



CHRISTMAS GRAND CIRCLE RAIL CRUISE

Sunday 2nd December 2018

**Paekakariki – Palmerston Nth – Woodville – Masterton – Wellington – Paekakariki
And back to Palmerston North
(out via Manawatu Gorge, back via Rimutaka Tunnel)**

Travel with Steam Incorporated on this special pre Christmas excursion for an easy and relaxing outing. Perfect for an end of year celebration. We will circumnavigate the Tararuas in a clockwise direction. Plus an option of either visiting the Mauriceville Country Fair or an Opaki vineyard.

The diesel train will run from Paekakariki picking up at stations to Palmerston North (Paraparaumu, Waikanae, Otaki, Levin) then travel through the spectacular Manawatu Gorge to Woodville before heading down the Wairarapa and passing through the iconic locations of Mangatainoka and Eketahuna. While travelling through the gorge you will be able to view the large slips that have closed the highway on the opposite side of the river.

Before arriving at Masterton stops will be made at Mauriceville and Opaki to allow you to visit either the Mauriceville Country Fair or the Paper Road Vineyard & Bistro at Opaki. Later we travel through the 9 kilometre long Rimutaka Tunnel on the way to Wellington before heading up the west coast back to Paekakariki and dropping off at stations to Palmerston North.

The train will be hauled by our restored Da1431 diesel locomotive and comprise our fleet of classic red "steel" cars. There will be an open air viewing platform on the train. Also included is a buffet counter selling sandwiches, sausages, hamburgers, drinks and snacks, and a souvenir counter for all sorts of railway memorabilia. You are welcome to bring your own food on the train.

You can board the train at Paekakariki, Paraparaumu, Waikanae, Otaki, Levin or Palmerston North in the morning. You will be returned to your boarding station in the evening.

The Mauriceville Fair is held at the Clarke Memorial Domain. This is probably Wairarapa's most scenic reserve. This year will see the 21st Fair. Essentially a country fair, attractions include live musical performers, vintage cars and vintage machinery, Clydesdale horse and carriage rides, helicopter rides, children's magician, quick fire raffles and the usual huge variety of stalls selling crafts, food, and other country goodies. A bus will meet the train to transfer you a short distance to the fair. Later you will be bused to rejoin the train at Masterton.

A one hour stop will also be made adjacent to the Paper Road Winery & Bistro at Opaki just north of Masterton for a refreshment stop. There will be the option of a pre ordered meal available at the vineyard, or just the opportunity to sample some of the wine and stroll around the vines.

**Opaki Christmas Buffet Meal Option Cost \$37
(Limited Nos)**

Expected menu is maple, vanilla & spice glazed ham with apple cider sauce, served with:

- Creamy broccoli, cranberry, toasted almond & bacon salad.
- Chargrilled courgettes, shaved parmesan, leafy greens & toasted pinenut salad.
- Roast vegetable medley with a balsamic glaze.

Later in the afternoon we will serve you a slice of a delicious fruit Cheese Cake at your seat.

Mauriceville Country Fair Cost Adult \$10

Covers bus transfers from train to fair and from fair back to train. Adult \$10. Child no charge.

Early bookings advised!

Provisional Timetable

Paekakariki	Dep	7.10am	Wellington	Arr	4.20pm
Paraparaumu	Dep	7.20am	Paekakariki	Arr	5.45pm
Waikanae	Dep	7.32am	Paraparaumu	Arr	6.00pm
Otaki	Dep	7.50am	Waikanae	Arr	6.10pm
Levin	Dep	8.15am	Otaki	Arr	6.25pm
Palmerston Nth	Dep	9.15am	Levin	Arr	6.50pm
Mauriceville	Arr	12noon	Palmerston North	Arr	7.45pm
Opaki	Arr	12.15pm			



