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## WORLD HERITAGE

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Milford Sound   | Mount Cook         | Walking                  |
| Fiordland       | West Coast Beaches | Scenic Helicopter Flight |
| Routeburn Track | Wanaka             | Jet Boats                |
| Milford Track   | Hollyford Track    | Kayaking                 |
| Queenstown      | Punakaiki          | Glacier Boat Tour        |
| Fox Glacier     | Glowworm Caves     |                          |

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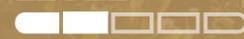


**13**  
days

**SOUTH ISLAND BASED**



**ACTIVITY LEVEL**



**FOOD**  
Restaurant Dining

**ACCOMMODATION**  
4-Star Accommodation



**START** Christchurch



**FINISH** Christchurch

Turn the page for the full itinerary.



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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1 – Arrive in Christchurch and Hike Arthur’s Pass National Park

After meeting everyone, we depart Christchurch for the Canterbury High Country. We’ll get our first taste of fresh New Zealand air during a hike in Arthur’s Pass National Park before continuing on to the remote West Coast. We spend our first night together in Punakaiki, the home of the famous Pancake Rocks.

### Day 2 – Explore the Nile River Glowworm Caves and Hike Paparoa National Park

Today we will spend the day exploring one of the most untouched parts of New Zealand. First, it’s a short but stunning trip up the coast to Paparoa National Park, where we’ll begin an otherworldly experience in the Nile River glowworm caves. Explore an ancient wonderland of stalactites and stalagmites, and see a galaxy of glowworms overhead. This afternoon you have the option to visit the beach for a relaxing walk at Punakaiki, our home for the night, or hike

the stunning Pororari River Track.

### Day 3 – West Coast and Kayaking on Okarito Lagoon

We take an incredibly scenic journey down the West Coast, famous for its desolate beaches and crashing waves, to Okarito for a kayaking tour on New Zealand’s largest coastal lagoon with specialist local guides. Soak up the majestic beauty and for keen birdwatchers, this is home to the rare *Kōtuku* (White Heron) as well as other coastal and forest wildlife. This afternoon you have the option to hike for elevated views of the coastline. Spend the night in Okarito, far away from anywhere.

### Day 4 – Hike in Glacier Country, Mt Aspiring National Park

Your camera will get a workout trying to do justice to the perfect reflections of Lake Matheson and the views of Fox Glacier’s terminal face on our morning hike. We then continue down the West Coast into Mount Aspiring National

Park, with its remote wilderness, high mountains and beautiful river valleys. Overnight in the relaxed lakeside village of Wanaka, overlooking clear waters and surrounded by mountains.

### Day 5 – Lake Wanaka Boat Cruise and Hike in Mou Waho Island Wildlife Reserve

This morning, we’ll cruise across Lake Wanaka to a tiny island wildlife sanctuary. Our favourite ecologist and long-time Wanaka guide will lead us on a hike of Mou Waho Island, one of the most magical spots on the South Island. In the afternoon, we have a scenic journey over the Crown Range to Queenstown, a world-class resort town with stunning scenery, amazing restaurants serving local Kiwi fare, and an array of adventure opportunities on offer.

### Day 6 – Hike the famed Routeburn Track

Today we travel to the top of Lake Wakatipu, the longest lake in New Zealand and so deep that in places the bottom lies below sea level. The route along the shore was recently voted one of the best drives in the world. Our hike today takes us out for the day onto the well-known Routeburn Track, one of our Great Walks. Options depend on how far you’d like to hike, or how long you’d like to spend soaking up the view. Overnight in Queenstown.

### Day 7 – Explore Queenstown

What to do with an entire day free in one of the most beautiful towns in the world? You’re spoilt for choice with options on land, water and even in the air. Your guides will point you in the



### Wilderness Lodge

Helicopter from Milford Sound to remote Martins Bay for a walk to a wild seal colony and return to your well-appointed wilderness lodge by jet boat.



### Variety of Walks

Explore the lush rainforest on the rugged West Coast and the towering snow-capped peaks of Aoraki/Mt Cook.

right direction – relaxing also permitted, of course! Drink coffee in one of the boutique cafes, treat yourself to a meal you’ll never forget, and watch paragliders perform acrobatics in the sky. Overnight in Queenstown.

### Day 8 – Fiordland National Park & Milford Sound

We’ll have a relaxed start to the day before making the journey further down south to Fiordland National Park on another of the world’s most scenic drives. We’ll make plenty of stops for photos and short walks along the way, as there is heaps to see and explore, and we’ll stop for lunch on the lakeside in Te Anau, before making the grand entrance into Milford Sound. Overnight in Milford Sound.

### Day 9 – Hike Milford Track, Milford Sound by Helicopter, and Jet Boating

A short boat ride across Milford Sound takes us to the start of one of the most scenic sections of the world-famous Milford Track. At the end of our half-day walk, a helicopter will be waiting to take us even further into Fiordland National Park, where few people get to visit. At remote Martins Bay, we’ll hike to a



### Fine Dining

Order off the menu at our favourite restaurants.



### Hollyford Valley

Enjoy the stunning and remote Hollyford Valley in Fiordland National Park.



### Milford Sound

Explore the world-famous Milford Sound and enjoy exclusive access to the Milford Track walk.



### Kayak Okarito Lagoon

Paddle New Zealand's largest unmodified coastal lagoon to take in views of the Southern Alps. Suitable for all levels.



### First class accommodation

First class accommodation, a great nights' sleep and your own ensuite.



### Glacier Boat Tour

Get up close to glaciers in Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park.

seal colony and then be driven by jet boat back to Martins Bay Lodge, where we'll spend a night in the wilderness in absolute comfort.

#### Day 10 – Fiordland Backcountry, Jet Boat Ride and Walk the Hollyford Track

Our day starts with another exhilarating jet boat ride, this time up the Hollyford River and across Lake McKerrow. Just when you thought your Fiordland experience couldn't possibly get any better, we'll take a guided walk on the Hollyford Track for the day. Arrive in Te Anau for dinner with lake views and time to reflect on your adventures so far, and overnight.

#### Day 11 – Arrowtown, High Country Lakes, Aoraki/Mount Cook & Stargazing tour

Today we'll make our way to the historic gold-mining town of Arrowtown for wine tasting and lunch, with time to wander the streets and imagine discovering 'the colour' (gold) in the crystal clear river. Then we continue on our breathtaking journey into the heart of the Southern Alps among the glacier-fed, high country lakes. Tonight enjoy a stargazing tour in the Aoraki Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve, one of

only eight such places in the world, and a visit to the planetarium. Overnight at the Hermitage hotel, with its incredible location, Mount Cook.

#### Day 12 – Glacier Boat Tour and options in Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park

This national park is home to not only our highest and most sacred peak, Aoraki/Mount Cook, but an impressive 19 peaks topping more than 3,000 metres. After a boat tour to see the glaciers this morning, there are options to do some more hiking, explore the village or upgrade to an optional heli-hike tour further up into the mountains. Overnight in Mt Cook.

#### Day 13 – Tekapo and the MacKenzie Country, Depart Christchurch

We've saved some of the best scenery for our final day together. The colours of Lakes Pukaki and Tekapo have to be seen to be believed, and will make the perfect backdrop for photos you'll treasure for years to come. After 13 days of extraordinary adventure, company, and fun, we'll say our goodbyes. ■



### Cheeky Kea

You'll be able to get up close and personal with some of the local wildlife.

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converting into your own currency.

### INCLUDES

12 nights' accommodation, services of two professional local guides, ground transportation, heli-transfer, snacks and 34 meals, and all activities as described. Go to our website for tour dates, availability and to book.

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