



GOLD RUSH!



The Canterbury/West Coast Nationals After Tour Sunday 3rd - Thursday 7th March 2019

Thank you for expressing your interest in our 'Gold Rush' After Tour. In the 1860s the South Island's West Coast and Otago region became the richest gold-bearing areas of New Zealand, when hopeful miners from around the world flocked to seek their fortune. We'll be following the route of the Gold Rush pioneers along empty ribbon roads and through the gorgeous natural wilderness of rivers, rainforests, glaciers and snow-capped mountains. Our route is stunning, but it's also very isolated so for your enjoyment and safety there will be several committee members to show you the way. We'll make sure you get to see all the best places at your leisure and we've even reserved a group table at some great restaurants for our evening meals if you'd like to join in the fun.



Accommodation

We've reserved some units at the following suggested lodgings but these are filling up extremely fast so please book your preferred rooms straight away. Don't book online - phone or email them and mention the Triumph TR Nationals After Tour so that they know you are TR people. **If they're full or you can't find the room configuration you need please check out other lodgings nearby.**

Sunday 3rd March at Haast - ~~[Haast River Motels](#) 52 Haast Pass Highway, Ph: 03 7500020~~
~~Contact Tania Frisby at info@haastrivermotels.co.nz FULL~~
[Heritate Park Lodge](#) - Ph: 0800 526252

Monday 4th March at Wanaka - [Wanaka Hotel](#) Ph: 03 443 7826, email reservations@wanakahotel.co.nz or [Bella Vista Motel](#) Ph: Tom 03 443 6066 or email info@bvwanaka.co.nz

Tuesday 5th March at Cromwell -
~~[Colonial Manor Motel](#) Ph: Sharon or Steve on 03 445 0184, email info@colonialmanor.co.nz - FULL~~
[Lake Dunstan Motel](#) Ph: 03 445 1696 - email info@lakedunstanmotel.co.nz

Wednesday 6th March at Tekapo - [Lake Tekapo Village Motel](#) Ph: Julie on 03 680 6808

Thursday 7th March - Christchurch (if applicable)
[Pavilions Hotel](#) - Phone 03 355 5633 or email reservations@pavilion.co.nz
[Camelot Motor Lodge](#) - Phone 03 355 9124 or email info@camelot.co.nz

Activities - We will book these for you

We're also recommending some awesome activities which we've listed below, and hope you'll want to do them all! We will be contacting you again before Christmas for firm numbers so that we can pre-book these in with the operators.

1. [Wilkin River Safari](#) (\$130 per person - 10% discount if we get more than 8)

Learn about the history and geology of the region with an informative commentary from an experienced driver as you enjoy 50km of wilderness river jet boating amidst native beech forest, pristine river valleys and rugged ice capped mountains.



2. [Cardrona Distillery Classic Tour](#) (\$25 per person)

Fascinating guided tour lasting around 1 ½ hrs taking you through every step of making hand-distilled artisan spirits, finishing with a tasting to warm you up

3. [Highlands Motorsport Park Fast Laps!](#) (\$50 per car for 2 laps)

A very special invitation from the park to take our TRs onto the race-track and feel the adrenalin surge into our bloodstream as we give them full throttle!



4. [Highlands Motorsport Park Go Karts](#) (\$45 Single, \$49 Tandem)

Challenge your friends and set your fastest lap time on this superb 650m Go-Kart track.



5. [Highlands Motorsport Park Museum](#) (\$25 adult, \$15 Senior)

Discover all there is to know about NZ's motor racing history, see rare and special race cars, visit the hall of fame and enjoy a coffee in the Highlands Café.



6. [Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre](#) (\$20 per person) - Experience the Hillary museum, and the spectacular state-of-the-art Mount Cook Magic in 3D movie. Mount Cook Magic is an inspiring 3D cinematic experience unlike any other.

7. [Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club](#) (\$15 adult)

A magnificent collection of vintage and classic cars and farm machinery with many stand out unique pieces including a museum of household and other memorabilia from the 50s and 60s.



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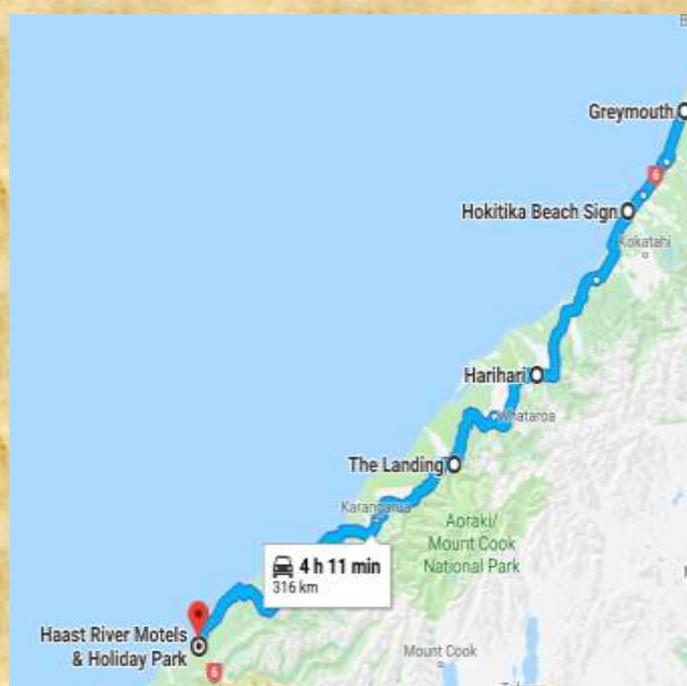
-  Outstanding Drive
-  Stop (attraction, view-point etc)
-  Café stop
-  Recommended Activity (pay on entry)
-  Rest

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Sunday 3rd March Greymouth to Haast

(State Highway 6 - 317km, 4h 12 min + stops)

Departing at around Midday, the isolated road provides us with a unique journey through lush rainforest and scenic rugged coastline, with the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of Mount Aspiring National Park in the distance. We've quite a distance to go this afternoon but there will be time for breaks at the hot-spots and afternoon tea at Franz Josef Village. The spectacular drive between Franz and Haast will have you grinning from ear to ear as you weave along the empty rainforest-lined road over raging rivers and around tight bluffs to the rugged Tasman coastline and then on to the tiny township of Haast. This is one of the last remaining completely untouched and unspoiled regions of NZ. Located at the heart of the South West UNESCO World Heritage Area, Haast is wild untamed and wonderful.



-  West Coast Drive
-  Hokitika Driftwood Beach
-  Hari Hari Village (Avro Biplane Replica)
-  Recommended Café stop- The Landing Café, (parking on Cron St), Franz Josef Glacier
-  Haast (table for 7pm reserved at the Hard Antler in the village)

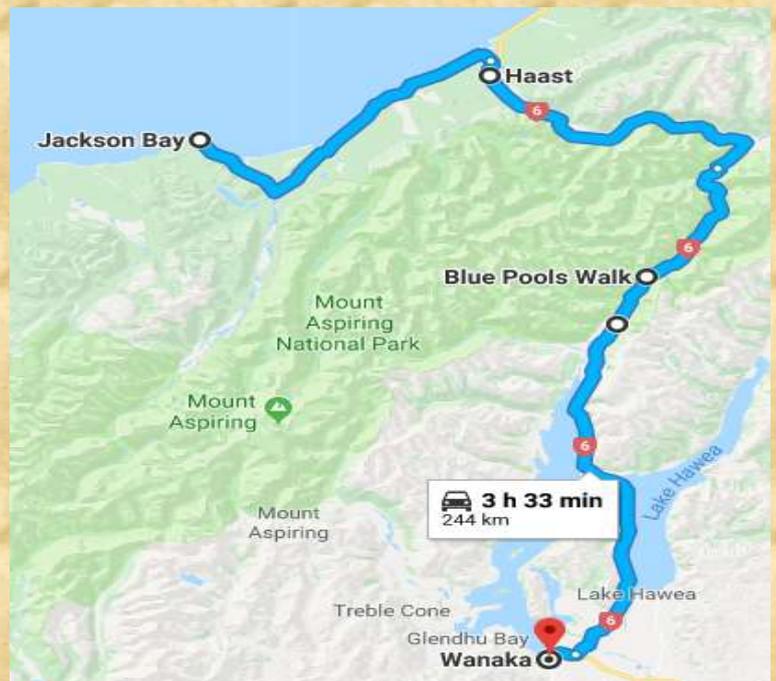


Monday 4th March [Haast to Wanaka](#)

(State Highway 6, Crown Range Road, State Highway 6 - 244km, 3h 33min + stops)

Weather permitting this will be a super drive starting with a sprint to isolated Jackson Bay where we literally run out of road. Beyond Jackson Bay sheer bluffs plunge into the sea and mountain ranges form an impenetrable barrier to motorised traffic. We we'll head back to the main road and enjoy the fabulous Haast Pass, with time for a walk via a swing bridge to the stunning 'Blue Pools' where the water is so clear you can see through to the bottom.

A coffee stop at Makarora will give the intrepid a chance to partake in the highly recommended Wilkin River Safari before arriving at beautiful Lake Wanaka. Take in the delights of this stunning lakeside town; we've booked a table for your evening meal if you'd like to join in all the fun!



 Haast Pass

 Jackson Bay - World Heritage area

 Blue Pools Walk

 Recommended Café stop - Makaroroa Country Café, 5507 Makarora-Lake Hawea Rd

 [Wilkin River Safari](#)

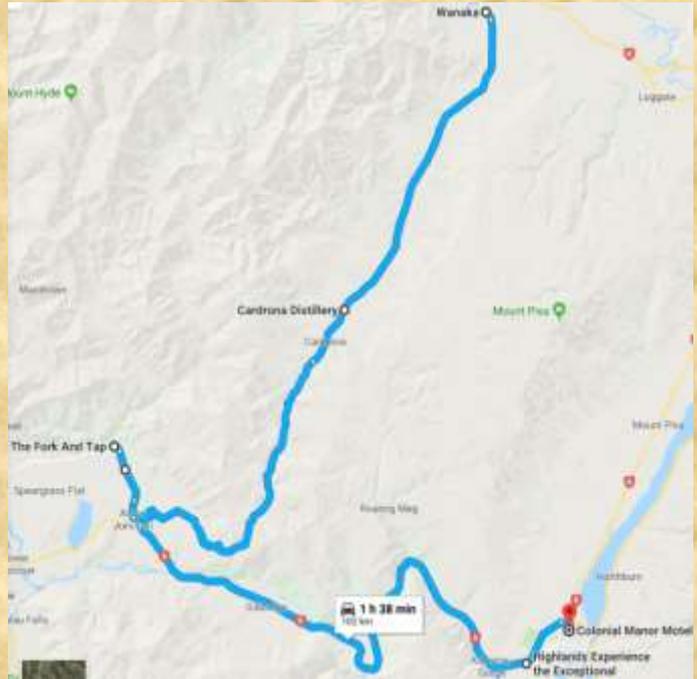
 Wanaka (table for 7pm reserved at Monteiths Lake Bar, 155 Ardmore St)



Tuesday 5th March Wanaka to Cromwell

(State Highways 6 & 8 - 113km, 1h 37 min + stops)

You're in for a drivers' treat as we head up and over the Crown Range this morning. At the highly recommended Cardrona Distillery you can learn about the art of making hand-distilled artisan spirits, finishing with a free tippie or two! After a compulsory photo-shoot at the summit over-looking Central Otago we descend down (make sure your brakes are up to spec!) to the historic gold-mining Arrowtown village. Try your luck at gold-panning, explore and enjoy your lunch while your cars cool down! It's then off to Cromwell for a couple of afternoon laps (not naps) at the fabulous Highlands Motorsports Park. Please note we need to be at Highlands by 3.30pm sharp! We will have a pace vehicle in front of us, but we did tell them not to worry about the normal 150km speed limit as we don't think many of us will get to that speed now unless they lengthen the back straight!



There will be an opportunity to tour the museum here too and for the boys (and girls at heart) there will be the chance to compete in a specially organised 'go-kart challenge race' for the ultimate TR bragging rights at Tuesday night's dinner!

-  Crown Range - NZ's highest tar sealed road
-  [Cardrona Distillery Classic Tour](#)
-  Arrowtown Historic Village
-  Recommended Lunch-stop - [The Fork & Tap](#), Restaurant & Bar
-  [Highlands Motorsport Park](#) Fast Laps! Cromwell
-  [Highlands Motorsport Park Go Karts](#) Cromwell
-  [Highlands Motorsport Park Museum Entry](#) Cromwell
-  Cromwell (for 7pm reserved at The Five Stags, 6 Barry Ave)



Wednesday 6th March - [Cromwell to Tekapo](#)

(State Highways 8, 80, 8 - 321km, 3h 59 min + stops)

Cromwell is another 'Gold Rush' town so before leaving the area we'll do a quick walk around the old Heritage Precinct to see the important historic buildings that were saved following the flooding of the original town in the early 1990s to make way for the Clyde Dam. We'll celebrate the fabulous drive over the Lindis Pass with a coffee at Omarama before the equally fabulous run along Lake Pukaki to Mount Cook Village. Here we highly recommend a visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre. A tribute to our Sir Ed, the centre showcases the Aoraki Mount Cook region, its people and its place in the universe, and features a spectacular state-of-the-art 3 D Mount Cook Magic movie, the world's southern most digital dome Planetarium, documentaries, and a Museum which documents the pioneering heart of the region and features the impressive Hillary Gallery. The final 100km sprint to beautiful Lake Tekapo takes us to our overnight accommodation for tonight, and once again, we've booked a table if you want to join in all the fun.



-  Cromwell Historic Precinct
-  The legendary Lindis Pass
-  Recommended Café stop - Wrinkly Rams Café, 24-30 Omarama Ave
-  Lake Pukaki Drive to Mount Cook Village
-  [Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre](#)
-  Lake Tekapo Village (table for 7pm reserved at Reflections in the Village)



Thursday 7th March - [Tekapo to Christchurch](#)

(State Highways 8, 79, 77 - 271km, 3h 31min + stops)

After a stunning night among the clearest skies in the world we set off for our final day, and our first stop at the pretty country town of Geraldine is the Vintage Car & Machinery Museum where there are over 1400 interesting exhibits on display. After morning tea at a superb farmshop we head towards Terrace Downs in the fabulous Rakaia Gorge for our lunch-stop We will call this a farewell lunch in case there are some vehicles leaving us to continue their journey home, but for those keen to see Christchurch we'll guide you there via the scenic inland route.



-  [Burkes Pass](#)
-  [Three Creeks Classic Car Memorabilia](#) (memorabilia and a shopping experience like no other!)
-  [Geraldine Vintage Car & Machinery Club](#)
-  Terrace Downs Resort for our Farewell Lunch (623 Coleridge Rd, Windwistle (End of Tour))
-  [Inland Scenic Route to Christchurch](#)

We hope you have a wonderful time and wish you safe travels.

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