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South Island West Coast and Nelson - 6 day New Zealand Tour



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Christchurch, Banks Peninsula, Akaroa, Arthurs Pass, Greymouth, Punakaiki, Murchison, St Arnaud, Nelson, Kaiteriteri & more...

Join us as we explore the top half of the South Island on our new 6 day program. From Christchurch to Nelson, we take in as many highlights as possible. With 2 nights in Christchurch we will explore the city, Banks Peninsula and Akaroa. Next we head west to Greymouth for one night, before heading north to Nelson for a two days, seeing all the great sights along the way such as the Punakaiki Rocks, Cape Foulwind, Murchison, the Buller River, St Arnaud and more. In Nelson we spend a day exploring the coastline along the Abel Tasman National Park, taking a morning cruise from Kaiteriteri before heading back to Mapua for a wonderful Sunday lunch by the harbour. After our relaxing stay in Nelson we fly back to Tauranga.

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After pick up at the door (all part of the Hinterland service) we take a direct flight from Tauranga to Christchurch and then a short transfer to our city hotel. Time here to relax before we board the iconic Christchurch Restaurant Tram to enjoy not only a lovely 3 course meal but also a sightseeing circuit of the city as you dine.

Day 2 its out to the Banks Peninsula. Our first stop is at Little River for a cuppa and to check out the local wares, then on to Akaroa. Here we visit the eclectic gardens of the Giants House - now rated as a Garden of International Significance and owned by renowned artist Josie Martin. Free time to explore the french town of Akaroa and buy a light lunch if needed. On our return route to Christchurch we visit a sheep farm for a shearing and sheep dog show followed by home made afternoon tea and cakes.

Day 3 and we are off to traverse the Southern Alps. First crossing the Canterbury Plains before climbing steeply up to Arthurs Pass. Time here for lunch before heading west to Greymouth taking the scenic route past Lake Brunner. After checking in to our hotel, time to relax before we head to Monteiths award winning brewery for our evening meal, tasting some of their famous beers if you wish.

Day 4 we drive north from Greymouth, first stopping at the Punakaiki rock formations before continuing to the aptly named Cape Foulwind, chance here to see some of the West Coast wildlife perhaps. We then continue and follow the Buller River through to Murchison, for our lunch break. We continue on to Nelson making a stop to take in the stunning scenery and views across Lake Rotoiti at St Arnaud. It's then any easy drive north to our next destination for our two night stay in Nelson.

Day 5 Our first destination today to the golden sand beach of Kaiteriteri where we board our cruise for a 2 hour trip along the picturesque Abel Tasman Park coastline, passing by famous sights such as the Split Apple Rock. Returning to Kaiteriteri its then just a short drive along the coast road to Mapua Wharf, our venue for the included Sunday lunch at a stunning harbourside location. Your last eveing in Nelson is free for you to dine as you wish, our central city location has plenty of options nearby, or you can dine in the hotel.

Day 6 is our last on what will have been a memorable trip. After a short city sights tour we head to the airport for our mid day flight back to Tauranga.

This tour can be added onto the South Island Highlights tour if you want to cover more of the South Island. Contact us for details and prices for this option.

Whats Included:

- 6 days of touring
- 5 nights quality accommodation
- Door to door service [home pickups]
- Quality Air-conditioned vehicle
- Fully guided with commentary
- All breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Air New Zealand flights
- Dinner on the Christchurch Tram
- Day trip to Akaroa & Banks Peninsula
- Visit to the Giants House Art Garden
- Historic sheep farm visit and
- Dinner and tasting at Monteiths Brewery
- Boat Cruise from Kaiteriteri
- Sunday Lunch at Mapua Wharf
- Plenty of stops along the way

You will see:

- Punakaiki pancake rocks
- Buller Gorge, Murchison & St Arnaud
- Kaiteriteri and Mapua

Not included unless specified:

- Any lunches or morning/afternoon tea
- Any alcoholic beverages with meals

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