

MISCELLANEOUS

TE WAIPOUNAMU

★Included

DAY 1

QUEENSTOWN

(No meal included)



Let us begin a journey to discover the home of adventure, **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.

Arrive at Queenstown airport, pick up your rental car and self-drive to your hotel for check-in.

After checking in, you can either relax in the hotel or take a stroll along beautiful Lake Wakatipu.

✳️**Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Queenstown or Similar**

DAY 2

QUEENSTOWN

(Breakfast included)



Today, you will get on the ★**Scenic Helicopter** with a highly experienced and friendly pilot. Enjoy a 20 minutes spectacular helicopter flight with snow or alpine landing (subject to weather and snow conditions). The trip is from Queenstown airport over the Wakatipu Basin and Cecil Peak where you will take in the stunning views of Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and Glenorchy. This is an unforgettable experience that has never failed expectations.

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Another popular thing to do 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 3 QUEENSTOWN

(Breakfast included)

Full day free at your own leisure to explore the township. You can choose to take the trail to the top of Queenstown Hill. This trek leads through forest and grasslands for the better part of an hour. The trails are filled with spectacular views of the city.

Another highly recommended activity is Milford Sound. You may drive yourself or book the day trip through one of the local coach tour operators.



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DAY 4

QUEENSTOWN/ MOUNT COOK / TEKAPO

(Breakfast included)



Leaving Queenstown to **Mount Cook National Park** via the historic gold mining district of the rugged Kawarau River Gorge and the famous fruit growing region of Cromwell.

You may want to stop at **Arrowtown**, one of the most picturesque settlements in New Zealand. Arrowtown sits alongside the gold-bearing Arrow River and is just 20 minutes from Queenstown. Make a short stop at the famous Mrs. Jones' Orchard in Cromwell where you can taste and purchase fresh seasonal fruit in the shop.



Continue the trip over the **Lindis Pass** to **Omarama** and continue through the rugged high-country landscape of the Mackenzie Basin to Aoraki / Mount Cook National Park, home to Australasia's highest mountain at 3,724 meters.

Mount Cook is also the home to breath-taking landscapes and the kiwi spirit of adventure. You can take a short scenic hike into Hooker valley and visit the Tasman Glacier's terminal lake or take a helicopter flight up to Tasman Glacier at your own expense (subject to weather conditions).



Depart Mount Cook village to Lake Tekapo and check-in for your accommodation.

✳️ **Accommodation: The Godley Hotel or Similar**

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DAY 5**TEKAPO / CHRISTCHURCH****(Breakfast included)**

On the shores of **Lake Tekapo**, you will see the beautiful Church of the Good Shepherd, where the altar window frames a perfect view of the Southern Alps beyond the lake. The church was built in 1935 for the pioneer families of the Mackenzie District and is still used as a place of worship. The church is a popular photo spot for visitors.

Close by is the "sheepdog monument" - a bronze statue sculpted to recognise the district's debt to the sheepdog "without the help of which the grazing of the mountainous country would be impossible".

Start today journey and explore more of Lake Tekapo and its township.

Lake Tekapo gets its intense milky-turquoise colour from the fine rock-flour (ground by glaciers) which is suspended in the water.



Continue your journey to **Christchurch** via Ashburton. Christchurch is New Zealand's third-largest city. It is often called the "Garden City" with many beautiful parks and public gardens dotted in the city.

✳️ **Accommodation: Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch or Similar**

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DAY 6 CHRISTCHURCH/KAIKOURA/BLENHEIM
(Breakfast included)


Depart Christchurch to Kaikoura, the northern-most district within the Canterbury region. Kaikōura's is well-known for its marine mammal encounters – whales, fur seals and dolphins live permanently in the coastal waters.

A trip to Kaikoura is not complete until you have been on one of the whales watching tours! You may want to take an optional tour Whale Watching Tour which offers visitors an exciting close encounter with Giant Sperm Whales. Sperm whales, the largest of the toothed whales, grow to over 15 metres in length.



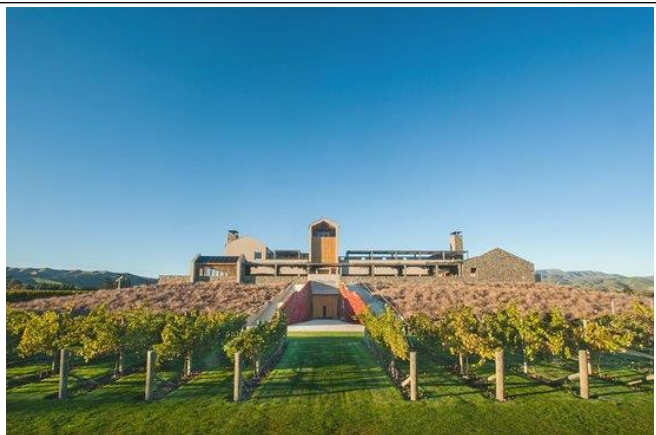
Drive from Kaikoura to Blenheim for approximately 1 hour 45 minutes. Blenheim is situated in the heart of wine-growing Marlborough in the northeast of the South Island. It is one of the sunniest towns in New Zealand, with an estimated average of 2,438 hours of sunshine a year.

Over the years, Blenheim offers a safe harbour to explorers such as Captain Cook and Dumont d'Urville. Travellers from New Zealand and the rest of the world visit Blenheim to enjoy its wine, gourmet foods, Marlborough Sounds, and activities such as golf, fishing, kayaking and water sports.

✳️ **Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Marlborough or Similar**

DAY 7 BLENHEIM
(Breakfast included)

Full free day at your own leisure to spend in this sunny town. **Blenheim** is an ideal base for those who want to explore the local wine and food culture. Bike around the vineyards or catch a tour. There are more than 30 wineries within driving distance of the town, and most of them welcome visitors for sampling sessions and cellar door sales. Take an optional tour Wine tasting and tour.



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In and around Blenheim you will find an array of cafes, restaurants, wineries, bars, shops, artisan food outlets and golf courses along with popular walkways along with the Taylor River Reserve.

***Accommodation: Scenic Hotel Marlborough or Similar**

DAY 8
BLENHEIM / HANMER SPRINGS / CHRISTCHURCH (Breakfast included)


Leaving the sunny town Blenheim to Hanmer Springs, a resort town in the Canterbury region.

Hanmer Springs is an attractive year-round holiday destination for adventure, relaxation, and indulgence. Surrounded by dramatic mountains and towering forests, this charming town has a main street filled with boutique shops, cafes, and eateries.

No trip to Hanmer Springs would be complete without going to one of the best hot springs in New Zealand.

An optional tour at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa offers their visitors 22 outdoor thermal pools where you can choose to soak in one of them or treat yourself to a range of indulgent spa therapies.

After a full day of strolling in this resort town, it is time to head back to Christchurch for your overnight stay.

***Accommodation: Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch or Similar**



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DAY 9**CHRISTCHURCH****(Breakfast included)**

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



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