

KAPITI ISLAND AND SOUTH COAST TOUR November 5 - 10, 2009



This tour takes us into three not often visited corners around the lower North Island. We start with the wonderful bird sanctuary on Kapiti Island and then on to the 'real' bottom of the island at Cape Palliser with its interesting colony of elderly bulldozers. Last but certainly not least, a ramble through the majestic east Wairarapa hills out to the coast at Porongahau. There's lots of other interesting attractions along the way.

Day 1 Thursday November 5 D

We depart Hamilton at 8.00am and make our way south through Te Awamutu and down the western bypass

around Lake Taupo. Following lunch in Waiouru we continue on to the Manawatu and Kapiti Coast where we arrive at our motel on Paraparaumu Beach in time to have a look around this rapidly developing area.

Day 2 Friday November 6 BD

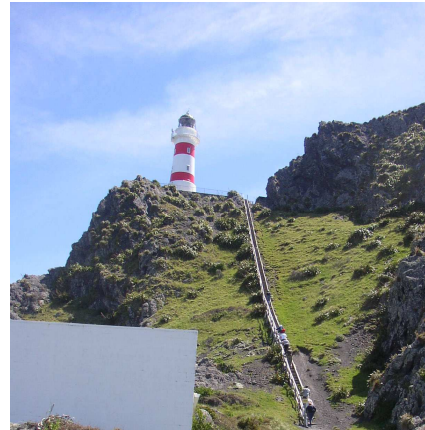
This morning we join our boat for the short trip out to Kapiti Island where we will have an informative talk by DOC staff and time to explore this wonderful bird sanctuary. Following lunch in Paraparaumu we will continue our nature tour with a visit to the Nga Manu Nature Reserve at Waikanae. A change of pace then with a visit to the famous Southward Car Museum and the Lindale Tourist Centre. We overnight again at Paraparaumu Beach.

Day 3 Saturday November 7 BD

We leave Paraparaumu this morning and head for the Capital City where we will visit the local sights including Parliament Buildings and Te Papa. We overnight in Wellington.

Day 4 Sunday November 8 BLD

Over the Paekakareiki and Rimutaka Hills this morning, morning tea at the Fell Engine Museum in Featherston. We then head down to the bottom of the North Island through Lake Ferry to Cape Palliser for a picnic lunch. You can work off your lunch climbing the 252 steps up the lighthouse if you wish. Passing back through the bulldozer settlement of Ngawihi we wander up through the Wairarapa to our overnight stop in Masterton. We pass through Martinborough and Greytown and visit the Paua Shell Factory in Carterton on the way.



Day 5 Monday November 9 BD

An interesting drive this morning as we take Highway 52 through to Porangahau and on to a lunch break at Waipukurau. We then make our way towards our overnight stop in Palmerston North with visits to the Norsewear factory shop, and Dannevirke's latest attraction, Fantasy Cave.

Day 6 Tuesday November 10 B

We start our day with a tour of the city and then begin our journey home down Highway 1. Lunch will be at Taihape and there will be time for a quick look at Taupo along the way. We return to Hamilton that evening.

6 days - 5 nights

Our usual all inclusive fully escorted package

Total Cost \$995

\$20 Deposit on booking, Balance of \$975 by September 17, 2009

Single Supplement \$275.00

Late bookings welcome subject to availability