

## **Bugatti International Meeting 2020 Newsletter 2**

Welcome to our second newsletter that will inform you about the tours we are planning for you when you join us in New Zealand in 2020.

**PLEASE NOTE – DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL WE HAVE HAD TO MOVE ALL THE DATES LATER BY ONE WEEK. THE NEW DATES AND MODIFIED ROUTES ARE SHOWN BELOW**

This newsletter contains an outline of the route we will be taking and the main events we will be joining in with. Please note that some details may be subject to change but the main outline is fixed.

### **Central North Island Tour**

#### **Saturday Day 1 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Arrive at downtown Auckland hotel where we will be having a welcome cocktail party and dinner.

#### **Sunday Day 2 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Day trip in Auckland – probably to Waiheke Island

In the evening we will be having dinner at a private opening of Kelly Tarlton's aquarium.

#### **Monday Day 3 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Drive to Whitianga on the Coromandel Peninsula. Route takes us round the coast road from Thames – once we have got out of Auckland. We will be lunching at the Mussel Kitchen in Coromandel township. Then on to Whitianga where we will overnight at the Beachside Resort. Dinner and breakfast are next door at the Lost Spring Spa resort where you can really pamper yourself. (sit in the hot pools and be served cocktails). Distance approx. 200km

#### **Tuesday Day 4 18<sup>th</sup> February**

From Whitianga we drive down the coast to Waihi, Take the time here to check out Martha's Mine – a massive open cast gold mine in the middle of the town. Lunch at Waitete Orchard Restaurant in Waihi, then drive through the Karangahake Gorge, then across some pastoral country to finish up at Hamilton. For the evening function we will have a private viewing, welcome drinks and dinner at Tom Andrew's Automotive Museum. Overnight at the Distinction Hotel, Hamilton. Distance approx. 200km.

### **Wednesday Day 5 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Drive through Waitomo to overnight at New Plymouth via one of two routes.

First route for visitors who wish to visit the Otorohanga Kiwi House and the Waitomo glowworm caves. This group will drive directly to Otorohanga to be at the Kiwihouse by 10.30am to watch them being fed. Then onto Waitomo for lunch. After lunch there is a 1 hour trip through the Glowworm caves. Following this, drive down to New Plymouth. These visits to be paid for individually.

Second route, for those who have already seen the kiwis and caves, will be taking a scenic part coastal route from Hamilton round Kawhia Harbour to end up at Waitomo for lunch. After lunch this group will drive straight to New Plymouth.

Overnight at the Waterfront Hotel, New Plymouth. Direct route approx. 240km, scenic route 300km.

### **Thursday Day 6 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Quick look at New Plymouth then leave for the Chateau. The route takes us up Mount Taranaki (Volcano) for the views, then via Stratford to the Forgotten Highway. This is a fabulous route through the 'back blocks' of New Zealand. We will be having lunch at the Whangamomona Pub, the most remote pub in New Zealand. From there we head across to Taumarunui, National Park, then to the Chateau Hotel on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu ( another volcano)

Overnight and dinner at the Chateau. Distance approx. 230km

### **Friday Day 7 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Drive from the Chateau to Napier. We can have a lazy start here as we only need to drive to the Army Museum at Waiouru for lunch. You can drive up Mount Ruapehu and get the ski lifts up to an excellent café for great coffee and views. You can also, weather permitting, take a spectacular plane flight over the volcanic region (Ruapehu has a hot lake at the top!). Or you may wish to drive straight to Waiouru and have a look through the Army Museum. After lunch we drive across another of New Zealand's great roads. Commonly known as the Gentle Annie.

Overnight at the Crown Hotel Napier. Approximate distance 230km

### **Saturday Day 8 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Day in Napier. We join in the Art Deco weekend here. Napier is famous the world over for this fantastic event. We will join in with the local vintage car club for the main vintage car parade and then have restricted downtown parking available for us as we will be in period

cars. Bugatti will be the featured marque for the weekend. Enjoy the fun – guarantee you will never have seen anything like it. Self-catered lunch

### **Sunday Day 9 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Morning in Napier with the vintage Car Club and the festivities then after lunch (self-catered) we will be taking a trip to a gannet colony nearby and finishing at a local vineyard for dinner.

### **Monday Day 10 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Leave Napier and proceed to Gisborne. This route follows the East Coast along some beautiful countryside. Gisborne claims the honour of being the first city in the world to see the sunrise (because of the international dateline). If you wish you will be able to see this from the beach just by the hotel. Approximate distance 220km

### **Tuesday Day 11 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Drive from Gisborne to Rotorua via the Waioeka Gorge, a great and spectacular drive. Approximate distance 275km.

### **Wednesady Day 12 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Back to Auckland via Cambridge (for self-catered lunch). Straightforward run. Final function at our downtown Hotel. Approximate distance 280km- scenic, (or 220km if you use the main State Highway)

### **Thursday Day 13 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Final breakfast and farewells.

Please note the following:

There will be a luggage truck accompanying us throughout the route so you need not be restricted by your car's luggage capacity.

There will be a breakdown truck and trailer following us in case someone is unfortunate enough to break down. The driver is a Bugatti restoration expert and can do wonders on broken down cars!

**Cost for this section is NZ\$9500**

## **Far North Follow-on Tour**

The main rally finishes after breakfast on Thursday 27 Feb.

This will be a day off to wander around Auckland for those going up North.

**Friday 28 Feb** – drive to Waitangi via Albany, Dairy Flat, Silverdale, Red Beach, Orewa, Waiwera, Warkworth, Mangawhai, Langs Beach, Waipu, Whangarei (lunch), Hikurangi, Helena Bay (coffee), Russell, Okiato to Opuia via ferry, Paihia, Copthorne Waitangi, our hotel for 6 nights.

**Sat 29 Feb** (2020 is a leap year) – drive to Kerikeri, Matauri Bay, Whangaroa, Totara North (coffee), Mangonui (lunch) Taipa, Peria, through to SH1 (10km dirt road), south to Okaihau, Haururu Falls, back to Hotel.

**Sun 1 Mar** – explore the treaty grounds at Waitangi, museum, guided walk around the grounds with a commentary on the history (very interesting), boat ride to the Hole in the Rock, BBQ lunch at Urupukapuka Island, back to Paihia. If there is a ship in the bay, there is a good pop-up market in Paihia.

**Mon 2 Mar** – drive – Kaikohe, Rawene, Opononi, Waipoua Forest (stop to visit Tane Mahuta), Nukutawhiti, Tautoro, Kawakawa (for a compulsory toilet stop), back to Hotel.

**Tue 3 Mar** – depart Waitangi at 7am on 35 seat bus for Cape Reinga and back via 90 mile beach. Fish and Chip lunch included. The bus will be exclusively ours, and will stop as required for coffee. Return to Hotel at 6pm. This is packaged with the boat ride on Sunday, so can be transposed to suit weather, tides etc closer to the time.

**Wed 4 Mar** – reverse run to Russell, Whangaruru, Helena Bay (coffee), Matapouri, Tutukaka (lunch), back to Hotel via SH1.

**Thur 5 Mar** – return to Auckland. Route to be finalised, but likely Dargaville, Wellsford, SH16 through Parakai and Helensville. Overnight at M-Social.

**Fri 6 Mar** – depart after breakfast.

The above itinerary is provisional at this stage, but this format will be followed – just need to confirm routes, roads etc.

Costs will include 7 nights accommodation including all meals, bus trip to Cape Reinga and boat ride around Hole in the Rock. Does not include accommodation, meals etc on Thursday night 27 Feb.

**Cost for this section is NZ\$5000**

**Please note, the organisers retain the right to alter route and meal details of the two runs if circumstances require this to happen.**