

STEAM INCORPORATED'S 12 DAY STEAM & DIESEL RAIL TOUR SHOWCASING...

# HISTORY

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## THROUGH THE

# HEARTLAND

WELLINGTON - NAPIER - MANAKAU - WHANGANUI - NEW PLYMOUTH - WELLINGTON  
DEPARTING 18TH FEBRUARY 2027



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# YOUR ADVENTURE CONSISTS OF...

	DATE	ITINERARY	ACCOMODATION	TRAVEL
1	Thurs, 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>WELLINGTON - NAPIER</b> Coach Travel from Wellington to Kapiti Heritage Train from Kapiti to Napier L , D	Bluewater Hotel Napier	Steam Hauled Train, Coach
2	Fri, 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>NAPIER - WINE 'N' DINE</b> 'When the Dust Settles' - Napier Crab Farm Wine Tasting & Lunch B , L , D	Bluewater Hotel Napier	Coach
3	Sat, 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>NAPIER - GET DOWN TO DECO</b> Explore Napier's world famous Art Deco Festival Vintage Car Parade & Art Deco Trust Guided Tour B , D	Bluewater Hotel Napier	Coach
4	Sun, 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>NAPIER - LEISURE DAY</b> Spend the day exploring the city at your leisure, before celebrating our last night in Napier with a lush evening at Mission Estate - Napier's premium winery. B , D	Bluewater Hotel Napier	Coach
5	Mon, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>NAPIER - MANAKAU</b> Heritage Train from Napier to Manakau and an Exclusive stay at the recently restored 'Tatum' B , L , D	Tatum, Manakau	Steam Hauled Train, Coach
6	Tues, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>MANAKAU - WHANGANUI</b> Private Heritage Train from Manakau to Whanganui, followed by and evening at Bushey Park Homestead B , L , D	Asure / Aotea Whanganui	Diesel Hauled Train, Coach
7	Wed, 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>EXPLORE WHANGANUI</b> Visit the newly reopened Sarjeant Gallery and NZ Glassworks before enjoying an evening cruise and Kiwi Style meal onboard the iconic PS Waimarie. B , L , D	Asure / Aotea Whanganui	Coach, Paddle Steamer
8	Thurs, 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>WHANGANUI - NEW PLYMOUTH</b> Enjoy a day exploring Whanganui at your leisure before travelling by heritage train to Inglewood for the AmeriCARna Street Festival, then continue by coach to New Plymouth B , L , D	Plymouth Intl, New Plymouth	Diesel Hauled Train, Coach
9	Fri, 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>NEW PLYMOUTH - A HISTORICAL LOOK</b> Discover the Puke Ariki Museum, the Len Lye Gallery before enjoying a beautiful lunch at the serene Pukekura Park B , L , D	Plymouth Intl, New Plymouth	Coach
10	Sat, 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>NEW PLYMOUTH - LEISURE DAY</b> Explore New Plymouth at your Leisure, and soak up the sights B , D	Plymouth Intl, New Plymouth	Coach
11	Sun, 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>EXPLORE THE FORGOTTEN WORLD</b> A memorable half-day rail cart adventure over the Stratford to Okahakura Line - the forgotten world B , L , D	Plymouth Intl, New Plymouth	Coach, Golf Cart
12	Mon, 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<b>NEW PLYMOUTH - WELLINGTON</b> Heritage Train from New Plymouth to Paekakariki Coach from Paekakariki to Wellington B , L		Diesel Hauled Train, Coach

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

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



## DAY 1 - STEAMING NORTH

WELLINGTON - NAPIER | COACH , STEAM 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.

ACCOMODATION: 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.

ACCOMODATION: 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 time 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 from 1230pm. 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.



ACCOMODATION: BLUEWATER HOTEL | INCLUSIONS: B , D



## DAY 4 - LEISURE DAY IN NAPIER

### NAPIER | COACH

Enjoy a relaxed Sunday discovering Napier during the vibrant Art Deco Festival, with the freedom to explore at your own pace. The streets come alive with vintage cars, live music, street performers, and elegantly dressed festival-goers celebrating the glamour of the 1930s. Wander through Napier's famous Art Deco architecture, browse boutique shops and market stalls, or relax along Marine Parade soaking up the festive atmosphere. In the evening, we gather for a sumptuous dinner at Mission Estate Winery, the perfect setting to unwind, share stories, and celebrate our final night in Hawke's Bay together. Art Deco dress is encouraged!

ACCOMODATION: BLUEWATER HOTEL | INCLUSIONS: B , D

## DAY 5 - DEPARTING THE DECO NAPIER - MANAKAU | STEAM TRAIN

We board our heritage train for our journey south, leaving behind Art Deco as we begin our journey west. With our steam 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.

**ACCOMODATION: TATUM**

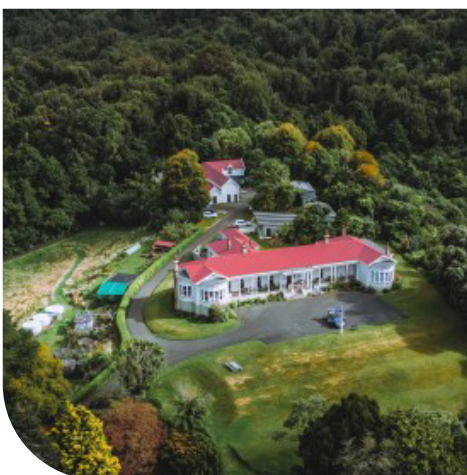
**INCLUSIONS: B , L , D**



## 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 train arrives behind Tatum's mass complex, ready and waiting to take us north towards Whanganui via the Marton - New Plymouth Line. Here 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. This is a special 'Formal Dress' evening - time to dress to the nines! After a night's rest, Whanganui has much in store! We tour round the Sarjeant Gallery, the Whanganui Regional Museum, and visit NZ Glassworks before enjoying the late afternoon on the Paddle Steamer Waimarie enjoying a lovely dinner.

**ACCOMODATION: AOTEA | ASURE | INCLUSIONS: B , L , D**



# DAY 8 - A TASTE OF AMERICARNA

## 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.

**ACCOMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL**

**INCLUSIONS: B , L , D**



## DAY 9 - A HISTORICAL INSIGHT

### NEW PLYMOUTH | COACH

Discover the rich culture and creativity of New Plymouth with a day exploring two of the region's most celebrated attractions. Begin at the fascinating Puke Ariki Museum, where interactive exhibits and engaging displays bring the stories of Taranaki's people, environment, and history to life. Just a short walk away, experience the striking Len Lye Centre, home to the internationally renowned kinetic artist whose bold, innovative works combine motion, light, and sound in a truly unique gallery setting. After a morning of discovery and inspiration, unwind with a relaxing lunch at Pukekura Park. Nestled among the tranquil gardens and overlooking the lake, the park offers a welcoming setting to enjoy delicious food and refreshments while surrounded by the natural beauty of one of New Zealand's most scenes. It's the perfect balance of culture, creativity, and relaxation in the heart of New Plymouth.

**ACCOMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL**

**INCLUSIONS: B , L , D**

## DAY 10 - LEISURE DAY

### NEW PLYMOUTH | COACH

Spend a leisurely day discovering the charm of New Plymouth at your own pace. Wander the award-winning Coastal Walkway and take in sweeping views of the Tasman Sea, including the striking Te Rewa Rewa Bridge. Throughout the city, the atmosphere will be buzzing as the vibrant Americarnival brings colour, music and classic American car culture to the streets as part of the wider Americarna celebrations. Browse boutique shops, relax at a seaside café, or visit Fitzroy Beach to watch the surfers in action. With its coastal scenery, lively festival atmosphere and relaxed vibe, New Plymouth offers the perfect place to unwind.

**ACCOMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL**

**INCLUSIONS: B , D**



# DAY 11 - EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN

## NEW PLYMOUTH | A GUIDED RAIL CART EXPERIENCE

Begin your day in New Plymouth with an early departure south, watching Mount Taranaki emerge in the morning light as you travel to Stratford, where the adventure truly begins. From here, you join the tour operated by Forgotten World Adventures, transporting you into the heart of the Forgotten World to the start of the historic Stratford–Okahukura Line. Settling into your self-driven rail cart, you spend the late morning and early afternoon travelling around 60 kilometres along this long-abandoned railway, rolling gently through tunnels, across bridges, and past remote bush, farmland and forgotten settlements, with regular stops to soak up the scenery and hear stories of the line's construction and the communities it once served. A relaxed lunch at the halfway point, at Whangamomona provides a welcome pause amid the isolation and scale of the landscape before the journey continues back toward Stratford. By mid-afternoon, you return your rail cart and arrive back in Stratford with time to stretch your legs before heading north again. As the day winds down, you make the scenic drive back to New Plymouth, arriving in the early evening with a full appreciation of one of the most unique and immersive rail corridor experiences in the country.



ACCOMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL  
INCLUSIONS: B , L, D

# DAY 12 - 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 diesel hauled 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 12 days away.



## ACCOMODATION

We have, where possible, elected to stay in the best possible accomodation throughout the itinerary to ensure Guest 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, accomodation 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

- Easy & effortless bus transfers throughout all 12 days!
- Journey by Steam Train from Kapiti to Napier
- Opportunity to chat to the train crew, and learn about these engineering marvels
- Days of exploration within Napier's sublime world renowned Art Deco Festival
- Visit to Crab Farm Winery on the outskirts of Napier
- Witness the Art Deco Vintage Car Parade
- Partake in a Art Deco Guided Tour by the Art Deco Trust
- Enjoy an evening of elegance at Mission Estate, our exclusive Wine Partners
- Journey by Steam Train from Napier to Manakau post-Deco
- An Evening under the Stars at the beautifully refurbished Tatum - idyllic paradise!
- Diesel Hauled Train Travel from Manakau to Whanganui
- Exclusive Visit to Bushey Park Sanctuary, and a fantastic evening of traditional hosting with their lovely team
- Visit Whanganui's beautifully restored Sarjeant Gallery
- Visit NZ Glassworks Whanganui
- Private Sailing on the Paddle Steamer Waimarie - a 3hr journey up Whanganui's beautiful awa
- Diesel Hauled Train Travel from Whanganui to Inglewood
- Partake in AmeriCARna Festivities at Inglewood
- Visit to Puke Ariki Museum, the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre - highlights of New Plymouth!
- An insightful journey through the Forgotten World on a Rail Converted Golf Cart - a HIGHLIGHT!
- Diesel Hauled Train Travel from New Plymouth to Kapiti, with a final coach transfer to Wellington
- Leisure time in all localities to explore the surroundings

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

We have, where possible, included food & beverage in your Itinerary. Throughout the 12 days, you will receive:

- 11 x Breakfasts
- 9 x Lunches
- 11 x Dinners
- Unlimited food & beverage onboard all Steam Incorporated Train Travel

## EXCLUSIONS

Inbound and outbound flights to and from Wellington are not included in the tour price, and transfers to and from the tour start and finish point are also not included. However, our team is more than happy to assist with arranging these if required. For peace of mind, Steam Incorporated also recommends that guests consider taking out travel insurance for the duration of the tour.

## MOBILITY & FITNESS

To participate in a Steam Incorporated rail tour, guests should be reasonably fit, in good health, and able to move on and off trains and coaches independently. Our Tour Leaders and volunteers are not able to provide personal assistance. If you require help during the tour, we ask that you travel with a capable companion who can assist you throughout the duration of the tour. Guests should also be comfortable walking moderate distances (up to approximately 500 metres at a time) and standing for extended periods during excursions, station stops, and event visits.

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## PRICING

**Per Person (Twin-Share) - \$7990 NZD**

**Single Supplement - \$1590 NZD**

## BOOKINGS

Deposit of \$1,000pp is required to secure the booking. 50% of the remaining balance is due by 18 October 2026. The final balance is due by 18 January 2027.

*Please note: All payments are non-refundable.*

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