



# SOUTHERN WHEELS ITINERARY

THE ULTIMATE TRIP FOR ENGINE LOVERS

Heading to Wheels at Wānaka? Take the trip of a lifetime as you make your way south.

For a road trip to remember, opt for this 11-day itinerary in full, or choose to join in the fun at different legs along the way. Starting in Christchurch and heading south to Dunedin,

Invercargill, Te Anau, Milford Sound and Queenstown (plus visits to other locations along the way), the Southern Wheels Itinerary will take in myriad wheeled and visitor attractions.

This is the ultimate trip for those who love everything engines: we can't wait to welcome you.

# SOUTHERN WHEELS ITINERARY: YOUR OPTIONS

**The Southern Wheels Itinerary is adaptable to your requirements. Take your pick from the below options for an unforgettable adventure.**

## **1. Suggested itinerary only**

The Southern Wheels Itinerary can be used as a foundation for a self-guided exploration of some of the south's finest destinations and wheels-related attractions. If opting for the suggested itinerary version, everything is totally up to you: choose your own accommodation offerings, dining highlights, and experiences as you venture south.

## **2. Formalised itinerary**

Transport World is happy to assist those keen for a more structured itinerary option, and we are happy to assist with flexible accommodation and activity options to ensure guests enjoy a seamless, hassle-free experience, with inclusions adapted to your requirements.

Additional inclusions we can coordinate on your behalf\* include exclusive experiences at private collections including:

- Roy McDonald collection
  - Roger Whyte collection
  - George Begg Festival car rally: guided excursions in conjunction with local car clubs
  - Fiordland Military Museum
- \* Subject to availability and minimum numbers of guests

## **3. Invitation to trade partners**

Transport World is seeking expressions of interest from trade partners keen to work with us to bring guests south on the Southern Wheels Itinerary.

## **4. Get in touch**

Interested in our formal or trade partner itinerary options? Please get in touch with Transport World Reservations Coordinator Paula McKeown at - [reservations@transportworld.nz](mailto:reservations@transportworld.nz).





# SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY **1**

Tue, 28 March

## Christchurch

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel

- Arrive and explore the city at your leisure: don't miss Riverside Markets
- Visit to Mike Pero's Motorcycle Gallery in the afternoon
- Cap the first day off with dinner at one of the city's eateries

DAY **2**

Wed, 29 March

## Dunedin

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel

- Begin the meander south to Dunedin, with stops in Geraldine, lunch at Caroline Bay, and the steampunk quarter and Whitestone Cheese in Oamaru
- Arrive in Dunedin and explore the Edinburgh of the south at your leisure, or take some time out to recharge
- Enjoy a dinner overlooking the ocean: check out acclaimed restaurant Titī in Saint Clair

DAY **3**

Thu, 30 March

## Invercargill - George Begg Festival begins

Accommodation: The Lodges at Transport World, The Langlands Hotel

- Take the scenic coastal route south, for a taste of one of the region's still largely undiscovered jewels: The Catlins
- Enjoy a hearty lunch seaside at The Point Café and Bar in Kaka Point
- Continue heading south: don't miss The Nuggets, the Florence Hill lookout, the petrified forest and native wildlife at Curio Bay, New Zealand's southernmost spot Slope Point, and the Waipapa Lighthouse
- Join the George Begg Festival car rally throughout Southland: a fun way to celebrate the start of the festival

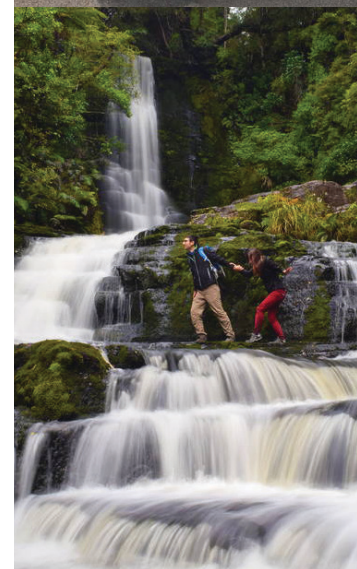
DAY **4**

Fri, 31 March

## Invercargill

George Begg Festival

- Explore Transport World's incredible attractions. Combine experiences at Bill Richardson Transport World, Classic Motorcycle Mecca, and Dig This Invercargill during the day
- George Begg Festival gala dinner



DAY **5**  
Sat, 1 April

### Invercargill

George Begg Festival

- Enjoy a leisurely morning in the city – why not check out the \$165 million inner-city upgrade, featuring exciting new retail and hospitality spaces?
- Head to Teretonga Park for an action-packed afternoon of racing that will carry on until Invercargill's twilight
- Enjoy myriad hospitality, fashion, dining, vehicle parade, and entertainment options on-site before tucking into the Twilight BBQ for dinner
- Head back to the city for the drive-in movie night experience of your nostalgic dreams. Slide into the seats of Bill Richardson Transport World's world-class vehicles and enjoy a classic film on the big screen: the perfect way to end your day

DAY **6**  
Sun, 2 April

### Invercargill

George Begg Festival

- Spend the morning relaxing in the inner-city: enjoy a leisurely breakfast at The Grille café
- Head back to Teretonga for another day of action at the George Begg Festival: don't miss the Feel The Noise lunch

DAY **7**  
Mon, 3 April

### Te Anau

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel

- No visit to the deep south is complete without a trip to the beautiful region of Fiordland. Start your leisurely drive to Te Anau in the morning, taking in the sights of Western Southland along the way
- Call in to the quirky port village of Riverton, which has grown a reputation as an artists' enclave
- Browse for local artworks at The Good Studio
- Stop in for a delicious meal at The Orepuki Beach Cafe: try the flounder!
- Carve some time into your day for a stop at Manapouri
- Take your pick from Te Anau's many eateries and spend your evening as you choose





DAY **8**  
Tue, 4 April

### **Te Anau**

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel

- Hop on board and settle in for a coach trip to Milford Sound: the jewel in Fiordland's glittering crown
- Be awe-struck by towering peaks, cascading waterfalls, and an abundance of native flora, fauna and wildlife in one of New Zealand's most treasured destinations. This is Aotearoa at its pinnacle – and this is your chance to tick it off your bucket list
- Return to Te Anau and reminisce on the experience during dinner at Hilights Restaurant

DAY **9**  
Wed, 5 April

### **Queenstown**

Accommodation: Novotel, Sofitel, Mercure

- Depart beautiful Te Anau and head across to Queenstown
- Queenstown is a hospitality town and there are no shortage of activities, restaurants, and bars to while away your night however you choose

DAY **10**  
Thu, 6 April

### **Queenstown**

Accommodation: Novotel, Sofitel, Mercure

- With so many opportunities open to you, today is the perfect day to spend at your own pace
- For the thrill-seekers there's plenty to do in the nation's adventure capital – perhaps a bungee jump is on the cards – or for those keen to take it easier, why not tour the region's famed vineyards? Today, it's totally up to you

DAY **11**  
Fri, 7 April

### **Wānaka - Wheels At Wanaka begins**

Accommodation: Distinction Hotel serviced apartments

- Hop over the hill – traversing some of New Zealand's most renowned scenery along the way – and arrive in time for Wheels at Wānaka

Wheels at Wānaka is an all vehicle, all machinery, history-in-motion vintage fair – including steam engines, tractors and farming heritage, cars, motorbikes, trucks, earthmovers and heavy machinery.

Buzzing with energy, Wheels at Wānaka is huge! With over 50 acres of entertainment, with tractor pulling and Enduro-X competitions, ATV and rally car demos, an earthmoving extravaganza and a non-stop parade ground program – a weekend is barely enough to see everything!



# GEORGE BEGG FESTIVAL

**Dust off the retro threads and transport yourself to a golden age in Kiwi motorsport.**

**The multi-day George Begg Festival celebrates a homegrown hero: the farmer-turned-engineer-turned racecar constructor who built a series of vehicles that bested some of the biggest marques in the world, from right here in Southland.**

**With a colourful, carnival atmosphere the George Begg Festival will be an immersive experience that heightens all the senses. For petrolheads, families and party people alike, the George Begg Festival promises plenty of action on and off the track.**

## **Racing like the good old days**

Teretonga Park is the southernmost FIA-recognised circuit in the world, and it has been home to everything racing in the deep south for decades. You'll be captivated by the action on the track all festival long. With mystery special guests and plenty of VIPs floating about, the George Begg Festival is racing like the good old days.

## **Go back to a golden age**

Together, we'll be celebrating an era where legends like George Begg ruled the roost. The George Begg Festival will transport guests to a golden age in Kiwi motorsport. Dust off your best retro threads from the 1960s and 1970s – think paisley, bell-bottoms, and platforms.

## **Get revved up for the vibes**

Think the Goodwood Revival (Sussex, United Kingdom) – but with a distinctly Kiwi twist.

Kick the festivities off at the George Begg Gala Dinner (held at the jaw-dropping Bill Richardson Transport World), experience peak southern hospitality at the Twilight Barbecue (Teretonga Park), and celebrate everything Southland on the mystery car rally. Expect plenty of live entertainment, hospitality, and food and beverage options to delight throughout the festival.

## **FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

### **30 MARCH 2023**

George Begg Long Lunch • Mystery car run

### **31 MARCH 2023**

Track practice, qualifying and late afternoon race • Official welcome function at Bill Richardson Transport World

### **1 APRIL 2023**

Racing at Teretonga Park • Barbecue event at Teretonga Park • Evening at leisure in the new Invercargill CBD

### **2 APRIL 2023**

Racing at Teretonga Park





# TRANSPORT WORLD INVERCARGILL

**One man's passion started it all – but the story of southern tourism hub Transport World has evolved rapidly in its short lifetime. With a vision to create unexpected experiences that promote Invercargill as a must-see destination for visitors, Transport World is home to three ground-breaking attractions.**

## **Bill Richardson Transport World**

Don't miss Invercargill's leading visitor attraction. One man's passion started it all – and this family legacy has become the largest automotive museum of its type in the world. But if you think it's strictly for petrolheads, think again. With more than 300 vintage vehicles (running the gamut from Henry Ford letter cars to Volkswagen Kombis to 1930s V8s and classic trucks of every make and model imaginable), a movie theatre, wearable arts, a LEGO room, and quirky themed bathrooms, here you'll discover something for everyone.

## **Classic Motorcycle Mecca**

From Brough Superior to Burt Munro and John Britten, Classic Motorcycle Mecca has it all. Ride into

yesterday and discover the Southern Hemisphere's leading classic motorcycle collection. Home to more than 300 vintage motorcycles, a visit here is a truly mind-blowing experience for enthusiasts and newbies alike. Housed in two restored historic buildings in the heart of Invercargill, the collection boasts displays of classic British, American, European, and Japanese bikes alongside tributes to motocross and speedway (including legend Ivan Mauger), the collection is also home to the George Begg Bunker. It is an extensive and fascinating insight into Begg's various interests from engineering to competitive motorcycling, philanthropy and of course the cars.

## **Dig This Invercargill**

Ready to leap outside your comfort zone, and get your blood pumping? Dig This Invercargill is New Zealand's only heavy machinery playground and whether you're five or 105, this is grunty fun for everyone. Dig This Invercargill gives visitors the chance to have a go at getting behind the controls and operating their choice of diggers, skid steers, or bulldozers. Fully instructed by a friendly team, you don't even need a driver's licence to give it a go. This is the stuff bucket lists are made of: tick it off yours today!

