

OVER 20 YEARS OF MOTORCYCLE TOURING IN NZ!

John Rains of Te Waipounamu Motorcycle Tours NZ is one lucky man. For over 20 years now he has been taking global motorcycle enthusiasts around New Zealand showing them the best that NZ can offer. This man started out in business with 3 BMW R80's back in 1987 and now has a fleet of over 75 bikes, all makes and models. To say he loves his job would be an understatement. What better way to earn a crust than riding around the country on a fast bike, spending time with like minded people who share a love of motorcycles, and getting to see the most beautiful country in the world's ever changing awesome scenery.

New Zealanders are by default naturally friendly people and this has been one of the strengths of this team, providing friendly helpful service to all who travel with them. The "can do" attitude and vast knowledge of the lay of the land immediately puts visitors minds at ease, throw in a huge dose of motorcycle experience and you have an outstanding quality team! This is why we are the leaders in our field! Touring with us can be as exciting or as sedate as you please.

"Ride your own ride" advises John Rains, meaning take the trip you want to take, there's no pressure on people to keep up with faster riders or follow each other like a row of slow ducks. Riding with us is simply about your own pleasure, there's a lot to see and a lot to do, and doing this at your own pace is important to the team.

The social aspect of motorcycle touring in NZ is very enjoyable. Friendships are made during the tours and many become life time relationships, the common bond of a love for motorcycle riding brings together people from all walks of life. It's not rare for repeat business of group tours to evolve from people who have met on previous tours with us. The exhilaration felt riding over fabulous passes and around awesome coast lines together, combined with the relaxed informal atmosphere of unwinding after a days ride around a dinner table with the finest food and excellent wine creates conviviality unique to this style of touring and John Rains and his team know the best way how to put it together.

Tours that Te Waipounamu Motorcycle Tours run are arranged to meet all motorcyclists' needs including the pillion rider. The length of a day's ride has an average km distance of around 350kms, however, there are plenty of options each day, so those riders who want to ride long and hard can do so, and those who wish to amble along taking in the sights can also feel their needs are being met.

For detailed information on all tours and motorcycle hiring in NZ visit the Te Waipounamu Motorcycle Tours website www.motorcycle-hire.co.nz

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