

STEAM INCORPORATED'S 11 DAY STEAM & DIESEL RAIL TOUR SHOWCASING...

HISTORY THROUGH THE HEARTLAND



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REDEFINING HERITAGE RAIL

SINCE 1972

WELLINGTON - NAPIER - HOROWHENUA - WHANGANUI - NEW PLYMOUTH - WELLINGTON

DEPARTING 19TH FEBRUARY 2026



YOUR ADVENTURE CONSISTS OF...

	DATE	ITINERARY	ACCOMMODATION	TRAVEL
1	Thurs, 19 th Feb	WELLINGTON - NAPIER Coach Travel from Wellington to Kapiti Heritage Train from Kapiti to Napier L , D	Bluewater Hotel Napier	Heritage Train, Coach
2	Fri, 20 th Feb	NAPIER - WINE 'N' DINE 'When the Dust Settles' - Napier Crab Farm Wine Tasting & Lunch B , L , D	Bluewater Hotel Napier	Coach
3	Sat, 21 st Feb	NAPIER - GET DOWN TO DECO Leisure time to Explore Art Deco Festival Vintage Car Parade - Napier Foreshore Art Deco Trust Guided Tour & Movie Showcase B , L , D	Bluewater Hotel Napier	Coach
4	Sun, 22 nd Feb	NAPIER - STEAM TO WAIPUKURAU Spend the day onboard our heritage train from Napier to Waipukurau, including lunch at Woburn Homestead B , L , D	Bluewater Hotel Napier	Heritage Train, Coach
5	Mon, 23 rd Feb	NAPIER - TATUM Heritage Train from Napier to Tatum An Exclusive Stay at 'Tatum', recently restored to it's former glory B , L , D	Tatum, Manakau	Heritage Train, Coach
6	Tues, 24 th Feb	MANAKAU - WHANGANUI Heritage Train from Manakau to Whanganui Coach to Bushey Park Homestead B , L , D	Asure / Gateway Whanganui	Heritage Train, Coach
7	Wed, 25 th Feb	WHANGANUI - EXPLORE Visit to the newly opened Sarjeant Gallery Visit to NZ Glassworks Spend the evening sailing on the Paddle Steamer Waimarie B , L , D	Asure / Gateway Whanganui	Heritage Train, Coach, Historic Steamboat
8	Thurs, 26 th Feb	WHANGANUI - NEW PLYMOUTH Explore Whanganui at your Leisure Heritage Train from Whanganui to Inglewood Inglewood Street Festival for Americarna Coach from Inglewood to New Plymouth B , L , D	Plymouth Intl, New Plymouth	Heritage Train, Coach
9	Fri, 27 th Feb	NEW PLYMOUTH - IMMERSE IN THE MUSCLE Heritage Train from New Plymouth to Hawera Convoy with over 1000 American Muscle Cars Visit the Stratford Showcase of Muscle Cars The Acceleration Display - Hawera B , L , D	Plymouth Intl, New Plymouth	Heritage Train, Coach
10	Sat, 28 th Feb	NEW PLYMOUTH - EXPLORE THE WEST Explore New Plymouth at your Leisure B , L , D	Plymouth Intl, New Plymouth	Coach
11	Sun, 1 st Mar	NEW PLYMOUTH - WELLINGTON Heritage Train from New Plymouth to Wellington B , L		Heritage Train

Please note, this itinerary is subject to change dependant on uptake and availability.

B , L , D - indicates inclusions of Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



WELCOME ABOARD

‘HISTORY THROUGH THE HEARTLAND’

THIS 11 DAY RAIL ADVENTURE, WITH STEAM INCORPORATED

We would like to warmly invite you onboard our first rail tour in many years, exploring “History through the Heartland”. An 11 day getaway focusing on different historical influences through the North Island’s central heart.

Step onboard, guided by our fantastic team, as we travel with our heritage train, hauled by both steam and diesel motive power - a most relaxing way to travel. We travel over 300 kilometres by rail to the 30’s era architecture of Napier, and learn how the earthquake of 1931 reshaped the city. This new energy is carried on today through the annual Art Deco Festival, held over three days. This is sure to be a highlight of our visit, as Napier comes alive with visitors from around the globe.

As we begin our trek west, we overnight at Tatum, a beautifully restored country estate in the Horowhenua district. Built by the late Major Tatum in the early 20th century, Garden parties and bazaars were often held here. These events drew visitors from across the area, contributing to the venue’s legacy in the community.

While Major and Lady Tatum had no children of their own, their legacy continued through their generous bequest of the property to the Scouts in the 1940s. For decades, the grand house became a place etched in many young minds as they visited on camps, and other adventures. Today, a glamorous and boutique conference venue as well as offering private accommodation, the legend of Tatum and the history behind this grand property stands tall among the redevelopment into a modern space.

As we venture toward’s Whanganui onboard our heritage train, we sample some delights of the early 20th century, with our visit to Whanganui on our journey north west. In 1880, James Moore established a large farm on the estate north of Whanganui. Within this, 99 hectares (245 acres) of native lowland forest was preserved, and this is now the Bushy Park Tarapuruhi reserve. The forest reserve and the homestead in which we get to exclusively dine in, was built for Frank Moore in 1906, were gifted to the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand in 1962.

A visit to Whanganui’s historical Sarjeant Gallery will be sure to go down as a favourite. Announced by National Geographic in 2024 as a “Best of the World Pick”, holds a collection of more than 8,000 items of national and international significance, spanning four centuries of European and New Zealand art history, and is the result of Henry Sarjeant’s generosity to his home city of Whanganui.

Salvaged from the bottom of the Whanganui River where she sat for around 50 years, the Paddle Steamer Waimarie was restored to her former glory and re-launched in 2000 to make her New Zealand’s only authentic coal-fired paddle steamer in operation. Our sailing on the Waimarie is a beautiful nod to her 126 year legacy which continues well into the 21st century for all to experience.

Heading further north, we fast forward a few decades, and immerse ourselves in the AmeriCARna festival, an annual highlight for New Plymouth, and the wider car community all over the country. We learn about what over the last 15 years, has come to be one of the country’s most popular car events, the history behind it, before we immerse ourselves in the action. Following a day at leisure, exploring New Plymouth and the beautiful surrounds. spend the final day relaxing onboard our heritage train back to Wellington, to conclude a fantastic experience away with Steam Incorporated.

For 11 days, let us take the stress out of your travel, with our tour guide team who are available at any hour to take care of any thing that is not to your satisfaction. Our aim is to redefine your heritage rail experience, and create a life time of memories that you can look back on.

We look forward to hosting you, as we explore
our ‘History through the Heartland’,
Tommy Secker, Steph Lewis,
&
The Steam Incorporated Team



DAY 1 - STEAMING NORTH

WELLINGTON - NAPIER | COACH, HERITAGE TRAIN

Gather together with the rest of your travel companions at Wellington's Platform 9, and board your luxury coach for the short sprint towards Paekakariki. Here, you will be transferred onto your beautifully restored steam hauled train, bound for Napier. Settle into vintage comfort as you glide through the heart of the island. Travel through the scenic Manawatu Gorge, rail providing the perfect view, and see the start of the new Te Ahu a Turanga highway. Watch the dramatic coastlines unfold outside your window as we approach Napier, our Art Deco Capital. Upon disembarking the train, reboard your luxury coaches and travel through to your accommodation, and settle in for the evening with dinner out, getting to know your tour peers a little more.

ACCOMMODATION: BLUEWATER HOTEL

INCLUSIONS: L , D

DAY 2 - WINE & DINE

NAPIER | COACH

Enjoy breakfast with the group at East Pier Hotel before embarking on your first day of exploration in Napier. We arrive by coach at Marine Parade for As the Dust Settles, an immersive experience showcasing life just after the 1931 earthquake. After an insightful look into the impacts that shaped Napier as it is today, we head out of town, for a lunch like no other. Crab Farm has been in the Jardine family for over 100 years. Originally purchased sight unseen, Hamish Jardine's great-grandfather was surprised to find the land partially underwater. With tidal pools, rushes and hundreds of crabs, it was jokingly named 'Crab Farm.' Today, enjoy a wine tasting followed by a sumptuous lunch under the Hawke's Bay sun. Return by coach to the hotel to relax before heading out for dinner with the group.

ACCOMMODATION: BLUEWATER HOTEL

INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 3 - GET DOWN TO DECO

NAPIER | COACH

The day begins with breakfast, catching up with the group, ahead of an 'Art Deco' themed day in the Napier. Travel by coach into Napier CBD, where you'll have two hours at your leisure to explore the plenty of Art Deco festivities filling the city. Sit back and witness a festival highlight, the Vintage Car Parade. Later in the afternoon, we will jump back onboard the coach for a private guided 'Art Deco' tour, lead by representatives of the Art Deco Trust. This tour explores the old port area at Ahuriri, and the Art Deco suburb of Marewa before finishing at the inner-city Deco precinct. Following this insightful tour around Napier, we will head back to our accommodation, where you'll have a chance to freshen up ahead of an evening meal out with the group.



ACCOMMODATION: BLUEWATER HOTEL | INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 4 - STEAM TO WAIPUKURAU

NAPIER | COACH , HERITAGE TRAIN

Spend today travelling with the Steam Incorporated team on our day excursion with the public behind Ja 1271 and our heritage diesel electric locomotive through to Waipukurau and return. Sample the delights of Woburn Homestead alongside Hawkes Bay Locals, in the beautiful Central Hawkes Bay country. The fully restored 1893 homestead is the perfect destination for our steam-hauled train today! Coach transfers to and from your accommodation and Napier Station, as well as transfers from Waipukurau to Woburn Homestead.

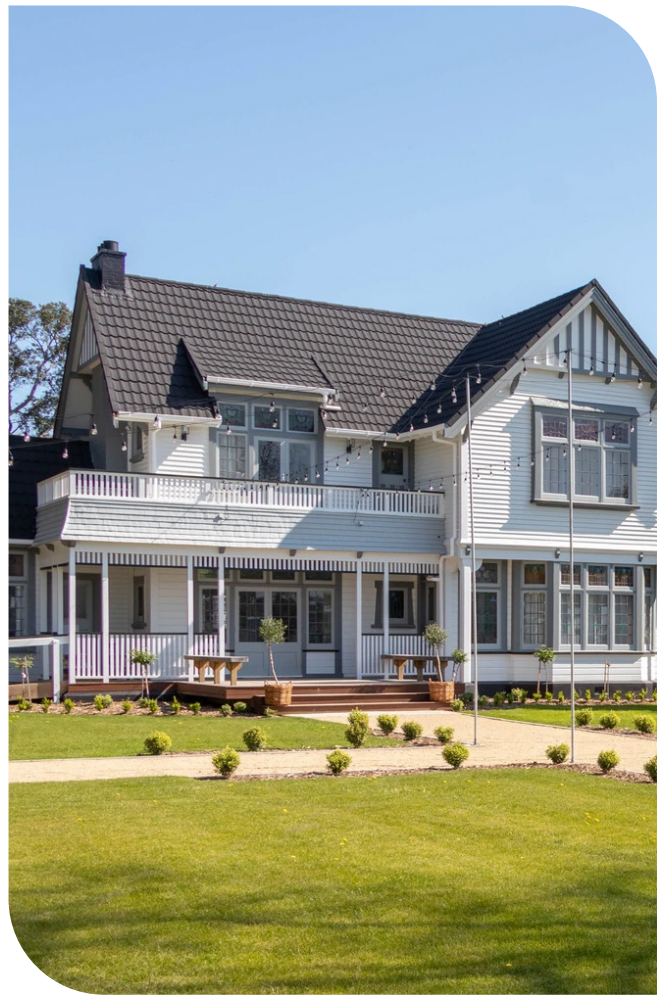
ACCOMMODATION: BLUEWATER HOTEL | INCLUSIONS: B , L , D

DAY 5 - DEPARTING THE DECO

NAPIER - TATUM ESTATE | HERITAGE TRAIN

We board our heritage train for our journey south, leaving behind Art Deco as we begin our journey west. With our heritage Diesel Electric locomotive at the front of the train, we whisk our way through the country side, enroute to a special destination, in the heart of the Horowhenua district. Recognised as an architectural landmark, Tatum House remains a significant piece of New Zealand's modernist heritage and a testament to William Toomath's enduring legacy. Recently subjected to a multi million dollar restoration, and rejuvenation, we are one of the first tour group to utilise the fresh spaces. We disembark the train, 'on the back door step' of Tatum, and it's just a short walk to your accommodation within the grounds. Greeted by a glass of bubbles, the Tatum team are excited to host us and host a fabulous evening, just for our group.

ACCOMMODATION: TATUM
INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 6 & 7 - TO THE RIVER CITY

MANAKAU - WHANGANUI | HERITAGE TRAIN , COACH, PADDLE STEAMER

Wake up to the sweet surrounds of the Horowhenua district, a slice of rural paradise. Our diesel hauled private heritage train arrives behind Tatum's great hall complex, ready and waiting to take us on our quest north towards Whanganui via the Marton - New Plymouth Line. At Whanganui, our coaches await, taking us to our accommodation, and onwards to a private dinner at Bushey Park Homestead - a surviving feature of Whanganui's edwardian history. After a night's rest, Whanganui has much in store! We tour round the Sarjeant Gallery, and visit NZ Glassworks before enjoying the late afternoon on the Waimarie enjoying some sumptuous local cuisine.

ACCOMMODATION: GATEWAY | ASURE | INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 8 - A TASTE OF THE WEEKEND

WHANGANUI - NEW PLYMOUTH | HERITAGE TRAIN, COACH

Enjoy a relaxed morning at your leisure before boarding your own private heritage train bound for Inglewood.

Sit back in comfort as you journey through stunning Taranaki countryside. On arrival, dive into the vibrant energy of Americarna—Inglewood's iconic celebration of classic American cars, live music, and street festivities.

Soak up the atmosphere, explore the displays, and enjoy the local hospitality. As the festival winds down, you'll be comfortably transferred by coach to your central New Plymouth hotel, ready to unwind or continue exploring. A perfect blend of relaxation, rail adventure, and automotive excitement in one unforgettable day.

ACCOMMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL

INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 9 - IMMERSE IN THE MUSCLE

NEW PLYMOUTH | COACH , HERITAGE TRAIN

After a delicious breakfast at your hotel, you'll travel by coach down to New Plymouth's Wind Wand, to take part in something truly unique! Our specially curated train experience offers you a front row seat to witness the power and elegance of iconic muscle cars in action, all from the comfort of our heritage carriages. At Stratford, take a short walk down Broadway to view the muscle car line up, and at Hawera, take a wander down to High St to continue your look at the beautifully restored cars on show. Capture stunning photos and immerse yourself in a celebration of automotive history! A day of adrenaline, nostalgia and enjoyment.

ACCOMMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL

INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 10 - EXPLORE THE WEST

NEW PLYMOUTH | COACH

Today is entirely at your leisure. New Plymouth's CBD offers a delightful mix of coastal and cultural attractions, all within an easy walk! Possibilities include a stroll along some of the stunning 13 km Coastal Walkway, where the iconic Wind Wand sculpture bends in Tasman Sea breezes and art-adorned piers dot the route. Wander inland to Pukekura Park, a 52-hectare botanical garden with lakes, fernery, free zoo and Teahouse on the Lake. Pop into Puke Ariki for interactive local history and a café, then dive into contemporary art at the Govett-Brewster/Len Lye Centre. Finish by exploring heritage gems: the stone-built St Mary's Church, or the lush Huatoki Walkway through town. Perfect for a relaxing yet vibrant city adventure. Coach Shuttles available for those wishing to travel into the CBD.

ACCOMMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL
INCLUSIONS: B , L , D

DAY 11 - HOMEWARD BOUND

NEW PLYMOUTH - WELLINGTON | HERITAGE TRAIN

The final day! We invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy the view as we take you all the way from New Plymouth into the nation's capital city of Wellington. Having loaded your luggage on the coach, you will soon board your private train for the leisurely run south. The journey continues through the rugged King Country, where deep gorges and native bush dominate the view. Curving southward, the track traverses viaducts and tunnels carved into the hill country, offering glimpses of remote settlements and river valleys. As we edge toward civilisation, the landscape opens into wide plains dotted with sheep and dairy farms. Beyond Palmerston North, the line parallels the Kapiti Coast, where the sea once again glimmers beside the track. As we roll into Wellington, nestled between harbour and hills, reflect on a special journey with those whom have accompanied you, concluding a special 11 days away onboard Steam Incorporated's inaugural 'History through the Heartland' rail tour.



INCLUSIONS: B, L

ACCOMMODATION

We have, where possible, elected to stay in the best possible accommodation throughout the itinerary to ensure your comfort and needs are the utmost priority. These include both hotels and motels, dependant on availability.

COACH TRAVEL

Coaches will follow you on all rail portions of the tour, enabling smooth connections between travel, accommodation and outings. We have handpicked our bus operator based on this very route we are travelling.

LUGGAGE

We recommend bringing just one medium-sized suitcase (with wheels) and one carry-on bag. Please note that you'll be responsible for handling and moving your own luggage between airports, trains, coaches, and hotels.

INCLUSIONS - ATTRACTIONS

- Steam Hauled Heritage Train from Kapiti to Napier
- Opportunity to visit the Steam Locomotive Cab
- "When the Dust Settles" - A Historic Look into the impact of Napier's 1931 Earthquake
- Visit to Crab Farm Winery on the outskirts of Napier
- Showcase of the Art Deco Vintage Car Parade
- Partake in a Art Deco Guided Tour by the Art Deco Trust
- Heritage Train from Napier to Waipukurau, and transfers to Woburn Homestead with Lunch
- Heritage Train from Napier to Tatum Estate
- Private Dinner at Tatum
- Private Heritage Train from Tatum Estate to Whanganui
- Private Visit to Bushey Park Sanctuary, and Dinner in the 1906 Homestead
- Visit Whanganui's beautifully restored Sarjeant Gallery
- Visit NZ Glassworks Whanganui
- Private Sailing on the Paddle Steamer Waimarie
- Heritage Train Travel from Whanganui to Inglewood
- Partake in AmeriCARna Festivities at Inglewood
- Heritage Train Travel on the 'Americarna Cruiser' train excursion to immerse yourself in Car Culture, between New Plymouth & Hawera & return.
- Heritage Train Travel from New Plymouth to Wellington
- Leisure time in all localities to explore the surroundings
- Easy & effortless bus transfers throughout the 11 days

FOOD & BEVERAGE

We have, where possible, included food & beverage in your Itinerary. Throughout the 11 days, you will receive:

- 10 x Breakfasts
- 8 x Lunches
- 10 x Dinners
- Snacks, Light Refreshments and Non-Alcoholic beverages from Steam Inc's catering car on all train services | *Cash Bar available on selected services*

EXCLUSIONS

Inbound & Outbound Flights to and from Wellington are not included. Bus Transfers to and from the tour start & finish point are not included. Whilst not included, we are able to assist with any arrangements. Steam Incorporated recommends taking out travel insurance for the duration of this tour.

MOBILITY & FITNESS

For your comfort and safety throughout the tour, please be aware that a moderate level of fitness and mobility is required. You may need to navigate stairs (on coaches, excursions, and at accommodation), carry your own luggage at times, and walk moderate distances, sometimes over uneven terrain.

PRICING

Per Person (Twin-Share) - **\$6990 NZD**
Single Supplement - **\$1490 NZD**

BOOKINGS

A 20% deposit is required upon confirmation of your booking, a further 20% due 3 months prior to departure, with the remainder due a month prior to departure.

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