

Join us aboard our exclusive 4WD Mercedes vehicles that offer the best in safety and comfort, as we make our way out of the city past some of the city's landmarks. You will learn some of the history of New Zealand's capital city and tales of the conservation efforts that are aiding a resurgence in native bird species that may be seen as you make your way through the suburbs. Turning off the main road, we utilise our private access through one of the oldest and largest stations in New Zealand. Still a working farm, we'll likely see sheep, cows, and goats on the drive up the hill, before being treated to stunning views across the Cook Strait, Kaikoura Ranges, and the South Island once we reach the top. You then follow the ridgeline road and stop to admire the scenery along the way. Photos really don't do this place justice.

Once we begin the descent towards the coast, you will see the Karori rock lighthouse, which is more commonly known as the 'leaning lighthouse'. Built in 1915, the decommissioned 19m tower was one of New Zealand's first automated lighthouses and, yes, it does lean a little! Once we arrive at sea-level, we traverse the rocky, sandy track towards Tongue Point and the colony of native New Zealand Fur Seals. We'll exit the vehicle and wander the stony beach to observe these cute creatures in their natural habitat as they sunbathe, play and swim. Staying at a safe distance [for their safety and ours], your guide will talk about the history, ecology and conservation which has allowed their numbers to flourish once again. We'll also treat you to some morning or afternoon tea as you take photos and soak in your surroundings.

We make the return journey via the same route as we came. More stories will abound as you traverse farm land and fault lines while learning how this area is now being used as part of the Capital Kiwi project, which has recently reintroduced wild Kiwi into the area a full 100-years since they were last seen and heard in the hills. This tour is a great chance to get off the beaten track and experience an area that even many locals don't know about.