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RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS SOCIETY INC
IN CONJUNCTION WITH **STEAM INCORPORATED** PRESENTS



**RES SOUTH ISLAND SPRINGTIME SCENIC RAIL
TOUR**

14 DAYS ESCORTED QUALITY TRAVEL 13th – 27th OCTOBER

TOUR BOOKING FORM - TRIP 1803

**FOR BOOKINGS - Contact: Railway Enthusiasts Society Inc, P.O. Box 13684
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Join us for a unique and special tour of the South Island in Springtime, mainly by rail. Enjoy riding both modern and heritage trains as well as by coach as we make our way from Auckland to Invercargill and return to Christchurch. It is a number of years since the Railway Enthusiasts Society Inc last organized a tour to the South of the Island and with this year being our 60th Anniversary of founding we will retrace some of the steps of our 1958 railtour to the Catlins. We will enjoy a wide variety of heritage rail operations as well as exploring some less well known but equally scenic places that mainstream tours don't go. Likewise we will still visit the scenic gems of Mt Cook, Arthurs Pass, Banks Peninsula, Victorian Oamaru and Central Otago.

**TRAVELLING DURING SPRING MEANS STRONG DEMAND ON MANY ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS.
THEREFORE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THIS UNIQUE TOUR PROMPT BOOKING IS ADVISED.**

YOUR DAILY TOUR ITINERARY 13th to 27th OCTOBER 2018 * Itinerary subject to change

Saturday 13th Auckland to Paraparaumu by Northern Explorer Train.

Start your adventure by boarding the Northern Explorer at The Strand in Auckland or any of the other scheduled stations it stops at. Be met by your Tour Escort and settle in for a days delight of scenic railroading as the train traverses the centre of the North Island. Enjoy air conditioned comfort or the fresh air of the open viewing deck. The Buffet car will be available for refreshments en route. We will arrive in Paraparaumu around 5.30pm and walk to our Motel situated nearby the Station where we will spend the next two nights.

Sunday 14th Paraparaumu to Woodville and return by Steam train. After a leisurely breakfast we make our way back to the station to join Steam Incorporated and Ja1271 on their "Heartland Flyer" through the Manawatu to Woodville. This trip will afford passengers views of the Manawatu Gorge and the now abandoned State Highway 2 road on the other side of the river. See how the landscape has changed. Buffet car will be available. We return to our Motel on our arrival in Paraparaumu.

Monday 15th A bright and early start as we check out of our Motel and transfer by chartered coach to the Interislander Ferry Terminal. On arrival we check in and board the "Kaitaki" departing at 9.00 am to cross the Cook Strait and cruise up the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. Arrival in Picton is timed for 12.30 pm. We join our chartered coach and drive to Blenheim where our time in the South Island begins. We will join our specially chartered Blenheim Riverside Railway train to travel the 5.5 km to the Omaka Aviation Centre and visit the highly acclaimed Omaka Aviation Museum and collection of Peter Jackson aircraft. On our return we check into our centrally located motels and enjoy a night of Blenheim hospitality.

Tuesday 16th After breakfast we board our coach for the 300 plus km journey to Christchurch along the newly restored and rebuilt State Highway 1 along the South Island's East Coast. We will stop in Kaikoura and other places during the day to sightsee, take refreshments and enjoy the scenery. See the remarkable transformations of the geology and marine fauna that have occurred since the earthquakes and marvel likewise at the rebuilt railway running alongside. (At this stage no guarantee can be given that passengers can travel the railway, hence the coach option. If the situation changes we will advise you). On our arrival in Christchurch we transfer to our centrally located motel for our two night stay.

Wednesday 17th After Breakfast we are picked up by our coach for the short transfer to the Christchurch Railway station where we join our heritage train for a day trip to Arthurs Pass and return. At this stage Dg772 will haul the Steam Inc heritage carriages for our journey. Our train departs at 9.00 am and we spend the day travelling amongst majestic mountains, over numerous viaducts and bridges, through tunnels and enjoy the mountain air at Arthurs Pass. Our train is due back in Christchurch at 5.45 pm where our coach will transfer us back to our motel.

Thursday 18th Today our heritage train will take us across the Canterbury Plains, run along the coast south of Timaru, and cross the Waitaki River to arrive in the Victorian city of Oamaru. After a transfer by coach from our motel to the Railway station, our special train is scheduled to depart at 9.00 am and arrive in Oamaru at 2.30 pm. We welcome visiting Australian Rail Travellers and locals on board for this trip south. On our arrival at Oamaru we visit and ride the Oamaru Steam and Rail to the harbour and Blue Penguin colony. Time will be available to visit Steampunk HQ, a big drawcard in town as well as wander around the beautifully restored Victorian precinct. We check into our comfortable motels for our overnight stop.

Friday 19th This morning after breakfast we transfer to our train for a leisurely 9.30 am departure south to Dunedin. This rail trip will have passengers looking out the windows at the unfolding scenery as we traverse

the scenic line which both hugs the coastline and also goes inland at places. Pass through small hamlets of Hampden, Karitane, Maheno, Waianakura, Waitati, Warrington and more before we climb up and around Blueskin Bay and through the Mihiwaka Tunnel to view Port Chalmers on our descent into Dunedin. Our arrival in Dunedin is timed for 1.00 pm so the afternoon is free to explore. At our pre tour meeting I will discuss what passengers would like to do – a group coach tour or independent touring. We check into our centrally located Hotel within walking distance of the Railway Station which will be our home for the next 4 days.

Saturday 20th Today there are two options for our tour group. A full day coach tour is arranged to discover the delights of the Catlins area and go off the beaten track in Central Otago! Or Steam Inc will run the Dunedin Railways Silverfern railcar to Gore for a short transfer to Mandeville to visit Rogers K92, The Waimea Plains Railway group and Croydon Aviation Coy. This second option is an additional cost extra to the tour price. The coach will depart the Hotel and head south following the Southern Scenic Route which is not the main highway. We will visit Nugget Point Lighthouse, Purakaunui Falls, Owaka, Tahakopa, and other scenic delights as well as marine and fauna spotting. We then head to Lawrence, Gabriels Gully and other interesting places off the beaten track before returning to Dunedin via Mosgiel.

Sunday 21st Today we enjoy the scenic vistas of the Taieri Gorge Railway and one of the tour highlights for visiting Dunedin. The Dj Class locomotive of which Dunedin Railways have a number, celebrates its 50th Anniversary and Dunedin Railways will run a triple header Di, Dg and Dj train to Middlemarch to mark the occasion. We depart Dunedin at 9.30 am and arrive Middlemarch 12.00pm. With six hours at Middlemarch for various shuttle trips back to Pukerangi, our coach will take us on a tour of the Maniatoto visiting Ranfurly, Naseby and Danseys Pass, possibly for lunch at the historic hotel, before we rejoin the train for the return journey. We arrive back in Dunedin at 8.25 pm and a short walk sees us back at our hotel. A day to savour.

Monday 22nd Labour Day Today we venture to our furthest point south on our tour, riding our special train over 400km to Invercargill and return. Departing Dunedin at 8.00 am we traverse scenic South Otago and Southland regions passing through Gore and Mataura on our way to Invercargill. Extra time has been allowed to visit the Bill Richardson Transport World Museum at Invercargill, recently opened and drawing rave reviews. Some may even want to turn their hand to operating diggers which are available at the Museum! Others may wish to explore Invercargill on foot. Our return arrival in Dunedin is scheduled for 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 23rd We farewell Dunedin with a leisurely 9.30 am departure of our special train and head north to Palmerston, traversing the scenic coastline en route. Re-boarding our coach, we become rail-fans following the train to Oamaru with lineside stops along the way. Here we farewell our heritage train for the final time as it continues to Christchurch, while we visit notable historic landmarks in this area – Totara Estate, Clarks Mill etc, before continuing on an alternative inland route to enter the Waitaki River Valley at Kurow and cross the newly built Hakataramea bridge, which replaced a century old rail bridge. We follow the Waitaki Valley upstream visiting Waitaki, Aviemore and Benmore Hydro works before stopping for the night at Omarama.

Wednesday 24th We depart Omarama and journey north through Twizel and Mackenzie country, stopping to visit local sights. We then drive alongside Lake Pukaki to Aoraki/Mt Cook Village where time has been allowed to take in the majestic vistas and enjoy refreshments. Retracing our steps we pass through Tekapo stopping to admire the sights before continuing on through Burkes Pass to Fairlie and Cave. We then call in at Pleasant Point Railway for a short visit before continuing to Timaru for our evening stop and accommodation.

Thursday 25th Today, after breakfast we board our coach for further exploration and travel via the Inland Scenic Route. We pass through Geraldine, Mt Somers and other settlements before passing through the Raikaia Gorge and on to Windwhistle and Waddington. Crossing the Waimakariri River on an old railway

bridge we continue to Oxford and onwards through Amberley to the Weka Pass Railway. A welcome visit there then sees us return to Christchurch where we check into our hotel for our final two nights on the tour.

Friday 26th With our tour now in its penultimate day, our final full day of touring sees us travel by coach via Little River, French Farm and onwards to Akaroa. After an enjoyable time exploring the French atmosphere of Akaroa we return via the Okains Bay summit road, Gebbies Pass Rd and Governors Bay to view Lyttleton Harbour and hopefully time permitting a visit to Ferrymead Museum. After a full days touring we return to our hotel for one final nights accommodation.

Saturday 27th Today our tour concludes after breakfast and all arrangements finish. We say farewell to each other and make our own arrangements from then on. Passengers may check out at any time up till 10 am. For those flying back to Auckland that day, shuttles and transfers from the Hotel will be available for your convenience. Those passengers wishing to stay on in Christchurch make their own arrangements as required. We wish all our tour participants a safe trip home and look forward to meeting up at a later stage to share memories and photos.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Transport

We will be using Kiwirail and its Northern Explorer train, Heritage Carriages with open platforms and toilets owned by Steam Incorporated (note these carriages are not air conditioned). Heritage Steam Loco Ja1271 & Diesel locomotives Dg772 and hopefully Di1102 supplied by the Diesel Traction Group. (The Di is newly restored and yet to get mainline certification. It is hoped this will be completed by June. If for any reason registration is not completed the Dg will operate the entire train schedule). Trains of Dunedin Railways. Coaches will be supplied by Ritchie Coachlines.

Steam Incorporated are responsible and contracted for all heritage Rail Operations and trains will operate under their licence.

The planned train consist will be locomotive(s) and 5 heritage carriages one of which will act as a baggage van. There will be no buffet car attached to the train consist but provision of lunches and morning and afternoon teas en route on rail days has been allowed for.

The tour concludes in Christchurch. Passengers are responsible for organizing their return flight or other transportation back to their point of departure. Flights maybe able to be booked by the RES on their behalf.

NB Please do not book any flights until your booking has been confirmed and the tour confirmed as operating. This will be advised to you as soon as all bookings are received and accommodation confirmed.

Accommodation

Accommodation has been reserved in 3 and 4 star Hotels and Motels. As we are travelling during the October School holidays and general tourism is still very strong, the reservation of sufficient accommodation has been challenging. Therefore the range and style of units booked will vary in different locations. In a number of locations tour passengers will be booked in more than one accommodation establishment, however all will be close to each other.

Accommodation booked includes Studio, 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units. Therefore it is important that the accommodation section of your booking form is completed very accurately so that we can match appropriate accommodation. If you know of others travelling that you are willing to share 2 bedroom units with, please advise. Single accommodation will be arranged where possible - please see the supplement payable. Those that are travelling separately but are happy to share twin please indicate this option and every endeavor will be made to match your requirements. (Same sex only roomed together).aqw

Transport to accommodation will be provided in all locations apart from Paraparaumu, Oamaru and Dunedin where the accommodation is within walking distance of the Railway Station. All breakfasts are included however these may either be at the hotel/motel or as a group in a café.

Tour Cost \$4299 per Person, Share Twin Auckland to Christchurch, \$1000 Single Supplement

- This is based on payment by Cash, Cheque or Direct Credit. Credit Cards will attract a 3% surcharge.

Inclusions

- 14 nights accommodation on a twin share basis
- All transport by train, chartered train and coach as outlined in the Tour Itinerary.
- Breakfasts, some lunches and a group dinner. Details will be advised at the tour meeting.
- Morning and Afternoon Teas on the chartered train.
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified.
- Commentaries by Tour Escort, Drivers and Guides as applicable.
- Unique and interesting scenic tours showing the real South Island,

Exclusions

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel & Cancellation Insurance
- **Return Flight from Christchurch at Tour Conclusion**
- Some lunches as tour activities will be difficult to include all the tour party at once
- Evening meals unless specified (We find most people prefer to make their own arrangements and be flexible in their evening activities)

Health & Fitness

- To ensure the tour is enjoyable for all participants, a reasonable standard of fitness and mobility is required. Tour participants should have the ability to walk at least 500m comfortably as some accommodation is based on walking from the train to the motel. Likewise the ability to carry or move your own luggage is required as no porters will be available.
- Climbing on and off numerous trains and coaches can be demanding, particularly the height of some steps. Tour participants should be physically capable of meeting these demands.
- Regrettably mobility frames are not practical or able to be accommodated on this tour. Walking sticks are acceptable if required.
- Tour participants should ensure they are of reasonable fitness and not recovering from any recent operation or hospitalization.
- Please advise of any dietary requirements at time of booking – see booking form.

Travel Insurance

We recommend all participants take out suitable travel insurance to cover cancellation costs and flight bookings.

Bookings, Deposits and Final Tour Payments

Please complete the attached formal 'Booking Form' fully and mail, or scan and email it back to office@RES.org.nz as soon as possible. At the same time please pay the deposit.

Booking Applications cannot be accepted without payment of the deposit of **NZ\$800** per passenger.

We now prefer you to pay by direct Bank Transfer to our ASB Bank Account # 12 3027 0332084 00
In the 'details' section please show: Particulars: (Your) Surname Code: Trip 1803 Reference: South Island Tour

Otherwise, please make cheques payable to the Railway Enthusiasts' Society (Inc) and mail them to

PO Box 13 684, Onehunga, Auckland 1643

Fares may be paid by credit card but these will be subject to a 3% surcharge.

The final balance of your fare due needs to be paid by **31st August 2018**.

All bookings are subject to the "Conditions of Booking & Travel" set out below

Conditions of Booking and Travel on the RES South Island Springtime Scenic Rail Tour 2018

By completing and signing the attached Booking Form and requesting that a booking be made on the basis of this brochure and itineraries relating to this Railtour, intending passengers acknowledge and agree that when their booking is accepted by The Railway Enthusiasts' Society (Inc) ["The Society"], they, and all passengers included in their group covered by the booking are bound by the Society's Conditions of Booking and Travel as follows:

- The Society, The Glenbrook Vintage Railway Charitable Trust Board, Steam Incorporated, and all owners, employees and operators of any aircraft, locomotives, carriages and ancillary vehicles, road coaches, ships or other equipment used on or in connection with this Railtour accept no responsibility for injury, medical expenses, loss or damage howsoever caused and whether insured or not, to passengers or their belongings travelling on this Railtour, including consequential claims or expenses.
- The Society reserves the right to substitute the form and types of motive power that its Officers in their absolute discretion determine to be necessary, subject to availability and mechanical condition, and to vary schedules, including departure and arrival times and places, as may be required to meet operating requirements.
- The Society accepts no responsibility for any consequences of late running or varied schedules, including missed connections, however efforts will be made to keep passengers informed of any such changes or variations, the reasons for them, and steps being taken to meet passengers' reasonable expectations.
- Each booking will only be accepted if accompanied by a **deposit of \$800.00** per passenger. Passengers must agree to pay the balance of fares and other charges due by **31st August 2018**, or such other time as may be agreed to in writing between them and the Society.
- Refunds of deposits, net of any payments made from those deposits, requested from and received by the Society in writing up to and including **30th June 2018** will be made without any deduction other than a \$100 administration charge per person booked.
- No refunds of any part or all of any deposits or monies paid will be made if the refund request is received by the Society after **30th June 2018**, or after departure, if for whatever reason passengers do not utilize the included tour arrangements. *(Note: Travel Insurance may provide some degree of relief in limited cases.)*
- No refunds of fares paid or any other form of recompense will be given as a result of any person missing any aircraft, coach, train, riverboat etc on this Railtour and for whatever reason.
- No refunds of fares paid will be made in the event of breakdown en route, or the unavailability of the advertised means of conveyance.
- Passengers should restrict their luggage to one bag of reasonable weight only and 1 carry pack.
- Passengers will be responsible for their own luggage and possessions at all times, including moving these items to and from road vehicles, coaches, trains, hotel rooms, boats and airports.
- Passengers with disabilities requiring nursing or special attention must arrange for a companion attendant to travel with them. Society Officers and other passengers must not and cannot be expected to undertake such responsibilities on a continuing basis.
- All the standard Conditions of Carriage/Accommodation/Service applied by airlines, railway operators, hotels, coach, riverboat and other service providers engaged by the Society to provide passengers with services on this Railtour will apply to all passengers.
- All bookings will be processed in the order they are received. Should the tour be oversubscribed the Society in its absolute discretion will refund in full those bookings not able to be accommodated.

Alan Verry Tour Organizer on behalf of the Railway Enthusiasts Society Inc.

“RES SOUTH ISLAND SPRINGTIME SCENIC RAIL TOUR 2018”

The Organizer

“RES South Island Railtour” 2018
 The Railway Enthusiasts’ Society (Inc)
 PO Box 13 684, Auckland 1643

I / We have read and accept the “Conditions of Booking and Travel” contained on Page 6 of the brochure dated 14/04/2018 that apply to this Railtour, operated by the Railway Enthusiasts’ Society Inc. I confirm I have read the mobility notes in the booking form. Please book us places as follows:

NZ\$

BASIC FARE Package Costs:

1	South Island Railtour (Sat 13 th Oct to Sat 27 th Oct 2018):		
	Cash/Cheque/Direct Credit	(No.)..... persons @ NZ\$ 4299 each	\$.....
or			
	Credit Card @3.0% Surcharge	(No.)..... persons @ NZ\$ 4428 each	\$.....
2	Single Supplement for Single Accommodation		
		(No.)... ..persons @ NZ\$ 1000 each	\$.....
3	Optional Tours		
	Railcar to Gore Saturday 20th Oct	(No.)..... persons @ NZ\$ 100 each	\$.....

DEPOSITS

I/we have direct credited/enclose a cheque for deposits of **\$800** per person (\$.....)

BALANCE OF BASIC FARE due by 31st August 2018 \$.....

We now prefer you to pay by direct Bank Transfer to our ASB Bank Account # 12 3027 0332084 00
 In the ‘details’ section please show: Particulars: (Your) **Surname** Code: **Trip 1803** Reference: **South Island Tour**

- I/We agree to pay the balance of basic fare due on or before **31st August 2018**, together with full payment for any variations, additional services and “*Optional Activities*” selected and agreed to by me/us.
- I/We agree to allow our names to be included on Tour Lists etc made available to other passengers and third parties (eg hotels & shipping companies) who need this information

Signed.....Date...../...../2018

Names for Name Badges: 1).....2).....
 (Please record ‘N/A’ if you already have an RES gold name badge)

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BOOKING INFORMATION Required (continued)

Name(s) of Passengers Travelling

Mr / Mrs / Ms.....and

Mr / Mrs / Ms.....

Passengers' Home Addresses for Current Communications

(Address).....

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(Phone-Home)..... (Mob)..... Email.....

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETE FULLY AND ACCURATELY

- Accommodation Preferences: **Double / Twin beds / Either / Sole Occupancy** (additional cost)
(please circle one)
- Can share in a 2 Bedroom unit **Yes No** Please book us with theParty
- Share Twin with other Tour Party member (same Sex) **Yes No**
Note that 'pairing' of single members travelling by themselves but wishing to 'twin share' will be facilitated, but satisfaction cannot be guaranteed!
- I will board the Northern Explorer at: The Strand Papakura Hamilton Please circle one
- Any dietary requirements.....
- Optional -Travel Insurance Company (if known)Policy No.....

VARIATIONS TO STANDARD PACKAGE SUMMARY ITINERARY

Please indicate here any variations/additions that you *may* or do wish to make in connection with your personal arrangements for this Railtour eg:

- Return Flight from Christchurch on or after 27th October 2018 Yes / No
- Additional nights' hotel accommodation in Christchurch *after* 27th October 2018 Yes / No

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Note: Any 'variations' requested such as additional hotel room nights may be regarded as tentative at present without commitment on your part. Final commitments to any changes (and fare adjustments arising) will need to be made by you before 31st August 2018.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS & /or REQUESTS

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