' New Zealand

TRIPS FOR YOU: Stray's bus networks were designed for adventurous travellers. We link outstanding attractions on and off the beaten track; we take time to do things through the travel days; we employ characters to be your local guides; we reserve budget beds in amazing locations; we guarantee frequent departures and make our passes totally flexible so you can jump on or jump off the bus anywhere you want. You've come all this way – don't miss out on the best stuff. Stray.

Barrytown, a wildlife stop-over on Stewart Island, a night by NZ's highest mountain, mussel tasting in Abel Tasman, a luxurious alpine lodge in National Park – all exclusive to Stray and some of our top-rating features.

The best people: We attract independent people of a **wide range of nationalities and ages** to be crew and customers – people who want to get involved in the place they are travelling rather than just look out the bus window.

We give our driver/guides market leading training to help guide you around New Zealand; as well as being your local on hand, they provide commentary, book beds and activities, and provide guidance on things as varied as history and culture to the best drinking spots.

These are all people that you'd like to adventure with.

Save by getting off the beaten track: Firstly, you save because **we go to out of the way places like Raglan, the Catlins, and the Abel Tasman so you don't have to buy costly extra side trips.** We save you time by picking you up and dropping you off at your accommodation; and by our extensive knowledge of where and what the best things in New Zealand are. We get you deals on the activities over the routes so you can afford to do more and there are always free activities for you to do; but the less obvious way that you save money is because we go off the beaten track and do down-to-earth activities with locals. For example, **our Maori cultural experience not only is more authentic** than the big mainstream options you'll find it about \$40 cheaper as well!

Orange is the new green – with one of NZ's most efficient bus fleets. Stray is committed to environmentally sustainable tourism. Rather than just token gestures of energy efficient light bulbs and recycling (which we do anyway) we lead the market with the newest backpacker bus fleet. This is to reduce our emissions (with the best fuel economy and Euro 3 and 4 spec engines) rather than just off-set them. By choosing Stray you are helping **reduce your own carbon output** – travelling on a bus is one of the most environmentally friendly ways to travel, but only if the bus is full! We reduce our departure days and bus sizes in winter when there are less travellers to New Zealand, to further reduce unnecessary output. For more information on our carbon position go to www.straytravel.com.

It's real! Stray has extremely high customer satisfaction and referrals (97.5% – it appears 2.5% of people don't like getting off the beaten track) because we offer adventurous travellers more of what they want – down-to-earth real New Zealand. The key difference is **you really can realistically do the things that we list in our brochure.** Many of the things that we identify on our trips we have to go out of our way to do. For example, the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and Hot Water Beach are part of our normal itinerary so Stray offers the best chance to do them on our trips. You don't have to hop off the bus and make your own way to enjoy these iconic NZ activities. It amazes us that we have to say this but **be wary of brochures that indicate that they do things (like go to the Abel Tasman or Raglan) without saying how they do so (when they really make you buy a transfer with another operator).** Be aware also that you simply can't access much of what we think is the

best stuff in New Zealand by using public transport – it simply doesn't go there. Don't just take our word for it – google us!

YOU NEED TO KNOW

- + You can get on and off anywhere over the routes (as often as you want). **All passes are valid for 12 months and with unlimited travel can be used as many times as you like** (see fine print for conditions).
- + We reserve beds in our night stopovers. Accommodation ranges from backpacker hostels (Nomads, BBH, VIP, YHA), to wilderness lodges, to cabins in amazing off the beaten track locations. We give you a choice where we can – there is always an option at backpacker hostel rates (about \$25 per night), and twin and double options to hotel standards from about \$65 per couple. NB: our cultural overnight is an exception with an all inclusive price of \$75 for bed, hangi meal, breakfast and cultural show. This is a unique opportunity to sleep in a marae (meeting house). You simply pay for your accommodation as you go.
- + You can self cater (we make supermarket stops) but there are cheap meals available at all stops.
- + Our trips are active. If walks and wildlife aren't your thing – don't travel with us. If they are, bring some good walking shoes and a day pack. Don't worry about not being fit enough, we cater to all fitness levels and all activities are optional.
- + You can book back on a bus online via the 'Travellers' Login' located at the top of the homepage of our website www.straytravel.com

Why Stray?

We stay closer to the action: Near Cathedral Cove and Hot Water Beach; **on a marae (Maori meeting house); in a West Coast pub; beside seven national parks** (including Tongariro, Mt Aspiring, Fiordland, Aoraki/Mt Cook and Abel Tasman) so you can easily access the good stuff.

We stop to do things along the way: Snorkelling at Goat Island; the Tongariro Alpine Crossing (rated as NZ's best one day walk); a walk or sea kayak in the Abel Tasman National Park – **'must do' things that other trips don't include.** We are not an express service, we Stray!

We use mini coaches: The benefits are many; **you don't feel herded around.** we get many more accommodation and activity options; it's easier to meet people; plus we can get you to the off the beaten track places and do more in a day!

We offer outstanding unique stops and activities: Don't settle for average, most of the best stuff to see in NZ is off the tourist trail – a Maori cultural stop-over, a lodge in native bush, bone carving in

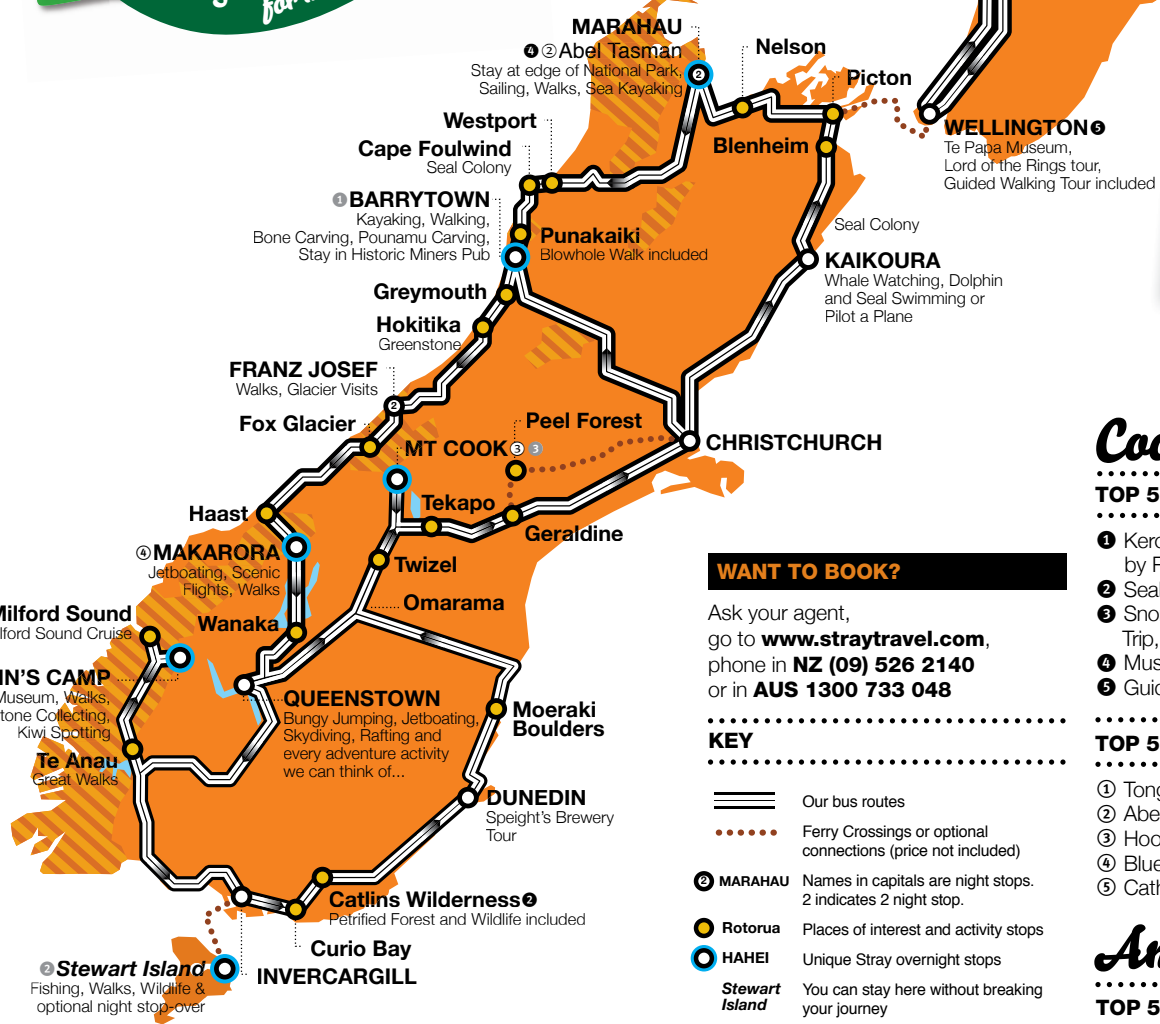
Stray visits some amazing places on and off the beaten track, from the golden sand beaches to stunning national parks to cool towns and cities.

WE HAVE AN INITIATIVE THAT ON THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY MONTH EVERY STRAY GROUP TRAVELLING AROUND NZ WILL STOP AND SPEND AN HOUR OR SO PICKING UP ANY DEBRIS THAT THEY CAN FIND.

Thankfully, it's not often the groups find much to pick up but if you do find anything you can feel good that you have enjoyed our gorgeous scenery and then done your bit to help keep it that way for future travellers!

GROUPS STAYING AT THE BARN IN ABEL TASMAN WILL ALSO GET TO PLANT A TREE FOR FREE WHILE THEY ARE THERE.

Get a FREE ECO-BAG for helping us out.



WANT TO BOOK?

Ask your agent, go to www.straytravel.com, phone in **NZ (09) 526 2140** or in **AUS 1300 733 048**

- KEY**
- Our bus routes
 - Ferry Crossings or optional connections (price not included)
 - MARAHAU Names in capitals are night stops. 2 indicates 2 night stop.
 - Rotorua Places of interest and activity stops
 - HAHEI Unique Stray overnight stops
 - Stewart Island You can stay here without breaking your journey
 - Kayaking Feature activities are in light text, Walks are free, 'included' means covered in pass price
 - National Parks
 - Mum's Place

Note: This is a guide only. Activities offered may vary depending on the group and local conditions.

Cool free stuff...

TOP 5 FREE ACTIVITIES

- 1 Kerosene Creek Natural Hot Pool by Rotorua
- 2 Sealion spotting, The Catlins
- 3 Snorkelling and Glass-bottomed Boat Trip, Goat Island Marine Reserve
- 4 Mussel tasting in Abel Tasman
- 5 Guided Wellington Walking Tour

TOP 5 WALKS

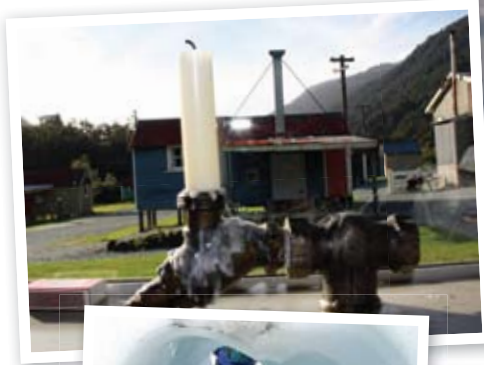
- 1 Tongariro Crossing, National Park
- 2 Abel Tasman National Park
- 3 Hooker Valley Track, Mt Cook
- 4 Blue Pools Walk, Makarora
- 5 Cathedral Cove, Hahei

And other bits

TOP 5 UNIQUE ACTIVITIES

- 1 Pounamu (Greenstone) Carving, Barrytown \$85
- 2 Fishing, Stewart Island \$60
- 3 Edmund Hillary Centre, Mt Cook \$15
- 4 Overnight Marae Stay and Hangi \$75
- 5 Ta Moko (tattoo design), Rotorua \$57

Go back in time, Gunn's Camp
(Fiordland National Park)



See rare birds
(Stewart Island)

Relax (Hot Water Beach)



Cheap accommodation
(Ice cave, Franz Josef)



Local activities (Bone carving, Barrytown)



Kayaking (Blue Duck)

Get further off the beaten track

What we do: see our website www.straytravel.com or Stray's magazine for more info – things may change depending on the group, driver, season and/or the weather. Obviously you can break your journey and spend longer anywhere along the way.

NORTHLAND & BAY OF ISLANDS

Travel Day: Auckland to Paihia. Depart 7.30am (all departure times shown are from our preferred accommodation). We go well off the beaten track today. We visit a Kauri reserve for trees and early settler history; then turn off the main highway towards Goat Island for a **FREE boat trip in a glass bottom boat to explore NZ's first Marine Reserve and FREE snorkelling** to get up close and personal with the fish! From here we cruise up the coast road past Pakiri Beach (where you can hop off for horse riding if you want) and have a picnic lunch on the beach before heading to the Bay of Islands. If we have time we stop to meet Woof Woof the talking Tui at the Native Bird Recovery Centre (weekdays only) before moving onto Paihia. You will be told of the rich local European and Maori history. We stay in central Paihia tonight.

Travel Day: Paihia to Cape Reinga and back. Depart 7am. Today we head to the top of New Zealand. See mighty Kauri forests, 90 Mile Beach, do some free dune surfing and see the clashing of two oceans at Cape Reinga. Traditional Kiwi fish and chips option for dinner! Accommodation is the same as last night.

Travel Day: Paihia to Auckland. A morning at leisure. We recommend sailing, swimming with dolphins, kayaking, fishing, skydiving, ferrying to Russell, walking the Waitangi Treaty grounds or just relaxing on the beach. We depart at 4pm and express back to the big smoke (Auckland).

NORTH ISLAND

Travel Day: Auckland to Hahei

Beach (The Coromandel). Depart from Auckland between 7.30am and 8.15am. We head south travelling towards the Coromandel Peninsula via the old colonial town of Thames. Pick up your free cultural experience (kumara) to keep or have for dinner. In the afternoon do the free walk to Cathedral Cove, go kayaking or dig your own hot pool at Hot Water Beach (tide dependent). We stay at a campsite right on the beach. Option of classic Kiwi BBQ for dinner.

Travel Day: Hahei to Raglan. Depart 8am. Head on to the world-renowned Raglan surf beach (with walks and cow spotting on the way). Learn to surf, do a bush walk around Mt Karioi, check out the alternative arts and crafts town, or walk along the rugged coastline (and spot pro surfers). Tonight's accommodation is in a lodge surrounded by native bush near the beach. Warm up in the bush sauna that night.

Travel Day: Raglan to Maketu. Depart 8am. On to the rural town of Waitomo, famous for its caves and glowworms. You can do a free walk around Ruakuri Reserve or try one of the amazing caving options. We then head across to Maketu for our unique and special stopover at our cultural retreat. **We stay with local Maori; have a 'Hangi' meal and learn about Maori traditions and modern day Maori in their purpose-built marae (meeting house).** **NB:** this is an all inclusive price of \$75 including meals.

Go East (note orange days)

Travel Day: Rotorua to Maraehako Bay. We begin pickups from all the main

hostels in Rotorua at 8am. The first day allows you to take in some amazing scenery as we venture around beautiful lakes and stunning East Cape coastline. Feel free to ask your guide questions learn about the local region, its culture and its history, and expect to go off the beaten track - your guide is a local and well informed. At Maraehako Bay there are the options of going swimming, exploring the coast in one of the free kayaks, or going fishing or snorkeling to check out the marine life. In the evening you can **chill out and enjoy a group meal before relaxing in front of a warm open fire.** If you're lucky, our hostel host may have some seafood (kaimoana) to sample.

Travel Day: Maraehako Bay to Gisborne. Continuing on the East Cape's coastal road there are plenty more beautiful bays and beaches to see, along with slow-paced Maori communities. We visit the small townships of Te Araroa, Tokomaru Bay, and Tolaga Bay to get an insight into the region and its unique culture. Other highlights include visiting a living marae, seeing the first city in the world touched by the rays of the sun, and walking New Zealand's longest pier. In Gisborne, we stay at an awesome 'surfshack' right on the beach, which is ideal for swimming and surfing. For dinner you have the option of a 'Hangi' (traditional Maori meal), and later attend a wine tasting by our hostel fireplace. Get a professional's perspective on Gisborne's wine and cheese with some live music.

Travel Day: Gisborne to Rotorua. Wake up early to witness the 'first-sunrise-in-the-world' out the front of our hostel, before heading off to your chosen activity. You can go shark-diving, stingray feeding,

rock-sliding or surfing, otherwise just explore Gisborne itself. In the afternoon we head inland for Rotorua to see the famlunds, vineyards and orchards that make Gisborne's wine and produce famous. We head through the Waiioeka gorge - a unique place, renown for its rainforests and rushing streams, it is also ideal for a walk and swim. For those wanting to visit White Island's volcano (Whakaari), you can hop-off in Whakatane; otherwise get ready to bathe in a natural hot spring. This is an ideal end to a three-day-tour before arriving back to Rotorua at approximately 6.30pm.

Travel Day: Maketu (via Rotorua) to Taupo. Depart 8am and head into Rotorua for its smell (geothermal areas). Morning options include: a visit to Whakarewarewa historic Maori village and geothermal area; going zorbing, or rafting the highest commercially-rafted waterfall in the world! We have a cool new optional activity at Whakarewarewa where you can **get your own personally-designed Maori tattoo (Ta Moko) for the special Stray price of \$57.** You get to keep the design as a piece of art or for those that are keen, take it to a tattoo artist for a permanent memento! We do hostel pickups, then we head south to Taupo and its great lake (the world's largest crater lake), via Huka Falls. You have the chance to take part in one of our most popular activities 'skydiving'. We stay in central Taupo for the night.

Travel Day: Taupo to National Park. Depart 7.00am. We head around Lake Taupo to the active volcanoes and dual World Heritage area of 'Tongariro National Park'. Today you get a chance to do what is rated as one of the world's best one day walks - the 'Tongariro Alpine Crossing!' We

have an exclusive Stray activity where we walk the Crossing then leave the track and crowds to uniquely play Sir Ed Hillary and conquer the summit of Mount Tongariro! On the way down a local expert leads us well off the beaten track to search out some special secret spots! This amazing full day activity is only \$54. For those not doing the walk – or on days that the walk isn't possible, we take in a couple of shorter walks and visit the Volcanic Centre museum. We stay in a beautiful alpine lodge for the night.

Optional Overnight: National Park to Whakahoro. We depart at 7am from National Park to Whakahoro; it's a short drive down a windy road into the most remote part of the North Island. Our destination is Blue Duck Station, a 9,000 acre high country farm that is both a working farm and an environmental and conservation leader. Once you arrive, go for a walk around this truly amazing property and just take in the lush scenery, or enjoy your host Dan's fantastic hospitality and stories on the local wildlife and history. We recommend you try one of his classic bush tucker meals (check with your Stray driver if available). There are a few other optional activities that are unique, but truly amazing – [go for an environmental bush 4WD tour, a one day horse trek \(like a real cowboy\), or a fully guided kayak tour.](#) Whatever you do, don't miss this stop, as it is a once in a lifetime destination. Arrive back to National Park before 9am the next day to continue down to Wellington on the Stray bus.

Travel Day: National Park to Wellington. Depart 9am. Head to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city via Ohakune, Taihape and Bulls. We stay in central accommodation tonight and you have the chance to experience some of the excellent local bars tonight if you wish!

Recommended Non Travel Day: Wellington. Today is a free day for you to explore our nation's capital city. There are several must-do's while you're here, including [Stray's specially developed free guided walk around the city \(departs Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, Sun\),](#) visiting Te Papa – NZ's national museum, doing a Lord of the Rings tour, visiting the Karori wildlife sanctuary, hitting the shops or just enjoying a coffee at one of the many cafes.

Travel Day: Wellington to Auckland. Depart 6.50am. This is an express day via National Park to Auckland. You can hop off anywhere along the way. We recommend jumping off at National Park for the amazing optional overnight at Blue Duck Station in Whakahoro if you have the chance. We arrive in Auckland at about 6.00pm.

SOUTH ISLAND

If travelling from Wellington to the South Island.

Travel Day: Wellington to Marahau (Abel Tasman). We catch the 8am Bluebridge ferry (the ferry will cost between \$40-\$75), your accommodation provider organises a transfer to the ferry terminal. We head through the famous Marlborough vineyard area and the coastal town of Nelson before heading onto Motueka to get supplies on our way to our night stop of Marahau, on the edge of the Abel Tasman National Park. We stay at our exclusive accommodation where you have options ranging from dorm rooms to cabins. [Tonight we have free mussel tasting around the fire.](#)

If starting a South Island pass from Christchurch please note the following orange travel days.

Travel Day: Christchurch to Franz Josef. **Pickup:** opposite the Holy Grail – 88 Worcester Street by an 'Atomic Shuttles' bus (**note: not Stray bus**) at 7.15am (be waiting by 7am). The service heads over the stunning Arthur's Pass to Greymouth where you have a half hour stop before you get picked up by the Stray bus outside the train station at 1pm and head to Franz Josef. If you have the TranzAlpine rail option you will be picked up from your hostel

by a 'Canterbury Coaches' bus at about 7.15am and taken to the train station. You still connect up with the Stray bus at 1pm outside the train station in Greymouth. NB: Please contact Stray if bus/train is late.

Travel Day: Christchurch to Kaikoura. Depart 8am. Head up the coast – a great scenic drive to Kaikoura. We stay by the beach tonight. You have options of swimming with the seals, piloting your own plane, whale watching and swimming with dolphins (prebooking is advised in peak season).

Travel Day: Kaikoura to Picton or Wellington. Depart 8.30am. Wind our way up the rugged coastal roads with stops for photos, a Yealands wine tour and a seal colony. Those not heading north to Wellington on the ferry will stay in the port town of Picton for the night. Here you can do the Queen Charlotte Sound view walk and [enjoy free mountain bikes and fishing gear](#) where we stay.

Travel Day: Picton to Marahau (Abel Tasman). Meet the bus and the rest of the group at the Bluebridge Ferry Terminal at 11.45am. Then see the 'Wellington to Marahau' travel day.

Non Travel Day: Marahau (Abel Tasman). You have the day at leisure to explore the National Park – try a sailing trip, a day walk, kayaking, water taxi, horse riding, skydiving, piloting your own stunt plane, hang gliding or just relax on one of the golden sand beaches!

Travel Day: Marahau (Abel Tasman) to West Coast Cultural Stop. We depart at 9am. Head south through the Buller Gorge to the 'wild' West Coast. Tonight we stay in a historic hotel in Barrytown near Punakaiki, one of the most beautiful spots along the coast. We make stops on the way for the Westport seal colony, to explore the awesome Pancake rocks and their mighty blowholes, or take a hike down into the temperate rainforests of the Paparoa National Park along the Truman Track. Enjoy the special Stray meal option here tonight of a burger and a glass of Baz Vegas beer for only \$12.

Travel Day: Barrytown to Franz Josef. You have the morning to walk (head along the beach and search for greenstone); canoe in the National Park (this trip has amazing scenery with some likening it to 'Jurassic Park') or [make a bone or pounamu \(greenstone\) carving with the locals](#) (a unique, highly recommended activity). We depart at midday and head into the heart of the West Coast where time almost stands still. We stop in Hokitika to look at the greenstone factory then head to Franz Josef, a town squashed between the Tasman Sea and the mighty Franz Josef Glacier. We stay at a lodge in the middle of the rainforest.

Non Travel Day: Franz Josef. There are many excellent bush hikes up to the glacier face but we seriously recommend you consider a guided glacier walk or a 'helicopter hike' to get onto the glacier. You can warm up and relax after all this in one of NZ's largest spa pools at your accommodation.

Travel Day: Franz Josef to Makarora. Depart at 9am. We head to Lake Matheson for the amazing mirror lake; we stop at Fox Glacier for pickups then travel through to the mountainous Haast pass. There are a number of free walks to choose from – we'll do a couple and then travel on to Makarora for a great jetboating option. We recommend the cheap group meal for \$12 around the bonfire (and/or try your hand at karaoke!) This is a great place to stay, nestled in between huge mountain ranges in Mt Aspiring National Park.

Travel Day: Makarora to Queenstown. A leisurely start in the morning. We pass by the beautiful lakes Wanaka and Hawea and stop briefly in the town of Wanaka for a look around before heading to Queenstown. Just before Queenstown we stop off at the famous A.J. Hackett bungy site, in the Kawarau gorge for the option of throwing

yourself off a bridge (bungy attached!) Queenstown also offers an optional big (make that huge) night out with excellent restaurants, pubs and live music. Centrally located accommodation tonight.

Recommended Non Travel Day: Queenstown. Today is yours to explore. Options include: sleeping in and doing nothing; great local walks; and any adventure activity that we mad Kiwis can dream up. For a truly unique adventure activity you can also try your hand at pole dancing if you wish! Obviously you can break your journey in Queenstown for as long as you want. If going straight to Christchurch (via Mt Cook), look at doing a one-day trip to Milford Sound before you go.

Travel Day: Queenstown to Aoraki/Mt Cook. Depart 9.30am. We head over the Lindis Pass through to the MacKenzie country and Lake Pukaki where we head north to our amazing stop at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain Aoraki/Mt Cook. We arrive in the early afternoon and you have time to take a boat to [check out the Tasman glacier, check out the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, or do one of the many great short walks to the Hooker glacial lake.](#) There are also some incredible longer walks if you want to hop off the bus for a few days (we'd recommend leaving actually climbing Mt Cook to the mountaineers though).

Travel Day: Mt Cook to Christchurch (with Rangitata option). Depart 10am. Enjoy a leisurely start as we make our way to the South Island's largest city, Christchurch today. We head past the scenic Lake Tekapo, with time for a photo of the turquoise lake and the picturesque Church of the Good Shepherd. We have a lunch stop at Geraldine where you can hop off the bus and get picked up by the guys from Rangitata Rafting, then [stay the night at one of Canterbury's original sheep stations](#) for one of the best rafting trips in the country (they will then take you to Christchurch the next day). If you are not hopping off then it is an express haul across the Canterbury Plains to Christchurch. We drop you at your accommodation in central Christchurch.

Southern Man (note orange days)

Travel Day: Queenstown to Gunn's Camp. Depart 8am. Then enjoy one of the most scenically amazing drives in the world [on our way to Milford Sound.](#) At Milford, you have the option of a boat trip to travel deeper into the Sound to really appreciate this stunning fiord for \$59 (there's a great Stray combo deal for this and the Stewart Island ferry for only \$170 - save \$18 off retail). In the afternoon we head to our unique overnight stop at Gunn's Camp, a historic camp on the edge of the Hollyford Track. You can visit the museum onsite, [walk to the hidden waterfalls, go kiwi bird spotting or just sit back and enjoy the incredible surroundings of a World Heritage National Park.](#)

Travel Day: Gunn's Camp to Invercargill and Stewart Island. We depart at 7am and express to Bluff to meet the ferry to give you the chance to visit New Zealand's third major island 'Stewart Island'. We strongly recommend this. [There are options of: great walks, Ulva Island for the birdlife, fishing, kayaking, scooter hire and mountain bike hire to explore this remote oasis.](#) We stay in cottages on the island and catch the first ferry back in the morning. For those not wanting to go to Stewart Island the bus will drop you off at our hostel in Invercargill on the way through to Bluff.

Travel Day: Stewart Island to Dunedin. Depart 8am for the ferry, 10am from Tuatara's in Invercargill. Today we explore the deep south (next stop Antarctica). We head along the southern coast to the remote Catlin's wilderness area. [Here we take in the petrified forest, heaps of wildlife including seals, sea lions, large seabirds and penguins if we're lucky.](#) We cruise through this rugged area towards the Scottish town of Dunedin. We stay in a backpackers hostel in the centre of

Dunedin tonight and have the opportunity to [visit the famous Speight's Brewery.](#)

Travel Day: Dunedin to Mt Cook. We head north with a brief stop at the unusual Moeraki Boulders and then head west from Oamaru and follow the Waitaki River through the Otago region to Omarama. [We then head north to our incredible and exclusive overnight stop at the base of Aoraki/Mt Cook.](#)

NB: This is just a guide – prices and departure times were correct at time of printing but may be subject to change. Please refer to timetable and Stray website.

Free stuff

- + Hostel pickups
- + Outstanding drivers
- + Auckland Harbour Bridge Climb
- + Cultural experience (local food tasting – kumara)
- + Dune surfing
- + Blue Pools walk
- + Auckland city orientation trip
- + Punakaiki Pancake Rocks walk
- + Hot Water Beach
- + Mt Karioi bush walk
- + Te Papa National Museum
- + Seal spotting
- + Abel Tasman National Park walk
- + Glowworms at Raglan
- + Cathedral Cove
- + Tree hugging at Parry Kauri forest
- + Lake Matheson mirror lake
- + Mud facial at secret spot
- + Greenstone hunting at Barrytown
- + Taranaki Falls walk
- + Hot pools by Rotorua
- + Mt Victoria view
- + Geothermal area / boiling mud
- + A J Hackett bungy site visit
- + Mussel tasting at Marahau
- + Waitomo Valley Caves walk
- + Tekapo Church of Good Shepherd
- + Watch sunrise and sunset over ocean in one day
- + Raglan
- + Twin Kauri trees
- + Rabbit shearing shed
- + Tokaanu geothermal walk
- + Winery stop
- + Mt Eden
- + West Coast sunset
- + Well earned sleep-in
- + Kiwifruit centre
- + Tree planting
- + Huka Falls
- + Lord of the Rings scenery
- + Small ropes course
- + Sculpture viewing
- + Hahei Pa site walk
- + Bushman's Centre
- + Supermarket stops
- + Waitomo museum
- + Egg smell in Rotorua
- + Beach swims
- + Marae welcome
- + Quirky West Coast locals
- + Photo stops
- + Truman Track walk
- + Arapuni suspension bridge
- + Volcanic Centre
- + Free spas at The Park, The Villa and Rainforest Retreat
- + Buller Gorge
- + Bridal Veil Falls
- + Hokitika greenstone factory
- + Inspiration Point, Raglan
- + Historic Bastion Point
- + Cape Foulwind
- + Thundercreek Falls
- + Wellington Walking Tour
- + Walks at Mt Cook

*These are some examples of free stuff you can enjoy while getting further off the beaten track on the Stray bus. Please note the options may vary depending on your group, driver, pass, length of stay, weather and the time of year.

NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND PASSES

STRAY EVERYWHERE \$1885
STARTS ANYWHERE
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Mon, Tues, Thu, (Fri), Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 35***
DEP. CHC. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon). **MIN. DAYS: 35***
WHY: Stray's most comprehensive pass, includes Blue Duck connection. Don't miss a thing!

MAX \$1430
STARTS AUCKLAND or CHRISTCHURCH
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Mon, Tues, Thu, (Fri), Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 25***
DEP. CHC. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon). **MIN. DAYS: 25***
WHY: See the most of New Zealand

SHORT MAX \$1145
STARTS ANYWHERE
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Mon, Tues, Thu, (Fri), Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 21***
DEP. CHC. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon). **MIN. DAYS: 21***
WHY: As above but without Southern Man - see blue line.

MOE \$1255
STARTS AUCKLAND
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Mon, Tues, Thu, (Fri), Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 22***
WHY: The most of New Zealand if starting in Auckland and finishing in Christchurch.

SHORT MOE \$970
STARTS AUCKLAND
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Mon, Tues, Thu, (Fri), Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 17***
WHY: As above but without Southern Man - see blue line.

KEY

- Our bus routes.
- 'Short' pass routes.
- Ferry Crossings or optional connections (price not included)
- NAME** The names i.e. MAX on top of each map is the name of that pass.
- RAGLAN** Names in capitals are night stops.
- Rotorua** Places of interest and activity stops.
- Stewart Island** You can stay here without breaking your journey.

All our passes have been called their name for a specific reason e.g. Southern Man is named in honour of the rugged, pioneering men of this region and the 'Pride of the South' our favourite beer 'Speight's'.

DEPARTURES

The departure days listed i.e. Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat for each pass are our guaranteed departure days through summer. We do add extra departures as demand increases especially in January and February, these are noted by being in brackets i.e. (Fri). Please check our latest timetable on www.straytravel.com for updated departure information.

* MINIMUM DAYS

This is the minimum number of days it takes to do a pass. They include two nights in Abel Tasman, Franz Josef, Wellington (when heading north) and usually two nights in Queenstown so you have time to do activities and explore an area. Depending on which day you depart it may be possible to complete your pass in fewer days. Please check the current timetable on www.straytravel.com to confirm your itinerary. (They are subject to change).



BRET \$1280
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon). **MIN. DAYS: 27***
WHY: The most of New Zealand if starting in Christchurch and finishing in Auckland.

DAVE \$1070
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH or PICTON
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. CHC. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon). **MIN. DAYS: 20***
DEP. PIC. Mon, Wed, (Thu), Fri, Sun. **MIN. DAYS: 19***
WHY: The most of the South Island if starting in Christchurch and finishing in Auckland.

ARTHUR \$1020
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat, (Sun). **MIN. DAYS: 16***
WHY: Alpine and wilderness South Island with start in Christchurch and finish in Auckland. **Tranzalpine option available add \$99.**

STAN Worth \$35
CITY ORIENTATION AUCKLAND

Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-4pm. Hostel Pickups. Ask your agent or see the website to see if you qualify for a free one. **WHY:** Get a taste of Auckland and Stray.

SHORT BRET \$995
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon). **MIN. DAYS: 24***
WHY: As above but without Southern Man pass - see blue line.

SHORT DAVE \$785
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH or PICTON
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. CHC. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon). **MIN. DAYS: 17***
DEP. PIC. Mon, Wed, (Thu), Fri, Sun. **MIN. DAYS: 15***
WHY: As above but without Southern Man pass - see blue line.

SHORT ARTHUR \$735
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat, (Sun). **MIN. DAYS: 12***
WHY: As above but without Southern Man - see blue line. **Tranzalpine option available add \$99.**

JACK \$105
BAY OF ISLANDS
STARTS AND FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Daily. **MIN. DAYS: 1**
All travel between Auckland and Paihia. We recommend you stay at least one night for time to explore. **WHY:** Bay of Islands, free snorkelling and glass-bottomed boat trip.



PATCH \$210
BAY AND BEACH
STARTS and FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Daily. **MIN. DAYS: 3***
All travel between Auckland and Cape Reinga. **WHY:** Bay of Islands, Ninety Mile Beach, our most Northern Point.



NORTH ISLAND PASSES

TOM \$340
STARTS ANYWHERE
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Mon, Tues, Thu, (Fri), Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 5**
WHY: Beaches, geothermal, culture, caves, National Park.



PETER \$425
STARTS AUCKLAND
FINISHES WELLINGTON

DEP. Mon, Tues, Thu, (Fri), Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 6***
WHY: Beaches, geothermal, culture, caves, National Park, Wellington.



JILL \$535
STARTS ANYWHERE
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Mon, Tues, Thu, (Fri), Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 7***
WHY: The most of the North Island. Start and finish in the same point.



GO EAST \$350 SUMMER ONLY
BAY AND BEACH
STARTS and FINISHES ROTORUA

DEP. Mon, Fri. **MIN. DAYS: 3**
WHY: Beaches, marine-life, Maori lifestyle. Add Go East pass to another Stray pass at time of booking and pay just \$295.



BLUE DUCK \$33
REMOTE WILDERNESS
STARTS and FINISHES NATIONAL PARK

DEP. Daily. **MIN. DAYS: 1-2**
WHY: Spend the day and a night at this incredible high country station.



SOUTH ISLAND PASSES

Q \$795
STARTS ANYWHERE
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat, (Sun). **MIN. DAYS: 12***
WHY: Alpine wilderness South Island. Tranzalpine option available add \$99.

SHORT Q \$510
STARTS ANYWHERE
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. CHC. Wed, Thu, Sat, (Sun). **MIN. DAYS: 8***
WHY: As above but without Southern Man pass - see blue line. Tranzalpine option available add \$99.

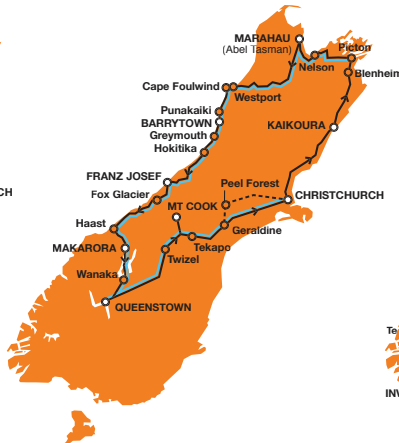


WILLY \$595
STARTS ANYWHERE
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. CHC. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon). **MIN. DAYS: 11***
WHY: Whales, Abel Tasman, alpine South Island.

SHORT WILLY \$550
STARTS PICTON
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Mon, Wed, (Thu), Fri, Sun **MIN. DAYS: 8***
WHY: As above but without the Christchurch to Picton sectors - see blue line.



RON \$940
STARTS ANYWHERE
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. CHC. Tues, Thu, Fri, Sun, (Mon) **MIN. DAYS: 16***
DEP. PIC. Mon, Wed, (Thu), Fri, Sun. **MIN. DAYS: 17***
WHY: All of the South Island.

SHORT RON \$890
STARTS PICTON
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Mon, Wed, (Thu), Fri, Sun. **MIN. DAYS: 15***
WHY: As above but without the Christchurch to Picton sectors - see blue line.



SOUTHERN MAN \$395
STARTS QUEENSTOWN
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Thu, Sun, (Tue). **MIN. DAYS: 5**
WHY: History, wilderness and wildlife.

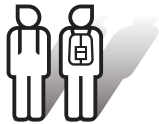


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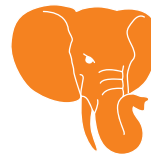
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NB: There is a timetable on our website homepage. Your driver will give you the latest timetable when you first depart. The ferry between Wellington and Picton, Bluff and Stewart Island, and the boat on Milford Sound, aren't included in your Stray pass - our guides will help you book these and get the best price.

All prices in \$NZ and are GST inclusive.



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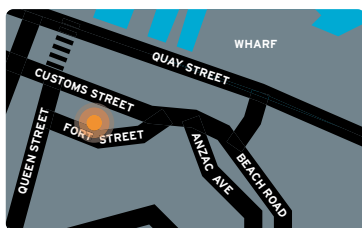
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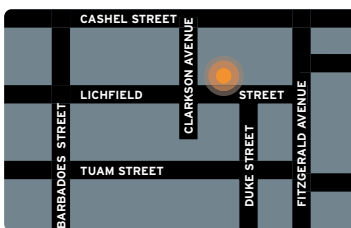
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OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

What do I bring? Sunblock, good walking shoes, a day pack, bug repellent (hey, it's not Australia but we still have them), fleece and a rain coat for winter (it doesn't get that cold but you will definitely need these). Oh, and some clothes would be good. You can hire bedding for the dorm rooms or get a made-up room in every overnight stop so you don't need a sleeping bag.

How do I carry it? It's best to follow a simple rule – if you can't easily carry your gear in one load then you have too much. It's best to have one reasonably sized backpack or suitcase and less than 18kg of stuff. Include a light daypack for your camera, water bottle, sunblock etc.

What do I eat? You don't have to eat chicken noodles every day – we make supermarket stops so that you can self cater, and there are cheap meal options – often with local specialties at every stop (there is always a vegetarian option).

Should I reconfirm my trip? You will be emailed a link to allow you to book and confirm your pickups online, please log in via the 'Travellers' Login' (located at the top of the homepage of www.straytravel.com) and check we have your correct date and the hostel you would like to be picked up from. Bookings close at 5pm the day prior to departure. If you do not receive your login link, please email us and we will send it to you. If you are short on time and travelling in peak season we recommend you book all your sectors in advance to guarantee your seat.

Where do the trips depart from?

We pick up from selected hostels in each town. You need to advise us before 5pm the day before you want to depart where you want to be picked up. Please login to your bookings to confirm your departure time and place. **Please note:** we do not visit all departure points every day, only if we have confirmed pickups, so please ensure you let us know where you will be waiting.

How fit do I need to be? You don't have to be an athlete, BUT, the best way to see New Zealand is to use our vehicles as a base and trek it, bike it, walk it, kayak it, raft it, whale watch it, dolphin swim it, surf it, dive it, fish it, ski it, ride it and most importantly eat, drink and sleep it!! If this sounds like you – great! Our trips are for the 'adventurous', so contact us directly if you have any health questions!

FINE PRINT

Terms and conditions for travel passes marketed by, and travel with, Stray Ltd.

01. The points on this brochure make up all of the terms of contract between Stray Ltd ('Stray') and the customer.
02. Stray's passes are valid for travel once in one direction for the route identified, except with 'unlimited travel' where you can re-travel certain sectors see point #3.
03. Unlimited Travel is on a space available basis only. The travel days north of Auckland (Auckland - Paihia - Cape Reinga), National Park to Whakahoro and back, Christchurch - Franz Josef, plus the Go East sectors are not included. Photo ID must be presented to drivers, and all unlimited travel must be booked through support@straytravel.co.nz. If anyone is found on the bus abusing unlimited travel, they will be immediately removed from the bus and liable for any sectors used.
04. Stray's passes are valid for 12 months from the first day of travel.
05. Failure to meet a reserved departure will result in the cancellation of that travel day. Any subsequent travel reservations will be left as open-dated, so you must re-book online to reserve your seats.
06. Stray assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen passes. However, replacement passes can be issued for an office beer fund fee of NZ\$20.00.
07. Stray passes are only valid for the person whose name they were originally issued for and are non-transferrable. You will be ID checked.
08. Cancellation. For cancellation of open dated passes or 48 hours outside a confirmed departure date the fee is 25%. Within 48 hours of a confirmed

departure date the fee is 50%. After you have commenced travel, passes are non-refundable or transferable.

09. Stray may vary any fares, routes, activities, transport modes, number of departure days, departure times, without notice and at its discretion – because of the nature of our product and the environment in which we operate.

10. Stray is not a common carrier and therefore can refuse to carry a person whose behavior is detrimental to the enjoyment of the group. By travelling with Stray you agree to accept the authority of the driver/guide and accept their decisions. Our staff are entitled to a safe working environment and our passengers to a great holiday. Any threats to safety, being physical or verbal, or inappropriate behaviour may result in removal from the trip. If a guide requires a passenger to leave the trip no refunds will be given and that passenger will be responsible for their own travel costs from that point.

11. Travel agent coupons/vouchers must be exchanged for the correct Stray ticket for your travel sectors. You can rebook sectors online at straytravel.com. Sector bookings need to be made before 5pm on the day prior to departure to show on drivers' lists.

12. Stray will endeavour to adhere to published/stated departure, arrival and general travel times but sometimes we end up doing other stuff so will not be liable for any failure to meet those times.

13. Stray will not be liable for any loss or damage arising out of or consequential upon, directly or indirectly, any abandonment of, or delay in, any departure howsoever caused.

14. While all care will be taken, Stray will not be held liable for any sickness or injury to any customer or any damage to or loss of any property while they are utilising any of the services which Stray provides or markets.

15. Where the services of another operator are provided for in the "pass" it is agreed and understood that Stray is acting only as an agent for the passengers to arrange such services and accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any default of the operator.

16. Fuel – these are crazy times. We have

got the most fuel efficient buses to minimise our use but we still reserve the right to put in place a fuel surcharge in addition to the pass price (at any time post ticket purchase) if fuel prices increase significantly during the pricing validity. Any surcharge will be payable to the driver on your first day of travel. It will be a maximum of \$30 and will be clearly outlined on www.straytravel.com if initiated.

17. These terms and conditions apply to the extent that they are NOT inconsistent with or in contravention of any obligation imposed on Stray by New Zealand Law.

18. Where a new brochure has been published (as shown by the validity date) it supercedes all older brochures.

19. There is no travel insurance cover included in the price of a Stray pass.

Stray strongly recommends that you take some out to cover for cancellation, medical expenses, personal accident, personal baggage, money and public liability. We do not take responsibility for any personal possessions under any circumstances however caused.

20. Disputes. Should you wish to raise any issues with your trip – please in the first instance advise your driver guide of your concern. If your issue is not resolved, please email support@straytravel.co.nz as soon as reasonably possible, and within 28 days to enable us to research your concern. We will not consider claims made after 28 days. Please supply a postal address if you are emailing us so we can provide a written response.

21. The free glass bottomed boat trip on the Stray Jack and Patch passes must be used on your first day of travel (Auckland to Paihia sector) during summer 10/11. Anything listed in the brochure as free is not included in the ticket price as it is FREE and non-refundable or transferable, no matter what the circumstances.

22. If you travel on Stray you consent to us using images of you taken while on your Stray trip for advertising and promotional purposes worldwide, royalty-free in any medium. Make your mother proud and become a Stray supermodel!

23. Less than a year now to the Rugby World Cup, go the All Blacks!!