

Taupo Program for the North Island Model a Ford Club 50th Anniversary Motorised Caravan Tour

Destination – The Suncourt Motel - Taupo.

Conditions

Travellers are guided by a basic program beginning at Auckland on the Tuesday 25th October 2022 and finishing on Friday 28th October 2022 on departure from the Sun Court Motel located in the centre of Taupo, New Zealand.

Travellers are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs to meet the program of the basic 50th celebratory functions.

Travellers are responsible for their own accommodation and booking arrangements to participate in the 50th celebration functions.

Details are;

Group Booking number 14805;

Telephone number 07 378 8265

Valid booking until 31st December 2021

Travellers may start and / or stop their journey at any time along the programme.

Individual local groups e.g. Thames, Tauranga, Hawkes Bay etc. may organise local meetings / activities in their own areas, prior to or after the main 50th programme and complimentary to the 50th programme as local members prefer.

Basic Program Motoring Caravan.

Tuesday 25th October 2022

If departing Auckland, Time - Tuesday morning October 25th 2022 at 9.00am

Other areas as organised local activities allow.

Auckland members who wish to travel in convoy, assemble at the BP service station on the motorway at Papakura / Drury for a collective run. OR alternatively motorists can make their own way and time to Taupo.

Travel via Tuakau and the Waikato bridge down the west side of the Waikato River to Te Awamutu Rose Gardens, and / or coffee for morning tea. Depart approximately 11.30 am and head for Kihikihi where one can enjoy a leisurely drive through the limestone country and formation stones following the signs to Taupo and the Waikato River. A picnic lunch opportunity along the Waikato River could be very refreshing and relaxing on this section of the Journey.

On arrival in Taupo turn north for the BP station at Wairakei, (old State Hwy 1), turn left just before the steam bridge and follow the road to the top of the ridge where the most magnificent views of the steam valley and pipework can be enjoyed at your leisure.

When ready, make your way to your accommodation (Suggest Suncourt Motel based in Taupo to settle in and following that a gathering at the Taupo Cosmopolitan Club for some banter, refreshment, nibbles and dinner. (Affiliated membership with Remuera Club).

Wednesday 26th October 2022

Relaxing time in Taupo. Car exhibition on the reserve alongside the Sun Court motel for the local fraternity. Competitive presentation prizes for cleanest best presented car in the exhibition; Best NIMAFRC Exhibition Host / Hostess to the public; Greatest Club Ambassador for the day. (Gold coin donation collection for a local charity)

Hire of Sun court conference facilities room for the day and evening to provide for club general assembly and banter, a refreshment base for the exhibition personnel and Hubley model racing practice, transitioning to an evening club meal (funded by the Club) and the Annual AGM, Hubley racing competition and Club stories and awards.

Other options include

Shopping for the Ladies'

Hubley racing practice @ Sun Court Motel

Botanical Gardens Visit – Drive, park and run / walk

Ernest Kemp steam boat excursion to the Māori carvings on the lake

Spa Park - walk the riverbanks and enjoy a hot pool along the way

Mini Golf / Hole in One.

Enjoy a foreshore walk, or the local museum and discover Hewy's (CC) Moa bones.

Buffet dinner (Club funded) and banter at the Sun Court.

Evening AGM at 7.30 pm; Hubley racing and Awards. Off the cuff stories from our first fifty years and video

Era costumes Fashion parade.

Hubley Racing competition.

Thursday 27th October 2022

Meet at Lava Glass for Brunch / coffee demonstration glass blowing and garden look.

Proceed under your own steam and at your leisure to Aratiatia and look for the release of water down the rapids, take a boat trip and enjoy the fun of the river.

Visit the Tongariro National Trout Centre if you would enjoy "The Old Trout".

Pick up on Wednesday's not done list if there is time before.

3.00pm Head to the wilderness and Kinloch for a wonderful evening BBQ on the beach at the lake. Sun and shade, Ice cream shop and toilets, fresh air and comradery the order for the afternoon. (Daylight saving active).

Friday 28th October 2022

Depart the Sun Court or elect to stay longer. Official programme ends here. People depart in their own time.

Extra activity for the venturous folk.

Breakfast / Brunch / coffee at L'Arte Café and Gallery. Buy that little remembrance gift and in one's own time. Proceed off to the Sky Waka Ruapehu, for a photo shoot and visit/lunch up the mountain. Travel via the Western Side Lake Taupo on the scenic route OR State Highway 1. Spend the day in the fresh air before heading back to Taupo or onwards home.

Alternatively, Sky Waka run a pick up and return bus to the mountain from Taupo that removes all hassles including mountain parking. It departs your accommodation at around 6.00am in the morning and returns in the evening and is free, yes free travel but there is mountain costs TBA.