

Tour Leader Report – 2014

This has probably been the busiest year that I have had as Tour Leader but also very satisfying knowing that many tours are well in hand for this year.

On August 31st a group of 13 are flying over to Cairns and then taking a 16 day Safari across to Darwin then arriving back in New Zealand on the 20th of September. This should be a great trip and we are all looking forward to that.

Tours associated with the **41 INTERNATIONAL HYM**.

Many of you will know that there is to be both a Pre and Post HYM Tour of the South Island, the Post Tour is full and has a waiting list and at this stage we still have a few seats left on the Pre Tour.

As 41 Club New Zealand doesn't fund any of these tours it is vital that they be self-sustaining and because we had sufficient expressions of interest for travel in the South Island and only 2 expressions of interest for the North Island; the South Island Tours were advertised with Brochures.

From the very beginning we have always said that we would organise North Island Tours and also offered to help people with their private travel and contacts.

Pre and Post HYM North Island tour Itineraries with costs were put on the website after being sent to all IRO's worldwide and also presented at International Meetings. No further interest or confirmations came in despite being presented at many places, so after discussion and agreement with our National Executive we decided that these North Island Tours would regrettably have to be cancelled so we were not liable for loss. A last chance was given at the HYM in Switzerland where we said that the North Island Tours would be cancelled if sufficient confirmations were not received by 15th November; none came and the cancellation was put on our website 2 months later. However in late December I was asked to organise a shortened North Island Post HYM tour for a group from Finland and there are now 14 of them coming. They had specific time constraints and it's not long enough to see much but the best they could do. Allan & Dawn Shuker are going to escort this group. Like all 41er's HYM participants are very slow at getting organised and as inquiries come in for help for travel and hosting I will be sending out lists of contacts and keeping you informed of travellers within your areas as well.

Once more I ask you to let me know of places you would like to travel to and think others would as well.

And yes I will continue with this position should the meeting so wish.

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