

SPECTACULAR WESTCOAST

★Included

DAY 1 CH

CHRISTCHURCH

(No Meal included)

On arrival in **Christchurch**, pick up your rental car at the airport.

Christchurch has been called the most English city outside of England.

Christchurch is one of the world's unique destinations, combining urban regeneration and innovation with heritage, culture and exhilarating activities.





If time permits, you may visit the beautiful Christchurch Botanic Gardens or sit back and relax aboard one of the Punts along the Avon River.

Your punter will guide you quietly past the trailing willows and leafy banks of the Botanic Gardens.

Christchurch Trams offer a unique experience combining history and sightseeing in beautifully restored heritage trams.

*Accommodation: Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch or Similar

DAY 2

CHRISTCHURCH / PUNAKAIKI / HOKITIKA / FRANZ JOSEF

(Breakfast included)



This morning depart for the West Coast. Arthur's Pass Village is a great stop-off point on your journey and a great chance to stretch your legs before heading to Punakaiki.



Punakaiki is best known for its spectacular Pancake Rocks and Blowholes. These 30-million-year-old limestone formations are nothing to be scoffed at. They are towering cliffs of rock that do look like a sky-high layer of grey pancakes stacked one on top of the other. With a well-maintained path leading out to the best spots, this is a great chance to see the huge waterspouts that blast out towards the sky from blowholes.



Head to **Franz Josef** which is a small town on the West Coast region of the South Island. The Glacier was first explored in 1865 by Austrian Julius Haast and it has been advancing and retreating ever since and now it is your chance to get up close and personal with a variety of activities to tickle your fancy.





Continue your journey to **Hokitika** passing **Greymouth** township. If time allows, we suggest you visit Monteith's brewery tour and tasting. *Monteith's* is one of NZ's most famous breweries and the master brewers will talk you through the process of creating multi-award-winning beers.



You have the chance to explore the public independent walks and take in the sights and sounds of the stunning glacier, make sure you pack your bag for all weather as things can change quickly upon the glacier.

*Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier or Similar



DAY 3 FRANZ JOSEF/ WANAKA/ QUEENSTOWN (Breakfast included)



This morning, you will experience Franz Josef Glacier's ★ 20 minutes scenic helicopter ride which lands on the Glacier. Jump out, take it all in and enjoy spectacular views of the Southern Alps and soaring Mount Cook (the view is subjected to weather conditions). This is an unforgettable experience.

Continue your journey to Lake Wanaka, make a stop at "That Wanaka Tree" which is one of the most photographed trees in New Zealand. You will find beach access on the shore just a stone's throw away from the tree, the perfect place to have a picnic or just watching the sunset. The lone tree is right at the foothills of Mount Aspiring National Park, a World's Heritage site, acting as a doorway into even more breath-taking landscapes that embody the South Island of New Zealand.





Explore *Puzzling World, Wanaka's Wonderful World of weirdness. Since 1973 Puzzling World has been messing with people's heads no matter what age, nationality or experience. With a mix of bizarre buildings, rooms of illusion, and the world-famous Great Maze this attraction is designed to baffle your brain and challenge your perceptions of reality.



On the way to **Queenstown**, take a break at New Zealand's famous Mrs. Jones' Orchard. You can taste and purchase fresh seasonal fruits in the shop. The next part of the journey to one of the most amazing places in New Zealand to experience the colours of the four seasons, **Arrowtown**. It is a historic gold mining town and is lovely in any season.



Continue driving to Queenstown. **Queenstown** is known as one of the world's top holiday spots, is a year-round drawcard for adventure activities, spectacular scenery, and luxury style.

On arrival in Queenstown, you can either relax in the hotel or take a stroll along beautiful Lake Wakatipu.



*Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Queenstown or Similar

Itinerary may change at any time to adjust the local supplier's circumstances



DAY 4 QUEENSTOWN

(Breakfast included)

One of a must-do activity in Queenstown is a trip up to Bob's Peak by the ★Skyline Gondola. Hop on board as the gondola squeezes through pine forest to its grandstand location 400m above Queenstown. At the top, there are the cafe, restaurant, souvenir shop, and observation deck, where you can take in a fantastic view of Queenstown.



*Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Queenstown or Similar

DAY 5 QUEENSTOWN

(Breakfast included)

Depart hotel and self-drive to airport and drop off your rental car. We hope you have had a great trip.