

New Zealand's natural landscape, raw and dynamic, with rivers, lakes and mountains of epic proportions, is still wild, very unpopulated and refuge for a rich variety of marine and birdlife. Our journey takes you from Nelson to the Kaikoura Coast, up to Blenheim, across to the West Coast, the glaciers and coastal wilderness and through the Southern Alps to the West Coast and on to Lake Wanaka.

We recommend slow travel, if you have time, add extra nights or additional stops on this itinerary.



### At a glance

**Duration:** 12 days, 11 nights

**Connection points:**

Nelson airport / Inter-Islander ferry  
Queenstown airport

**Activity level:** moderate

**Best season:** October-April

### Driving times

Nelson - Kaikoura: 3 hours 30 minutes  
Kaikoura - Arthur's Pass: 4 hours  
Arthur's Pass - Hokitika: 1 hour 15 minutes  
Hokitika - Lake Moeraki: 3 hours  
Lake Moeraki - Wanaka: 2 hours 15 minutes

### Indicative Price from \$7,135

Price is for accommodation only and excludes meals, ground or air transport unless stated. [Contact one of our Travel Agents](#) or use [My Holiday](#) to contact the operators and book direct.



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Raw Nature

South Island





**Day 1 - near Murchison, Nelson Region**

Stay [Maruia River Retreat](#)

**Day 2 - near Murchison, Nelson Region**

Stay [Maruia River Retreat](#)

**Day 3 - Kaikoura, North Canterbury**

Stay [The Factory](#)

**Day 4 - Kaikoura, North Canterbury**

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**Day 5 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury**

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass](#)

**Day 6 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury**

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**Day 7 - Hokitika, West Coast**

Stay [Rimu Lodge](#)

**Day 8 - near Haast, West Coast**

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki](#)

**Day 9 - near Haast, West Coast**

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki](#)

**Day 10 - Wanaka, Southern Lakes**

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

**Day 11 - Wanaka, Southern Lakes**

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

**Day 12 - Journey's End**

Queenstown airport is one hour from Wanaka and connects with other New Zealand destinations as well as direct flights from Australian cities.