Ribbonwood Retreat
Franz Josef, West Coast
B&B, Cottage & Suite

Set on an acre of lush, sprawling lawns surrounded by established native trees and private gardens, our secluded retreat is in the heart of Glacier Country. Nestled on the doorstep of Westland National Park, you will have spectacular mountain and glacier views from all the windows. Experience the West Coasts' incredible sunsets or sip your favourite wine alfresco under the stars on the deck appreciating the vastness around you that is a UNESCO World Heritage national park.

An exceptional breakfast experience; guests can choose from the menu of fresh produce from the garden, homemade and local ingredients are used wherever possible. Sustainability ethos exists at the heart of core values: environmentally friendly cleaning products, soaps made in-house, and NZ-crafted, chemical-free, toiletries. You can relax, knowing hosts Julie and Jonathan will take very good care of you. Your hosts have planted 500 trees on the property as a carbon reduction initiative and are actively involved in community environmental projects. Jo's experience as manager of Save the Kiwi for DOC and ecology has guests enchanted as he tells his stories.

Conveniently situated just a few minutes' drive from the village and ten minutes' drive from the glacier access car park. There are several excellent restaurants nearby, some offering complimentary transport.

Accommodation

The accommodation has two choices; a separate self-contained studio garden cottage with a king bed and a single bed for a double, twin, or a group of three travelling together. Or, the spacious Waiho rooms on the top floor of the house - where your party have exclusive use of the space with two bedrooms for a double, twin, or a group of three travelling together. All guests get daily cooked breakfast included.

The Waiho Suite: guests have exclusive use of the top floor with use of one or both bedrooms and the bathroom. The roomy master bedroom (35 sq m) has a king bed and a single bed with fabulous views and includes a desk, walk-in wardrobe, and sofa. The smaller Waiho bedroom (12 sq m) has a queen bed and is used only when you require 2 rooms.

Rooms enjoy panoramic views of the forests, glaciers, and mountains of Westland National Park.

Cottage: (40 sq m) Nearby, the private garden studio cottage sleeps up to three people. Scandi-inspired, this separate and very private self-contained garden cottage is beautifully handcrafted. Its large windows let in as much daylight as possible and ranch slider doors open out to the deck. The cottage is wheelchair accessible. Kitchenette with microwave, bar fridge and toaster. Full cooked Breakfast is included in the tarrif.

Meals

- Breakfast
- Kitchenette in Cottage only
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Facilities

- Concierge service
- Free WiFi
- Guest Lounge

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- Landscaped gardens to wander
- Birdwatching opportunities

Price: $380 to $450

ROOMS 2 | COTTAGES 1 | MAX GUESTS 6

Directions

Traveling south from Hokitika or Christchurch:

We are exactly 25 kilometres past the township of Whataroa, on the right-hand side of the highway.

Traveling north from Queenstown, Wanaka, or Haast: Continue on from Franz Josef Glacier village for 5 kilometres, we are on the left-hand side of the highway.

Ribbonwood Retreat is two-storied, light brown with a blue roof and arched windows. Look out for the Glacier Flights brown sign and the blue B&B sign beside a large blue letterbox on the side of the road.

Terms

CHILD POLICY The cottage is not suitable for children under 2 years due to a drop-off from the deck.

The Waiho Suite is not suitable for children under the age of 7 years due to the presence of stairs and first-floor balcony

CHECK-IN 6 pm | **CHECK-OUT** 10 am

CANCELLATION 7 days 100% | 30 days 30%

SEASON Open in spring summer and autumn

SHOES OFF POLICY Please be advised that we have a shoes-off policy in our house and cottage. Complimentary slippers are provided.

PET POLICY: No pets on the property. No pets allowed.

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Recommendations

Explore Franz Josef glacier taking in the landscapes and nature, take guided glacier hikes, scenic flights or self-guided walking and hiking. Enjoy bird watching boat tours and kayak trips on the Okarito wetland, kayaking and fishing tour on beautiful Lake Matheson. Franz Josef village affords hot tubs, view NZ's most endangered kiwi, adventure skydiving, relaxation spas, galleries, shops and services with good restaurants and cafes.

Activities in this area

- Glacier Walks & Heli-Hikes
- Boat based eco tour
- Kayak, Cruise & Walk and Fishing Charters