

# STRAY

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## NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIAN EDITION

# Further Off The Beaten Track

NEW ZEALAND'S FLEXIBLE BUS NETWORK FOR ADVENTUROUS TRAVELLERS

## WHAT'S HOT FOR WINTER!

- + NEW OVERNIGHT NATURE RETREAT
- + MORE NATIONAL PARKS
- + NEW HOT SPRINGS STOP
- + FREE GUIDED MAORI VILLAGE TOUR
- + STRAY TURNS 10!

## The Stray Promise

FLEXIBLE GUIDED TRIPS WHICH GET YOU FURTHER OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

- + INTO LOCAL CULTURE
- + AMONGST REAL ACTION
- + BETTER VALUE FOR MONEY



VALID WINTER 2012

ON TOP OF THE WORLD, TONGARIRO ALPINE CROSSING

# Why Stray?

## We stay closer to the action

On a real sheep/cattle station; amongst Lord of the Rings scenery; on a traditional Maori marae; beside eight national parks (including Tongariro, Fiordland, Aoraki/Mt Cook and Abel Tasman).



We make it easy to get to the good stuff (New Zealand's highest mountain, Mt Cook)

## We stop to do things along the way

The Tongariro Alpine Crossing (rated as NZ's best one day walk); or skiing; relaxing in alpine springs or visiting Stewart Island – 'must do' things that other trips don't include time to do.



We are not an express service, we Stray! (Free Maori village tour, Te Hana)

## Our average group size is 30

The benefits are many; you don't feel herded around, we get many more accommodation and activity options; it's easier to meet people.



We can get you to off the beaten track places and do more in a day! (Mussel tasting and sailing, Abel Tasman)

## We offer outstanding unique stops and activities

A Maori culture stop-over, a high country sheep station, a lodge in native bush, a wildlife stop-over on Stewart Island, a night by NZ's highest mountain, jade carving, your own Maori tattoo designed...



Most of the best stuff to see and do in NZ is off the tourist trail. (Bone carving, Barrytown)

## 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!



Meet like-minded adventurous travellers! (Free hot pools, secret spot!)

## Save by getting off the beaten track

With Stray you don't have to buy costly side trips as we include places like Raglan, Mt Cook, and the Abel Tasman. We save 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. There are always free activities for you to do (see route notes on inside page for details).



We get you deals on the activities over the routes so you can afford to do more! (Learn to surf, Raglan)

## It's real

We won the Best Visitor Transport Award at the NZ Tourism Awards and the Best NZ Tour Operator Award at the Australasian Golden Backpack (traveller voted) Awards in 2010. We have extremely high customer satisfaction and referrals (97.5%) because we offer adventurous travellers more of what they want – down-to-earth real New Zealand. Many of the things that we identify on our trips we have to go out of our way to do. For example, going to Mt Cook and Stewart Island and doing the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, these 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, leave your group, or make your own way to enjoy these iconic NZ places and activities. 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!

## HOW IT WORKS

- + 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, travelling in one direction around New Zealand (see back page for conditions).
- + We organise beds in our overnight stopovers and guarantee your accommodation for the minimum travel days in each place - even in peak season (which can be invaluable). Accommodation ranges from backpacker hostels (VIP, BBH, Base, Nomads, 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 \$28 per night), and usually twin and double options to hotel standards from about \$75 per couple. **NB: our cultural overnight is an exception**
- + You can get **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 (often with local specialties), available at all stops – there is always a vegetarian option.
- + 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 daypack. 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](http://www.straytravel.com)



**THE GOLDEN BACKPACKS WINNER 2010**

## Stray: NZ's hop-on hop-off bus for adventurous travellers

NZ Tourism Award and Australasian Golden Backpack Award for best NZ transport operator 2010

## Further off the beaten track:

We actively seek out the best stops and attractions off the beaten track. We stay next to more national parks and have more unique overnight stops than any other NZ backpacker bus.



Stray is committed to environmentally sustainable tourism. We lead the market with the newest backpacker bus fleet and specific enviro practices (we have been awarded the Qualmark Enviro-Silver Award). New buses help reduce 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 as travelling on a bus is one of the most environmentally friendly ways to travel, plus on the first day of each month every Stray group travelling around NZ stops to spend an hour picking up any debris that they can find.

If you stay at 'The Barn' in Abel Tasman you will also get to plant a tree for free while you are there!

Do your bit to keep New Zealand beautiful for future travellers!

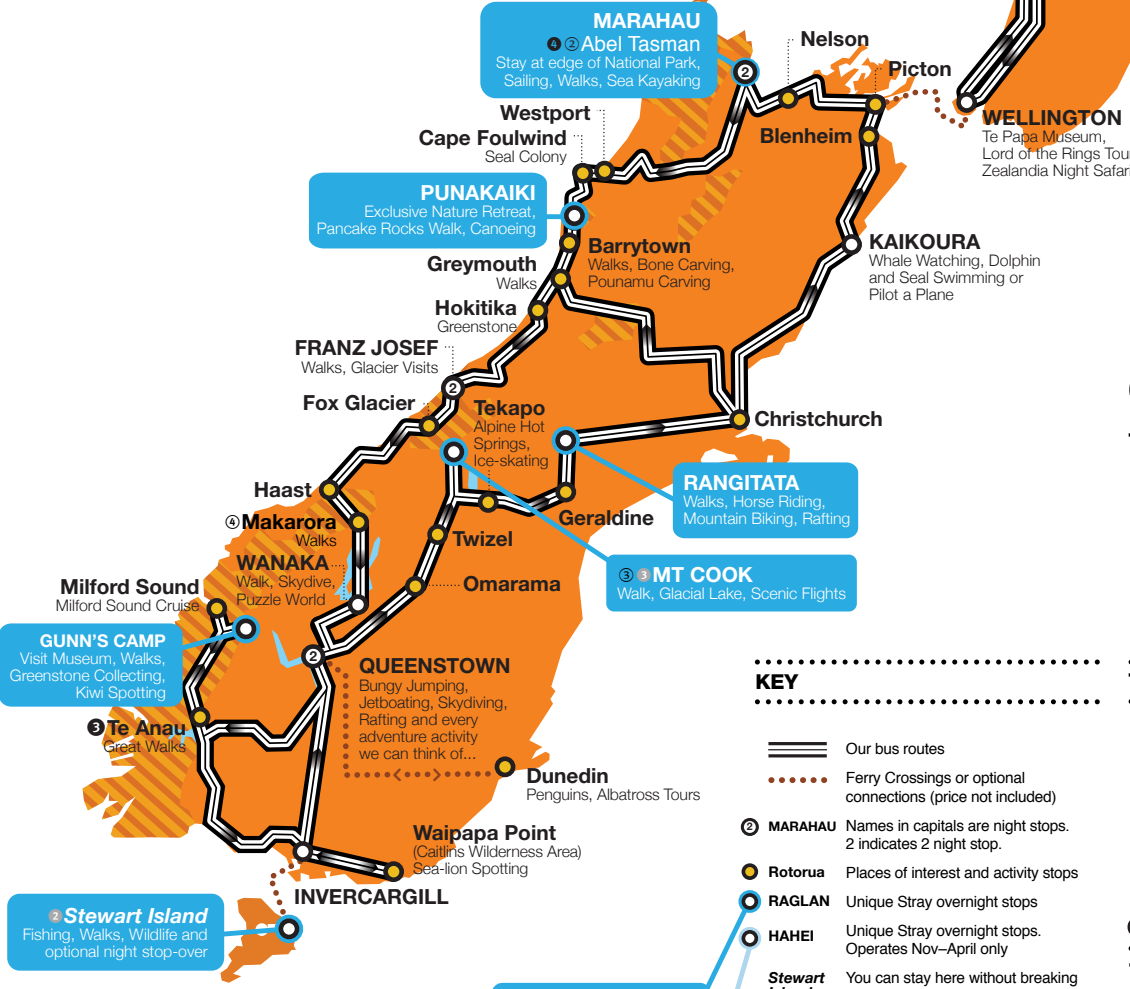
Get a FREE ECO-BAG for helping us out.



Hug a tree (Tree planting, Marahau)



Unique activities (Axe throwing, Whakahoro)



## Cool free stuff

### TOP 5 FREE ACTIVITIES

- 1 Kerosene Creek Natural Hot Pool by Rotorua
- 2 Axe Throwing, Whakahoro
- 3 Te Hana Guided Maori Village Tour (worth \$39)
- 4 Mussel Tasting in Abel Tasman
- 5 Blue Duck Spotting, Whakahoro

### TOP 5 WALKS

- 1 Tongariro Alpine Crossing, National Park (\$109 plus gear)
- 2 Abel Tasman National Park
- 3 Hooker Valley Track, Mt Cook
- 4 Blue Pools Walk, Makarora
- 5 Pariatua Walk, Whakahoro

## And other bits

### TOP 5 UNIQUE ACTIVITIES

- 1 4WD Eco-warrior Tour, Whakahoro \$90
- 2 Fishing, Stewart Island \$60
- 3 Edmund Hillary Centre, Mt Cook \$15
- 4 Ski a volcano, National Park \$95
- 5 Ta Moko (tattoo design), Rotorua \$84 (includes entry into Whakawerawera Village and show)

### KEY

- Our bus routes
- Ferry Crossings or optional connections (price not included)
- Names in capitals are night stops. 2 indicates 2 night stop.
- Rotorua Places of interest and activity stops
- Raglan Unique Stray overnight stops
- Hahei Unique Stray overnight stops. Operates Nov-April only
- 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
- This section operates Nov-April only
- Mum's Place

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

Stray's Further off the Beaten Track Unique Overnight Stops

Stray's Further off the Beaten Track Unique Overnight Summer Stops



Explore more national parks (Abel Tasman National Park)



Get to know the locals (Whakahoro, Unique Stray Overnight)



All the cool spots (Mt Cook, Unique Stray Overnight)



Adventure here we come! (Friendly driver guides)



Leave your mark (Franz Josef Glacier)



Cruise control (Milford Sound)



There's snow-boredom around here! (Remarkables, Queenstown)

# Get further off the beaten track

What we do: see our website [www.straytravel.com](http://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.

## KEY

- Stray's accommodation for that evening.
- Optional paid activities (usually choose one main activity per day).
- Free/Included activities (these options may vary depending on the group, driver, pass, length of stay, weather and time of year!)

- Skydiving, parasailing, diving, catch the ferry to historic Russell
- Te Hana Maori village tour (worth \$39), tree hugging huge kauri trees at Parry Kauri Forest.

**B. Travel Day: Paihia to Cape Reinga and back.** Depart 7am. Today we head to the top of New Zealand. See 90 Mile Beach and the clashing of two oceans at Cape Reinga. N.B. You cannot hop off the bus this day.

- The same as last night.
- Traditional Kiwi fish and chips option for dinner!
- Dune surfing.

**C. Travel Day: Paihia to Auckland.** A morning at leisure. We depart at 2pm and head to the Native Bird Recovery Centre (weekdays only) then it's back to the big smoke (Auckland).

- Central Auckland hostel.
- Sailing, swimming with dolphins, kayaking, fishing, Native Bird Recovery Centre (gold coin donation, weekdays only)
- Walk around Paihia or Haruru Falls, go for a swim or relax on the beach.

## NORTH ISLAND

**1. Travel Day: Auckland to Raglan.** Depart from Auckland at 7am. We head south travelling towards the mighty Waikato. Pick up your free cultural experience (kumara) to keep or have for dinner. We head on to the world-renowned Raglan surf beach, with cow spotting and a walk to the

majestic Bridal Veil Falls on the way. Chill out or go hard in this funky surf and arts town.

- An eco-lodge surrounded by native bush near the beach.
- Learn to surf for \$79 (save \$10, plus get second night's accommodation free with surf lesson).
- Waterfall walk, bush walk around Mt Karioi, relax on the beach, glow-worms in the bush, West Coast sunset, Inspiration Point.

**2. Travel Day: Raglan (via Waitomo) to Maketu.** Depart 8am. Head to the rural town of Waitomo, with time to explore its famous caves and glowworms. We then head across to Maketu for our unique and special cultural stopover. We have a modern 'Hangi' meal and learn about Maori traditions and contemporary Maori culture complete with an interactive haka and poi lesson.

- We uniquely sleep in the marae (Maori meeting house).
- The cultural night is an all-inclusive price of \$75 including dinner, cultural show, bed and breakfast. Waitomo must-do caving options – Haggas Honking Holes, Lost World, Tumu Tumu Toobing, or a glow-worm tour.
- Walk around Ruakuri Reserve, Waitomo Valley Caves walk, Arapuni suspension bridge.

**N.B. Cultural night is \$75 for everyone and in winter minimum numbers of 10 apply. If less than 10 we will stay in Rotorua with an alternative cultural option.**

**3. Travel Day: Maketu (via Rotorua) to Taupo.** Depart 8am and head into Rotorua

for a morning free to discover its smell (geothermal areas), culture and adventure. We do hostel pickups, then head south to Taupo and its great lake (the world's largest crater lake), via Huka Falls. This afternoon, you can take part in one of our most popular activities - skydiving.

- Central hostel.
- A visit to Whakarewarewa historic Maori village and geothermal area, you can get your own personally-designed Maori tattoo (Ta Moko) for a special Stray price of \$84 (village entry included) - you can keep as a piece of art or take it to a tattoo artist for a permanent memento. Raft the highest commercially-raftered waterfall in the world, go zorbing (Rotorua), or skydiving (Taupo).
- East Coast sunrise, walks around geothermal areas, Huka Falls, mud facial at secret spot.

**4. Travel Day: Taupo to National Park.** We depart at 6.30am (bad weather, depart 10am) and head to the active volcanoes and dual World Heritage 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; or you can carve it up at NZ's largest ski area, Mt Ruapehu. In the evening, reward yourself at the bar or just relax in the spa where we stay.

- Beautiful alpine lodge.
- The Tongariro Alpine Crossing (there is a transport/concession fee of \$109 plus gear to do this hike), skiing or snowboarding at Whakapapa ski field, Mt Ruapehu.
- Taranaki Falls walk, visit the Volcanic Centre.

## Travel Days



Meet some characters, Whakahoro

**A. Travel Day: Auckland to Paihia.** Depart from 7am (all departures times shown are from our preferred accommodation). We head north to the stunning Bay of Islands today. We stop in Te Hana for a guided tour of a Maori village to learn about the culture and history of the area. From here we cruise up to Paihia so you have the afternoon to relax in the Bay.

- Hostel along from the beach.

**5. Travel Day: National Park to Whakahoro.** We depart at 10:30am and head to the most remote part of the North Island. Our destination is Blue Duck Lodge, a 9,000 acre high country farm that is both a working station and an environmental conservation leader. Once you arrive, there are plenty of activities for you in to partake in. Spend the evening sitting around, listening to tales from this unique region.

- 🏠 Country station lodge.
- 💰 An eco-warrior 4WD tour, a one day horse trek (like a real cowboy), or a fully guided kayak tour.
- 😊 Walk around the truly amazing property at Whakahoro and just take in the lush scenery, kayak around the Kaiwhakauka waterfall, enjoy your host Dan's fantastic hospitality and stories on the local wildlife and history.

**6. Travel Day: Whakahoro to Wellington.** Depart 7.30am. We head to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city via Ohakune, Taihape and Bulls. You have the afternoon to cruise or explore.

- 🏠 Central hostel.
- 💰 Check out some of the great cafes and bars. Hop off to do a Lord of the Rings tour or to visit the Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary.
- 😊 Walk 'Oriental Parade', head up Mt Victoria for fantastic views, and visit 'Te Papa' - our national museum.

**7. Travel Day: Wellington north (via National Park) to Auckland.** Depart 9am. This is an express day via National Park to Auckland. You can hop off anywhere along the way.

**SOUTH ISLAND**

If travelling from Wellington to the South Island.

**8. Travel Day: Wellington to Marahau (Abel Tasman).** We catch the 8am Bluebridge ferry (check in 7am) across to the South Island where we meet the Stray bus, we then cruise through the famous Marlborough vineyard area and the coastal town of Nelson, before heading onto Motueka and to our amazing night stop of Marahau, right on the edge of the Abel Tasman National Park.

- 🏠 Unique Stray accommodation on the edge of National Park.
- 💰 Ferry \$50-75, wine tasting, skydiving, pilot your own stunt plane!
- 😊 Swim, walk, mussel tasting around the fire.

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

**9. Travel Day: Christchurch to Franz Josef (via Greymouth). PLEASE NOTE: The 1st sector of this day is not on the Stray bus so please call the Stray office at least 48 hours before departure to confirm pick up details.** Pick up will be at 7.10am (be waiting at 7am) outside the Canterbury Museum on Rolleston Avenue, by an Atomic Shuttle bus. 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 (see travel day 15 Greymouth to Franz Josef). \*If you have the TranzAlpine rail option, make your own way to the Railway Station, Troup Drive, Addington. The train departs at 8.15am (be at the Railway Station 30 minutes prior to departure). 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.

**10. Travel Day: Christchurch to Kaikoura.** We depart at 9.45am and have a beautiful drive up the coast to Kaikoura. You have the afternoon free for activities.

- 🏠 Historic seaside hotel.
- 💰 Whale watching, swimming with seals, piloting your own plane or swimming with dolphins (pre-booking is advised in summer for dolphin swimming). Try the amazing fresh fish and chips!
- 😊 Walk around the peninsula and up to the lookout.

**11. Travel Day: Kaikoura to Picton or Wellington.** Depart 8.30am. We wind our way up the rugged coastal roads with stops for photos and a seal colony. Those not heading north to Wellington on the ferry will stay in the port town of Picton for the night.

- 🏠 Central hostel (Wellington), Cozy villa (Picton).
- 💰 Vineyard tour (Picton), Ferry (\$50-75), Zealandia Night Safari (Wellington).
- 😊 Seal colony; Queen Charlotte Sound View walk, mountain biking, fishing or relax in the spa where we stay (Picton); explore the city (Wellington).

**12. 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 travel day 8 - 'Wellington to Marahau'.

**13. Non Travel Day: Marahau (Abel Tasman).** You have the day at leisure to explore this stunning, coastal National Park.

- 🏠 Unique Stray accommodation on the edge of National Park.
- 💰 Full day sailing trip, kayaking, skydiving, water taxi, horse riding or hang gliding.
- 😊 Walk in the National Park or just relax on one of the golden sand beaches!

**14. Travel Day: Marahau to Punakaiki.** Depart at 9am. We head for the 'wild' West Coast passing through the Buller Gorge before stopping off at Cape Foulwind to see the seal colony. We head on to our Stray exclusive stop, nestled amongst the native bush in Paparoa National Park. The sunset is a must if the weather is clear!

- 🏠 Lodge in the middle of the rainforest.
- 💰 Save some coin today!
- 😊 Westport seal colony, West Coast sunset, Truman Track walk, meet some of the quirky locals.

**15. Travel Day: Punakaiki to Franz Josef.** You have the morning free for activities, then at midday we head into the heart of the West Coast - where time almost stands still. We do pick ups at Greymouth, make a stop in Hokitika then head to Franz Josef, a town squashed between the Tasman Sea and the mighty Franz Josef glacier.

- 🏠 Lodge in the middle of the rainforest.
- 💰 Bone carving, jade carving, kayaking.
- 😊 Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and their mighty blowholes, walk along the beach, sleep in.

**16. Non Travel Day: Franz Josef.** A free day to explore the glacier.

- 🏠 Lodge in the middle of the rainforest.
- 💰 Take a guided glacier walk or a 'helicopter hike' to get onto the glacier, go ice climbing, relax in the local hot pools.
- 😊 Many excellent bush hikes (but we recommend a guided one for safety). Warm up and relax after all this in one of NZ's largest spa pools at your accommodation.

**17. Travel Day: Franz Josef to Wanaka.** Depart at 9am. We head to Lake Matheson for the amazing mirror lake; stop at Fox Glacier for pickups then travel through to the mountainous Haast pass and Makarora. We pass by the beautiful lake Hawea and arrive in Wanaka with an afternoon to enjoy this picturesque lakeside town.

- 🏠 Central hostel.
- 💰 Puzzle World.
- 😊 Mirror Lake walk, Ship Creek Walk, Blue Pools walk, Thundercreek Falls Walk, explore Wanaka.

**18. Travel Day: Wanaka to Queenstown.** Depart 11.30am. This morning you have the opportunity to check out amazing views of the lake either by skydiving or walking up Mt Iron! We depart at 11.30am. We cruise into Queenstown with a stop at the famous A.J. Hackett bungy site and then head to the 'Adventure Capital of the World'! Queenstown offers an optional big (make that huge) night out with excellent restaurants, pubs and live music.

- 🏠 Central hostel.
- 💰 Skydiving, bungy jumping.
- 😊 Walk Mt Iron, watch people jumping off a bridge!

**19. Recommended Non Travel Day: Queenstown.** Today is yours to explore. Obviously you can break your journey in Queenstown for as long as you want. If you're not doing the 'Burt', look at doing a one day trip to Milford Sound before you go. Speak to your driver or hostel travel desk for Dunedin connection options.

- 🏠 Central hostel.
- 💰 Any adventure activity that we mad Kivis can dream up (bungy, swing, jetboating, skydiving, mountain biking, zipline, horse riding...), one day trip to Milford Sound.
- 😊 Sleep in, some great walks, take in the beautiful views from this cool resort town.

**Burt (note orange days)**

**20. Travel Day: Queenstown to Gunn's Camp.** Depart 7am (pick ups start before this). Enjoy the views on a drive past Lake Wakatipu, then get ready for one of the most scenically amazing drives in the world on our way to Milford Sound. We pass through the farmland of Southland and watch it turn into mountains, glacial carved valleys and fiords. We have time to explore Milford and then in the late afternoon we head to our unique overnight stop at Gunn's Camp.

- 🏠 Historic camp on the edge of the Hollyford Track in the heart of Fiordland National Park.
- 💰 Milford Sound Cruise special Stray 2 for 1 deal - \$44 per person (there is also a great Stray combo deal for this and the Stewart Island ferry for only \$169 - save \$59 off retail).
- 😊 Stunning views, walks, visit the historic museum or take in the incredible surroundings of a World Heritage National Park at Gunn's Camp.



Alpine Springs, Tekapo

**21. Travel Day: Gunn's Camp to Invercargill/Stewart Island.** Depart 10am. We head through Southland to Invercargill on the scenic route, next stop Stewart Island! There are also options for those not going to Stewart Island and staying in Invercargill.

- 🏠 Cozy hostel.
- 💰 Ata Whenua - Shadowland, incredible movie of Fiordland National Park. See the awesome Stewart Island ferry and Milford Sound Cruise combo deal above.
- 😊 Humbolt Falls walk. National Park at Gunn's Camp.

**22. Travel Day: Invercargill/ Stewart Island to Queenstown.** The morning is yours to explore the island, meet the locals, go fishing or enjoy some of the walks. We catch the ferry back to the mainland at 3pm. For those who chose not to venture to Stewart Island, we depart Invercargill at 10.30am and head out to Waipapa Point for some sea lion-spotting. We return to Bluff Hill where we meet up with the island-goers before we express back to Queenstown.

- 🏠 Central hostel.
- 💰 Fishing, hire a scooter, go to Ulva Island.
- 😊 Explore the island, amazing birdlife, walks through the native parkland (Stewart Island); sea lion-spotting, Bluff Hill walk (Invercargill).

**23. Travel Day: Queenstown to Aoraki/ Mt Cook.** Depart 9.30am. We head over the Lindis Pass through the beautiful Mackenzie Country and Lake Pukaki, then head north to our amazing stop at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain Aoraki/ Mt Cook, arriving in the early afternoon. If you want to hop off the bus for a few days there are some incredible longer walks (we'd recommend leaving actually climbing Mt Cook to the mountaineers though).

- 🏠 Stunning alpine lodge.
- 💰 Take a boat to check out the Tasman glacier, visit the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre.
- 😊 Take photos of awe-inspiring scenery, do one of the many great short walks to the Hooker glacial lake.

**24. Travel Day: Mt Cook to Rangitata.** Depart 10am. We make our way to the 'Lord of the Rings' landscape of Rangitata. We head around the turquoise Lake Tekapo, where we stop for ice-skating or a swim at the hot springs. We arrive early afternoon in Geraldine, and then head through to spend the night at Rangitata.

- 🏠 One of Canterbury's original sheep stations.
- 💰 Ice-skating, swim at alpine hot springs, go for a mountain bike, walk or horse ride through Peel Forest.
- 😊 Take photos of stunning scenery, go for a walk.

**25. Travel Day: Rangitata to Christchurch.** Depart 7.30am. It is an express haul across the Canterbury plains to Christchurch. For those whose Stray adventure is coming to an end we arrive at 9.40am. For those continuing north, see travel day 10 (Christchurch to Kaikoura).

**NB: The free things and activities are just a guide and you will not have time to do all of those listed within each travel day.**

# NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND PASSES

**MAXIMUS \$1265**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Tues, Thurs, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 27-30**  
DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 29-31**  
**WHY:** Don't miss a thing, includes Te Hana Maori Village Tour (worth \$39)  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** (Start AKL) A-C, 1-6, 8, 13-25, 10, 11, 7

**SHORT MAXIMUS \$1035**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Tues, Thu, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 23-26**  
DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 24-27**  
**WHY:** As above but without Burt - see blue line.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** (Start AKL) A-C, 1-6, 8, 13-19, 23-25, 10, 11, 7



**MAX \$1145**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Tues, Thu, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 23-25**  
DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 24-26**  
**WHY:** See the most of New Zealand  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** (Start AKL) 1-6, 8, 13-25, 10, 11, 7

**SHORT MAX \$915**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Tues, Thu, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 19-21**  
DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 20-22**  
**WHY:** As above but without Burt - see blue line.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** (Start AKL) 1-6, 8, 13-19, 23-25, 10, 11, 7



**MOE \$1005**  
STARTS AUCKLAND  
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Tues, Thurs, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 21-23**  
**WHY:** The most of New Zealand if starting in Auckland and finishing in Christchurch.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 1-6, 8, 13-25

**SHORT MOE \$775**  
STARTS AUCKLAND  
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Tues, Thurs, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 17-19**  
**WHY:** As above but without Burt - see blue line.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 1-6, 8, 13-19, 23-25



# KEY

- Our bus routes.
  - 'Short' pass routes.
  - Ferry Crossings or optional connections (price not included)
- NAME**
- The names ie. 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. Burt is named after Burt Munro, a famous NZ motorcycle rider from Invercargill.

# DEPARTURES

The departure days listed (i.e. Tue, Thu, Sat) for each pass are our guaranteed departure days through winter. We do add extra departures as demand increases especially in the months leading into summer (September and October). Please check our latest timetable on [www.straytravel.com](http://www.straytravel.com) for updated departure information.

# MINIMUM DAYS

This is a range of the minimum days it takes to do a pass. They include two nights in Abel Tasman, Franz Josef and usually two nights in Queenstown so you have time to do activities and explore an area. Depending on which day you depart your minimum travel days will lie within the range of days provided. Please check the current timetable on [www.straytravel.com](http://www.straytravel.com) to confirm your itinerary. (They are subject to change).

# TRAVEL DAYS

Travel day numbers correlate with the numbered travel days in the itinerary route notes (on left-hand side of page), this allows you to see a detailed description of each day of your trip.

**BRET \$1105**  
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH  
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 24-27**  
**WHY:** The most of New Zealand if starting in Christchurch and finishing in Auckland.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 10-25, 10-11, 7, 1-5, 7

**SHORT BRET \$875**  
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH  
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 20-24**  
As above but without Burt pass - see blue line.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 10-19, 23-25, 10-11, 7, 1-5, 7



**DAVE \$855**  
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH or PICTON  
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 19-21**  
DEP. PIC. Mon, Wed, Fri. **MIN. DAYS: 17-19**  
**WHY:** The most of the South Island if starting in Christchurch and finishing in Auckland.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** (Start CHC) 10-25, 10-11, 7.

**SHORT DAVE \$625**  
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH or PICTON  
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 15-17**  
DEP. PIC. Mon, Wed, Fri. **MIN. DAYS: 13-15**  
**WHY:** As above but without Burt pass - see blue line.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** (Start CHC) 10-19, 23-25, 10-11, 7.



**ARTHUR \$815**  
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH  
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 14-16**  
**WHY:** Alpine and wilderness South Island with start in Christchurch and finish in Auckland.  
**Tranzalpine option available add AU \$80.**  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 9, 15-25, 10-11, 7

**SHORT ARTHUR \$585**  
STARTS CHRISTCHURCH  
FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 10-12**  
**WHY:** As above but without Burt - see blue line.  
**Tranzalpine option available add AU \$80.**  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 9, 15-19, 23-25, 10-11, 7



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# STAN Worth \$25

**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.

# JACK \$85

**BAY OF ISLANDS**  
STARTS and FINISHES AUCKLAND  
DEP. Tues, Thurs, Sun. **MIN. DAYS: 2**  
All travel between Auckland and Paihia.  
**WHY:** Bay of Islands, includes Te Hana Maori Village Tour (worth \$39).  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** A, C





Get closer to nature (Stewart Island)



Pancakes at sunset anyone? (Pancake Rocks, Punakaiki)



Everyone say ahn! (Maketu, Maori Cultural Overnight)

**PATCH \$165**  
BAY AND BEACH  
STARTS and FINISHES AUCKLAND

DEP. Tues, Thurs, Sun. **MIN. DAYS: 4-5**  
All travel between Auckland and Cape Reinga.  
**WHY:** Bay of Islands, Ninety Mile Beach, includes Te Hana Maori Village Tour (worth \$39), our most Northern Point.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** A, B, C



**NORTH ISLAND PASSES**

**TOM \$305**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Tues, Thu, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 5 (7 INCL OVERNIGHT IN NATIONAL PARK)**  
**WHY:** Beaches, geothermal, culture, caves, National Park.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 1-5, 7

**PETER \$340**  
STARTS AUCKLAND  
FINISHES WELLINGTON

DEP. Tues, Thu, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 6**  
**WHY:** Beaches, geothermal, culture, caves, National Park, Wellington.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 1-6

**JILL \$425**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. AKL. Tues, Thu, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 7**  
**WHY:** The most of the North Island. Start and finish in the same point.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 1-7



**GO EAST \$235 SUMMER ONLY**  
BAY AND BEACH  
STARTS and FINISHES ROTORUA

DEP. Mon, Thurs. **MIN. DAYS: 3**  
**WHY:** Beaches, marine-life, Maori lifestyle.  
*Summer only, operates from November 1st - April 31st*



**SOUTH ISLAND PASSES**

**Q \$635**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 12-14**  
**WHY:** Alpine wilderness South Island.  
Tranzalpine option available add \$99.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 9, 15-25

**WILLY \$475**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 13-15**  
**WHY:** Whales, Abel Tasman, alpine South Island.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 10-12, 8, 13-19, 23-25

**RON \$750**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 17-19**  
DEP. PIC. Mon, Wed, Fri. **MIN. DAYS: 16-18**  
**WHY:** All of the South Island.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 10-12, 8, 13-25

**STEW \$315**  
STARTS QUEENSTOWN  
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Thurs, Sun. **MIN. DAYS: 7**  
**WHY:** History, wilderness and wildlife.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 20-25

**SHORT Q \$405**  
STARTS ANYWHERE  
FINISHES WHERE YOU STARTED

DEP. CHC. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 8-10**  
**WHY:** As above but without Burt pass - see blue line.  
Tranzalpine option available add \$99.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 9, 15-19, 23-25

**SHORT WILLY \$440**  
STARTS PICTON  
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

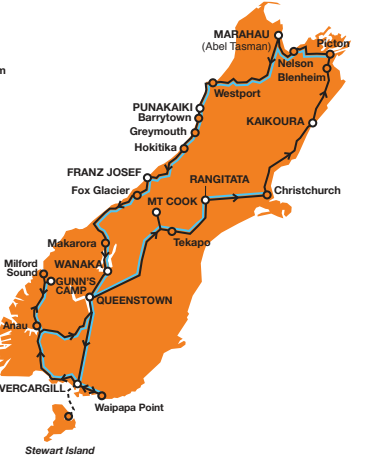
DEP. Mon, Wed, Fri. **MIN. DAYS: 11-13**  
**WHY:** As above but without the Christchurch to Picton sectors - see blue line.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 12, 8, 13-19, 23-25

**SHORT RON \$710**  
STARTS PICTON  
FINISHES CHRISTCHURCH

DEP. Mon, Wed, Sat. **MIN. DAYS: 15-17**  
**WHY:** As above but without the Christchurch to Picton sectors - see blue line.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 12, 8, 13-25

**BURT \$235**  
STARTS QUEENSTOWN  
FINISHES QUEENSTOWN

DEP. Thurs, Sun. **MIN. DAYS: 3**  
**WHY:** History, wilderness and wildlife, without the Queenstown to Christchurch sector.  
**TRAVEL DAYS:** 20-22

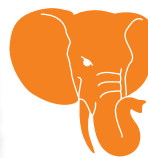


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All prices in \$AU and are 10% GST inclusive.

**NB:** There are timetables listed on our website. 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.



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- + 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 don't need a sleeping bag as you can hire bedding for the dorm rooms or get a made-up room in every overnight stop.
- + 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](http://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.
- + Will we be on the bus every day?** We include free days (non-travel days) in key locations i.e. Abel Tasman National Park, Franz Josef Glacier and Queenstown so even if you're on minimum time you'll be able to do activities and explore each of these areas.
- + 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!

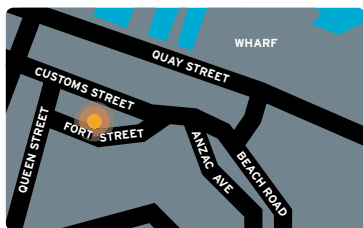
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**All pass prices are in AUD but all other prices are in NZD**

### FINE PRINT

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

- The points on this brochure make up all of the terms of contract between Stray Ltd ('Stray') and the customer.
- 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.
- Unlimited Travel is on a space available (i.e. standby) basis only. The travel days north of Auckland (Auckland - Paihia - Cape Reinga), Christchurch - Franz Josef, plus the two East sectors are not included. Photo ID must be presented to drivers, and all unlimited travel must be booked through [support@straytravel.co.nz](mailto: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.
- Stray operates a hop-on hop-off service where you can hop off the bus at any overnight stop or anywhere along the Stray route as many times as you like. You cannot hop off along the route on non-Stray run sectors i.e. north of Paihia, and on the Christchurch to Greymouth sector.
- Stray's passes are valid for 12 months from the first day of travel.
- 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.
- Stray passes are only valid for the person whose name they were originally issued for and are non-transferrable. You will be ID checked.

- For cancellation of open dated passes or 48 hours outside a confirmed departure date the fee is 35%. Within 48 hours of a confirmed departure date the fee is 50%. After you have commenced travel, passes are non-refundable or transferable.
- Stray may vary any fares, routes, destinations, 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.
- 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.
- Travel agent coupons/vouchers must be exchanged for the correct Stray ticket for your travel sectors. You can rebook sectors online at [straytravel.com](http://straytravel.com). Sector bookings need to be made before 5pm on the day prior to departure to show on drivers' lists.
- Stray will endeavor 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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](http://www.straytravel.com) if initiated.
- 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.
- Where a new brochure has been published (as shown by the validity date) it supercedes all older brochures.
- 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.
- 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](mailto: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.
- The free Te Hana Maori Village Tour on the Stray Jack and Patch passes must be used on your first day of travel (Auckland to Paihia section) during winter 2012. 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.
  - 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!
  - Stray operates an adventurous product and is not suitable for children under the age of 5 years old. Children aged 5 – 15 years of age may travel if accompanied with an adult and must be restrained with a seatbelt with a seatbelt or an approved childseat. Travellers aged 16-17 can travel unaccompanied if they have a signed parent/guardian consent form (Please contact Stray Reservations for a consent form).
  - All Blacks, world champions. Enough said.



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