

WHY STRAY?

Get further off the beaten track

Whakahoro, North Island



Blue Duck Station: A Place to Stray YouTube

HOP-ON HOP-OFF

- + Stray is a New Zealand guided hop-on hop-off bus network.
- + 'Stray' is what we do best! Some bus companies will just take you from A to B and focus on the main tourist stops with barely a toilet break in between! We are Stray and Stray is what we do! That means with us you will experience great stops en-route and travel to unique and exclusive places you will never find on your own
- + Our extensive travel network includes more off the beaten track gems than any of our competitors. You can travel cheaper but you will miss out!
- + Our passes include: land transport around New Zealand, guidance and commentary from your driver-guide, special deals on activities and access to our expert local knowledge on New Zealand
- + The length of your Stray trip depends on how long you have to spend in New Zealand. All passes are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. Spend up to a year hopping on and off as much as you like or see the county in a few weeks using Stray as a guided transport service. It's totally up to you!
- + Our trips are active, so bring some good walking shoes and a daypack. We include some great activity options, and cater for all fitness levels

VISIT UNIQUE LOCATIONS WITHOUT GETTING OFF THE BUS

- + Tongariro Alpine Crossing (rated as New Zealand's best one day walk) or skiing National Park
- + Nature walks on Stewart Island
- + Walk, sail or sea kayak in Abel Tasman National Park

- + Jade carving in Punakaiki
- + Surf the world famous surf spot, Raglan
- + Fiords, mountains and glaciers in Fiordland and Mt. Cook

SAVE AND GET OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

- + No need to pay for costly side trips; we take you to all the main centres but access so much more. Stay in Tongariro National Park, Fiordland and Abel Tasman National Park...
- + We pick up and drop off at your accommodation
- + Get advice on free activities from our experienced crew

OVERNIGHT OFF THE BEATEN TRACK IN REAL NEW ZEALAND

- + On a real high country sheep/cattle station
- + In a traditional Maori marae



- + Spend the night at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain, Mt. Cook
- + At the foothills of Te Urewera National Park in remote lake edge accommodation
- + Overnight in Fiordland, UNESCO World Heritage site
- + At an eco-surf retreat in Raglan
- + Amongst the wildlife on Stewart Island
- + Stay in or nearby nine of the fourteen national parks
- + (Including Tongariro, Fiordland, Aoraki/Mt. Cook, Abel Tasman and Rakiura)

MEET THE BEST PEOPLE

- + Stray drivers/guides help you every step of the way - from booking accommodation and activities, to showing you the best place to get a mince pie. They'll hang out with you, share personal experiences, local legends, and offer meaningful information about the local culture environment and history
- + We attract independent people from a huge range of nationalities and ages - people who want to get involved in the place they are travelling rather than just look out the bus window. You'll be friends for life in no time!
- + Meet new travellers and Stray crew as often as you like. One of the best things about being a backpacker is meeting new people. Hopping off and joining a new group means you are making new mates all the time

ACCOMMODATION

- + We guarantee your first nights' accommodation in each destination - even in peak periods
- + Pay for your accommodation locally and as you go. No deposits, no credit card details, no need to pre-book online, enjoy ultimate flexibility!
- + Prices range from NZ\$25-\$35 per night, with the exception of Mourea and Lake Aniwhenua. The Mourea cultural night is NZ\$80.00 including bed, breakfast and cultural show; and Lake Aniwhenua is NZ\$75 including bed, breakfast, traditional Maori welcome ceremony and guided Maori tour

OUR AVERAGE GROUP SIZE IS 30

- + Our average group size is 30
- + You won't feel herded around
- + Smaller group sizes means more accommodation and activity options
- + Easy to meet people and make new friends
- + Plus, we can 'get you off the beaten track' to visit more places and do more in a day!

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY WITH STRAY

- + We have been awarded the Qualmark Enviro Gold Status (New Zealand tourism's highest official environmental quality mark) for our conservation and environmental efforts
- + We truly care for our environment and encourage you to get involved: plant a tree for free, learn about our native species and the impact of introduced pests, and help clean up the local environment in our monthly 'Polish My Pipi' day
- + We lower our carbon emissions by using mini-coaches and only running buses as needed
- + By choosing Stray, you are helping reduce your own carbon footprint, because travelling by bus is one of the most environmentally friendly ways to travel. Orange is the new green!
- + For more information go to: <http://www.straytravel.com/how-it-works/orange-is-the-new-green/>



Stay in Abel Tasman and plant a tree for free. Come back and visit your tree in years to come!

Get a FREE ECO-BAG for helping us out!



A Typical Day on Stray

We normally get on the road around 7-9am each day. We generally make time to stop and pick up breakfast, and take our time on the road making lots of stops to allow for walks, photo opportunities and activities.

Our driver will point out places of interest and knows the best places to stop. Although we have estimated arrival times at each overnight destination, we aren't held to them. If there's something cool happening or we're having an epic time we won't rush to get to that night's accommodation.

We're not an express service...we like to Stray.



Free Stuff

- + Commentary and local driver tips
- + Tree hugging at Parry Kauri Forest
- + Axe throwing, Whakahoro
- + Star gazing, Mt Cook
- + Dune Surfing, Northland
- + West coast sunset and glow worm spotting in Raglan
- + Waitomo Valley Caves walk
- + Taranaki Falls and Tawhai Falls (Gollums pool) walks
- + Mussel tasting, Marahau
- + Seal spotting, Kaikoura
- + Abel Tasman National Park walk
- + Punakaiki Pancake Rocks
- + Lake Matheson, Mirror Lake
- + Lord of the Rings scenery
- + Sea lion, penguin and dolphin spotting
- + Fishing and mountain biking in Picton
- + Photograph stunning UNESCO World Heritage scenery

This is just some of the free stuff we do along the way!



Abel Tasman National Park, South Island

“ I had seen and heard of amazing places in NZ but it was the places I hadn't heard of that blew me away! ”



Tongariro National Park, North Island



HOP-ON HOP-OFF PASSES

OUR MOST POPULAR PASSES



UNIQUE STRAY STOP-OVERS NORTH ISLAND



RAGLAN

Sleep amongst native bush near the beach, hang-ten and learn to surf at Raglan surf school, see a west coast sunset and spot glow worms.

MOUREA

Sleep like a local in a whareni (Maori meeting house), immerse yourself in NZ indigenous culture, join in a Kapa Haka (Maori song/dance), hang out with a local family.

LAKE ANIWHENUA

Discover a region not yet touched by commercialism. Learn about ancient Maori history, see ancient stone carvings, catch eels and learn traditional flax weaving.

TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

Wander snow laden craters, past volcanic peaks, and dramatic scenery on one of the most spectacular treks in New Zealand, the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

WHAKAHORO (2 Nights)

Stay overnight on a remote working sheep and beef station. Learn about conservation efforts. Kayak, walk or take a 4WD tour through NZ wilderness.

KEY

- Our bus routes (full/short routes)
- Unique Stray night stops
- Night stops
- (2) 2 night stop
- Places of interest / activities
- Lord of the Rings Locations
- Ferry crossings (Price not included)
- Stray Bus NZ
- National Parks
- Unlimited travel

Unlimited Travel

Travel around on the same pass as many times as you like for up to 12 months from the first day of travel. Please note Unlimited Travel* is not available for routes north of Auckland or Christchurch to Greymouth.

Minimum Days
Range of days it takes to do the pass. Depending on which day you depart, the number of minimum travel days will lie within the range of days provided. Please check the current timetable on the website or talk to your agent. (Timetables subject to change).

(\$ Prices are in NZD and include GST.



UNIQUE STRAY STOP-OVERS SOUTH ISLAND



MARAHAU (Abel Tasman National Park)

Explore this stunning coastal national park with natural golden sand beaches; a great place to hop off and explore via kayak, water taxi or go for a walk.

PUNAKAIKI

Stay in an exclusive nature retreat; see the famous Pancake rocks and blowholes, make your own jewellery out of jade or bone.

AORAKI/MT COOK NATIONAL PARK

Stay at the base of New Zealand's highest mountain; take photos of awe-inspiring alpine scenery and glacial lakes.

RANGITATA

Visit one of Canterbury's original sheep stations, amongst Lord of the Rings scenery. Get outdoors, go horse trekking or wander through native bush.

GUNNY'S CAMP (Fiordland National Park)

Located in the solitude of Hollyford Valley, star gaze, spot glow-worms and listen out for Kiwi bird calls.

STEWART ISLAND (Rakiura National Park)

Access NZ's third island; enjoy an abundance of activities such as fishing, kayaking, diving, bird watching and tramping tracks.



NATIONAL PASSES

START: ANYWHERE
FINISH: ANYWHERE

MAXIMUS
\$1725
Min. days: 27-30
Unlimited Travel*

STRAV MOST POPULAR
MAX
\$1565
Min. days: 24-25
Unlimited Travel

SHORT MAX
\$1265
Min. days: 20
Unlimited Travel

START: AUCKLAND
FINISH: CHRISTCHURCH

MOE
\$1455
Min. days: 22-23
Unlimited Travel

SHORT MOE
\$1155
Min. days: 18
Unlimited Travel

SHORT MAX
\$1265
Min. days: 20
Unlimited Travel

START: CHRISTCHURCH
FINISH: AUCKLAND

ARTHUR
\$1235
Min. days: 13-15
Unlimited Travel*

SHORT ARTHUR
\$935
Min. days: 9-10
Unlimited Travel*

START: CHRISTCHURCH OR PICTON
FINISH: AUCKLAND

DAVE
\$1175
Min. days: 17-18
Unlimited Travel

SHORT DAVE
\$875
Min. days: 13
Unlimited Travel

NORTH ISLAND PASSES

JACK
START: AUCKLAND
FINISH: AUCKLAND
\$105 Min. days: 2-3

PATCH
START: AUCKLAND
FINISH: AUCKLAND
\$210 Min. days: 3-5

MURPHY
Plus OR
START: AUCKLAND
FINISH: AUCKLAND
\$270 Min. days: 3-5



JILL
START: ANYWHERE
FINISH: ANYWHERE
\$595 Min. days: 8
Unlimited Travel

STRAV MOST POPULAR
TOM
START: ANYWHERE
FINISH: ANYWHERE
\$495 Min. days: 8-8
Unlimited Travel



SOUTH ISLAND PASSES

RON
START: ANYWHERE
FINISH: ANYWHERE
\$1035 Min. days: 17-18
Unlimited Travel

SHORT RON
START: PICTON
FINISH: CHRISTCHURCH
\$975 Min. days: 13-15
Unlimited Travel



STRAV MOST POPULAR
WILLY
START: ANYWHERE
FINISH: ANYWHERE
\$745 Min. days: 12-14
Unlimited Travel

SHORT WILLY
START: PICTON
FINISH: CHRISTCHURCH
\$675 Min. days: 10-12
Unlimited Travel



Q
START: ANYWHERE
FINISH: ANYWHERE
\$985 Min. days: 12-13

SHORT Q
START: ANYWHERE
FINISH: ANYWHERE
\$695 Min. days: 9



STEW
START: QUEENSTOWN
FINISH: CHRISTCHURCH
\$395 Min. days: 6
Unlimited Travel

BURT
START: QUEENSTOWN
FINISH: QUEENSTOWN
\$345 Min. days: 3
Unlimited Travel



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