



WEIR TOURS

NEW ZEALAND



Molesworth & Beyond

13th – 20th October 2025

Join us for a truly special tour designed with comfort, companionship, and New Zealand's rich beauty in mind. This 8-day journey takes you from the lush green landscapes of Taranaki through to the dramatic alpine scenery of the South Island's high country. Travel in comfort as we explore iconic locations, meet passionate locals, and enjoy exclusive experiences — from a private farm tour on the legendary Molesworth Station to coastal cruises, garden visits, and a touch of city charm in Wellington and Christchurch.

Each day offers a balance of scenic travel, interesting stops, and warm hospitality. With leisurely starts, comfortable coach travel, and handpicked experiences tailored for our travellers, this is more than just a tour — it's a memorable journey through some of New Zealand's most inspiring and untouched regions. Whether it's the wild beauty of Kaikōura, the serenity of Hanmer Springs, or the fascinating stories behind New Zealand's high-country stations, this itinerary promises connection, comfort, and discovery at every turn.

DAY 1 – Monday 13th Oct. (L, D)

New Plymouth — Wellington

We begin our journey south from Taranaki, enjoying the countryside from the comfort of our coach. Along the way, we'll make convenient stops to collect fellow travelers and allow for a short stretch if needed. We'll pause for a relaxed lunch at a café en route. This is a great time to enjoy a hot meal, stretch your legs, and get to know your fellow travelers.

Following lunch, we continue our drive toward the capital, taking in rolling hills and coastal views. Upon arrival in Wellington, you'll have some free time to explore at your own pace. You might like to visit Te Papa Museum or browse the CBD.

We'll regroup and head to our accommodation where you'll have some time to relax, freshen up, or simply unwind in comfort after the day's travels. Tonight, we dine onsite and enjoy a delicious meal in good company as we reflect on the day and look forward to the adventures ahead.

➤ Accommodation: **IBIS Hotel (04 94 7063)**



DAY 2 – Tuesday 14th Oct. (BF, MT, D)

Wellington - Picton

Enjoy a hearty buffet breakfast before boarding the coach where we are joined by a friendly local guide as we make our way to **Shenandoah Farm**, located just outside Wellington. Here we are treated to a guided tour of the property by the owner who gives a great insight into the rich agricultural and cultural history of the farm. Relax and take in the peaceful surroundings while enjoying a lovely morning tea, complete with baked treats and a warm drink.

We then head to Wellington's ferry terminal to prepare for our scenic sailing across the Cook Strait where you have time to get yourself some lunch. Enjoy the scenic views of the Marlborough Sounds from indoor lounges or outdoor decks.

Upon arrival in Picton, we'll disembark and head to our accommodation nearby and meet at the onsite restaurant to enjoy another group dinner.

➤ Accommodation: **Beachcomber (03 5738900)**

DAY 3 – Wednesday 15th (BF, MT, L, D)

Picton - Kaikoura

After breakfast we head to the Picton harbour and set off for the **Pāua Pearl Farm Tour**, a true highlight of the trip. We cruise through the Queen Charlotte Sound whilst enjoying a commentary from your friendly skipper and guide. Our destination, approximately one hour by boat, is Whakenui Bay on Arapawa Island, a small island of 75km² (29 square miles) flanked by Queen Charlotte Sound, Tory Channel and the Cook Strait. Here we are treated to a fascinating look at the sustainable practices behind this rare and beautiful ocean treasure and enjoy morning tea and a Picnic style lunch on our return journey to Picton.

From Picton we travel down the east coast of the South Island toward Kaikōura, with scenic stops along the way to enjoy the views and stretch as needed. Famous for its marine life and mountain-meets-sea vistas, Kaikōura offers a serene yet spectacular setting to unwind. We'll settle in at the charming Donegal House, known for its warm Irish hospitality and peaceful garden surrounds. Enjoy some downtime to rest or stroll the grounds before dinner.

➤ Accommodation: **Donegal House (03 319 5083)**

DAY 4 – Thursday 16th Oct. (B, MT, L, D)

Kaikoura – Hamner Springs

Enjoy a fresh country-style breakfast before we begin today's inland journey. We travel the beautiful State Highway 70, winding through rolling hills and rural landscapes, offering panoramic views of the mountains and valleys along the way.

We stop in the charming settlement of Waiau for Morning tea and some free time to explore Waiau's local museum, historic church, and cobb cottage. Here, we'll be joined by Ross Carter, owner and operator of Molesworth Tours, who will be our host and guide for the next few days as we journey into this remote and majestic high-country region.

Today's highlight is a guided visit to **Woodchester Station**, a working farm with a rich heritage and breathtaking scenery. The station owners will personally guide us around their unique property while we enjoy an authentic look at life on the land, along with stories passed down through generations. While hearing about the impact of the Kaikoura earthquake on the area we are treated to a farm-style lunch which will be served in a peaceful rural setting.

After our visit, we continue to Hamner Springs, a picturesque alpine village known for its hot pools and mountain charm. We arrive at our accommodation where we'll settle in for a 3-night stay. Take some time to relax, unpack, or explore the nearby shops and gardens at your leisure. Join us for dinner at the onsite restaurant, as we look forward to the days of high-country exploration ahead.

➤ Accommodation: **Drifters Inn (0800 374 383)**

DAY 5 - Friday 17th Oct. (B, L, AT, D)

Hamner Springs (Rainbow Station)

This morning, we will be collected for our **Rainbow Station** Day Tour. Climb aboard a comfortable 4x4 off-road tour coach, specially equipped with full air-conditioning and large windows for panoramic views. The professional, friendly Kiwi guides will share stories, insights, and history as you journey through one of New Zealand's most remote and breathtaking landscapes.

Travel through the stunning historic St James Conservation Area—once one of the country's largest high-country farms. Marvel at the expansive tussock lands of the Clarence River Valley and the roaming bands of wild station-bred horses.

Take a break and soak in the beauty of Lake Tennyson—known as the “jewel in the crown” of the Spenser Mountains. Enjoy the peace and quiet of this glacial lake, surrounded by red tussock lands and rugged peaks. We cross Island Pass, New Zealand’s highest public road at over 1,300 metres. This route offers spectacular high-country views of snow-fed streams, alpine lakes, glacial valleys, and scree-covered hillsides. Your guide will highlight unique geological formations from past ice ages.

We enter the Rainbow and Wairau Valleys via a dramatic natural mountain divide. These valleys are lined with craggy, beech-forested mountains and the lively Wairau River below, creating a striking contrast to the tussock highlands.

Enjoy a relaxing cup of tea or coffee and a light snack at a scenic rest stop. Take a moment to reflect on the day and stretch your legs. Then sit back, relax, and enjoy the comfort of the coach as your guide concludes with more commentary and answers any final questions, before we arrive back at our accommodation.

➤ Accommodation: **Drifters Inn (0800 374 383)**



DAY 6 – Saturday 18th Oct. (B, L, AT, D)
Hamner Springs (Molesworth Station)

Today is a true New Zealand High Country Experience. Welcome to the legendary **Molesworth Station**, covering over 180,000 hectares — an area nearly the size of Stewart Island. Rich in pioneering history and framed by dramatic alpine landscapes, this vast high-country farm is now managed by Landcorp under the stewardship of the Department of Conservation.

Drive through a stunning array of scenery — from rolling tussock-covered hills and river valleys to rugged mountain ranges. Along the way, learn about Molesworth’s unique farming legacy, early settler challenges, and the flora and fauna that thrive in this vast, remote region. Stop for a relaxing and sociable picnic lunch in a location within the station. Enjoy fresh, locally prepared fare while surrounded by breathtaking backdrops — the perfect chance to breathe in the fresh high-country air.

Wind your way through remote backcountry trails that few get to experience. Highlights may include historic cob cottages, cattle mustering sites, and majestic alpine rivers. The wide, open landscape and sense of scale provide a truly humbling experience. We pause for a cup of tea or coffee and light refreshments at another scenic rest area. Capture some final photos or simply enjoy the serenity of New Zealand's largest working farm. Then sit back and enjoy the ride back, with time to ask questions or quietly reflect as the stunning countryside passes by your window— a true highlight of any South Island journey.

➤ Accommodation: **Drifters Inn (0800 374 383)**

DAY 7 – Sunday 19th Oct. (B, MT, L, D)

Hamner Springs – Christchurch

Today it's time to say farewell to the alpine charm of Hanmer Springs. Settle into your coach seat as we begin our journey south toward Christchurch.

Our first stop is at the **Iron Ridge Quarry Sculpture Park**, nestled in the hills of North Canterbury. Enjoy a relaxed morning tea on-site as you're welcomed by the owners. You'll hear their inspiring story and enjoy a personal tour of the striking sculpture installations that blend seamlessly into the natural quarry landscape.

We continue to the beautiful **Amberley House**, a stately residence rich in charm and history. Here you will be guided through the house, gardens, and historic stables, by the owners. This exclusive experience offers a rare glimpse into classic country life and New Zealand's heritage architecture.

We then head into Christchurch where we step back in time as we join a local Christchurch company for a nostalgic city exploration. Learn about the city's colonial roots, earthquake recovery journey, and ongoing transformation, with opportunities to see iconic sights such as the Christchurch Cathedral, Botanic Gardens, and historic trams.

For our final night of the tour, we meet at the onsite bar to cheers to a great High-Country adventure before enjoying a wonderful dinner together.

➤ Accommodation: **Pavilions Hotel (03 355 5633)**

DAY 8 – Monday 20th Oct. (B)

Christchurch – Home.

All good things must come to an end, and with bags packed and memories made, we make our way to Christchurch Airport for our flight home. Your tour guide will be on hand to assist with check-in and farewells. Depart with new friendships, unforgettable experiences, and stories to share — a perfect end to a remarkable New Zealand journey.

Total cost Molesworth & Beyond tour 2025:

Tour payments per person

- Twin/Double share: **\$ 4950 pp** ex New Plymouth/Hawera/Wanganui
- Single Supplement: **\$ 5795 pp**

- Deposit due at time of booking **\$1000 pp**

Please note your seat is not secure until deposit has been paid!!

Balance of tour payment due 60 days prior to departure –

Tour cost covers:

- All activities/attractions stated in **bold**.
- Air NZ Flights: Christchurch – New Plymouth.
- All coach travel as stated in the itinerary.
- Interislander Ferry
- 2 – 3 course or buffet dinners every night.
- Breakfast every morning (continental and/or cooked on occasions).
- Lunch on days indicated
- Morning & afternoon teas as stated in itinerary.
- Twin share accommodation (single supplement available if you do not have a travel partner)
- Experienced Tour Leader.
- Quality tour coach.
- Tour photos.



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TERMS & CONDITIONS....

(Applicable for New Zealand Tours 1 March 2025 – 30 June 2026)

Acceptance Of Terms & Conditions

If you have booked a tour with us and pay your deposit, you are deemed to have accepted these terms. We may ask you to sign a copy of these terms when you join a tour to provide a record that you have accepted these terms.

Itineraries

The Itinerary for your tour package was correct at the time of date and printing, however it is subject to change without notice. Your itinerary could change due to road or weather conditions, changes imposed by other tour operators or a range of other factors beyond our control. You agree that we have no liability to you for changes to your itinerary.

Price Amendments

Prices were correct at the time and date of printing; however, Weir Bros Ltd reserves the right to amend the price subject to any changes in price imposed by other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary or increases in government or other levies.

Health & Fitness

All passengers are required to acknowledge they are in reasonable health and are considered fit to travel and are not travelling contrary to any medical advice. Passengers should be able to walk moderate distances to be able to participate in activities and sightseeing opportunities. By acknowledging their health and fitness to participate passengers are indemnifying us from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any lack of health and fitness. We reserve the right to remove a passenger from a tour if their health or fitness interferes with any other passenger's experiences or the day-to-day running of the tour.

Travellers Who Require Assistance

We kindly request that, as part of joining our Packaged Tour, you share with us at the time of booking any disabilities or conditions that may

require special attention. This includes, but is not limited to, physical disabilities, difficulties with mobility, impairments in hearing or eyesight, or neurological conditions. Should your health circumstances change after booking and before your travel date, we respectfully ask that you inform us of any new needs for special assistance. Please rest assured that we will make every effort to accommodate such requirements. However, we must highlight that there may be situations where we are unable to do so, and we cannot be held responsible in cases where services are denied by third-party providers, including airlines, accommodations, or tour operators. Where a minimum level of mobility is required to participate in a tour, we reserve the right to deny a passenger's travel request, for both their safety and the safety of staff and other passengers.

Health & Safety Information including COVID-19

At Weir Bros our first priority is your safety and enjoyment while you are travelling with us.

While we have always maintained a high standard of cleaning on our coaches. We have increased the frequency of cleaning when we are traveling on tours to help ensure your safety. Hand sanitiser will be provided, and we ask that you maintain government standards in terms of hygiene practices, this includes washing or sanitising hands frequently. For the health and safety of all passengers and staff on tour, any passengers showing symptoms of illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard the coach unless they can provide a negative Covid-19 test result received within the past 24 hours.

Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their Tour Manager and may be required to visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To continue the tour the passenger must provide a negative Covid-19 test and be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger's own expense.

Payments, cancellations & Amendments

A deposit of 20% is required to Weir Tours at the time of booking to confirm your reservation and

acknowledges your agreement to our terms and conditions. All balance payments must be received by Weir Bros prior to or on the date specified for final payment. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. If the full tour price is not received by this date, we reserve the right to cancel your booking. Payments can be made with Cash, Eftpos / Credit or Direct Debit via the account number supplied on the payment form. Please note if paying via credit card you will incur a fee of 2.5% on top of the original price. Weir Bros reserves the right to amend or reschedule the tour due to the result of circumstances outside the company's control. Weir Bros also reserves the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers and in this instance a substitute date may be offered, or a full refund will be made available. Tour Prices exclude drinks, travel insurance or items of a personal nature. Weir Tours Ltd is not liable for any cancellation or change to cost or penalties incurred via third party travel arrangements, including air travel, that may be affected thereby. Weir Tours are not liable for all additional costs incurred and these will be passed onto you. Please ensure you have sufficient insurance to cover any costs incurred for unforeseen disruptions. Weir Tours is not responsible for other travel arrangements that you or your party have made outside of those made by Weir Tours and which are affected by our cancellations or amendments.

Force Majeure

Force Majeure Event means any event or circumstance beyond the control of Weir Tours, which has the effect of preventing, restricting or changing the nature of the products and services sold to you including but not limited to: (a) an act of god (such as earthquake, flood, fire, explosion, landslide, lightning, action of the elements, force of nature, washout, typhoon, hurricane cyclone, tsunami, storm or storm warning of natural disaster); (b) industrial disputes, work ban or other labour dispute or difficulty; (c) acts of terrorism, political unrest, war or threat of war, riots or civil strife; (d) failure or delays to scheduled transportation and the closure of airports or ports; (e) Pandemic, epidemic or health risk including Covid-19; (f) all governmental and administrative actions, guidance and measures in any territory (including closure of borders and travel warnings and restrictions) Weir Tours have the right to cancel

amend or reschedule your packaged tour during or following any force

Majeure and if we do so you agree that we have no liability to you for any direct or indirect consequences of the cancellation, amendment or rescheduling.

Travel Insurance

Weir Bros strongly advises all passengers to purchase travel insurance when booking a tour. A comprehensive travel insurance policy gives peace of mind for unexpected issues or emergencies that may arise prior to or during a tour. Weir Tours cannot be held responsible for your failure to obtain Insurance which is appropriate, and we recommend you purchase your insurance at the time of, or soon after, booking your trip. Weir Tours will not be held liable for any costs incurred resulting from your failure to obtain adequate travel insurance.

Travel Insurance – International Travel

It is a booking condition for all passengers travelling on Weir Bros overseas tours to have a travel to have an insurance policy with comprehensive cover valid for the dates of travel.

Passports – International Travel

All travellers on overseas tours require a current passport which must have a minimum validity of six months after the date you return from the tour to New Zealand. We will require a copy of your passport details when you make a booking.

Visas, Customs and Immigration

Compliance with any immigration, customs and/or quarantine regulations is the client's responsibility. Weir Bros cannot, under any circumstances, be held liable nor responsible if applicable rules and regulations are not observed.

Luggage

Although every effort will be made to will be made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline, and group carrier handling. Therefore, it is important for protection that passengers make certain that they have adequate travel insurance to cover such eventualities.

Car Parking at Weirs depots

The car parking facility ("Facility") at Weir Bros Depot 50a Fantham Street, Hawera, and 17 Turuturu Road, Hawera, is provided for the convenience of our patrons only. The use of this Facility is entirely at the risk of the vehicle owner. Weir Bros Ltd ("Company") shall not be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, or vandalism to vehicles or their contents while parked in the Facility. The Company disclaims all liability for any accidents, injuries, or damages that may occur within the Facility, including but not limited to, collisions between vehicles, slips, falls, or any other accidents. All vehicles parked at the Facility must be properly insured. By using the Facility, the vehicle owner or operator agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its employees and affiliates from any claims, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses arising out of or in connection with the use of the Facility.

Our Responsibilities

Weir Tours are responsible for booking and packaging goods and service provided by other operators such as hotels, attractions, and transportation companies to create your packaged tour. We take all practicable steps to ensure the safety and comfort for all involved in this packaged tour. We are not responsible and have no liability to you for the terms of the other operators or for any loss, damage, omission or acts of negligence or otherwise, committed by those other operators.

Your Responsibilities

You agree to behave reasonably throughout the tour and not to be a nuisance to other passengers. You agree to comply with our reasonable requests and the requests of other operators. You indemnify Weir Tours for any liability, costs, damages or other expenses we suffer or incur as a direct or indirect consequence of your behaviour while part of your package tour.

Removal From Your Package Tour

For the Wellbeing of all passengers on your packaged tour, Weir Tours reserve the right to remove you from the tour and cancel your booking with us if you breach any of your obligations under the terms provided that, except in the case of a serious breach (as determined by Weir Tours) we will give you notice of your breach and a reasonable opportunity (which will be no

more than 2 days) to remedy the breach before exercising our cancellation right. In the case of a serious breach, we can exclude you from the tour and cancel your booking by immediate, verbal, or written notice to you. In the event of such cancellation, you will be responsible at your cost for arranging any accommodation or travel costs and other matters as required as a direct or indirect consequence of the cancellation. In the event of removal from a tour no refund will be given.

Privacy Act Waiver

Travellers joining our tours automatically give consent for us to pass essential personal information to our suppliers on the tour as necessary. This information may include full name; address; passport number; travel details; contact details; dietary requirements and health information.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation fees depend on when Weir Tours receives notification of a cancellation.

Bookings cancelled more than 60 days before departure incur 20% of tour cost.

Bookings cancelled between 59 and 45 days before tour commencement will forfeit 50%

31-44 Days Prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 75%

0-30 Days prior to tour commencement you will forfeit 100% of your tour price (No Refund)