

COASTAL PACIFIC UPDATE

Following the rebuild programme since the closure of the Coastal Pacific route in November 2016, KiwiRail have announced plans to reinstate the passenger rail service between Picton and Christchurch in time for the busy summer period. The scheduled date of return is 01 December 2018 and will operate through to 28th April 2019. Timetables will be slightly altered as travel times may be significantly affected due to speed restrictions. KiwiRail have advised to allow for delays of up to an hour.

At the time of publishing this notice, the following arrangements have been made for all Grand Pacific tour groups, but are subject to change at any time.

19 Day Rail, Cruise & Coach Holiday	Tour Code: GPR (Day 9) Dates referenced below pertain to the travel date of the Coastal Pacific
Pre 01 December 2018	Refund will be provided on tour due to service not running
01 December to 27 April 2019	Travellers will board the Coastal Pacific in Picton and instead of disembarking in Kaikoura and travelling to Christchurch via coach the group will travel by train right through to Christchurch with a later arrival. Transfer by coach to Distinction Christchurch with dinner provided on arrival.
Post 28 April 2019	Refund will be provided on tour due to service not running

19 Day Ultimate Rail, Cruise & Coach Experience	Tour Code: UGPRC (Day 9) Dates referenced below pertain to the travel date of the Coastal Pacific
Pre 01 December 2018	Refund will be provided on tour due to service not running
01 December to 27 April 2019	Travellers will board the Coastal Pacific in Picton and disembark in Kaikoura and travel by Ultimate Coach through to Christchurch with a later dinner provided on arrival.
Post 28 April 2019	Refund will be provided on tour due to service not running