



"May the hinges of

friendship never rust

Good morning and greetings from the Land of the Long White Cloud.

Just a short update for your Rort and Tour of The Mainland of New Zealand.

Bad news first; our government in their wisdom have raised GST from 12.5% to 15% in the recent budget which of course will make everything a little more expensive. We will endeavour to stick to the Indicative Price on the brochure but there may be a small increase, mostly depending on the exchange rate at the time.

Remember Tour numbers are limited and it is first in so get your bookings made with Susan. Details on brochure and your website

We were delighted to have your President (Bob Ireland) come over for our AGM and get to know us and also to see Brian Roach once more, I think they both had a very good weekend in Upper Hutt catching up with old friends.

By the way they both put in very creditable performances on the "Skit Night" particularly Brian as Dame Edna's Drunken Mate, he's a natural!!!!

Have a look at these websites to find out a little more about where we are going to take you and also to find extra attractions you might want to do like Whale Watching, Glacier attractions etc. <u>www.aatravel.co.nz</u> www.arrival.co.nz

Your accommodations and coach are already booked and waiting, hope you have started the knitting so you can all stay warm!!!

The Southern Alps are looking stunning at the moment with snow well down, hopefully we will have the same next year and with frosty mornings and sunny days for your tour.

As always I'm only too pleased to answer any questions you may have, just send me an e-mail with your phone number and I will call you as soon as possible, I have a very good phone deal!

Looking forward to meeting you all next June

Yours in friendship

Derek Johns