

AROCNZ CENTENARY TOUR of NEW ZEALAND
22nd September – 8th October 2010

TOUR DETAILS

A once in a lifetime opportunity is offered to celebrate the centenary of ALFA by joining the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of New Zealand and its Centenary Tour of New Zealand from Bluff to Cape Reinga during September and October 2010.

Refer to separate Registration Form to register in celebrating the 100 years since the founding of ALFA by joining the Tour for all or as many days as you like. The Tour passes through most AROC regions making contact with as many members as possible. Naturally the route takes in some of the best Alfa Romeo driving roads in the country, scenic views and a mix of town and country.

The Centenary Tour starts in Invercargill then via Bluff and Cape Reinga ends at Hampton Downs Motorsport Park.

If you would like to join the Tour for a single day, part of or the whole trip please register by **completing and returning the separate Registration Form.**

The fee is \$50 per car no matter how few or many days you stay with the Tour. Your Tour Pack will be with the Tour Leader and made available when you first join the Tour. There is no charge if you join the Tour for one day and do not want a Tour kit.

If you have already paid your \$50 entry fee there is no need to register again. You will be asked to sign a Club Indemnity Form on joining the Tour. This will be similar to that included in the Registration Form.

The definition of a tour is "an extended journey, usually taken for pleasure, visiting places of interest along the route."

The organising committee hope that you can join in with us on this Tour, see parts of New Zealand you may not have seen before and celebrate the ALFA Centenary as have thousands around the world.

For the details of the tour see following pages.

Day 1 - 22 September - Wednesday - Invercargill Assembly

Assemble in Invercargill (pm) with registrations at Truck Museum, socialising, drinks and nibbles, tour of the famous Richardson Truck Museum and official welcome to the Tour.

Day 2 - 23 September – Thursday - Invercargill to Dunedin

Assemble at 0930 at Visitors Information Centre at Queens Park for Tour start and drive to Bluff for photo shoot. Return to Invercargill and travel through the Catlins area and South Otago via Balclutha to Dunedin for overnight stop. Enjoy the varying scenery with coastal roads, forests and farmland. Function at Dunedin's Alfa Romeo agents.

Day 3 - 24 September - Friday - Dunedin to Queenstown

Assemble at 0930 at Aaron Lodge TOP 10 Holiday Park for drive to Central Otago via Outram, Middlemarch, Alexandra, Cromwell with destination of Queenstown for overnight stop. Take in the rugged rocky Central Otago and High Country intensive farming and vineyard areas.

Day 4 - 25 September – Saturday - Queenstown to Twizel

Assemble at 0930 at Shotover TOP 10 Holiday Park for travel to Wanaka over the Crown Range and onto Twizel via the famous Lindis Pass and Omarama.

The scenery is spectacular with wild mountains, snow on the tops, vast farming activities and the best road in NZ for touring cars on the Lindis. Overnight stop at Twizel.

Day 5 - 26 September - Sunday - Twizel to Christchurch

Assemble at 0930 at High Country Lodge and Backpackers and travel to Christchurch via Tekapo, Fairlie, Geraldine, Inland Scenic Route, Rakaia and State Highway No. 1 for overnight stop in Christchurch. For those who wish, a 220km round trip to Mt Cook/Aorangi is recommended. Function at the Christchurch Alfa Romeo agents.

Day 6 - 27 September – Monday - Christchurch to Westport

Assemble at 0930 at the Christchurch TOP 10 Holiday Park and travel over the Arthur's Pass Route (through the Southern Alps and the viaduct) via Greymouth, Punakaiki to Westport for overnight stop. Enjoy the alpine scenery, the rugged coastlines and the Punakaiki (pancake) Rocks.

Day 7 - 28 September – Tuesday - Westport to Blenheim

Assemble at 0930 at Seal Colony TOP 10 Holiday Park for scenic trip through the Buller Gorges, Murchison, Saint Arnaud in the Nelson Lakes District and the Wairau Valley to Blenheim for the overnight stop. A trip which will show another glimpse of the rugged northern section of the Southern Alps and the very intensive farming practices of the rich Wairau Valley.

Day 8 - 29 September – Wednesday - Blenheim to Wellington

Assemble at 0930 at Blenheim TOP 10 Holiday Park and travel to Renwick, Kaituna, and Havelock and follow Queen Charlotte Drive around part of the Picton Sounds to Picton. For those who wish, a trip to the Omaka Aerodrome to view the Peter Jackson/Omaka Aircraft Museum is recommended.

Ferry crossing for the Tour party is Bluebridge Ferries at 1400 with assembly at Picton Terminal at 1300. Ferry to Wellington. Two overnight stops in Wellington.

Days 9 - 30 September - Thursday - Wellington

Free day in Wellington with optional trips to Southwards Motor Museum at Paraparaumu on the Kapiti Coast and/or a trip to Te Papa Museum in Wellington Function at Wellington's Alfa Romeo agents.

Day 10 - 1 October - Friday - Wellington to Napier

Assemble at 0930 at Wellington TOP 10 Holiday Park and drive over Rimutaka Range into the Wairarapa area and on through Carterton, Masterton, Ekatahuna, Woodville, Dannevirke Waipukarau, Hastings and Napier for an overnight stop. Enjoy the vineyards orchards and extensive farming areas. Dinner at Kennedy Park Top 10 restaurant.

Day 11 - 2 October - Saturday - Napier to Ohope

Assemble at 0930 at Kennedy Park TOP 10 Resort for trip through the upper hinterland of the North Island. The spectacular scenery will include coast and coastal forest and rugged mountains with native forests and a road to keep the driving instincts on full alert. Overnight stop at Ohope Beach.

Day 12 - 3 October - Sunday - Ohope to Waihi Beach

Assemble at 0930 at Ohope Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park for a trip along the Bay of Plenty coastal areas with a stop in Tauranga City at the Classic Flyers Museum for lunch. Continued coastal areas are travelled for an overnight stop at Waihi Beach.

Day 13 - 4 October - Monday - Waihi Beach to Kaihu

Assemble at 0930 at Waihi Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park and travel over parts of the Hauraki Plains to meet up with Highway No. 1 south of the Bombay Hills. A traffic laden trip is expected as the tour travels through Auckland and on to Wellsford, Dargaville and then Kaihu for an overnight stop. A visit to the Matakohe Kauri Museum is recommended. This part of the tour will probably have more traffic than has been encountered during the complete trip to date, but will give another insight to the travel on NZ roads.

Day 14 - 5 October - Tuesday - Kaihu to Kerikeri

Assemble at 0930 at Kauri Coast TOP 10 Holiday Park for the ultimate day of the tour from "Bottom to Top." Spectacular country is anticipated as coastal, forest and pasture scenes are driven through. Cross the Hokianga Harbour on the Rawene ferry. Obligatory group photo shot at Cape Reinga is planned before trip back to Kerikeri for a two night stopover.

Day 15 - 6 October - Wednesday - Kerikeri Local

A free day in Kerikeri with the chance to tour the region which has much to offer. Suggested trips are to visit the many historic buildings, the Treaty of Waitangi Grounds and a foot passenger ferry trip to Russell from Paihia and back.

Day 16 – 7 October - Thursday – Kerikeri to Manukau City

Assemble at 0930 at Kerikeri TOP 10 Holiday Park and drive south through Whangarei, Ruakaka, Mangawai Heads, Wellsford and Warkworth to finish the day in Manukau City for a one night stopover. Enjoy the differing sections of countryside and the build-up of traffic as Auckland comes into view. Also enjoy the Auckland shopping if you get the chance after a very busy driving stint.

Day 17 – 8 October - Friday – Manukau City to Hampton Downs

Assemble at 0930 at Manukau TOP 10 Holiday Park for final Tour day into Hampton Downs. Some city driving before driving off through the Cleveland area, Orere, Miranda and a short drive across to Highway No. 1 and south to the Hampton downs Motor Sport Park – the final destination.

This historical tour to commemorate the 100 years of Alfa is now completed.

Tour Notes

All Accommodation and Cook Strait Ferry crossings are the responsibility of the participant(s.) Refer to Registration Form for additional information.

Depending on plans formulated after this document has been written, there may well be forms of evening entertainment which participants may wish to attend.

The only time constraint is the start each morning where any traffic changes for the day can be noted and new participants joining the tour will have the chance to meet up with others for their planned day.

There are no strict times for travel from points of interest or meal breaks to the next stop. Travel is all at your leisure.

The tour is for all to enjoy the company, the cars and the countryside – the 3 C's.

There will be a Tour Pack of Goodies and this is part of the Registration.

Items will include:

- Tour Itinerary Booklet
- Magnet Sign for car door or bonnet
- Dashboard commemorative Badge
- Refrigerator Sticker
- Window Decal
- AA Map(s) for each day's travel
- Name tag identification and lanyards – 1 per person
- Tour Pack Bag