

STEAM INCORPORATED'S 6 DAY DIESEL RAIL TOUR SHOWCASING...

RAILS TO THE WEST

24TH FEBRUARY - 1ST MARCH 2026



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WELLINGTON - WHANGANUI - NEW PLYMOUTH & THE 'AMERICARNA' FESTIVAL
DEPARTING 24TH FEBRUARY 2026

YOUR ADVENTURE CONSISTS OF...

	DATE	ITINERARY	ACCOMODATION	TRAVEL
1	Tues, 24 th Feb	WELLINGTON - WHANGANUI Coach from Wellington to Paekakariki Heritage Train from Paekakariki to Whanganui Coach to Bushey Park Homestead B , L , D	Asure / Gateway Whanganui	Heritage Train, Coach
2	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
3	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
4	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
5	Sat, 28 th Feb	NEW PLYMOUTH - EXPLORE THE WEST Explore New Plymouth at your Leisure B , L , D	Plymouth Intl, New Plymouth	Coach
6	Sun, 1 st Mar	NEW PLYMOUTH - WELLINGTON Heritage Train from New Plymouth to Wellington B , L		Heritage Train



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We would like to welcome you onboard 'Rails to the West'. A 6 day getaway focusing on a pair of main centres up the North Island's West Coast - Whanganui & New Plymouth.

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 6 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
'RAILS TO THE WEST'

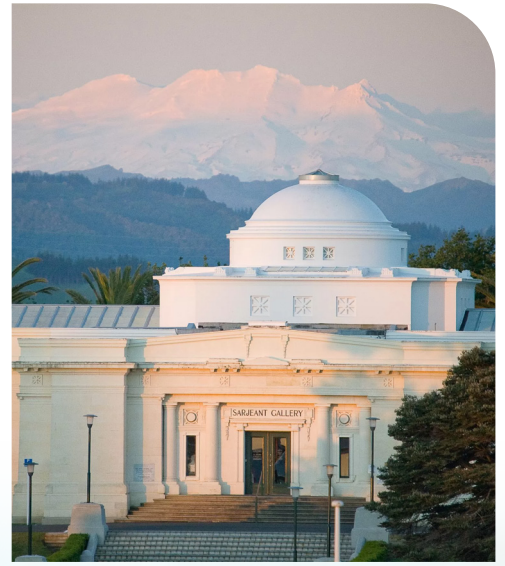
Tommy Secker, Steph Lewis,
&
The Steam Incorporated Team

DAY 1 & 2 - EXPLORING THE RIVER CITY

MANAKAU - WHANGANUI | HERITAGE TRAIN , COACH, PADDLE STEAMER

Join this fantastic 6 day tour at Wellington Station, as you join your travelling companions, and your tour leaders for our short coach trip from Wellington Station, in the heart of the CBD, out to the Kapiti Coast. Our diesel hauled private heritage train departs from Paekakariki, the mainstay base of Steam Incorporated's operations, and heads towards Whanganui via the Marton - New Plymouth Line. Here our coaches await, taking us to our accomodation, 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, visit NZ Glassworks before enjoying the late afternoon on the Paddle Steamer Waimarie enjoying some sumptuous local cuisine.

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



DAY 3 - 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.

ACCOMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL

INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 4 - 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.

ACCOMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL

INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 5 - 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.

ACCOMODATION: PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL
INCLUSIONS: B , L , D



DAY 6 - 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 heritage 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 6 days away.



INCLUSIONS: B, L

ACCOMODATION

We have, where possible, elected to stay in the best possible accomodation 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, 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

- Coach travel from Wellington to Paekakariki on Day 1
- Private Heritage Train from Paekakariki to Whanganui
- Private Visit to Bushey Park Sanctuary
- Private Dinner at Bushey Park
- Visit Whanganui's beautifully restored Sarjeant Gallery
- Visit NZ Glassworks Whanganui
- Private Sailing on the Paddle Steamer Waimarie
- Dinner 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 6 days



FOOD & BEVERAGE

We have, where possible, included food & beverage in your Itinerary. Throughout the 6 days, you will receive:

- 5 x Breakfasts
- 6 x Lunches
- 5 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, however 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) - \$3990 NZD
Single Supplement - \$990 NZD

BOOKINGS

A 30% deposit is required upon confirmation of your booking, a further 30% due prior to 1st of December 2025 with the remainder of the balance due a month prior to departure.

For all booking enquiries, or to discuss your needs with our bookings team:

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PLAN THE REST OF YOUR 2025 WITH STEAM INCORPORATED

September 14th

'Daffodil Festival Flyer' through the Wairarapa

November 2nd

'Mad Hatter's Market Express' to Woodville

November 23rd

'River City Express' to Whanganui

December 6th

A Christmas Celebration to Tatum
including a delectable Christmas Lunch!

COMING UP IN 2026...

A RETURN TO THREE FAVOURITE EVENTS!

Whanganui Vintage Weekend - Jan 16th - 18th

Art Deco Festival - Feb 19th - 23rd

AmeriCARna - Feb 25th - March 1st

...as well as exciting rail travel all over New Zealand!



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

HISTORY THROUGH THE HEARTLAND



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

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