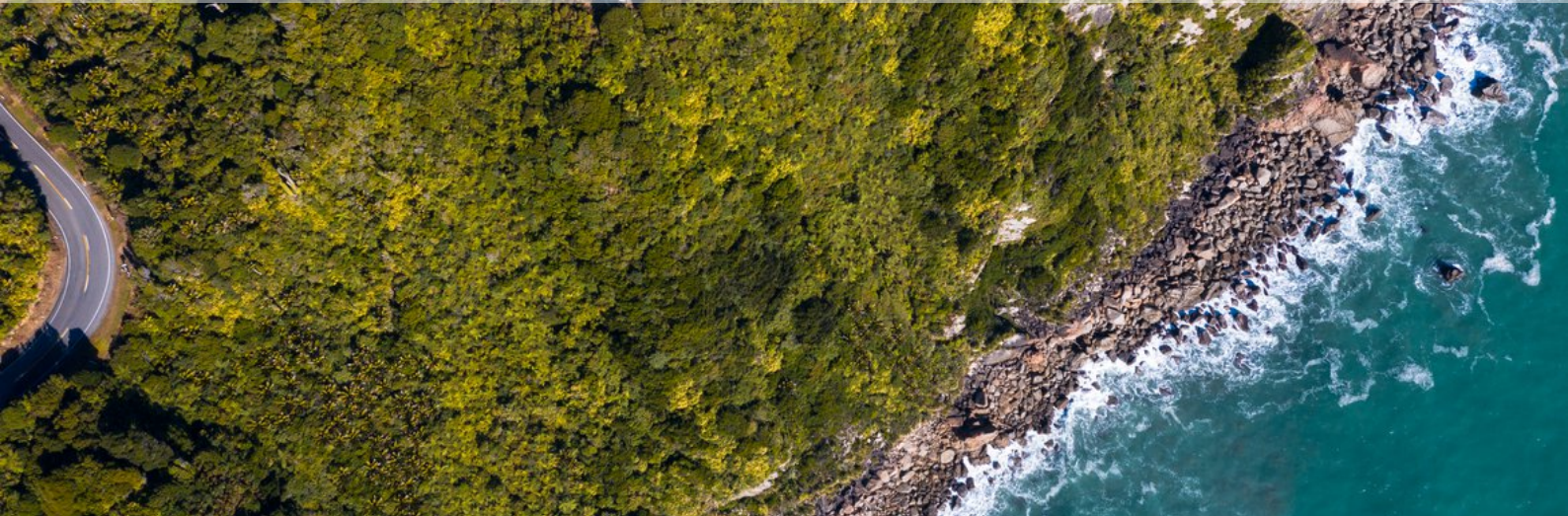


TOTS Post TRENZ Famil 2025

9-14 May 2025



Destination Kaikōura - RT0

Tourism New Zealand

Email address marketing@kaikoura.co.nz

Itinerary ID 7C52 65C0

OUTLINE

DAY 1

Fri, 9 May 2025



10:15am | Rotorua to Blenheim

Air New Zealand



Welcome to Marlborough

Marlborough, New Zealand



1:00pm | Transfer with Sounds Connection

Sounds Connection



Arrive to Marlborough to be picked up by Sounds Connections . Addy your host will be with you

Marlborough Airport Blenheim, 1 Tancred Crescent, Blenheim 7206, New Zealand



1:30pm | Harvest Restaurant

Harvest Restaurant Blenheim



3:15pm | Site Visit and Wine Tastings

Cloudy Bay Vineyards - Marlborough



4:30pm | Wine Tasting

Clos Henri • 639 State Highway 63, Renwick 7271, New Zealand



5:00pm | Transfer to Picton Lochmara office

Clos Henri Vineyard, 639 State Highway 63, Renwick 7271, New Zealand



Water taxi will depart to the Sounds from Lochmara office in Picton a 17.45

Lochmara Lodge, Queen Charlotte Sounds, Picton 7220, New Zealand



6:15pm | Dine at Lochmara Lodge

Lochmara Lodge



Water Taxi Transfer from Lochmara Lodge to Picton at 20.30- opportunity to star gaze in the sounds

Lochmara Lodge



Head back to Picton Yacht Club for the night stay

Picton Yacht Club Hotel



8:30pm | Picton Yacht Club Hotel (1 night)

DAY 2

Sat, 10 May 2025



Please be ready to check out with bags in the lobby by 8.00

Picton Yacht Club Hotel, 25 Waikawa Road, Picton 7220, New Zealand



Walk/Drive to Beachcomber cruises office

Beachcomber Cruises. Queen Charlotte Cruise & Track Adventures, London Quay, Picton 7250, New Zealand




















8:10am | Kaipupu Sanctuary Walk

Beachcomber Cruises. Queen Charlotte Cruise & Track Adventures • Marlborough sounds, Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater 7281, New Zealand






10:30am | Drive from Blenheim to Kaikōura

Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, Aerodrome Road, Blenheim 7272, New Zealand

-  **Experience Kaikōura**
Kaikōura, New Zealand
-  **11:45am | Lunch**
Karaka Lobster
-  **12:30pm | Drive from Karaka Lobster to Ohau Point**
Karaka Lobster, State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand
-  **12:30pm | Ohau Point Seal Colony**
Ohau Point Lookout, Half Moon Bay 7371, New Zealand
-  **12:45pm | Drive from Ohau Point to Kaikoura Lookout**
Ohau Point Lookout, Half Moon Bay 7371, New Zealand
-  **1:15pm | Kaikōura Lookout**
274 Scarborough Street, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand
-  **1:30pm | Drive from Kaikoura Lookout to EcoZip**
Kaikoura Lookout, 274 Scarborough Street, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand
-  **1:45pm | Kaikōura Ziplining & Native forest trail**
EcoZip Adventures Kaikōura
-  **5:30pm | Drive from Kaikoura airport to Manakau Lodge**
Kaikoura Airport (KBZ), Kaikōura 7374, New Zealand
-  **6:00pm | Site Visit**
Manakau Lodge • Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand
-  **Note: Half the group to check in.**
Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand
-  **6:45pm | Drive from Manakau Lodge to Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses**
Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand
-  **7:00pm | Dinner**
Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses
-  **Note: other half of the group to check in**
Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses, State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand
-  **9:00pm | Drive back to your accommodation**
Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses, State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand
-  **9:00pm | Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses (1 night)**
-  **9:00pm | Manakau Lodge (1 night)**
Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

DAY 3

Sun, 11 May 2025

-  **Breakfast in house at leisure in your respective accommodations.**
-  **8:15am | Pick up of half of the group to go to Hapuku Lodge**
Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand
-  **8:30am | Site visit**
Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses



9:10am | Drive from Hapuku Lodge to Kaikōura Airport

Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses, State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand



Note: All the group to go to the Airport for Whale watch flight 30 min



9:30am | Whale Watching Flight

South Pacific Helicopters



9:30am | Kaikoura Helicopters Ltd

Kaikoura Helicopters Ltd



10:30am | Drive from Kaikoura Airport to Town centre

Kaikoura Airport (KBZ), Kaikōura 7374, New Zealand



Walking tour to end at Encounter Cafe



12:00pm | Cafe

Dolphin Encounter



1:00pm | Drive Encounter Kaikoura > Tawanui Farm

Encounter Kaikoura (Dolphin Encounter), 96 Esplanade, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand



2:30pm | Site Tour A-Frame & Domes

Tawanui Farm • Tawanui Farm, 919 Blythe Road Motunau New Zealand



3:15pm | Drive Tawanui Farm to Greystone Wines

Tawanui Farm, 1321 Blythe Road, Domett 7383, New Zealand



4:00pm | A Taste of Greystone

Greystone Wines • Greystone Wines, 376 Omihi Road, Waipara 7483, New Zealand



5:00pm | Drive Greystone Wines > Tussock Peak Motor Lodge

Greystone Wines, 376 Omihi Road, Waipara 7483, New Zealand



6:00pm | Tussock Peak Motor Lodge (1 night)

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge, 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



6:25pm | Walk Tussock Peak > No.31

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge, 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



6:30pm | Dinner

No. 31 Restaurant & Bar •

No. 31 Restaurant & Bar, 31 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



8:15pm | Walk back to Tussock Peak Motor Lodge

No.31 Restaurant & Bar, 31 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



8:30pm | Star Gazing Tour

Manuka Skies (Hanmer Springs Star Tours) •

Manuka Skies Star Gazing, 900 Woodbank Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

DAY 4

Mon, 12 May 2025



7:00am | Continental Breakfast

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge •

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge, 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



8:00am | Drive Tussock Peak Motor Lodge > Forest Amble

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge, 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

-  **8:05am | Walk**
Forest Amble Sculpture Walk
-  **8:40am | Drive Forest Amble Sculpture Walk > Hanmer Springs Hotel**
Forest amble sculptures, Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand
-  **8:45am | Site Inspection**
Hanmer Springs Hotel
-  **9:25am | Walk Hanmer Springs Hotel > Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa**
Hanmer Springs Hotel, 1 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand
-  **9:30am | Site Inspection & Tour**
Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa
-  **10:15am | Tea Kiosk Cafe and Grill**
Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa
-  **10:45am | Drive Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools > Hanmer Springs Attractions**
Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools, 42 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand
-  **11:00am | Jetboat Ride**
Hanmer Springs Attractions
-  **12:00pm | Drive from Hanmer Springs to Maruia Hot Springs**
Hanmer Springs Attractions, 839 Hanmer Springs Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand
-  **1:00pm | Gourmet Dining Experience**
Maruia Hot Springs
-  **2:00pm | Bathe & Sauna**
Maruia Hot Springs
-  **3:00pm | Drive from Maruia Hot Springs to Reefton Distilling Co.**
Maruia Hot Springs, 1513 State Highway 7, Lewis Pass 7895, New Zealand
-  **3:45pm | Reefton Distilling Tour**
Reefton Distilling Co
-  **4:45pm | Drive from Reefton Distilling Co to Pounamu Pathway**
Reefton Distilling Co., 10 Smith Street, Reefton 7830, New Zealand
-  **5:45pm | Mawhera Greymouth**
Pounamu Pathway
-  **6:35pm | Drive from Mawhera Pounamu Pathways to Scenic Hotel Punakaiki**
Pounamu Pathway - Māwhera, 43 Tainui Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand
-  **7:10pm | Scenic Hotel Punakaiki (1 night)**

DAY 5

Tue, 13 May 2025

-  **Breakfast at your own leisure**
-  **7:30am | Drive from Scenic Hotel Punakaiki to Pancake Rocks and Blow Holes**
Scenic Hotel Punakaiki, 4237 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand
-  **7:45am | Pancake Rocks & Blowholes Track**
Pancake Rocks Cafe, Coast Road, Punakaiki 4300, New Zealand



8:10am | Dolomite Point

Dolomite Point



8:45am | Drive from Pancake Rocks and Blow Holes to Underworld Adventures

Pancake Rocks and Blowholes Track, 4294 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand



9:15am | Charleston Glowworm Cave Adventure

Underworld Adventures



12:30pm | Drive from Underworld Adventures to Pounamu Pathways- Kawatiri

Underworld Adventures, 7368 State Highway 6, Charleston 7892, New Zealand



12:50pm | Kawatiri Westport

Pounamu Pathway



1:30pm | Drive from Pounamu Pathways Kawatiri to Karamea Aerodrome

Pounamu Pathway - Museum of Kawatiri, 123 Palmerston Street, Westport 7825, New Zealand



3:15pm | Golden Bay Air

Golden Bay Air



Welcome to Nelson Tasman

Nelson, New Zealand



4:00pm | Transfer from Motueka Airport to Kaiteriteri Beach

Motueka-Abel Tasman Airport (MZP), Motueka 7120, New Zealand



5:00pm | Wilsons Abel Tasman National Park (1 night)

DAY 6

Wed, 14 May 2025



Breakfast in house at 7am



8:30am | Guided Kayaking Tour

Abel Tasman Kayaks



11:30am | Bespoke Moutere Artisan Tour - Including lunch

Wine, Art & Wilderness



2:30pm | Nelson - Auckland

Air New Zealand

Day 1 Friday, 9 May 2025



Rotorua to Blenheim

Air New Zealand



Air New Zealand is the flag carrier airline of New Zealand. Based in Auckland, the airline operates scheduled passenger flights to 20 domestic and 30 international destinations in 18 countries, primarily around and within the Pacific Rim. Our aircraft's tails all proudly bear the Māori symbol of the Mangōpare, or hammerhead shark. The Mangōpare represents strength, tenacity, and resilience. The symbol is also known as the koru, the sign of new life, renewal, and hope for the future.

Date and time

Departure: 9 May 2025 at 10:15 am

Arrival: 9 May 2025 at 1:00 pm

Contact

<https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/>

Details

Rotorua to Blenheim (Flexi Refund) x 8

Check-in instructions

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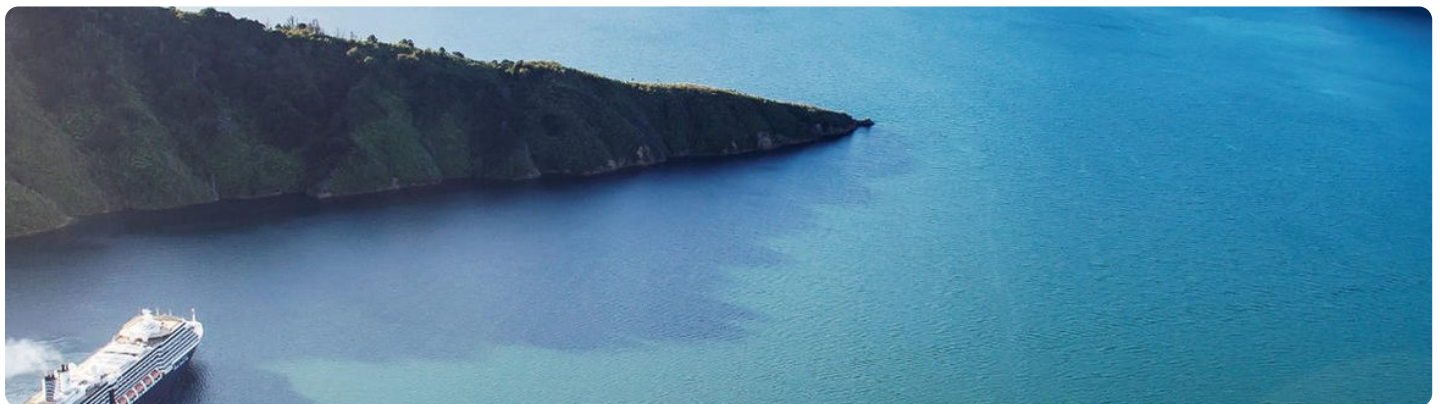
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Welcome to Marlborough

Marlborough, New Zealand



Imagine a weekend where food, wine, scenery and a touch of adventure all meld into one brilliant experience. Where, within minutes after arriving, you're tasting incredible wines at a celebrated cellar door, and by evening, you're ensconced in a remote waterfront resort, enjoying a gourmet dinner of local produce surrounded by nothing but natural beauty and tranquility. Welcome to Marlborough, where all the best ingredients for a brilliant getaway are in one amazing, easy to get to place. Get off beaten track to Marlborough's brilliant hidden gems and unique experiences, ranging from the growing treasure trove of history at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, to a journey through our rich and diverse Māori and European heritage at pivotal locations like Ship Cove/Meretoto. Experience unspoilt natural beauty, such as a visit to a deserted island bird sanctuary. Walk a section of the Queen Charlotte Track and marvel at the brilliant views, or experience the rush of mountain biking New Zealand's longest dual-purpose track. Fish for your dinner in the deep waters of the outer Marlborough Sounds, or cruise the calm bays - try swimming with dolphins, or sailing on a yacht.

Date and time

 9 May 2025

Location

 New Zealand



Transfer with Sounds Connection

Sounds Connection



Sounds Connection has been operating since 1993 and is privately owned by Marlborough locals Mark and Maria Baxter. And while some might say more than 20 years is an impressive stint – the connection goes back even further, as Mark’s father, and grandfather, operated a water taxi service and fishing excursions company in the Queen Charlotte Sound before him. While Mark and Maria have a longstanding connection, and over 20 years of sharing Marlborough experiences with clients, they’re still as enthusiastic and fresh about it as the day they started. They genuinely believe Marlborough is a fabulous place to visit, stay and explore, and will never tire of sharing it with you!

Date and time

 Pick up: 9 May 2025 at 1:00 pm

 Drop off: 14 May 2025 at 6:00 pm

Details

Transfer with Sounds Connection (Transfer) x 1



Arrive to Marlborough to be picked up by Sounds Connections . Addy your host will be with you

Marlborough Airport Blenheim, 1 Tancred Crescent, Blenheim 7206, New Zealand

Date and time

 9 May 2025

Location

 1 Tancred Crescent, Blenheim 7206, New Zealand



Harvest Restaurant


Harvest Restaurant Blenheim



At Harvest, the ethos is simple - authenticity...We aim to create a space that celebrates authentic hospitality where you can relax, enjoy and have your every need anticipated. All aspects of the restaurant is guided by this philosophy, creating a place

where guests are genuinely welcomed and farewelled as friends. Relax in one of the stunning dining rooms or enjoy the Marlborough sun on our large garden deck area and enjoy the gastronomy on offer. Alternatively, find a shady spot in the beautiful gardens or vineyard with a small bite and refreshing beverage.

Date and time

 Start: 9 May 2025 at 1:30 pm

 End: 9 May 2025 at 3:00 pm

Details

Harvest Restaurant (Lunch) x 10



Site Visit and Wine Tastings

Cloudy Bay Vineyards - Marlborough

In Marlborough we farm 163 parcels of vines and 65 grower blocks. Those parcels closer to the Wairau River have stony, sandy and free-draining soils ideal for the iconic Sauvignon Blanc. Further south of the river in the Southern Valleys, the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards love the heavy clay-based soils. These soils and Marlborough's maritime climate work in harmony to set the stage for Cloudy Bay's captivating style of wine.

Date and time

 Start: 9 May 2025 at 3:15 pm (Check-in 3:15 pm)

 End: 9 May 2025 at 4:15 pm

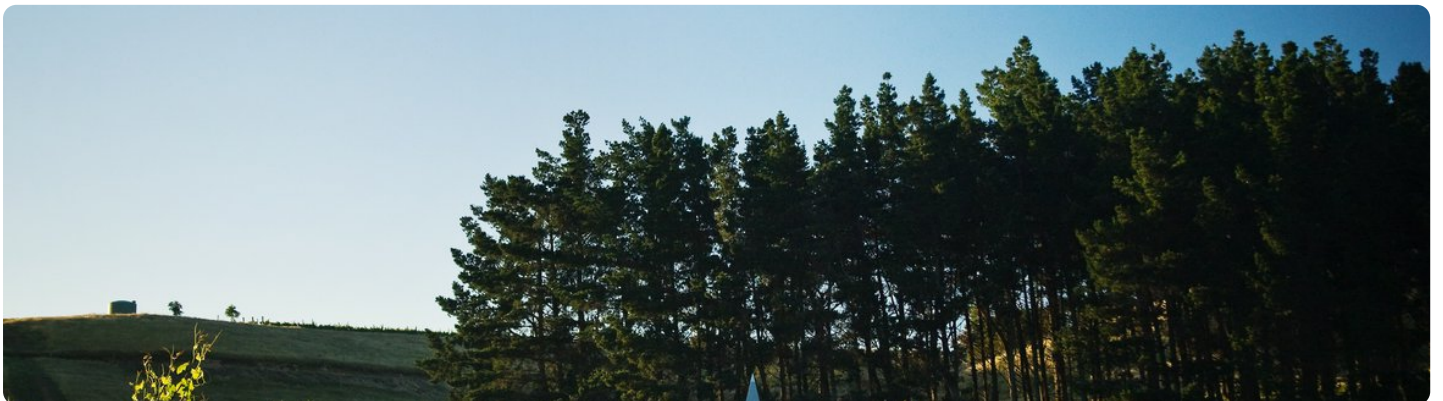
Details

Site Visit and Wine Tastings (Adult) x 10



Wine Tasting


Clos Henri • [639 State Highway 63, Renwick 7271, New Zealand](#)



A journey born millions ago and honed by 10 generations of winemakers, Clos Henri is home to extraordinary, organic Marlborough wines. Nestled in the foothills of the Wairau Valley, carved by powerful glacial and tectonic forces, the Clos Henri Estate sits upon some of Marlborough's most fascinating soils. Headed by members of the famous winegrowing family of Henri Bourgeois, from Sancerre, France, the Estate has been meticulously cared for since its establishment in 2000. Drawing on over 200 years of winegrowing expertise from the family, we craft organic wines that are textural and elegant; and which

pay homage to the unique soil types we are lucky enough to nurture.

Date and time


 Start: 9 May 2025 at 4:30 pm (Check-in 4:30 pm)

 End: 9 May 2025 at 5:00 pm

Location

 639 State Highway 63, Renwick 7271, New Zealand

Contact

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Details

Wine Tasting (Adult) x 9



Transfer to Picton Lochmara office


Clos Henri Vineyard, 639 State Highway 63, Renwick 7271, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 9 May 2025 at 5:00 pm

 End: 9 May 2025 at 5:45 pm

Location

 Start: 639 State Highway 63, Renwick 7271, New Zealand

 End: London Quay, Picton 7220, New Zealand



Water taxi will depart to the Sounds from Lochmara office in Picton at 17.45

Lochmara Lodge, Queen Charlotte Sounds, Picton 7220, New Zealand

Date and time

 9 May 2025

Location

 Queen Charlotte Sounds, Picton 7220, New Zealand



Dine at Lochmara Lodge

Lochmara Lodge



Lochmara is a locally owned and operated small waterfront resort with your hosts Niki and Chris ready to welcome you all.

Lochmara has no road access, and is located in Lochmara Bay, Jetty 05490

Queen Charlotte Sound, Picton, New Zealand.


Lochmara has fourteen rooms offering options available for two adults through to rooms suitable for families.


We also have a waterfront café/restaurant open every day of the season and catering to all dietary requirements.

The cuisine is based on seasonal Marlborough flavours, reflecting the regional specialties from sea and land. Our menus emphasise sustainability and where possible our meat and seafood are organic or local, and fresh produce is sourced locally and seasonally. Our drinks menu showcases wines from Marlborough and throughout New Zealand, as well as boutique craft beers. We have a reputation for the best coffee in the Sounds, and there is fresh baking from our kitchen for morning and afternoon tea.

In the cooler Autumn and Spring months we have the log fire going in the evenings to add to the already ambient experience that is Lochmara.

Date and time

 Start: 9 May 2025 at 6:15 pm

 End: 9 May 2025 at 8:30 pm

Details

Dine at Lochmara Lodge (Dinner) x 10

Check-in instructions

Dinner along with a tour and evening nature experience at the lodge



Water Taxi Transfer from Lochmara Lodge to Picton at 20.30- opportunity to star gaze in the sounds

Lochmara Lodge



Head back to Picton Yacht Club for the night stay

Picton Yacht Club Hotel



Picton Yacht Club Hotel (1 night)



With spectacular vistas over the Marlborough Sound, the Picton Yacht Club Hotel is an ideal destination for both leisure and business travellers alike. 48 comfortable spacious rooms and contemporary apartments to choose from we have options to suit every traveller's preference. The onsite restaurant, outdoor bar, conference centre and swimming pool complement the property perfectly. Close proximity to the Picton Ferry terminal and Marlborough wineries. Picton Yacht Club is part of the CPG Hotel Family with 9 other hotels around New Zealand, ranging from 3-star to Boutique 5-star.

Date and time

 Check-in: 9 May 2025 at 8:30 pm

 Check-out: 10 May 2025 at 8:00 am

Details

Picton Yacht Club Hotel (Room & Breakfast) x 9

Day 2 Saturday, 10 May 2025



Please be ready to check out with bags in the lobby by 8.00

Picton Yacht Club Hotel, 25 Waikawa Road, Picton 7220, New Zealand

Date and time

10 May 2025

Location

25 Waikawa Road, Picton 7220, New Zealand



Walk/Drive to Beachcomber cruises office

Beachcomber Cruises. Queen Charlotte Cruise & Track Adventures, London Quay, Picton 7250, New Zealand

Date and time

10 May 2025

Location

London Quay, Picton 7250, New Zealand



Kaipupu Sanctuary Walk

Beachcomber Cruises. Queen Charlotte Cruise & Track Adventures • Marlborough sounds, Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater 7281, New Zealand



Kaipupu Sanctuary is a community conservation project in the middle of Picton harbour, restoring a 40-hectare peninsula back to its original wilderness.

Beachcomber Cruises is pleased to be able to offer water transport to the sanctuary to walk the 2.7km loop track, and enjoy the bird song, native forest, and stunning views of Queen Charlotte Sound.

Date and time

Start: 10 May 2025 at 8:15 am (Check-in 8:10 am)

End: 10 May 2025 at 10:00 am

Location

Queen Charlotte Drive, Linkwater 7281, New Zealand

Contact

+64 3 573 6175

<http://www.beachcombercruises.co.nz/>

Details

Kaipupu Sanctuary Walk (Adult) x 9



Drive from Blenheim to Kaikōura

Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, Aerodrome Road, Blenheim 7272, New Zealand

101 km - 1h15

Date and time



Start: 10 May 2025 at 10:30 am



End: 10 May 2025 at 11:45 am

Location



Start: Aerodrome Road, Blenheim 7272, New Zealand



End: State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand



Experience Kaikōura

Kaikōura, New Zealand



Kaikōura has some of the country's most breathtaking scenery with a mix of stunning coastline, dramatic peninsula and some of the South Island's highest mountains. 📍Kaikōura is the most northern district in the Canterbury region located on the east coast of the South Island – a 2.5 hour drive north from Christchurch. 📍A unique ocean environment provides a home to an astonishing variety of marine life. Kaikōura is a tourism destination with marine based operators, unique experiences and historic attractions along with a mix of both relaxing and exhilarating land-based activities. 📍

Date and time



10 May 2025

Location



Kaikōura, New Zealand



Lunch

Karaka Lobster



You will find Karaka Lobster on State Highway 1, 30 minutes north of Kaikōura.

Since the start of the 20th century, this family have been providing Kaikoura locals and visitors with the freshest crayfish in New Zealand. Two generations and 40 years have passed since 1980 when the family started cray fishing off the coast of Kaikōura.

From humble beginnings as a small shop at the local campground, to a caravan on the side of the road, to now this store, the Karaka Lobster - they offer the freshest crays on the coast directly from the sea to your plate. Ash Reader and Liese Belgrave are now at the helm of Karaka Lobster, the second generation on the coast.

Date and time



Start: 10 May 2025 at 11:45 am



End: 10 May 2025 at 12:30 pm

Details

Lunch (Half crayfish with fries incl. 1 soft drink) x 10



Drive from Karaka Lobster to Ohau Point

Karaka Lobster, State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

Date and time



Start: 10 May 2025 at 12:30 pm



End: 10 May 2025 at 12:35 pm

Location



Start: State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand



End: Half Moon Bay 7371, New Zealand



Ohau Point Seal Colony

Ohau Point Lookout, Half Moon Bay 7371, New Zealand



Located 30 minutes north of Kaikōura on State Highway 1, Ohau Point is one of the biggest and most well-known Kaikōura seal colonies.

The viewing platform just above the breeding colony allows you to spot them from afar. Watch the fur baby seals play in the water and the adults "sunbathing" (ie laying around, doing nothing).

The New Zealand fur seal breeding time means that seals are often born between December and February. Therefore, the best time of year to see seal pups in Kaikōura is between April and September.


While getting out of your vehicle, you can immediately smell the residents of Ohau Point. Yes, they're smelly, but they're so cool!

Date and time

 Start: 10 May 2025 at 12:30 pm

 End: 10 May 2025 at 12:45 pm

Location


 Half Moon Bay 7371, New Zealand




Drive from Ohau Point to Kaikoura Lookout

Ohau Point Lookout, Half Moon Bay 7371, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 10 May 2025 at 12:45 pm

 End: 10 May 2025 at 1:15 pm

Location

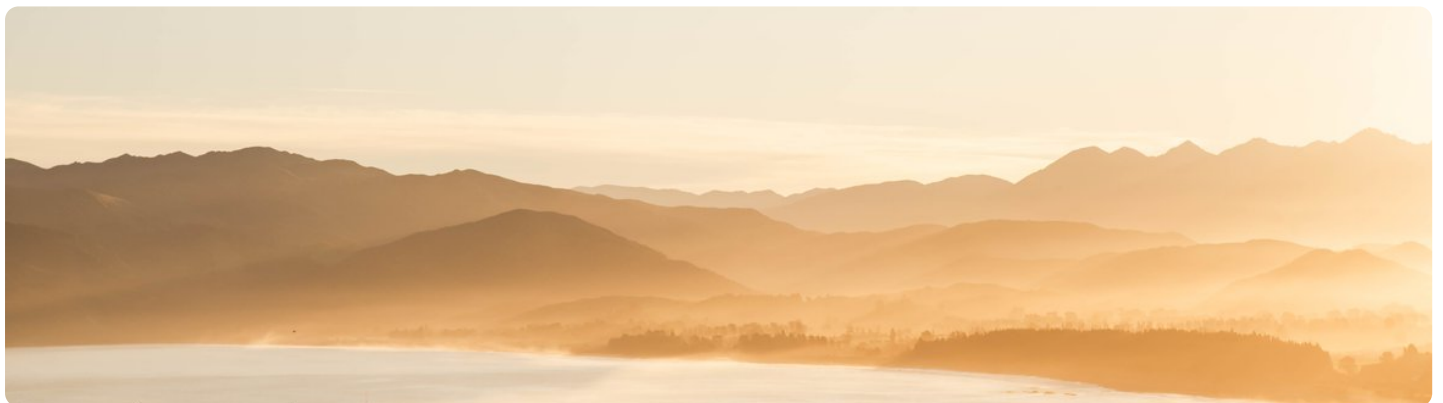
 Start: Half Moon Bay 7371, New Zealand

 End: 274 Scarborough Street, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand




Kaikōura Lookout

274 Scarborough Street, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand




Head up Kaikōura iconic water tower where you can enjoy sweeping 360-degree scenic lookout across Kaikōura. You may even catch a glimpse of a whale in the distance.

Date and time

 Start: 10 May 2025 at 1:15 pm

 End: 10 May 2025 at 1:30 pm

Location

 274 Scarborough Street, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand




Drive from Kaikoura Lookout to EcoZip


Kaikoura Lookout, 274 Scarborough Street, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 10 May 2025 at 1:30 pm

 End: 10 May 2025 at 1:45 pm

Location

 Start: 274 Scarborough Street, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand

 End: 11 West End, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand



Kaikōura Ziplining & Native forest trail

EcoZip Adventures Kaikōura



WELCOME TO THE SOUTH ISLAND'S NEWEST ZIPLINE TOUR (opened 15 Dec 2023)

Views that leave you speechless, thrills that leave you breathless – this is Kaikōura like you've never seen it before.

This 3.5-hour eco-tourism adventure starts in the centre of town. At EcoZip's homebase, you'll meet some of our legendary crew, who will prep you for your 15-minute scenic shuttle ride south, in airconditioned comfort, to our "gear up" and staging location.

From there, you'll be transferred to a custom-built Unimog 4X4 that will carry you through the intertwined freshwater streams of the Kahutara river, then onto Rakanui Station.

Then, get set to zip! Clip into 2.2km of high-flying fun across five giant ziplines, where you'll enjoy bird's-eye views of the mountains and the ocean.

Throughout your journey, you'll be accompanied by two of our expert, local guides, who will describe the history of the region,

share stories of the local people and explain how your participation in the EcoZip experience is helping to restore sections of Rakanui Station's farmland back to native forest.

5 ziplines that cumulatively represent 2.2km in length in an 11,000-hectare piece of private land just 9km south of Kaikōura.

Confirmation

✓ R81HDUZ

Date and time

📅 Start: 10 May 2025 at 2:00 pm (Check-in 1:45 pm)

📅 End: 10 May 2025 at 5:30 pm

Details

Kaikōura Ziplining & Native forest trail (Adult) x 8



Drive from Kaikoura airport to Manakau Lodge

Kaikoura Airport (KBZ), Kaikōura 7374, New Zealand

20km - 0h18

Date and time

📅 Start: 10 May 2025 at 5:30 pm

📅 End: 10 May 2025 at 6:00 pm

Location

📍 Start: Kaikōura 7374, New Zealand

📍 End: 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand



Site Visit

Manakau Lodge • Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand





Manakau Lodge is Kaikoura's luxury rural retreat located at the foot of Mountain Ranges with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean.

This peaceful haven with tranquil surroundings is the perfect place to relax, reconnect and explore everything our beautiful region has to offer.

Each booking gets exclusive use of the property.

Date and time

 Start: 10 May 2025 at 6:00 pm

 End: 10 May 2025 at 6:45 pm

Location

 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

Contact

 +64 (0)21 433590

 <http://www.manakaulodge.com>

Details

Site Visit (Pre booked Famil)x 10

**Note: Half the group to check in.**

Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

The group will be split into 2 accommodations tonight.

4 will be staying at Manakau Lodge, 4 at Hapuku Lodge

Date and time

 10 May 2025


Location


 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

**Drive from Manakau Lodge to Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses**


Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 10 May 2025 at 6:45 pm

 End: 10 May 2025 at 7:00 pm

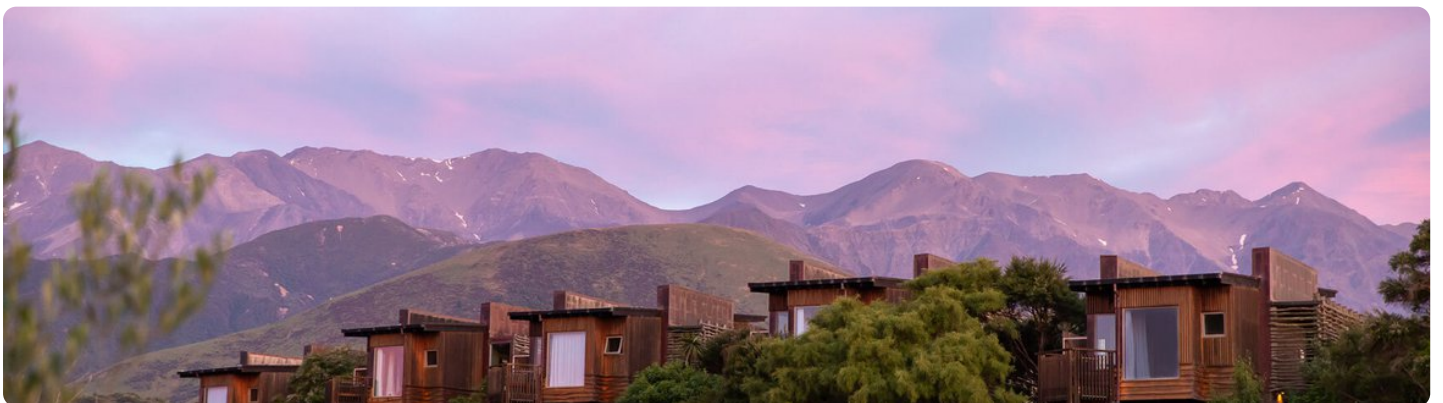
Location

 Start: 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

 End: State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

**Dinner**

Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses




Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses is a contemporary country hotel located on a deer breeding farm in the South Island of New Zealand, 12 kilometres North of the renowned eco-marine town of Kaikoura. It sits snugly at the base of the Kaikoura Seaward Mountain Range, with the Kaikoura coast and famed Mangamaunu Bay only a kilometre to the east. The Lodge

provides luxurious accommodation on Kaikoura's rugged coastline, a place for guests to relax in its intimate indoor/outdoor setting and a place from which they can explore the larger maritime landscape of Kaikoura.

The Lodge's five Tree Houses are unique, nested 10 meters or more above the ground in the canopy of a native Kanuka grove. There are three 1-bedroom Tree Houses, and two "Family" Tree Houses which both have a master bedroom in the upper branches and a somewhat smaller bedroom in the lower branches. The Tree Houses are designed to complement the natural environment, as your bedroom in the sky. Their large windows bring the tree canopies into the bedroom and provide impressive views of Kaikoura's dramatic mountains and the Pacific Ocean. The one-bedroom Tree Houses are perfect for couples, they are warm & inviting with deep soaking tubs, fireplaces and our custom made furniture. The "Family" Tree House has the same upstairs design along with the downstairs room, designed perfectly with children in mind including a separate bathroom & twin beds.

Date and time

 Start: 10 May 2025 at 7:00 pm

 End: 10 May 2025 at 9:00 pm

Details

Dinner (3-course gourmet dinner) x 10



Note: other half of the group to check in

Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses, State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

Date and time

 10 May 2025

Location

 State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand




Drive back to your accommodation

Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses, State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

Half the group to stay at the Hapuku Lodge.

Other half of the group to drop off at Manakau Lodge.


Date and time

 Start: 10 May 2025 at 9:00 pm

 End: 10 May 2025 at 9:15 pm

Location

 Start: State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

 End: 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand



Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses (1 night)



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Date and time

 Check-in: 10 May 2025 at 9:00 pm

 Check-out: 11 May 2025 at 8:15 am

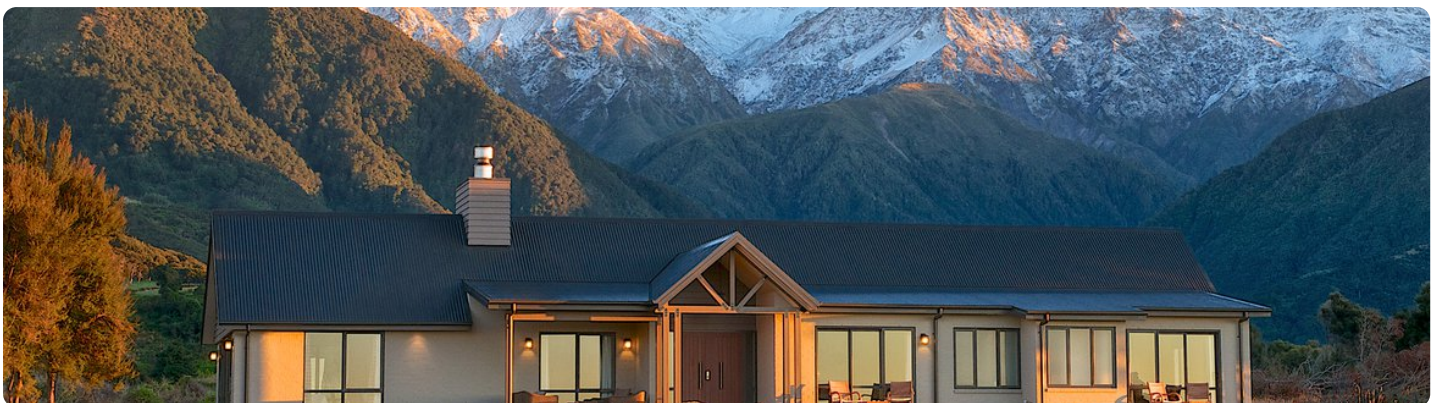
Details

Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses (Room & Breakfast) x 4



Manakau Lodge (1 night)

Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand




Manakau Lodge is Kaikoura's luxury rural retreat located at the foot of Mountain Ranges with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean.

This peaceful haven with tranquil surroundings is the perfect place to relax, reconnect and explore everything our beautiful

region has to offer.

Each booking gets exclusive use of the property.

Date and time

 Check-in: 10 May 2025 at 9:00 pm

 Check-out: 11 May 2025 at 8:15 am

Location

 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

Contact

 +64 (0)21 433590

 <http://www.manakaulodge.com>

Details

Overnight (room & breakfast) x 4

Day 3 Sunday, 11 May 2025



Breakfast in house at leisure in your respective accommodations.

Date and time

11 May 2025



Pick up of half of the group to go to Hapuku Lodge

Manakau Lodge, 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

Date and time

Start: 11 May 2025 at 8:15 am

End: 11 May 2025 at 8:30 am

Location

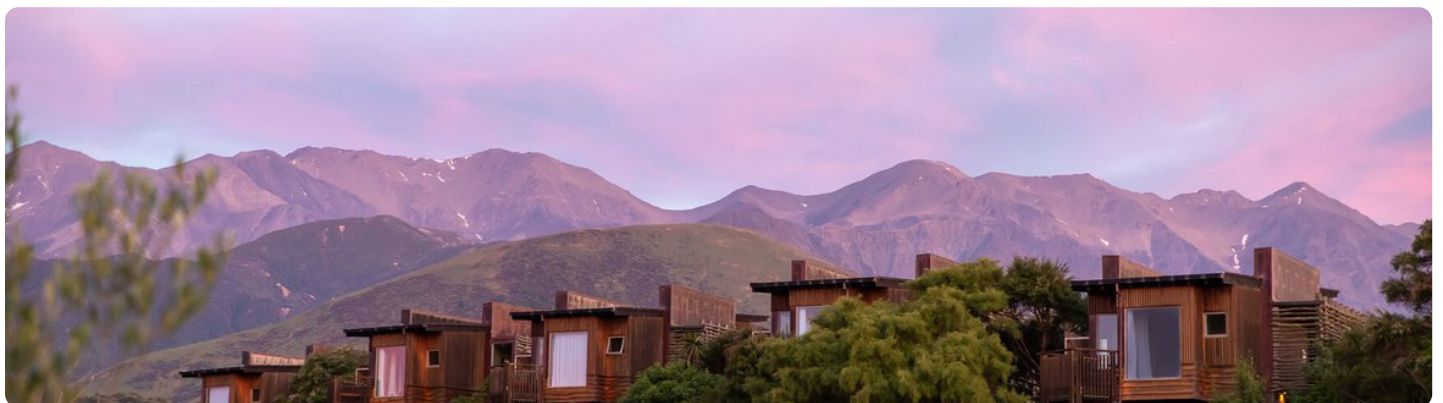
Start: 198b Parsons Road, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

End: State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand



Site visit


Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses




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Date and time

 Start: 11 May 2025 at 8:30 am

 End: 11 May 2025 at 9:10 am

Details


Site visit (Pre-booked Famil) x 10

**Drive from Hapuku Lodge to Kaikōura Airport**

Hapuku Lodge + Tree Houses, State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 11 May 2025 at 9:10 am

 End: 11 May 2025 at 9:30 am

Location

 Start: State Highway 1, Kaikōura 7371, New Zealand

 End: Kaikōura 7374, New Zealand

**Note: All the group to go to the Airport for Whale watch flight 30 min**

Both Helicopters will leave from Kaikōura airport.

Group to be split into 2 helicopters.

Date and time

 11 May 2025

**Whale Watching Flight**

South Pacific Helicopters

Definitely one of the best whale watching spots in Aotearoa New Zealand, but Kaikōura is also recognized internationally as one of the only spots in the world where you can easily see sperm whales from tip to tail.

Kaikōura's rich marine wildlife also gets seasonal visitors, like Orca and Humpback whales, Blue and Finn whales as well as Southern Right and Pilot whales, delivering an amazing spectacle that is not to be missed.

Date and time

 Start: 11 May 2025 at 10:00 am (Check-in 9:30 am)

 End: 11 May 2025 at 10:30 am

Details

Whale Watching Flight (Adult) x 4



Kaikoura Helicopters Ltd

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Put yourself in the ultimate vantage point and explore Kaikoura and its many natural wonders by Helicopter. See an entire Whale from head to tail as we fly slow orbits above. Be amazed by large pods of Dolphins playing in the water. Explore the unique and rugged Kaikoura Coastline and fly through the towering peaks of the Kaikoura Seaward Ranges. Discover your sense of adventure by experiencing a heli-raft or picnic at altitude.

Date and time

Start: 11 May 2025 at 10:00 am (Check-in 9:30 am)

End: 11 May 2025 at 10:30 am

Details

Kaikoura Helicopters Ltd (Whale Watching) x 4



Drive from Kaikoura Airport to Town centre

Kaikoura Airport (KBZ), Kaikōura 7374, New Zealand

Date and time

Start: 11 May 2025 at 10:30 am

End: 11 May 2025 at 10:45 am

Location

Start: Kaikōura 7374, New Zealand

End: Kaikōura, New Zealand



Walking tour to end at Encounter Cafe

Date and time

11 May 2025



Cafe

Dolphin Encounter



The novel idea of swimming with dolphins became a reality in 1989 and was the brain wave of Ian Bradshaw and Rik Buurman. It soon became apparent that the concept had appeal and the tour became a popular option for visitors to Kaikoura. As the business grew it was re-branded to Encounter Kaikoura and in 2004 moved to a larger premise on the Esplanade. This enabled a café and a larger retail space to be added to the tour experience. At the heart of the business lies a commitment to best practice and environmental sustainability and this along with a great love for the marine environment, motivates us to share this passion with our customers in a meaningful and resolute way. Dolphins are some of nature's most extraordinary and captivating creatures. They're even more amazing close-up. Choose swimming or watching and immerse yourself in their world with Dolphin Encounter; an unforgettable experience in one of New Zealand's most breath-taking destinations.

Date and time



Start: 11 May 2025 at 12:00 pm



End: 11 May 2025 at 1:00 pm

Details

Cafe (Lunch) x 11



Drive Encounter Kaikoura > Tawanui Farm

Encounter Kaikoura (Dolphin Encounter), 96 Esplanade, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand

Date and time



Start: 11 May 2025 at 1:00 pm



End: 11 May 2025 at 2:30 pm

Location



Start: 96 Esplanade, Kaikōura 7300, New Zealand

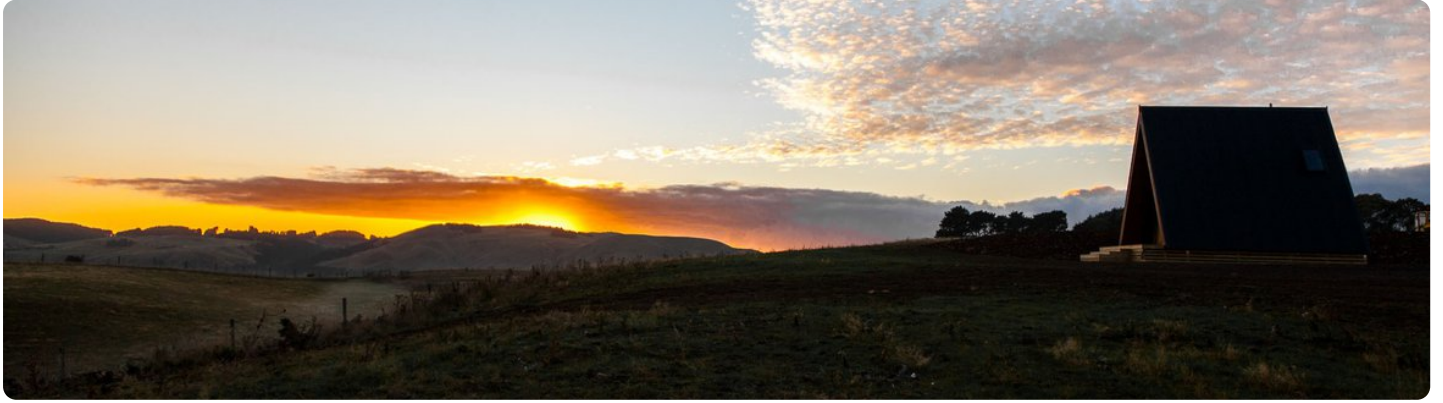


End: 1321 Blythe Road, Domett 7383, New Zealand




Site Tour A-Frame & Domes


Tawanui Farm • Tawanui Farm, 919 Blythe Road Motunau New Zealand



Enjoy an unforgettable stay in our private luxury campsite with breathtaking views of the Kaikōura mountain ranges. Then come with us as we show you around our wonderful home, Tawanui Farm on a hands-on guided farm tour. From here we take you for an unforgettable river experience up the neighbouring Hurunui River with our sister company Energy Jet. Embrace a total, rural New Zealand experience with a family who has lived in Cheviot for six generations

Date and time

 Start: 11 May 2025 at 2:30 pm

 End: 11 May 2025 at 3:15 pm

Location

 919 Blythe Road Motunau New Zealand

Contact

 <https://www.tawanuifarm.co.nz/>

Details


Site Tour A-Frame & Domes (Adult) x 10



Drive Tawanui Farm to Greystone Wines


Tawanui Farm, 1321 Blythe Road, Domett 7383, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 11 May 2025 at 3:15 pm

 End: 11 May 2025 at 4:00 pm

Location

 Start: 1321 Blythe Road, Domett 7383, New Zealand

 End: 376 Omihi Road, Waipara 7483, New Zealand



A Taste of Greystone

Greystone Wines • Greystone Wines, 376 Omihi Road, Waipara 7483, New Zealand



Our Greystone journey began in 2000 when the Thomas family discovered a unique piece of land in the Omihi Hills of New Zealand's Waipara Valley. The limestone-rich soil, born from an ancient seabed, captured our imagination and inspired us to dream big. In 2004, our vision became a reality as we planted thirteen blocks of vines across the Omihi slopes. Each vine planted to take full advantage of the unique soils and microclimates, laying the foundation for what would become Greystone's signature wines.

Confirmation

✓ Stephen

Date and time

📅 Start: 11 May 2025 at 4:00 pm

📅 End: 11 May 2025 at 5:00 pm

Location

📍 376 Omihi Road, Waipara 7483, New Zealand

Contact

🌐 <https://www.greystonewines.co.nz/>

Details

A Taste of Greystone (Adult) x 8



Drive Greystone Wines > Tussock Peak Motor Lodge

Greystone Wines, 376 Omihi Road, Waipara 7483, New Zealand

Date and time

📅 Start: 11 May 2025 at 5:00 pm

📅 End: 11 May 2025 at 6:00 pm

Location

📍 Start: 376 Omihi Road, Waipara 7483, New Zealand

📍 End: 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Tussock Peak Motor Lodge (1 night)

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge, 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



We pride ourselves in offering our guests a warm, friendly hospitality and first-class service. Perfectly located on the corner of Amuri Avenue and Leamington Street, from here you're in walking distance to everything in the Hanmer Springs alpine village. Tussock Peak Lodge offers affordable accommodation, in tranquil and comfortable surroundings, close to everything.

Confirmation

✓ Emma

Date and time

📅 Check-in: 11 May 2025 at 6:00 pm

📅 Check-out: 12 May 2025 at 8:00 am

Location

📍 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Contact

☎ 033155191

🌐 <https://tussockpeak.co.nz/>

Details

Room (Single Room) x 9



Walk Tussock Peak > No.31

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge, 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Date and time

📅 Start: 11 May 2025 at 6:25 pm

📅 End: 11 May 2025 at 6:30 pm

Location

📍 Start: 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

📍 End: 31 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Dinner

No. 31 Restaurant & Bar •

No. 31 Restaurant & Bar, 31 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Confirmation

✓ Paula

Date and time

📅 Start: 11 May 2025 at 6:30 pm

📅 End: 11 May 2025 at 8:15 pm

Location

📍 31 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Contact

📞 03 3157031

🌐 <https://restaurant-no31.nz/>

Details

Dinner (Dinner - 3 course) x 10



Walk back to Tussock Peak Motor Lodge

No.31 Restaurant & Bar, 31 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Wak back to accommodation & collect warm hats, gloves & jackets for star gazing.

Date and time

📅 Start: 11 May 2025 at 8:15 pm

📅 End: 11 May 2025 at 8:30 pm

Location

📍 Start: 31 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

📍 End: 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Star Gazing Tour

Manuka Skies (Hanmer Springs Star Tours) •

Manuka Skies Star Gazing, 900 Woodbank Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Looking for an unforgettable night-time adventure? Experience the breathtaking beauty of our dark skies as you learn about the wonders both within and beyond our own galaxy.

Using our range of telescopes, join us as we explore different star clusters, nebulae, far away galaxies and much more!

Confirmation

✓ Brent

Date and time

📅 Start: 11 May 2025 at 8:30 pm

📅 End: 11 May 2025 at 10:30 pm

Location

📍 900 Woodbank Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Contact

📞 0277514124

🌐 <https://www.manukaskies.co.nz/home>

Details

Star Gazing Tour (Adult) x 8

Day 4 Monday, 12 May 2025



Continental Breakfast

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge •

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge, 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



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Confirmation

✓ Emma

Date and time

Start: 12 May 2025 at 7:00 am

End: 12 May 2025 at 8:00 am

Location

25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Contact

033155191

<https://tussockpeak.co.nz/>

Details

Continental Breakfast (Breakfast - continental) x 9



Drive Tussock Peak Motor Lodge > Forest Amble

Tussock Peak Motor Lodge, 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Date and time

Start: 12 May 2025 at 8:00 am

End: 12 May 2025 at 8:05 am

Location

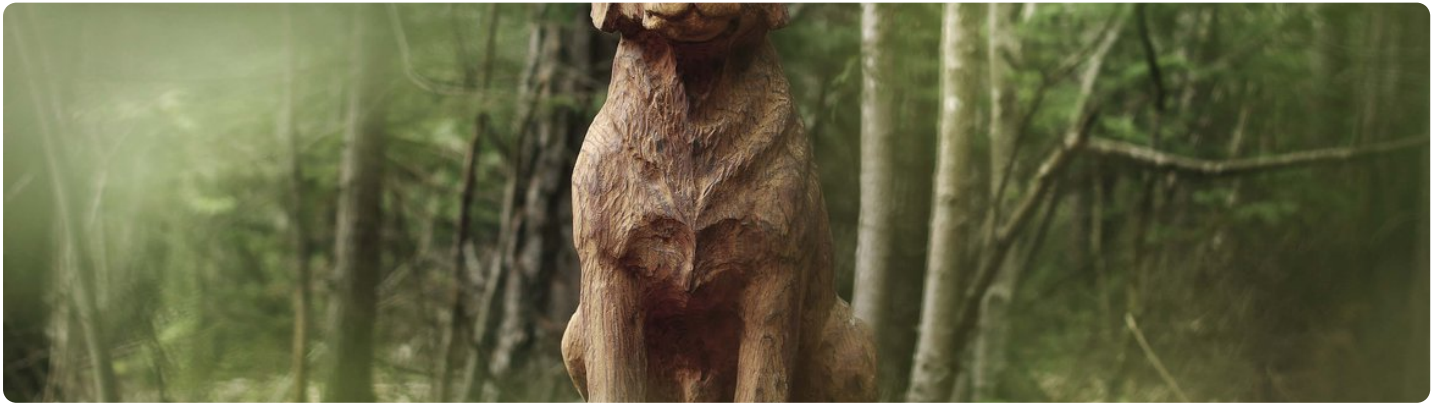
Start: 25 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

End: Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Walk

Forest Amble Sculpture Walk



Confirmation

✓ Morgan

Date and time

📅 Start: 12 May 2025 at 8:05 am

📅 End: 12 May 2025 at 8:40 am

Details

Walk (Walk) x 10



Drive Forest Amble Sculpture Walk > Hanmer Springs Hotel

Forest amble sculptures, Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Date and time

📅 Start: 12 May 2025 at 8:40 am

📅 End: 12 May 2025 at 8:45 am

Location

📍 Start: Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

📍 End: 1 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Site Inspection

Hanmer Springs Hotel





Surrounded by stunning scenery and nestled amongst beautiful gardens and tall canopies, the Hanmer Springs Hotel is a truly relaxing retreat. Located in the heart of Hanmer Springs near shops, restaurants and attractions, everything you need is only a small stroll away.

Confirmation

 Simon

Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2025 at 8:45 am

 End: 12 May 2025 at 9:25 am

Details

Site Inspection (Site Inspection) x 9

**Walk Hanmer Springs Hotel > Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa**


Hanmer Springs Hotel, 1 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2025 at 9:25 am

 End: 12 May 2025 at 9:30 am

Location

 Start: 1 Conical Hill Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

 End: 42 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

**Site Inspection & Tour**


Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa

The best place to indulge, with a range of 22 outdoor thermal pools including the new cascades, relaxing rock pools, soothing sulphur pools, an array of water jets and bubbles - at a range of temperatures. Plus a luxurious day spa with a range of treatments, private pools, sauna and steam rooms. The best place to act like a kid, with New Zealand's largest aquatic thrill ride, Conical Thrill, an activity pool, lap pool, lazy river, water slides, garden picnic areas and the Tea Kiosk Café & Grill.

Confirmation

 Morgan

Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2025 at 9:30 am

 End: 12 May 2025 at 10:15 am

Details

Site Inspection & Tour (Adult) x 10



Tea Kiosk Cafe and Grill

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Confirmation

✓ Holly

Date and time

Start: 12 May 2025 at 10:15 am

End: 12 May 2025 at 10:45 am

Details

Tea Kiosk Cafe and Grill (Light refreshments) x 10



Drive Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools > Hanmer Springs Attractions

Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools, 42 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Date and time

Start: 12 May 2025 at 10:45 am

End: 12 May 2025 at 11:00 am

Location

Start: 42 Amuri Avenue, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

End: 839 Hanmer Springs Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand



Jetboat Ride

Hanmer Springs Attractions



Many adventures – one location! Hanmer Springs Attractions offers you the outdoor adventure activities that New Zealand is famous for in the natural environment of Hanmer Springs. Activities include jet boating, bungee jumping, quad biking, river rafting and more.

Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Waiau River as you jet through narrow gorges, white water rapids and braided shallows.

Confirmation

✓ Caryn/Marc

Date and time

📅 Start: 12 May 2025 at 11:00 am

📅 End: 12 May 2025 at 12:00 pm

Details

Jetboat Ride (Adult) x 8



Drive from Hanmer Springs to Maruia Hot Springs

Hanmer Springs Attractions, 839 Hanmer Springs Road, Hanmer Springs 7334, New Zealand

Date and time

📅 Start: 12 May 2025 at 12:00 pm

📅 End: 12 May 2025 at 1:00 pm

Location

📍 Start: 839 Hanmer Springs Road, Hanmer Springs
7334, New Zealand

📍 End: 1513 State Highway 7, Lewis Pass 7895, New
Zealand



Gourmet Dining Experience

Maruia Hot Springs



Maruia Hot Springs is an award-winning natural hot springs, day spa and wellness destination tucked among the snow-capped Southern Alps on the picturesque Lewis Pass national reserve. Instantly feel connected to the mountainous landscape and nature surrounding you whilst you relax in natural geothermal mineral pools, nourish your soul with organic food and relax your body & mind in our daily wellness classes.

Date and time



Start: 12 May 2025 at 1:00 pm



End: 12 May 2025 at 2:00 pm

Details

Gourmet Dining Experience (Lunch) x 11



Bathe & Sauna

Maruia Hot Springs



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Date and time



Start: 12 May 2025 at 2:00 pm



End: 12 May 2025 at 3:00 pm




Details

Bathe & Sauna (Adult) x 10



Drive from Maruia Hot Springs to Reefton Distilling Co.

Maruia Hot Springs, 1513 State Highway 7, Lewis Pass 7895, New Zealand

Date and time Start: 12 May 2025 at 3:00 pm End: 12 May 2025 at 3:45 pm**Location** Start: 1513 State Highway 7, Lewis Pass 7895, New Zealand End: 10 Smith Street, Reefton 7830, New Zealand**Reefton Distilling Tour**

Reefton Distilling Co




There is something about the spirit of the West Coast and its people. They have always had belief in themselves, a can-do attitude and they are not afraid to get behind a new idea. Reefton was an entrepreneurial and prosperous place in its early days, and we in turn plan to add the success story of Reefton Distilling Co. to the history books.

The hills surrounding our distillery are rich in botanicals, if you know where to look. Our search takes us deep into the densely forested West Coast region and to local gardens where we forage for native leaves, flowers and berries.

Reefton Distilling Co. is a modern ... Our distillery expanded in 2022, relocating to our new 1.6ha rural site on the edge of town. We repurposed existing buildings to house our stillroom, warehouse, bottling hall and our office building, which is an important part of our commitment to sustainability. Our original site is still the home of our Cellar Door and retail store, and is open 7 days to welcome visitors.

The Reefton Distilling Co. team are inspired to provide you with a truly unique West Coast experience as they share the story behind the crafting of their local botanical gins, liqueurs, vodka and whisky.

Date and time Start: 12 May 2025 at 3:45 pm End: 12 May 2025 at 4:45 pm**Details**

Reefton Distilling Tour (Adult) x 10

**Drive from Reefton Distilling Co to Pounamu Pathway**

Reefton Distilling Co., 10 Smith Street, Reefton 7830, New Zealand

Date and time

📅 Start: 12 May 2025 at 4:45 pm

📅 End: 12 May 2025 at 5:45 pm

Location

📍 Start: 10 Smith Street, Reefton 7830, New Zealand

📍 End: 43 Tainui Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



Mawhera Greymouth

Pounamu Pathway



The Pounamu Pathway is an immersive storytelling experience delivered in four unique and linked hubs across the West Coast/Te Tai o Poutini, from Haast/Awarua to Westport/Kawatiri.

Life at the Māwhera Pā

Step into a one-of-a-kind self-guided experience that immerses you in the rich tapestry of Poutini Ngāi Tahu and the Māwhera Pā settlement. This captivating exhibition leads you through six compelling narratives, allowing you to explore at your own pace for a duration of 90 minutes or more.

As you journey through these tales, be enchanted by a striking large-scale masterpiece crafted by Wētā Workshop and a sensory feast of visuals and sound, culminating in an unforgettable and inspiring encounter.

Date and time

📅 Start: 12 May 2025 at 5:45 pm

📅 End: 12 May 2025 at 6:35 pm

Details


Mawhera Greymouth (Adult) x 10




Drive from Mawhera Pounamu Pathways to Scenic Hotel Punakaiki


Pounamu Pathway - Māwhera, 43 Tainui Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2025 at 6:35 pm

 End: 12 May 2025 at 7:10 pm

Location

 Start: 43 Tainui Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

 End: 4237 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand



Scenic Hotel Punakaiki (1 night)



A stunning ocean view retreat located right on the beach, 30 minutes north of Greymouth and 300m south of the famous Pancake Rocks and Blowholes. With stunning views of the Tasman Sea, Punakaiki Beach the resort is surrounded by the forest Paparoa National Park. The 63 premium guest rooms are designed in harmony with the local environment to maintain a sense of privacy and have either ocean or rainforest views.

Date and time

 Check-in: 12 May 2025 at 7:10 pm

 Check-out: 13 May 2025 at 7:30 am

Details

Deluxe Suites (Room including Breakfast & Dinner) x 11

Day 5 Tuesday, 13 May 2025



Breakfast at your own leisure

Enjoy breakfast in house from 7:00am-7:30am.



Drive from Scenic Hotel Punakaiki to Pancake Rocks and Blow Holes

Scenic Hotel Punakaiki, 4237 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand

Date and time



Start: 13 May 2025 at 7:30 am



End: 13 May 2025 at 7:35 am

Location



Start: 4237 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand



End: 4294 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand



Pancake Rocks & Blowholes Track

Pancake Rocks Cafe, Coast Road, Punakaiki 4300, New Zealand



Explore a limestone landscape of pancake-shaped rock formations, blowholes and surge pools on this short, paved walk that's great for families.



Distance: 1.1km

Duration: 20/30 min loop.



This is an all-weather walk around the curious limestone formations of pancake rocks and blowholes. With the exception of an optional short section with steps, the walk is suitable for wheelchairs (with assistance).



Blowholes form from a mixture of compressed water and air escaping through the caverns below and being forced upwards, creating a huge wall of spray. They are at their best around high tide when there is a south-westerly swell.




Spectacular views, geological oddities, coastal forest, rich birdlife and marine mammals are highlights along this walk.

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2025 at 7:45 am

 End: 13 May 2025 at 8:10 am

Location


 Coast Road, Punakaiki 4300, New Zealand




Dolomite Point

Dolomite Point

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2025 at 8:10 am

 End: 13 May 2025 at 8:45 am

Details

Dolomite Point (Adult) x 1




Drive from Pancake Rocks and Blow Holes to Underworld Adventures

Pancake Rocks and Blowholes Track, 4294 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2025 at 8:45 am

 End: 13 May 2025 at 9:15 am

Location

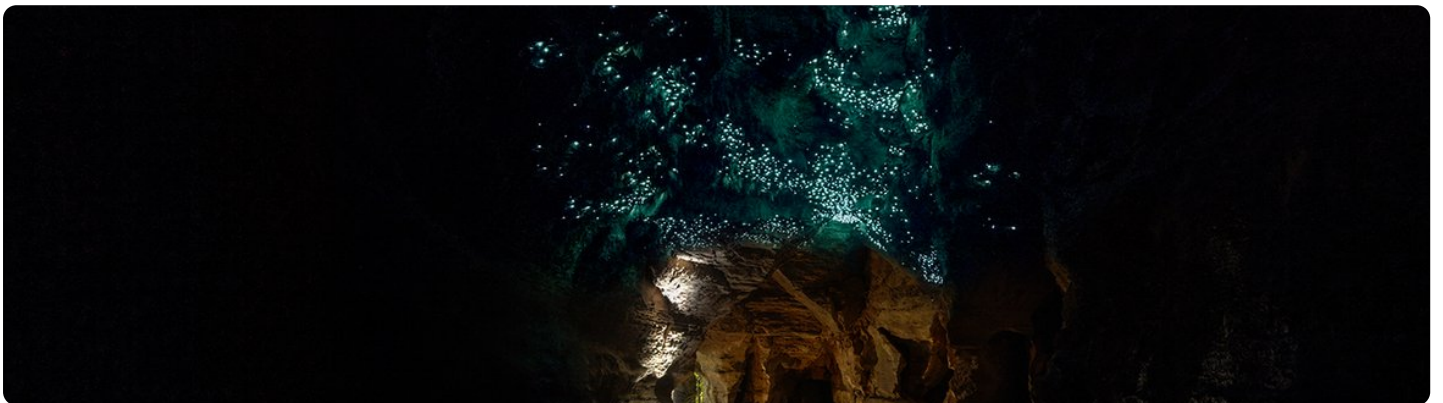
 Start: 4294 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand

 End: 7368 State Highway 6, Charleston 7892, New Zealand




Charleston Glowworm Cave Adventure


Underworld Adventures



Underworld Adventures is based in Charleston, nestled between rugged mountain tops and the wild Tasman Sea. With rainforest clad limestone country on our doorstep, offering a unique variety of cave and karst adventures.

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2025 at 9:15 am

 End: 13 May 2025 at 12:30 pm

Details


Charleston Glowworm Cave Adventure (Adult) x 10



Drive from Underworld Adventures to Pounamu Pathways- Kawatiri


Underworld Adventures, 7368 State Highway 6, Charleston 7892, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2025 at 12:30 pm

 End: 13 May 2025 at 12:50 pm

Location

 Start: 7368 State Highway 6, Charleston 7892, New Zealand

 End: 123 Palmerston Street, Westport 7825, New Zealand



Kawatiri Westport

Pounamu Pathway





The Pounamu Pathway is an immersive storytelling experience delivered in four unique and linked hubs across the West Coast/Te Tai o Poutini, from Haast/Awarua to Westport/Kawatiri.

Welcome to the Kawatiri (Westport) Experience Centre.

This is an immersive experience that celebrates the heritage and endeavour of the people of the Buller District. Learn, unearth and discover the incredible story of Kawatiri, and the past, present and future of this unique place. Explore themes of Triumph and Treasure - the taonga (treasures) of the earth (pounamu, coal, gold) and the bravery and innovation of human endeavour they inspired from the earliest Polynesian settlers to today.

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2025 at 12:50 pm

 End: 13 May 2025 at 1:30 pm

Details

Kawatiri Westport (Adult) x 10




Drive from Pounamu Pathways Kawatiri to Karamea Aerodrome


Pounamu Pathway - Museum of Kawatiri, 123 Palmerston Street, Westport 7825, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2025 at 1:30 pm

 End: 13 May 2025 at 3:05 pm

Location

 Start: 123 Palmerston Street, Westport 7825, New Zealand

 End: 7893, New Zealand

**Golden Bay Air**

Golden Bay Air

Date and time

 Departure: 13 May 2025 at 3:15 pm

 Arrival: 13 May 2025 at 3:45 pm

Details

Golden Bay Air (Adult) x 9

**Welcome to Nelson Tasman**

Nelson, New Zealand



Nelson Tasman is a place where all the best bits of New Zealand are distilled into a single destination, where artisan food producers, stunning natural landscapes, consistently high sunshine hours, world class mountain biking and a vibrant arts scene are just the beginning. Beaches, rivers, lakes and mountains combine to create an outdoor playground unlike any other. Opportunities to immerse in nature abound across three diverse national parks, whilst waterfalls, dancing springs and natural forest flames surprise and delight. A network of cycling and walking trails weave through coastal and urban landscapes and nestled amongst the hills you'll find a selection of renowned mountain-bike tracks. Boutique arts and artisans are discoverable at every turn at weekend markets, arts trails, waterfront galleries and home studios. Sampling fruit chutneys, gourmet chocolates, sheep's cheese and olive oil is a highlight of a visit to Nelson Tasman, and there are plenty of craft breweries, cellar doors and distilleries to explore along the way. What's more we have 28 zero carbon certified tourism experiences in the region. Nelson Tasman is a place where you can experience life beyond the ordinary. A place to slow down, linger, savour and enjoy.

Date and time

 13 May 2025

Location

 Nelson, New Zealand



Transfer from Motueka Airport to Kaiteriteri Beach

Motueka-Abel Tasman Airport (MZP), Motueka 7120, New Zealand

Wilsons Abel Tasman will collect you from the Motueka Airport and transfer you to Kaiteriteri Beach, where you will join their boat for to head into the Abel Tasman National Park for the night

Date and time

Start: 13 May 2025 at 4:00 pm

End: 13 May 2025 at 4:20 pm

Location

Start: Motueka 7120, New Zealand

End: Tasman Bay 7197, New Zealand



Wilsons Abel Tasman National Park (1 night)



The Wilson family has been welcoming visitors to this beautiful corner of New Zealand since 1841. They invite you to share eight generations of experience, with a real kiwi welcome, and a promise to make your Abel Tasman experience truly memorable. As the only company in Abel Tasman National Park operating Beachfront Lodges, Vista Cruise, Vigour Water Taxis, Guided Sea Kayaking and Walking they can design the perfect experience for you.

Experience the true essence of a kiwi beach holiday in New Zealand's finest coastal national park. Relax into the rhythm of the tides. In 1968, Torrent Bay Lodge was a small, simple cottage used for family holidays – a classic Kiwi 'bach' that has evolved over the years to offer a very warm welcome in our little slice of paradise. In the 50 years since, the original building it has been extended and refurbished to create a blend of Kiwi charm and modern comfort, offering visitors an authentic holiday bach experience – with hot showers, memorable meals and luxurious beds, of course! Torrent Bay Lodge has 13 comfortable double/twin ensuite rooms, each named after ships that featured in the nautical history of the Abel Tasman coast. It's a civilised place to stay, far away from the hustle and bustle of town. It sits just above the tide line on a gorgeous, golden beach – the perfect place for a swim at the end of the day or in the tranquil morning before breakfast. The beachfront sundeck is always popular for socialising, too. Lodge hosts will give you a warm welcome at the end of your day's exploration of Abel Tasman. Enjoy the sumptuous comfort and informal atmosphere of the communal lounge and dining area, styled in natural wood and warmed by a roaring log fire on cooler evenings.

Date and time

Check-in: 13 May 2025 at 5:00 pm

Check-out: 14 May 2025 at 9:00 am

Details

Wilsons Abel Tasman - Torrent Bay Lodge (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast - Boat Transfers included) x 10

Day 6 Wednesday, 14 May 2025

 **Breakfast in house at 7am**

Breakfast in house at 7am


 **Guided Kayaking Tour**
Abel Tasman Kayaks



By land or water, make your holiday unforgettable. We offer seamless kayak and walk products ranging from half to multi-day adventures. Our extensive range of trips will suit however you want to explore the Abel Tasman. Come explore the beautiful golden beaches, peaceful coves and lagoons, offshore islands, wildlife and the native forest fringing granite coastline that is the Abel Tasman!

Date and time

 Start: 14 May 2025 at 8:30 am

 End: 14 May 2025 at 11:30 am

Details

Guided Kayaking Tour (Bespoke Family Tour) x 1

Check-in instructions

Meet the team from Abel Tasman Kayaks on the beach for a bespoke kayaking experience and transfer back to Marahau Beach.


Make sure you bring your luggage to be transferred back.


 **Bespoke Moutere Artisan Tour - Including lunch**
Wine, Art & Wilderness



Based in Nelson, Wine, Art & Wilderness is an Owner/Host Business Class visitor activity provider. Wine, Art & Wilderness provides luxury and private wine, nature and art tours in the Marlborough and Nelson regions of New Zealand.

Date and time

 Start: 14 May 2025 at 11:30 am

 End: 14 May 2025 at 2:30 pm

Details

Bespoke Moutere Artisan Tour - Including lunch (Bespoke Tour) x 1

Check-in instructions

Your driver guide from Wine, Art & Wilderness will meet you at the boat in Marahau, to take you on a bespoke artisan tour of Nelson Tasman, stop for a stunning lunch and finish your day at the Nelson Airport.

**Nelson - Auckland**

Air New Zealand




Air New Zealand is the flag carrier airline of New Zealand. Based in Auckland, the airline operates scheduled passenger flights to 20 domestic and 30 international destinations in 18 countries, primarily around and within the Pacific Rim. Our aircraft's tails all proudly bear the Māori symbol of the Mangōpare, or hammerhead shark. The Mangōpare represents strength, tenacity, and resilience. The symbol is also known as the koru, the sign of new life, renewal, and hope for the future.

Flight not included in this trip. We will be able to provide you with a promo code to get a discounted rate.

We recommend Air NZ flight NZ 5066 NSN (15:25) > AKL (16:55) but up to you really.

Date and time

 Departure: 14 May 2025 at 3:25 pm (Check-in 2:30 pm)

 Arrival: 14 May 2025 at 4:55 pm

Contact

 <https://www.airnewzealand.co.nz/>

Flight number

NZ 5066

Details

Nelson - Auckland (Flexi-Refund) x 8

Check-in instructions

Flights (Air NZ Flight NZ 5066 NSN 15.25 > AKL 16.55)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

INCLUSIONS

Hosted domestic air travel, accommodation, internet, transport, meals and sightseeing as detailed on the itinerary.

All other costs including items of a personal nature, such as phone calls, mini bar, internet and laundry from accommodation will be at your own expense and some meals may also be at your own expense.

The arrangements in this itinerary have been made especially for you with the generous support and cooperation of the Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs), accommodation, transport and product suppliers as detailed.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please ensure that you hold a current passport with at least six months validity left on it. If you require a Visa please ensure that this is confirmed.

All travellers coming into New Zealand must complete a digital declaration online at www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz or via the NZTD mobile app. There is a paper declaration form available at NZ airport's, for travellers who cannot complete it online. The earliest you can submit your declaration is 24 hours before you start your trip to New Zealand. It needs to be submitted by the time you reach passport control in New Zealand.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration system collects travel, customs, immigration and biosecurity information. It aims to improve the safety and security of New Zealand.

MEDICATION

Visitors bringing in a quantity of medication are advised to carry a doctor's certificate to avoid possible problems with New Zealand Customs. Doctor's prescriptions are needed to obtain certain drugs in New Zealand.

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Please arrange adequate travel insurance coverage prior to your departure for New Zealand.

LUGGAGE

Please ensure your luggage is clearly labelled with your name and contact details. The luggage limit on Air New Zealand domestic flights is 23kg plus a small cabin bag is allowed. Charges apply to excess luggage.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

All participants must bring with them:

Gloves

hat and scarf

Waterproof rain coat

Warm jacket
Closed toe comfortable walking shoes
Small day/back pack
Sunscreen
Swimsuit (if applicable for your famil)

BIOSECURITY IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand has strict biosecurity procedures at airports to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases of animals and plants.

All food items brought into New Zealand, even the smallest amounts, need to be declared. Tourism New Zealand recommends that you do not pack any food products for your trip.

Any food you are provided on the plane needs to be left on the plane, disposed of in one of the airport disposal bins or declared.

Any hiking shoes, sporting or camping equipment you bring should be declared at the border where they will be checked for soil, plant matter and seeds. We recommend that if you are bringing these items, you pack them in an accessible place.

It is not illegal to bring these items into the country as long as you declare them on the passenger arrival card you will be given on the plane. Failing to declare food, plants or equipment that may carry soil or plant matter, may result in a fine. For detailed information please go to the New Zealand Customs Service site at:

<http://www.customs.govt.nz/features/prohibited/imports/Pages/default.aspx>

CURRENCY

The currency of New Zealand is the New Zealand Dollar. Major credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, banks and shops. ATMs accept cards that are part of the Cirrus, Maestro or Plus systems that have a four-digit PIN encoded. Check with your bank before departure if you are unsure of the international status of a card you plan to use in New Zealand.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

All goods and services purchased in New Zealand are subject to a 15% GST, which is usually included in the displayed price. Visitors cannot claim refunds on this tax, although if a supplier agrees to export an item to a visitor's home address, GST is not charged on the goods or freight.

DEPARTURE TAX

A \$NZ25 departure tax is included in your flight tickets.

TIPPING

Tipping in New Zealand is not customary - even in restaurants and bars. However, tipping for good service or kindness is at the discretion of the visitor. Hotels and restaurants in New Zealand do not add service charges to their bills except on public holidays.

QUALMARK

Qualmark is the world's first comprehensive quality assurance programme dedicated to the tourism industry and is New Zealand tourism's official quality mark. Most of the accommodation, attractions, activities and transport in your itinerary are Qualmark endorsed. For further information visit www.qualmark.co.nz

DRIVERS LICENCE

If you have indicated you are willing to drive on the family please bring your current drivers licence (if with English text), an official English translation or an International Drivers Permit. This is required by New Zealand law. All drivers must also read the 'What's different about driving in New Zealand' (link below). <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/whats-diff-driving-nz/>

DRINKING AND DRIVING

New Zealand has strict drink driving laws. We recommend that you designate a sober driver for each vehicle if your group is travelling after drinking.

SMOKING

Smoking at airports is not allowed in terminal buildings. Most hotels no longer offer smoking rooms. Smoking inside public restaurants and bars has been prohibited.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

New Zealand is generally a very safe place in which to travel. However, you should take the same precautions here as you would at home to protect your valuables and keep yourself safe. Take copies of your important documents (like your passport and credit cards), and keep them separate from the originals. You should also keep a record of the description and serial number of valuable items (like digital cameras). Always lock your accommodation and vehicle and keep windows secure when you're not around.

Don't carry large amounts of cash or expensive jewellery. If withdrawing money from a machine, withdraw small amounts only - preferably during the day and shield your pin. When out at night, keep to well-lit places where other people are present. Don't take short cuts through parks or alleyways. Travel with someone you know. Store valuables securely, ideally in a safe at your accommodation. Never leave valuables or important documents in parked vehicles. Never leave bags, backpacks, wallets or cameras unattended in any public place, especially airports, ferry terminals or bus/railway stations.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the unlikely event of an emergency, your Tourism New Zealand host will be able to advise you.

If you are unable to contact your Tourism New Zealand host, please contact the Regional Tourism Organisation in the region you are visiting.

The emergency telephone number in New Zealand is **111**. It is a free phone call. If you have an emergency and need a quick response from the Police, the Fire Service, Ambulance or Search and Rescue, dial 111.