

**Panacea Healthcare launches a new travel website for disabled travelers –
www.panaceatravelability.com**

Panacea Healthcare is excited to announce the launch of a new online travel website - www.panaceatravelability.com which caters to people who have a mobility impairment.

The website is unique for New Zealand tourism in that it enables people with mobility restrictions - wheelchair users, people using crutches or people with other specialist mobility needs to plan and book their complete holiday, including accommodation, activities to do and transport options that meet their mobility needs.

“We are delighted to find a way for people with mobility restrictions to see New Zealand safely and conveniently,” says Jan Hilder Managing Director of Panacea Healthcare.

“We’ve seen the frustrations our clients have gone through in trying to plan a trip in New Zealand. This new website will provide people an easy way to plan, budget, book and then rate their travel experience. Equally important is that it can provide people a level of comfort in knowing that everything meets their requirements before the trip starts,” says Jan.

According to a 2006 Disabled survey, an estimated 25,200 disabled adults who made long trips either by plane, train or bus experienced difficulties because of their disability. A further 39,700 disabled adults were completely prevented from making long trips using these forms of transport.

Other features of the website include providing information on airlines and routes that have hoists and assistance available, holiday itineraries by category such as food and wine tours and the chance for people to write about their travel experiences and rate the various services.

“The response from our clients and members of the disabled community who have reviewed the website has been very positive. And over time we know that the website will become an even richer source of information for people,” says Jan.

While Panacea Healthcare has underwritten the costs of establishing the website, there is no intention of making a profit from it. “We have set the site up to simply service the disabled community and any profits will go back into sponsoring the disabled community,” says Jan.

The website went live March 7th 2011

Check out www.panaceatravelability.comand plan your holiday today.

Note:

Panacea Travelability has been established by Panacea Healthcare – providers of reliable and flexible support workers for serious injuries, respite care, personal support, elderly care and specialist nursing services. The company has been in operation for over 30 years.

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