



Itinerary for XXX and XXX

7th March 2013 – 3rd April 2013

Thursday 7 March 2013

Auckland

Welcome to New Zealand!

International Flight Information

Airline: XXXX

Flight details: XXXX

The flight details above are as per the information you have provided.

Please be aware that New Zealand has strict quarantine laws and any biological matter (fruit, nuts, soil etc) cannot be brought into the country. Please ensure if you are bringing any sports equipment or footwear that contains soil, mud etc. that these be thoroughly cleaned before entering New Zealand. This will avoid any delays by customs.

On arrival into Auckland you will be privately transferred to your accommodation.

Elite Tour Connections – Transfer to Auckland City

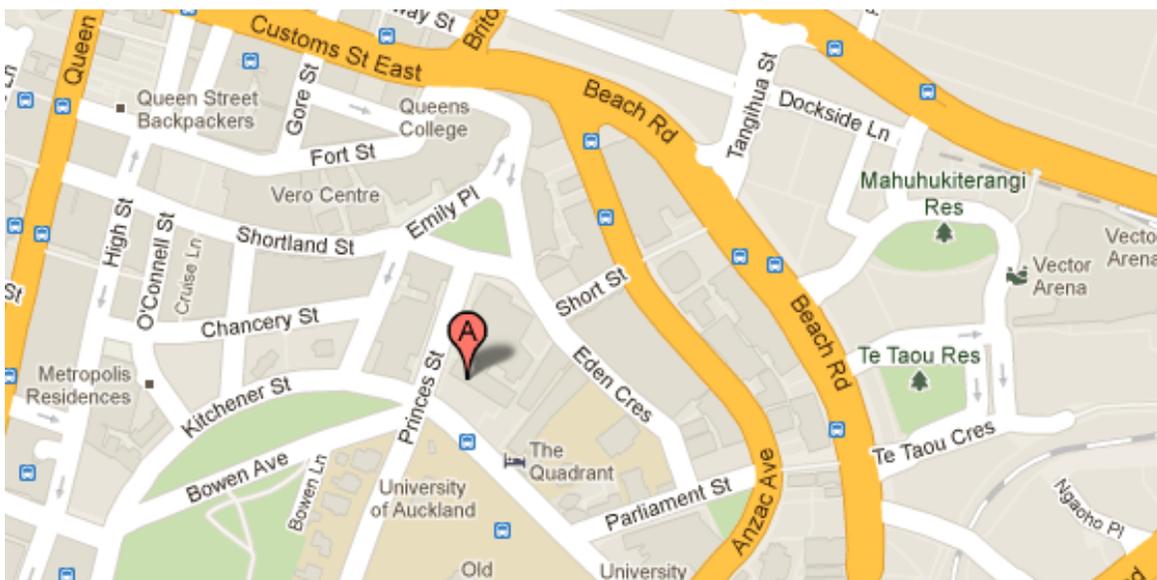
Phone: 09 275 7377

Upon arrival at Auckland International Airport please collect your luggage and pass through customs. An Elite Tour Connections representative will be waiting for you inside the Terminal, Door 9 at the special stand for Tour Operators. They will be holding a sign with your name on it.

You will then be transferred to your accommodation.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Pullman Auckland (formally Hyatt Regency Auckland)

Centrally located in Auckland City the Pullman Hotel is a great base to explore the city.



Pullman Auckland – Superior Room

Address: Corner Princes Street and Waterloo Quadrant
Phone: 09 353 1000
Check-in from: 2:00pm
Check-out by: 11:00am



Friday 8 March 2013

Whitianga

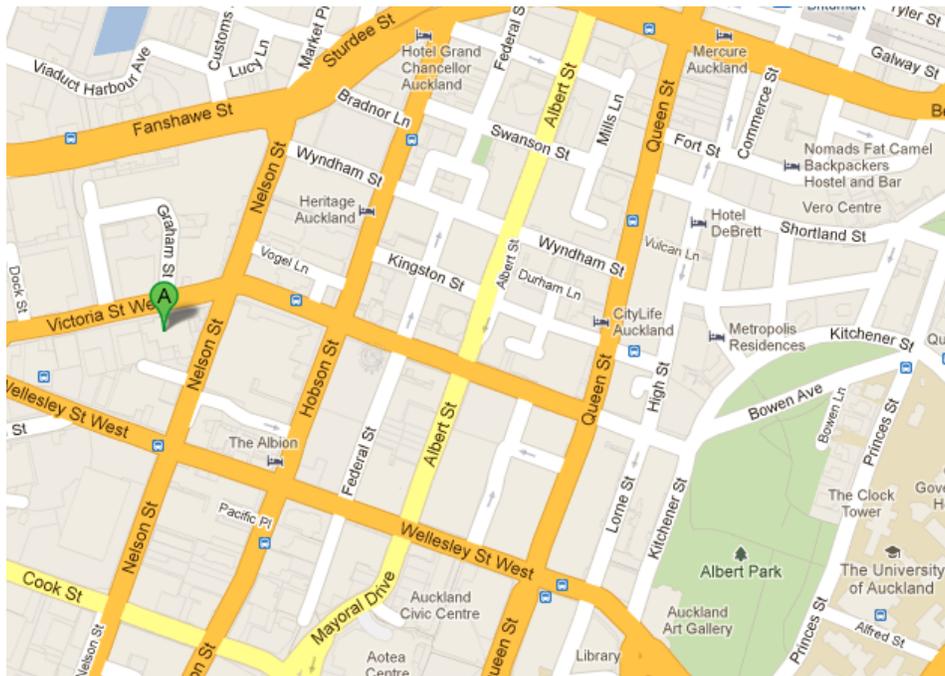
Today you will make your way to the Hertz Auckland Downtown depot to pick up your rental car before driving to Whitianga.

Hertz Car Rental Collection – XXXX

Auckland City to Wellington Ferry Terminal - X day hire

Pick-up Time: 9:30am
Address: Hertz Car Rental
154 Victoria Street West
Phone: 0800 447 260 or 09 367 6350

Please proceed to the Hertz Car Rental Auckland City depot for collection of your Toyota RAV4 or similar rental vehicle. Please see the map below for the location of the Hertz depot.



The total cost of your hire has been paid directly to Experience New Zealand Travel; however the accident excess reduction, which is optional, must be paid direct to Hertz Car Rental at the commencement of your hire.

Your Comprehensive Travel Insurance policy provides you with rental vehicle excess of up to NZ\$6,000.00. This should provide you with enough cover for your vehicle, so you will not need to take out the additional accident excess reduction with Hertz Car Rental.

After you have collected your car you will drive from Auckland to Whitianga. The approximate time to travel this is 3hrs 10mins. Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

Enroute you will pass the popular Miranda Hot Springs, where the waters of these once swamp-like natural springs were transformed in 1959 into what was then the largest thermal pool in the Southern Hemisphere.

You will also pass through Thames, a town that had a larger population than Auckland back in the height of the 1880's gold boom. There are a number of old buildings and relics from that era, particularly as its northern end around Grahamstown.

A steep hill en-route provides superb views of the Coromandel Peninsula, the Firth of Thames and Auckland hiding behind Ponui and Waiheke Islands.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for 970 Lonely Bay Lodge

Nestled in New Zealand bush, 970 is 2km from the Whitianga Ferry Landing, a short stroll to Cooks Beach and a ten minute walk to Lonely Bay through the adjacent Shakespeare Scenic Reserve.

The Lodge is conveniently located between the Eggcentric Restaurant and the Mercury Bay Estate Vineyard. Tennis courts and a nine-hole golf course are also located close by. The Whitianga Ferry operates continuously and takes two minutes from Ferry Landing to reach the shops and restaurants of Whitianga.



970 Lonely Bay Lodge – The Shakespeare Suite

Hosts: Loring Stuart
Address: 970 Purangi Road
Lonely Bay
Cooks Beach
Whitianga
Phone: 07 866 5688 or 027 276 4226
Check-in: 2:00pm
Check-out: 10:30am



Saturday 9 March 2013

Whitianga

Today you will drive to Hahei Beach for your kayaking trip through crystal clear waters to Cathedral Cove.

Cathedral Cove Kayaking – Cathedral Cove Classic

Address: 88 Hahei Beach Road
Hahei
Phone: 07 866 3877
Check-in: 1:45pm



Please check in beside the kayaks, which are in front of the main car park at Hahei Beach. It is very easy to find, just follow the main road into Hahei, continue past the Cathedral Cove Kayaking office and continue to the end of the road.

This is Cathedral Cove Kayaking's speciality tour - due to the overwhelming popularity and feedback. Run from Hahei, every inch of this volcanic coast is stunning. Paddle through amazing sea caves, explore offshore islands, snorkel the marine reserve & enjoy a cappuccino at our exclusive Cathedral Cove Beachfront Café.

It is recommend that you paddle in shorts and tee shirt, bring a bottle of water and your camera. There are storage compartments in the kayaks and they will supply dry bags so you can bring a small day pack if you wish.

Sunday 10 March 2013

Whitianga

Today is a day of leisure for you. Please refer to the activity options listed at the end of your itinerary as well as the brochures for the Coromandel included in your travel documents for options on what to do.



Monday 11 March 2013

Rotorua

Today you will drive from Whitianga to Rotorua. The approximate time to travel is 4 hrs 0 min (237 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Wildwood Lodge

Take State Highway 30 East out of Rotorua. Travel past the Airport on your left and continue for another three minutes until you see a major turn on the right, signposted "Whakatane". This is still State Highway 30. Set your trip meter as you turn, and travel exactly 20 kilometres. You will see Morehu Loop Road on your left. Turn in here, travel fifty meters, and take the short road on the left without name. Wildwood Lodge is a short distance down on the left. Wildwood is signposted on the gate. Keep turning right after you enter the gate and this will bring you to the front entry of the Lodge.



Wildwood Lodge – Lodge Suite

Hosts: Simon and Cath Robertson
Address: Morehu Road
Lake Rotoehu
Rotorua
Phone: 07 362 0016
Check-in from: 2.00pm
Check-out by: 11.00am



Tonight enjoy pre-dinner drinks and canapés followed by a superb 3 course dinner which is included in your tariff.

Tuesday 12 March 2013

Rotorua

Today you will visit Waimangu Volcanic Valley.

Waimangu Volcanic Valley

Address: 587 Waimangu Road
Rotorua

Phone: 07 366 6137

Open: Daily from 8:30am.
Last admission is at 3:45pm for 5:00pm closing time.

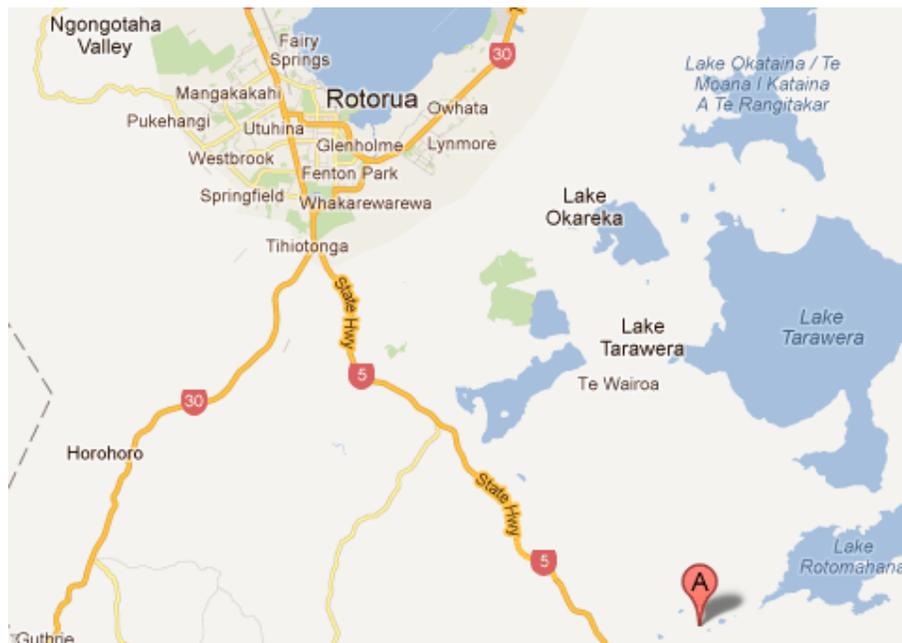


Please present your voucher at the Visitor Centre right by the car park. You will be given maps and information about the fascinating geology of the area and staff will also let you know about the departure options for your lake cruise.

As Waimangu can get busy at this time of year your boat cruise has been booked for 11:30am. Please note that the boat cruise departs from the opposite end of the valley to the entrance. If you wish to walk from the entrance to the boat cruise please give yourselves at least 2 hours for this walk. Alternatively you can take a bus from the entrance to the lake.

Driving Directions to Waimangu Valley

Driving south of Rotorua along State Highway 5 (the Rotorua-Tupo Highway) look out for the Waimangu Volcanic Valley signs 14 km from Rotorua – turn left into Waimangu Road. Then drive 6 km along Waimangu Road to the entrance and car park.



Your Waimangu Volcanic Valley walk or hike takes you on an ecology-focused adventure of the craters of this beautiful valley. As you walk through the youngest eco-systems in the world you will view a range of

geothermal activity, native plants and bird-life, an activity not to be missed. At any stage of your walk you can take the courtesy shuttle bus, which regularly circles the valley, back to the Waimangu Visitor Centre.

Easy Walking

There are many walks, mainly downhill, for you to choose from. You will see Echo Crater, and Frying Pan Lake, the world's largest hot water spring. The mysterious and dramatic Inferno Crater and its beautiful blue hot lake will take your breath away. Enjoy the serenity of New Zealand native bush. You will see newly forming silica terraces and rare and unusual thermal plants.

Mt Hazard Hiking Trail

Opened in January 2005, the Mt Hazard Hiking Trail follows parts of the original Waimangu Round Trip walking route from the early 1900's when tourists came to view the Waimangu Geyser erupting. The Mt Hazard Hiking Trail begins at Inferno Crater and moves high above the Waimangu Volcanic Valley floor. This nature hike provides spectacular panoramic views of the valley. We do not recommend this trail for children, pushchairs or wheelchairs.

Lake Rotomohana Cruise

Enjoy a boat cruise on Lake Rotomohana. This beautiful lake has its own separate geothermal system, with the amazing thermal activity that can only be seen from our vessel during your boat cruise. One of New Zealand's most beautiful, unspoilt, natural wilderness areas, the lake and surrounding land are protected from development.

What to Bring and Wear

Please wear flat shoes or sandals and bring your camera, comfortable clothing, rain or sun protection as necessary and a baby pushchair if needed. For the advanced hiking option, good walking shoes with treaded soles are recommended.



After visiting Waimangu you will drive from Rotorua to Taupo. The approximate time to travel is 1 hour. Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

Wednesday 13 March 2013

Rotorua

Today you will take an exhilarating ride in a zorb.

Zorb – Wet Zorb

Address: Cnr State Highway 5 and Western Road
Phone: 0800 22 74 74
Check-in: anytime from 9am to 7pm



You can enjoy the Hydro Zorb adventure anytime from 9am to 7pm today. Please bring a change of clothes or swimming togs and a towel with you.

Zorb Rotorua (the home of the Zorb) is located next to the Agrodome on Western Road (just off Highway 5 to the north of Rotorua).

Shuttle service:

Cityride's green buses depart from the Pukuatua Street (city centre) stop every half hour, Monday to Saturday. The **No.1 Ngongotaha** route passes the Agrodome and Zorb Rotorua. The bus can be flagged down anywhere along the route. The cost is \$2 per person each way. On Sundays an hourly service is offered departing the Tourism Rotorua travel centre.

Tonight you will explore Maori Culture through song, dance and a traditional Maori meal (hangi).

Mitai Maori Cultural Experience – Beauty by Night Meets People of the Land Combo

Phone: 07 343 9132
Pick-up time: Between 5:45pm and 6:10pm (summer)
Between 4:45 and 5:10pm (winter from 7 April)



You will be picked up from your accommodation at some stage between 5:45pm and 6:10pm for your Beauty by Night Meets People of the Land Cultural Experience. Please present your pre-paid voucher on pick-up. Please make sure you get on the bus labelled 'Mitai'.

The opening of this combination, provided by the Mitai Maori Cultural Group, is one of the many highlights of the experience. It features Maori warriors paddling down Wai-o-whiro stream by waka (war canoe) - a truly special moment, followed by our Maori cultural performance, topped with a succulent hangi meal, tranquil bush walk, glow worm viewing, and a visit to sacred Fairy Spring.

Visitors walk through the bush to Rainbow Springs to experience Beauty by Night. You can stroll through the park observing the flora and wildlife at night including the new walk-through outdoor kiwi enclosure.

It is a unique opportunity to enjoy Rainbow Springs under light. A unique and magical time is guaranteed. Return transfers to and from Mitai and Rainbow Springs are included within Rotorua's city limits.

Please wear warm clothing and flat shoes.

When you arrive please ensure you receive the Rainbow Springs sticker which will allow you onto the Rainbow Springs walk.



Thursday 14 March

Rotorua

Today is a day of leisure for you. Please refer to the activity options listed at the end of your itinerary as well as the brochures for Rotorua included in your travel documents for options on what to do.



Friday 15 March 2013

Wellington

Today you will drive from Rotorua to Wellington. The approximate time to travel this distance is 6 hr 35 min (460 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

En-route today Wairakei is a few kilometres south once you rejoin State Highway 1. Huge pipes servicing the hydro-generation of electricity can be seen from the main road, and well signposted off Karapito Road you can walk around Department of Conservation monitored mud pools and steam vents.

About two kilometres north of Taupo is the turn-off for Huka Falls. The loop road provides access to the falls of the Waikato River as it powers through a narrow gap of volcanic rock. Viewing platforms and walking paths can be accessed from the top of the loop.

The 80,000 hectares Tongariro National Park (a World Heritage Area) is the centre of attraction for this district. The active volcano Mount Ruapehu dominates the landscape, rising to 2,797 metres from the surrounding countryside. It has Mount Ngauruhoe (also active) and Mount Tongariro to keep it company. The three volcanoes are a spectacular sight on a clear day—in the colder months they are capped in snow.



Mount Ruapehu is the site of the North Island's premier ski fields—Whakapapa and Turoa. The mountain was chosen by movie director Peter Jackson to play Mt Doom in his 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy. Other filming locations in Tongariro National Park include:

Mangawhero River

Frodo and Sam pass a ruined column in a clearing.

Coordinates: 39° 19.217'S 175° 30.315'E

Access: Ohakune Mountain Rd

Whakapapa skifield

Isildur cuts off Sauron's finger and the Ring.

Coordinates: View of location: 39° 14.116'S 175° 33.529'E

Location: 39° 14.114'S 175° 33.522'E

Access: State Highway 48

Mordor

Whakapapa skifield

Frodo and Sam catch Gollum. Gollum leads the hobbits down the Emyn Muil.

Coordinates: 39° 14.177'S 175° 33.670'E

Access: State Highway 48

Gates of Mordor

Tukino skifield, Mt Ruapehu

Frodo, Sam and Gollum look out over the Gates of Mordor before setting out to climb around them.

Coordinates: 39° 16.667'S 175° 36.626'E

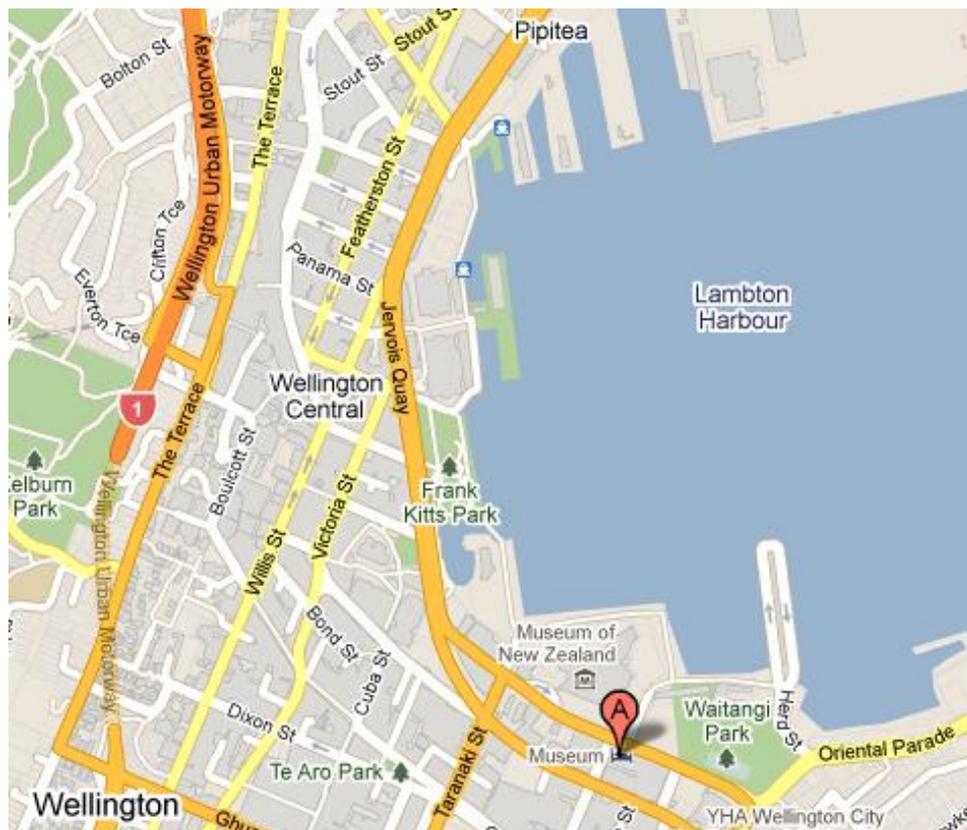
Access: Walk in from gate on Tukino skifield road, off SH1

(Please see the Department of Conservation's website for more information and filming locations in other National Parks: www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/lord-of-the-rings-locations/)

After the desert road, hold on until Taihape which is your best option if you are in need of a break. Brown Sugar Café, Huia St, 07 388 1880, is a great little café.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for The Museum Hotel

Take the Aotea Quay exit as you approach the city (1st exit into the city). Keep driving for approximately 2 km on Waterloo Quay which becomes Jervois Quay, which becomes Cable Street. Museum Hotel is a prominent building on the right hand side of the road opposite Te Papa Tongarewa, NZ's national museum.



Museum Hotel – Harbour View Room

Address: 90 Cable Street
Phone: 0800 994 335
Check-in from: 2:00pm
Check-out by: 11:00am



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Saturday 16 March 2013

Nelson Region

Wine Art and Wilderness Reconfirmation

At some stage today, please ring Wine Art and Wilderness on their free call number 0800 326 868, to reconfirm your booking and double check on pick up details for tomorrow.

Your booking reference for this activity is XXXX.

Today you have some time to explore Wellington before driving to the Wellington Ferry Terminal to drop off your rental car and check in for your ferry crossing to Picton.

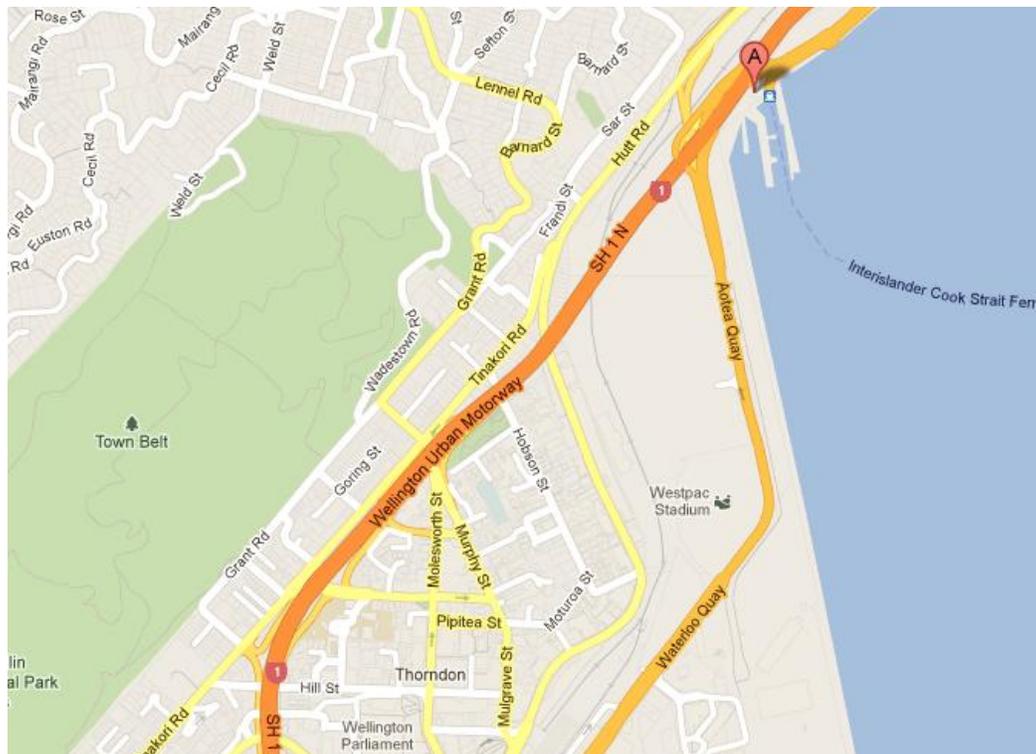
Hertz Car Rental Drop-off – Wellington Ferry Terminal

Drop-off Time: By 1:45pm
Address: Hertz Car Rental
Aotea Quay
Pipitea
Phone: 0800 447 260 or 04 384 3809

Please proceed to the Hertz Wellington Ferry Terminal depot for the drop-off of your rental vehicle. Please remember that your rental vehicle must be returned with a full tank of fuel.

Interislander Ferry Information

The Interislander Terminal is located on Aotea Quay, 5 minutes north of Wellington Railway Station.



Final check-in time: 1:45pm

Please check-in at the Wellington Interislander Ferry Terminal for your departure on the 2:30pm sailing due to arrive into Picton at 5:40pm. Go directly to the ticket counter at the Ferry Terminal, where you must provide your travel voucher in exchange for your ticket. You then need to take your ticket to the check-in counter, where you will be given your boarding passes. Your ferry reservation number is 20365126. Please refer to your ferry voucher in your travel documents for full details of your reservation.



Once you have arrived in Picton please make your way to the Hertz counter to pick up your replacement rental car.

Hertz Car Rental Collection – XXXX

Picton Ferry Terminal to Dunedin Airport - X day hire

Pick-up Time: XX:XX
Address: Hertz Car Rental
Auckland Street
Picton
Phone: 0800 447 260 or 03 520 3044

Please proceed to the Hertz Car Rental Picton Ferry Terminal depot for collection of your Toyota RAV4 or similar rental vehicle. The total cost of your hire has been paid directly to Experience New Zealand Travel, however a ferry collection fee of NZ\$46.00 and the accident excess reduction, which is optional, must be paid direct to Hertz Car Rental at the commencement of your hire.

Your Comprehensive Travel Insurance policy provides you with rental vehicle excess of up to NZ\$6,000.00. This should provide you with enough cover for your vehicle, so you will not need to take out the additional accident excess reduction with Hertz Car Rental.

Once you picked up your replacement rental vehicle you will drive from Picton to Nelson. The approximate time to travel this distance is 1hr 35min (110 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

En-route today if your time allows just before you reach Havelock there is a right hand turn onto a short access road which takes you up to the base of a ten minute walk up to Cullen Point. From here you will be able to see amazing views of the region stretching from Mahau Sound to Havelock below.

The Pelorus Bridge Scenic reserve, about 10 km out of Canvastown, has a number of walks you can take through beautiful New Zealand forests of Rimu, Hinau, and Totara. This is quite an old growth forest region, with girths of some trees being as large as 7m.

Pelorus Bridge is on the main road to Nelson and is a popular swimming spot. Take a swim in the clear waters in the summer or just stop for the spectacular scenery on cooler days.

The Pelorus River features in a scene from *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* showing barrels plunging down the river during a perilous journey undertaken by Bilbo Baggins and the dwarves.

Driving times in the Nelson region

Nelson city to Mapua	30 min (33km)
Nelson City to Motueka	50 min (51km)
Motueka to Kaiteriteri	15 min (14 km)
Motueka to Marahau	20 min (18km)
Motueka to Takaka	60 min (58km)
Takaka to Collingwood	35 min (27km)
Nelson city to St Arnaud	1 hr 30 min (109km)
Nelson city to Murchison	1 hr 50 min (129km)



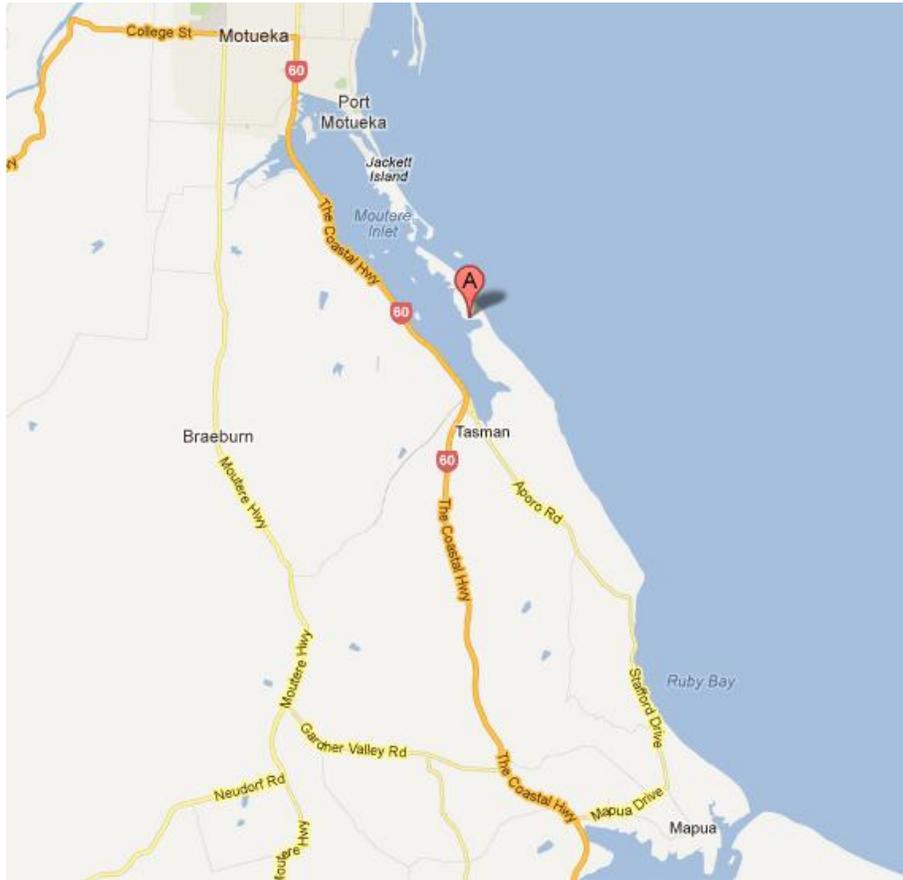
Location Map and Accommodation Details for Almyra

Make your way to Nelson and continue on SH6 through Richmond and at the roundabout (Three Brothers) turn right along the Coastal Highway, SH 60, (signed Motueka and Collingwood) for approx 20 kms until you see the turnoff sign for Tasman, Mapua & Scenic Drive on your right. Turn right and shortly you will enter Tasman village.

As you drive through the village, on your right you will see the Tasman General Store, turn left immediately into Kina Beach Road, (also signed to Tasman Golf Club). After 1km, turn left onto Kina Peninsula Road. Follow the road along the estuary for about 1.5km until you reach the beach on your right. Turn to your left into Helme Orchard Estate - this is a private roadway. You will see some mailboxes on the corner.

Almyra Luxury Bed and Breakfast Accommodation is at 193 Kina Peninsula Road. It is the first property on the left. The private entrance to the accommodation is the second driveway on the left. Drive down to the

accommodation and park near the house to unload. Guest parking is at the bottom of the drive.



Almyra Luxury Bed and Breakfast – Free upgrade to Kina Suite

Address: 193 Kina Peninsula Road,
Kina Peninsula,
Tasman, Nelson,
New Zealand 7173

Phone: 03 526 6840
021 232 6089

Check-in: 2:30pm

Check-out: 10:00am



Sunday 17 March 2013

Nelson Region

Abel Tasman Charters - Reconfirmation

At some stage today, please ring Abel Tasman Charters on their free call number 0800 223 522, to reconfirm your booking and double check on weather conditions for tomorrow.

Your reservation reference for this activity is **XXXX**.

Today you will be picked up from Almyra for a tour of Nelson's best wine and art locations.

Wine Art and Wilderness – Wine and Art Nelson

Phone: 03 548 5515 or 0800 326 868

Pick up: 10:30am



You will be picked up from Almyra at 10:30am for your wine and art tour of Nelson.

Just as the beautiful surrounding mountains set a magnificent backdrop that shelter the foothills and plains to the sea, the calming ambience has inspired almost 400 artists to settle here to be followed by winemakers who alongside market gardeners and orchardists are producing world class products.

There is no better way to explore and discover the quintessential Nelson lifestyle as this journey takes you to meet artists and into galleries exhibiting art forms of all persuasions. Winemakers share their world class wine as the host prepares matching food and lunch and refreshments showcase the huge variety of produce from this food bowl in the sunniest part of New Zealand.

This is the secret lifestyle that attracts so many to live in Nelson and enjoy its special vibrancy.

Lunch will be provided on this tour. You will return to your accommodation at approximately 5:00pm.

Monday 18 March 2013

Nelson Region

Today you will venture into the Abel Tasman National Park to explore the stunning beaches and wildlife.

Abel Tasman Charters – Best Abel Tasman Boat Trip

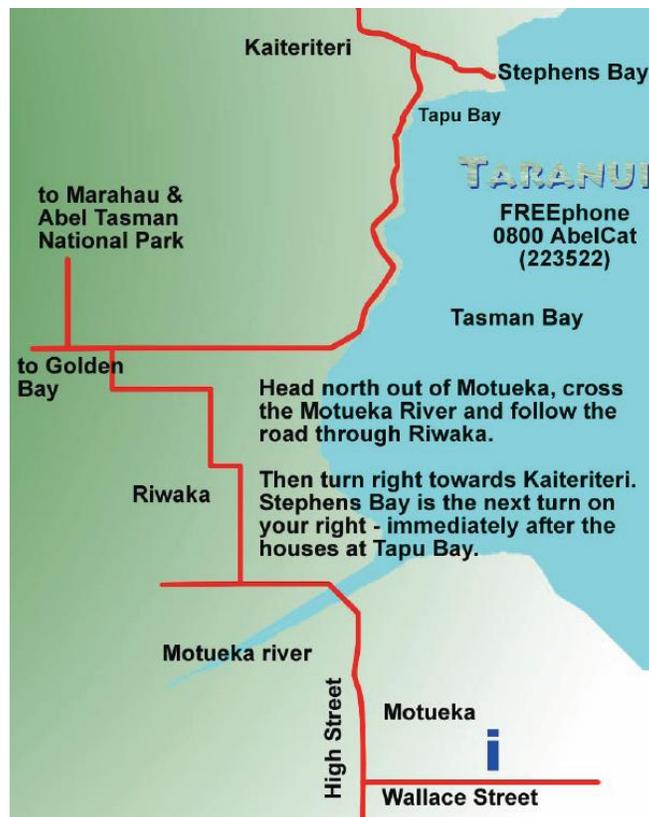
Address: Stephens Bay
Phone: 0800 223 522
Departure: 10:00am



Please make your way to Stephens Bay to meet with your skipper, Rod Stuart, for a 10:00am departure, returning at approximately 4:00pm.

Location of Stephens Bay

Make your way to Motueka and follow the main road out of Motueka and through Riwaka. Then follow the signs to Kaiteriteri. Stephens Bay is signposted on the right. Follow Stephens Bay Road to the end where there's plenty of room to park. If you get to the golden sands of Kaiteriteri you've gone too far. This drive will take approximately 30-45minutes.



Join the Taranui for a day trip exploring along the Abel Tasman National Park's coastline; past Split Apple Rock, Kaiteriteri, Marahau, round golden sandy bays, Adele and Fishermans Islands and on to Tonga Island seal colony.

Taranui's cruise itinerary is flexible so if there is something to see on your day trip, like dolphins riding the bow wave or New Zealand fur seals fishing, then we'll go take a look. Similarly if there's a particular bay you want to

visit or park feature you want to see, then please do let the skipper know and he'll try to accommodate your wishes.

After we've said goodbye to the seals we find a sheltered bay for a light lunch. You can swim, sea kayak, go ashore for a bush walk, or just relax on Taranui while we prepare your lunch. We have plenty of snorkeling equipment if you are keen to work up an appetite and kayaks on board for your enjoyment.

A delicious platter style lunch with fresh local ingredients is provided. Towels, sunscreen, sea kayaks, snorkelling gear and lifejackets are also provided. Please bring your own camera, hat, sunglasses, a warm jacket (just in case...) and swimming gear. If you intend hiking the Abel Tasman Coastal Track then don't forget your sturdy footwear.

Tuesday 19 March 2013

Punakaiki

Today you will drive from Nelson to Punakaiki. The approximate time to travel this distance is 3 hr 30 min (246 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

En-route today you will if time allows the Murchison Museum on Fairfax St in Murchison gives a graphic account of the 1929 earthquake that devastated the area, with aftershocks continuing for almost 2 weeks after. The effect of the earthquake on the landscape can clearly be seen as you travel through the area.

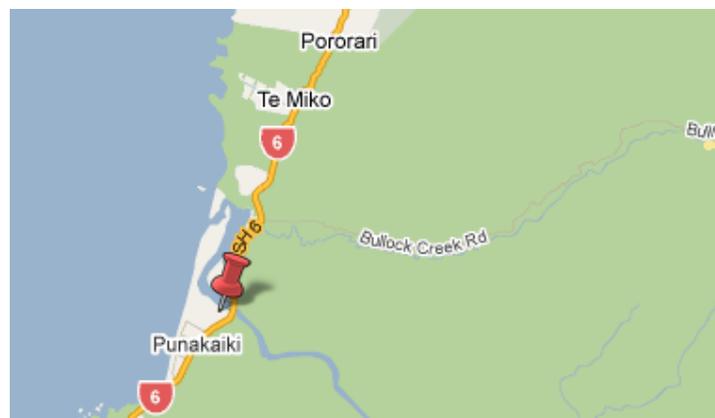
From here you follow the banks of the Buller River until you enter the town of Lyell, which used to be home to thousands of prospectors in the mid 1800's searching for the ever illusive gold. The Lyell walkway, only about 3 km long, takes you to a pioneer cemetery hidden in the bush and is an excellent option to stretch out the legs.

If time allows, a detour to Cape Foulwind (named by Captain Cook in 1770 when he encountered particularly nasty weather) is worth your while. Tauranga Bay at Cape Foulwind has a seal-breeding colony with seals present year round. There is an excellent track (10 minute walk) to viewing platforms, which overlook the colony. Interpretive panels at the platforms provide information on the activity in the colony, and the seals breeding cycle, as well as historical information about the sealing industry that once existed in New Zealand.



Once you reach the coastline you will not have to travel too long until you come to Fox River Bridge. If your time allows a track heads through the forest along an old pack track that was used to connect the Fox River and Punakaiki River, as along the coast they were not connected until 1929.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for HAVENZ



The office for HAVENZ is located in the Punakaiki Canoes building, just north of the village. It is located on State Highway 6, on the left hand side, just before the Porotari River. Please check in at the Canoes building for your accommodation and tour.

Food Supplies/Fuel

If you intend to self-cater, then you will need to shop in Greymouth or Westport for food, as only basic grocery items are available in Punakaiki.

It is advisable to fill your vehicle with fuel as you pass through Greymouth or Westport as these are the closest petrol stations to Punakaiki.

HAVenz Punakaiki – Perfect Strangers Bach

Host: Julian Martel
Address: Punakaiki Canoes Building
Main Road
Punakaiki
Phone: 03 7311 442
Check-in: Flexible
Check-out: Flexible



Once you have arrived in Punakaiki you will take a tour of Pancake Rocks and Blowholes.

Natures Tours – Dolomite Point (Pancake Rocks and Blowholes)

Address: Punakaiki Canoes Building
State Highway 6
Punakaiki
Phone: 03 731 1442
Departure Time: 1:30pm



Explore the famous Pancake Rocks and Blowholes of Punakaiki's Dolomite Point as you listen to the stories of the geological formation of New Zealand and the creation of the Pancake Rocks. Be introduced to plant species that grow in the area and gain insight into how New Zealand was colonized first by Maori and second by Europeans.

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Fox Glacier

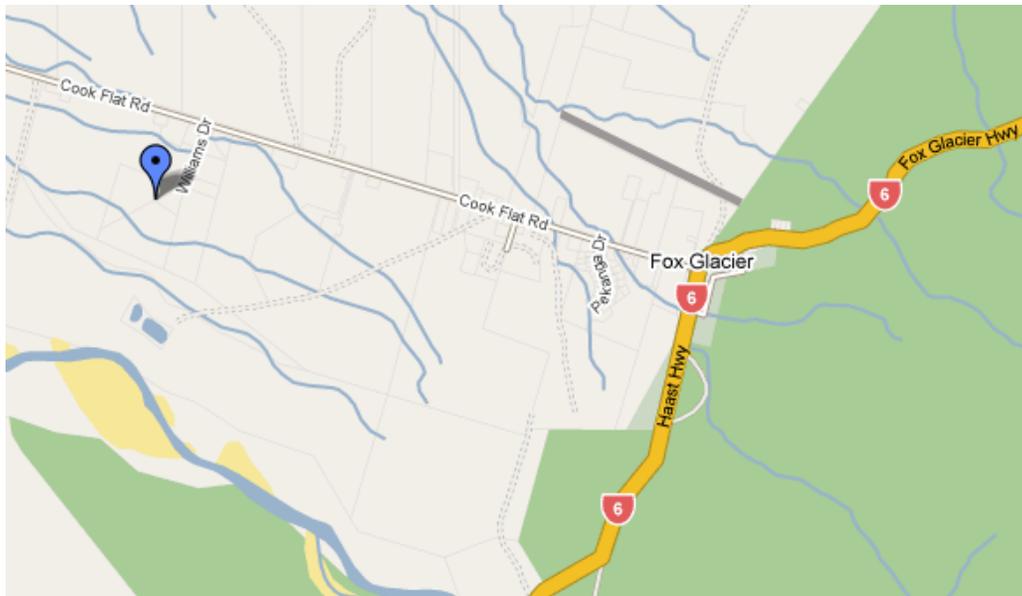
Today you will drive from Punakaiki to Fox Glacier. The approximate time to travel this distance is 3 hr 30 min (244 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

Travel south until you arrive in Hokitika. This was a bustling gold-mining town in the 1860's, with a population of over 6000. The passing of history can be viewed at the West Coast Historical Museum, in Hokitika on Tancred St. Today Hokitika is famous for its jade (greenstone) factories. Many art and craft stores also sell hand-blown glass, gold nugget jewellery and woodwork.

If your time allows head left onto Glacier Access Road in Franz Josef Township for 5 km towards the mountains along the Waiho River. From here two walks can be taken to gain excellent views of the glacier. The first is a ten minute climb to Sentinel Rock; at the end of the 5km there is a forty-five minute walk to the terminal of the ice face.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Fox Glacier Mountain View Bed and Breakfast

From Fox Glacier township drive approximately 3 km down Cook Flats Road. Turn left onto Williams Drive. Fox Glacier Mountain View Bed and Breakfast is located at end of cul-de-sac on right hand side.



Fox Glacier Mountain View Bed and Breakfast – Aoraki Room

Manager: Karen Simpson
Address: Williams Drive
Fox Glacier
Phone: 03 751 0770
Check-in: 2:00pm
Check-out: 10:00am



Thursday 21 March 2013

Wanaka

Today you will drive from Fox Glacier to Wanaka. The approximate time to travel this distance is 3 hr 45 min (264 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel. There are very few towns on the way so we suggest you fill with petrol at Fox Township and pack some supplies with you, water, snacks etc as there are very few places so stop.

If time permits, you may be able to see penguins at Monro Beach near Lake Moeraki. Look out for the signs off SH 6 as you head south between Lake Paringa and Haast. An easy 40minute walk through coastal forest will take you to the remote beach where between July and December Fiordland crested penguin may be seen in the surf and on the beach.

Driving through the Haast Pass

The Haast Pass road follows an ancient trail used by Maori travelling to the West Coast in search of pounamu/greenstone/jade/nephrite. The name for the trail is Tiora-patea, meaning "The way is clear". The Haast Pass is the lowest across the Main Divide (563 metres above sea level).



A gold prospector called Charles Cameron is considered to be the first European to find the pass. He went alone to the West Coast wanting to reach there by the most direct route from Dunedin, and crossed the pass in January 1863. He buried his powder flask to the west of the pass. Close behind him came Julius von Haast. His party of five found the journey very difficult with constant rain and flooded rivers which slowed their progress and led to a shortage of food. Haast named the pass after himself and claimed to be the first European to have travelled through it, but the discovery of Cameron's flask discredited this claim.

Now with a sealed road travel through the pass offers easy motoring and there are a number of well-marked walks along the way.

Roaring Billy - the walk to these falls takes 25 minutes return, but it is well worth taking the time as there are interesting ferns along the track. At the end of the track there is a good view of the falls across the Haast River.

Thunder Creek Falls - a 2-minute walk (wheelchair access) through silver beech-podocarp rainforest just below the Gates of Haast Bridge, for a view of a 28 metre waterfall. Also regularly seen in this area are Kea, Kaka and other bird life.

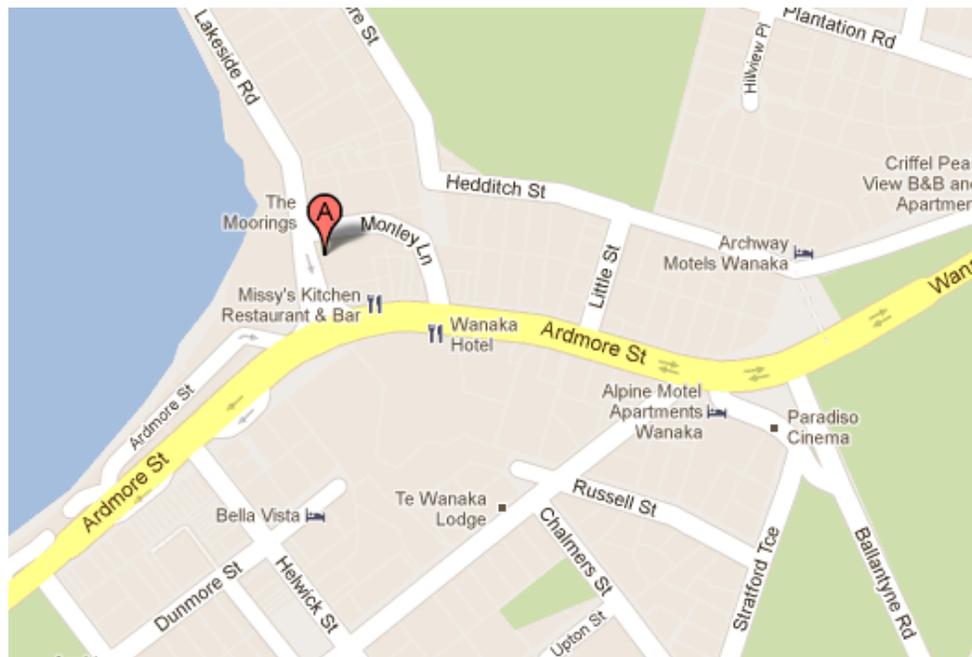
Bridle Track - a well graded walk (1.5 hours one way) through beech forest following an old packhorse track between Haast Pass and Davis Flat. This track used to be used regularly in 1880's, and only a little imagination is required to envisage how tough conditions were for those travelling this route back then.

Cameron Creek - a 10-minute walk one way through mountain silver beech forest to a lookout and views of Makarora Valley (70 km from Wanaka).

Blue Pools – a 15-minute walk one way through silver beech forest to crystal-clear pools in the Blue River. Swing bridge over the Makarora River (70 km from Wanaka).

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Lakeside Apartments

Lakeside Apartments is easy to find just off the main road in central Wanaka.



Lakeside Apartments – 1 Bedroom Deluxe Apartment

Address: 9 Lakeside Road
Wanaka
Phone: 0800 00 22 11
Check-in: 3:00pm
Check-out: 10:30am



Friday 22 March 2013

Wanaka

Ridgeline – Wanaka Nature Encounter

Phone: 0800 234 000

Pick up: 8:40am from Lakeside Apartments

This morning you will be picked up from Apartments at 8:40am. Please present your pre-paid voucher upon pick up.



Your tour today starts with a boat cruise to the Island Nature Reserve on Lake Wanaka. You will take a guided walk to the summit which will reveal the island's secret – an island on top of an island. Look out for rare native birds along the way including Weka, Bellbirds, Wood Pigeon and Tui. Plant your own tree on the island to help with conservation efforts in this stunning area.

The afternoon you will take a 4WD journey exploring the private back road's of an iconic Wanaka high country sheep, cattle and deer farm. High on the hills you will get the most spectacular views as well as see Maori and European heritage sites.

Saturday 23 March 2013

Queenstown

Today you will drive from Wanaka to Queenstown. The approximate time to travel this distance is 1 hr 40 min (117 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

From Wanaka to Queenstown, there are two options; you can either travel over the Crown Range on State highway 89 (60 minutes) which affords fabulous views, or if you would prefer to take a flatter but longer route (90 minutes), you can travel via Bendigo and the Kawarau Gorge.

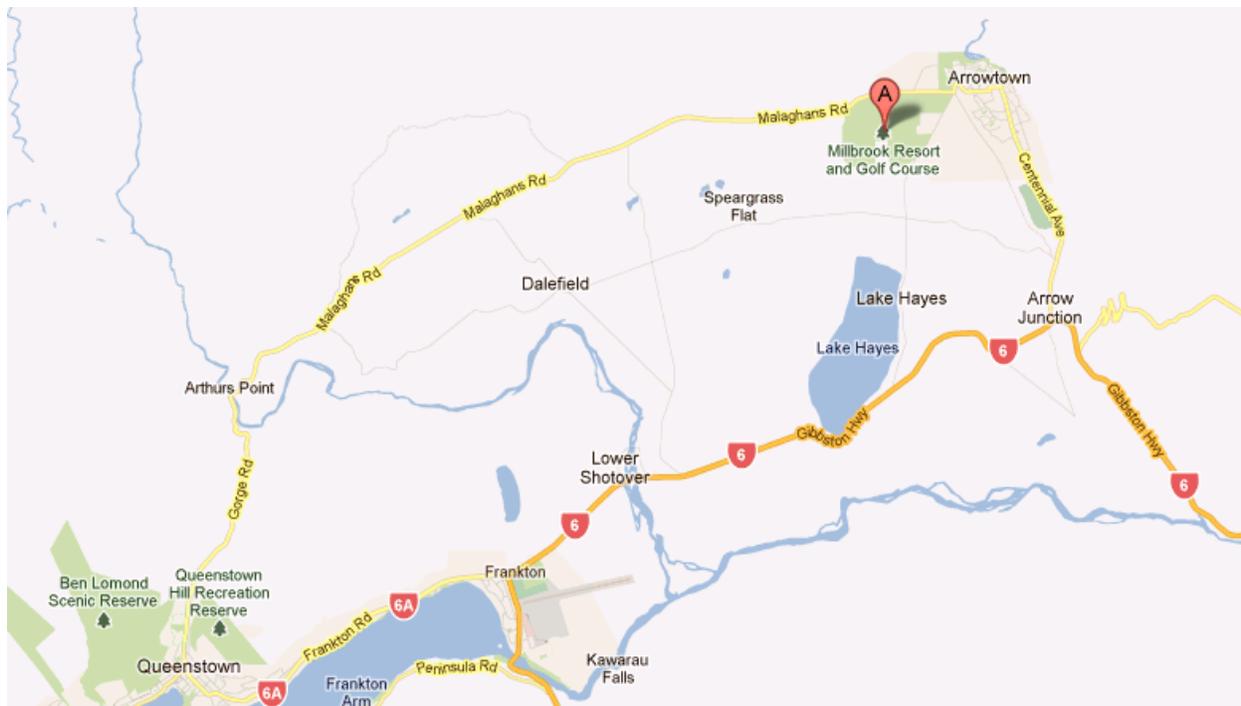
This route takes you out of Wanaka on State Highway 6 and was once one of the most successful mining areas in the Otago region. There is a 20 minute walk exploring the old mine region – ensure you stay to the track as some of the shafts can be as deep as 160m and can be quite hidden from view.

Continuing on this route to get to Queenstown you will pass by the Goldfields Mining centre, where you can try your luck panning for gold in the Kawarau Gorge. The Kawarau Swing Bridge is also the location of the first ever commercial bungy jump world wide – just in case you are feeling like a rush of adrenalin!

Both of these routes have been marked on the map included in your documentation for these routes.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Millbrook Resort

You'll find Millbrook just outside the historic village of Arrowtown - only 20-minutes drive from Queenstown and 15 minutes from the airport.



Millbrook Resort – Villa Suite

Address: Malaghans Road
Arrowtown
Queenstown
Phone: 0800 800 604
Check-in: 3:00pm
Check-out: 11:00am



Once you have checked into Millbrook please make your way to central Queenstown for your gondola ride, kiwi Haka and buffet dinner on top of Bob's Peak.

Skyline Gondola –Gondola, Kiwi Haka Show and Buffet Dinner

Address: Brecon Street, Queenstown
Phone: 03 441 0101
Haka: Booked for 6:00pm - please allow at least 20 minutes to travel up the gondola prior to this time



Please present your pre-paid voucher on arrival at the Gondola. **Please note the earlier you check-in the higher the chance of being allocated a window table for dinner.** You may wish to request this when you arrive.

Reputed to be the steepest lift in the Southern Hemisphere, the gondola carries visitors high above Queenstown to the Skyline complex located on Bob's Peak.

Situated an easy five minute walk from central Queenstown, the gondola is an all weather tourist attraction in its own right. Sit back and relax as the views from the gondola unfold while you journey to the Skyline complex.

At 6:00pm this evening you will enjoy the haka show. The Kiwi Haka is set in an intimate theatre surrounded by traditional decorations and mythical carved legends of the Wakatipu. During the show approximately 8 performers will be live on stage to share with guests many traditional Maori songs, dances and stories.

At 6:30pm this evening you will enjoy dinner at Queenstown's most spectacular location. The Skyline Restaurant serves up a mouth-watering Taste of New Zealand buffet of legendary proportions every night of the year.

Feast on South Island salmon, seafoods, salads, roast meats and delicious desserts – and feast your eyes on the most spectacular scenery in the country. Please note you will need to vacate your table by 7:45pm.

Sunday 24 March 2013

Queenstown

Real Journeys Reconfirmation

At some stage today, please ring Real Journeys on their free call number 0800 346 737, to reconfirm your booking and double check on weather conditions for both your bookings (TSS Earnslaw Cruise and Doubtful Sound Cruise).

Your reservation number for these activities is **XXXX**.

Today is a day of leisure for you. Please refer to the activity options listed at the end of your itinerary as well as the brochures for Queenstown included in your travel documents for options on what to do.



Monday 25 March 2013

Queenstown

Today you will travel out to Walter Peak Farm for a rural New Zealand experience.

Real Journeys – Walter Peak Heritage Excursion

Address: Steamer Wharf, Queenstown

Phone: 0800 346 737

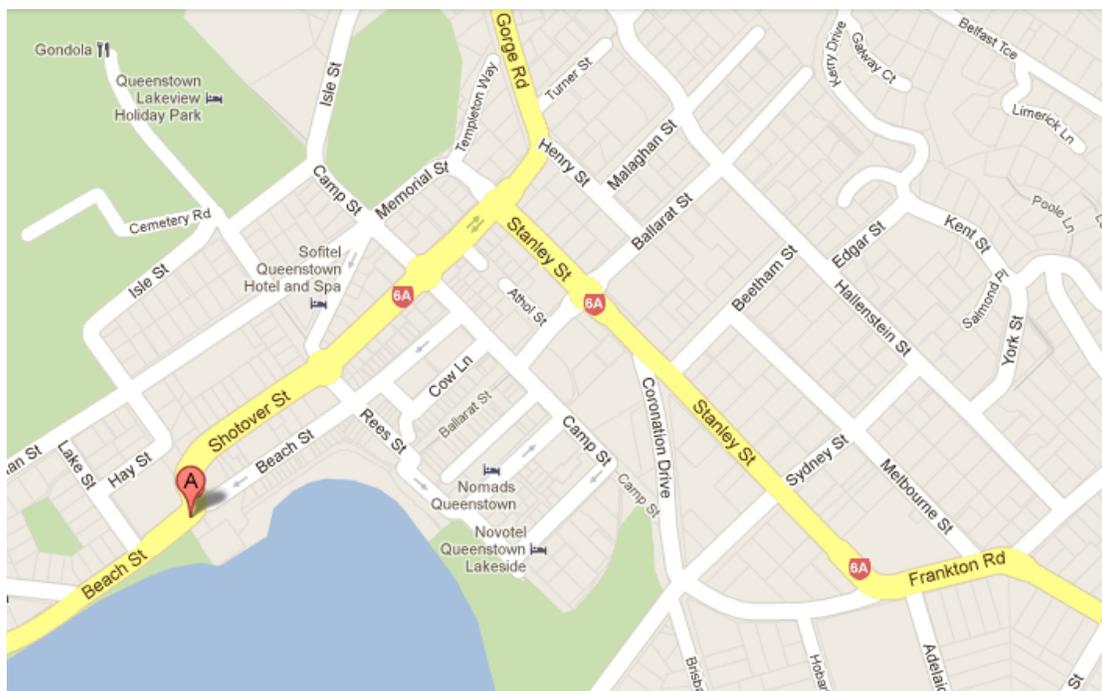
Check-in: 3.40pm



Head out on a return scenic cruise from Queenstown to Walter Peak High Country Farm on board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw.

You will need to present your voucher upon check-in at the Steamer Wharf in Queenstown. Board the steamboat and listen to the onboard historian explain all about the steamship's early cargo carrying days. Following the 40 minute trip from Queenstown, passengers disembark at Walter Peak High Country Farm where they can experience New Zealand farming life.

A guide will show you the homestead's collection of photographs and memorabilia of the pioneering farming families of the area. Relax in the idyllic rural surroundings and enjoy a central Otago wine tasting, accompanied by an antipasto platter. Stroll around the farmyard or simply relax in the surroundings before cruising back to Queenstown.



Tuesday 26 March 2013

Te Anau

Today you will drive from Queenstown to Te Anau. The approximate time to travel this distance is 2 hr 25 min (170 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

About 21 km (15-20 minutes drive) east from Te Anau towards Mossburn on State Highway 94, you'll get to a short walking option at the Wilderness Reserve. The Wilderness Lookout Walk is an easy 5 minute walk from the carpark to the lookout.

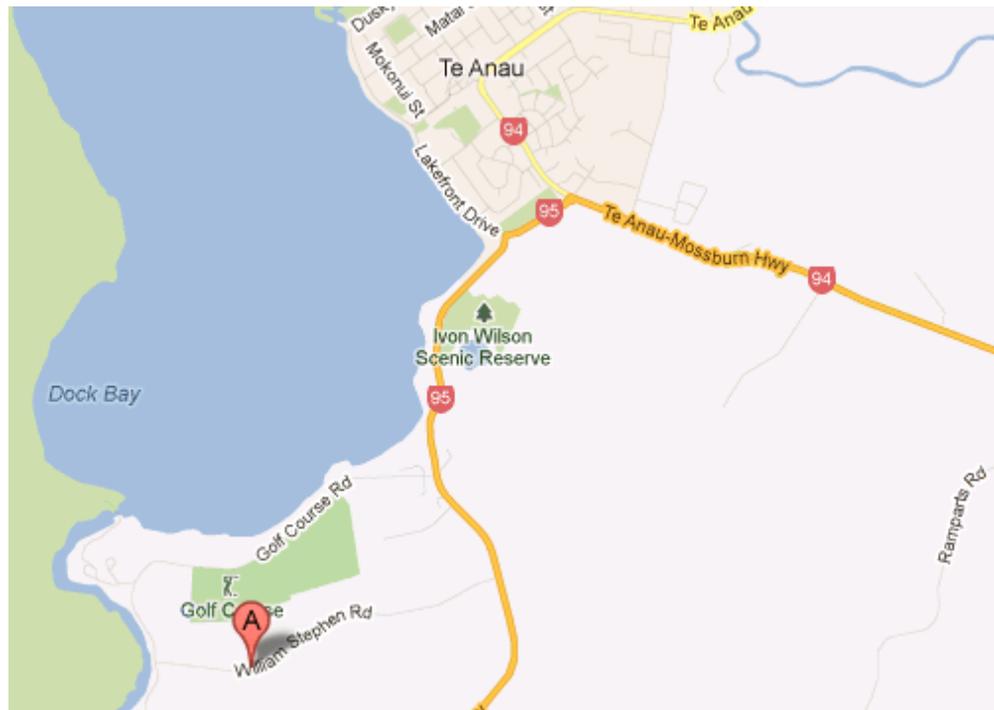
The track is suitable for all ages and is wheelchair accessible. It leads to a viewing platform over ancient, low and slow growing *Halocarpus bidwilli* bog pine forest.

Although not in Fiordland National Park itself, the 360 degree views of the Takitimu Mountains and foothills, Fiordland National Park and nearby farmland are spectacular.

Look out for the sign that marks a short driveway leading to a car parking area and wheelchair accessible toilets.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Dock Bay Lodge

Dock Bay Lodge is located 5 minutes drive from the Te Anau town centre on the Te Anau Manapouri Highway.



Dock Bay Lodge – Milford Suite

Host: Dawn Dowling
Address: 192 William Stephen Road
Te Anau
Phone: 03 249 7709
Check-in: 3.00pm
Check-out: 11.00am



Wednesday 27 March 2013

Te Anau

Today you will explore stunning Doubtful Sound.

Real Journeys – Doubtful Sound Wilderness Cruise ex Te Anau

Address: Real Journeys Visitor Centre Te Anau
Lakefront Drive
Free Phone: 0800 346 737
Reservation No: XXXX
Check-in: 9:40am



Please present your pre-paid voucher upon check-in at the Real Journeys Visitor Centre in Te Anau.

On boarding the transfer coach in Te Anau enjoy a short trip through the rolling countryside to Manapouri.

Then cruise across the crystal waters of Lake Manapouri to West Arm before boarding a coach and crossing the alpine route of Wilmot Pass through some of Fiordland's most dense rainforest. On reaching Deep Cove, board a modern catamaran vessel, the Patea Explorer for a three hour cruise exploring the waterways of this serene and isolated fiord.

On the return cruise, the vessel's engines are turned off and passengers are treated to the 'sound of silence'. Complementary tea and coffee are available on the vessel.

You will return to Te Anau at approximately 6:00pm.

Thursday 28 March 2013

Stewart Island

Ulva's Guided Walks Reconfirmation

At some stage today, please ring Ulva on 03 219 1216 to reconfirm your booking and double check on weather conditions for tomorrow.

Your reservation number for this activity is XXXX.

Today you will be driving from Te Anau to Invercargill. If you take the most direct route (State Highway 94 and State Highway 6), the approximate time to travel this distance is 2 hours and 10 minutes (152 km). If however you follow the more scenic route (State Highway 99) detailed in the trip notes below (250kms) you should allow 4 hours. Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

The journey from Te Anau to Invercargill along State Highway is part of the Southern Scenic Route. The Southern Scenic Route (SSR) was originally conceived by the people of Tuatapere, Western Southland, who, in 1985, decided to share the delights of southern New Zealand with all those who took the time to venture down their way. Their determination and perseverance in the face of initial official reluctance has created a wonderful holiday experience and entertained admiring visitors from all over the world.

The Southern Scenic Route is indicated by this symbol on brown information signs at major intersections and on regular route markers. Please see the brochure included in your travel documents for more detailed maps and further information regarding points of interests along the way.



A great place to take a break enroute is at the Rainbow Reach Track. The track leads to Shallow Bay and within the first few hundred metres you can take a delightful walk. It will guide you through beautiful stands of tall red and mountain beach trees on the banks of the Waiau River.

After 70 km further south, a short access road leads you to the right off the main road to the Clifden Suspension Bridge. The bridge dates back to 1899 and near the beginning of the bridge are the remains of an even earlier settlement.

After returning to the main highway you will pass Tuatapere which is known as the 'Hole in the Bush'. The town can trace its development back to its early days as a sawmilling centre for the bushmen cutting their way through the beautiful lowland forests that once discovered this area.

After leaving Tuatapere continue to Colac Bay where early Maori quarried the argillite rock that breaks through on the eastern shoreline of this long sweeping beach. Only 13 km further you will find Riverton which is Southland's oldest community. It was established by whalers in the 1830s and many original cottages have survived in good condition since their construction in the 1860s.

The last part of your journey will be from Riverton to Invercargill. The city is spread across wide-open plains near the bottom of the South Island. Among the city's most impressive buildings is the huge brick water tower, built in the 1880s.

Once you arrive in Invercargill please make your way to Invercargill Airport to check in for your flight to Stewart Island. Please ensure you arrive by 4:30pm at the latest.

Steward Island Flight Information:

Airline: Steward Island Flights
Flight details: Invercargill to Stewart Island
5:00pm departure
Check-in: 4:30pm

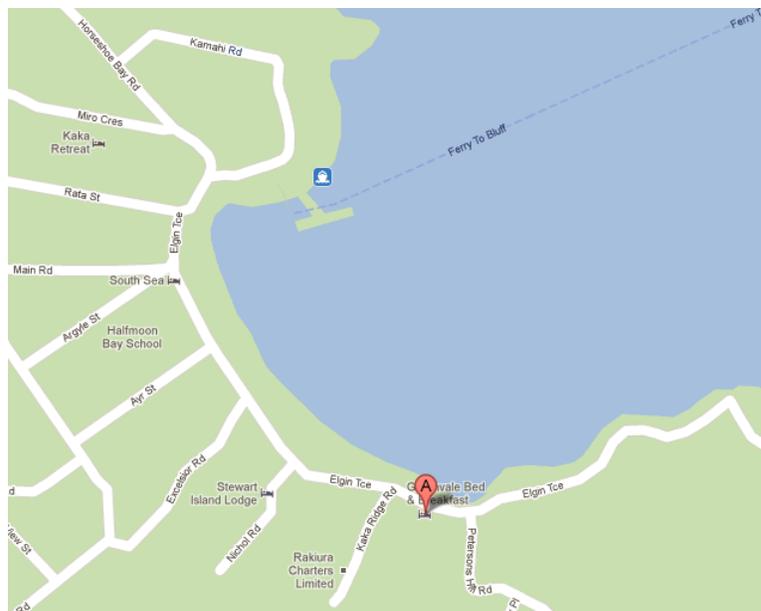


A maximum of 15kg per person is applicable for checked baggage. Any additional luggage can be stored with Stewart Island Flights free of charge.

Transfer from Stewart Island Airport to Greenvale Bed and Breakfast:

On arrival on Stewart Island you will be bussed to the flights office where Wendy from Greenvale Bed and Breakfast will meet you and transfer you to your accommodation.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Greenvale Bed and Breakfast



Greenvale Bed and Breakfast – King Room

Host: Wendy Hallett
Address: 2 Petersons Hill Road
Stewart Island 9846
Phone: 03 219 1357
Check-in: 2:00pm
Check-out: 11:00am



Wendy will have your Birding Bonanza voucher which you need to collect from her for your excursion tomorrow.

Friday 29 March 2013

Stewart Island

Today you will get to see the abundance of wildlife in this remote location.

Ulva's Guided Walks – Birding Bonanza Full Day Package

Booking Office: The Fernery Art & Gift Gallery (opposite the Department of Conservation)
Main Road of Oban township in Halfmoon Bay

Phone: 03 219 1216

Check-in: 8:25am for 8:30am water taxi departure to Ulva Island



Please make your way to The Fernery Art and Gift Gallery this morning to check-in for your Birding Bonanza tour with Ulva's Guided Walks. Please enquire with Wendy in regards to a transfer.

Please present your pre-paid voucher on arrival. The watertaxi is due to depart Golden Bay wharf at 8:30am for Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary.

Your morning is spent on Ulva Island Bird Sanctuary. An amazing insight into the natural history, stunning bird and plant life in the southern-most bird sanctuary in the world. The afternoon is spent discovering the pelagic birdlife and wildlife around coastal Stewart Island aboard Aurora Charter's purpose built pelagic charter vessel. New Zealand is the birding capital of the world, and we have magnificent sea birding at its best. Enjoy wildlife encounters as well as close proximity to albatross, shearwaters, petrels, terns and many more. Your expected return time is approximately 5:00pm.

For kiwi spotting, departure time at Halfmoon Bay wharf is at sunset to watch the largest of the kiwi species - Stewart Island kiwi (tokoeka) in its natural environment. The skipper of the MS Wildfire is Phillip Smith. Please confirm your attendance directly with him: [219-1144] one hour before departure. He will advise if weather and sea conditions are suitable for kiwi spotting. Please note if you do not telephone, it is likely you may lose your place on the trip! Kiwi spotting time is approximately four hours.

Please bring a waterproof raincoat/jacket, warm layers of clothing, warm hat and gloves, waterproof leggings (in pocket pouch), good walking shoes, daypack for your personal belongings, snacks/lunch and water.

Please bring your lunch and any snacks for the day. Ship to Shore 4 Square general store on the waterfront has packed lunches available and these can be ordered ahead of time (shiptoshore@foursquare-si.co.nz)

You are also responsible for your evening meal (especially if you are kiwi spotting in the evening). If you are booking into a restaurant please call them and tell them you are required to be at kiwi spotting by the time given to you by Phillip Smith of Bravo Kiwi Spotting. Complimentary tea and coffee are available on board the Aurora and Wildfire.

Saturday 30 March 2013

Catlins

Elm Wildlife Tours Reconfirmation

At some stage today, please ring Elm Wildlife Tours on their free call number 0800 356 563, to reconfirm your booking and double check on weather conditions for tomorrow.

Your reservation reference for this activity is XXXX.

Today Wendy from Greenvale Bed and Breakfast will transfer you to the Stewart Island Flights Office where you will be bussed back to airstrip for your flight to Invercargill.

Stewart Island Flight Information

Airline: Steward Island Flights
Flight details: Steward Island to Invercargill
1:30pm departure
Check-in: 12:50pm

A maximum of 15kg per person is applicable for checked baggage. Don't forget to collect any luggage you may have stores with Stewart Island Flights.

Once you have returned to Invercargill you will drive from Invercargill to The Catlins via the Southern Scenic Route. The approximate time to travel this distance is 3 hr 45 min (187 km). Please refer to the brochures included in your documents.

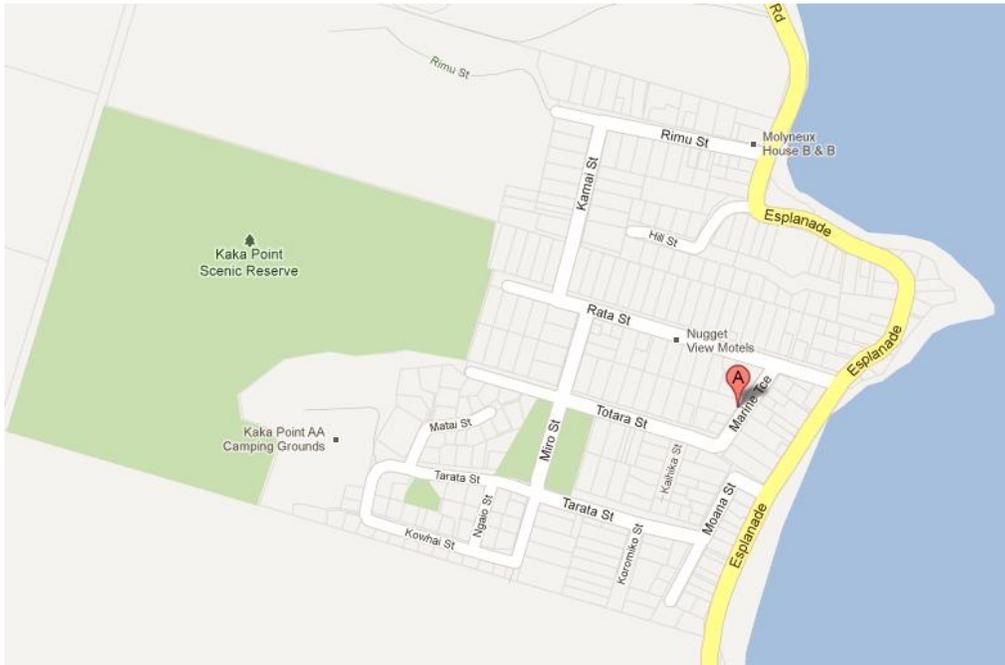
Please be aware that today a lot of the attractions require a detour off the main route onto gravel roads. You might like to take a detour to Bluff. Bluff marks the end of State Highway 1 at the Stirling Point signpost which shows distances to the South Pole and other significant locations around the world.



You should definitely take the detour off the Southern Scenic Route to Curio Bay as this is an area of international geological significance. Curio Bay features the extensive fossilized remains of a 160 million year old Jurassic-age forest which can be seen embedded in the rocks at low tide.

Drive east for a further 5 km to the Lake Wilkie Track signposted on the right. It is only a 5 minute walk to the lake which is fringed by scarlet flowers.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Cardno's Accommodation



Cardno's Accommodation – Studio Unit

Hosts: Lyn and Selwyn Cardno
Address: 8 Marine Terrace
Kaka Point
Catlins
Phone: 03 412 8181
Check-in: 2:00pm
Check-out: 10:00am



Sunday 31 March 2013

Dunedin

Today you will drive from the Catlins to Dunedin. The approximate time to travel this distance is 2 hr 30 min (160 km). Please refer to the map included in your documentation for the route we recommend you travel.

The Southern Scenic Route continues from the Catlins through to Dunedin. Please refer to the brochure included in your documents.

To be seen only at low tide are the Cathedral Caves which involves taking a 15 minute walk down through the coastal forest to Waipati Beach and another 10 minutes to walk north along the beach to the Cathedral Caves. Please check the tide-table posted at the turn off.

En route today you should visit Jacks Blowhole which is situated near the mouth of the Catlins River. From Jacks Bay a marked route leads 25 minutes across farmland above the coastal cliffs. Jacks Blowhole is 55 metres deep and connected to the sea by a 200 metre long cavern.

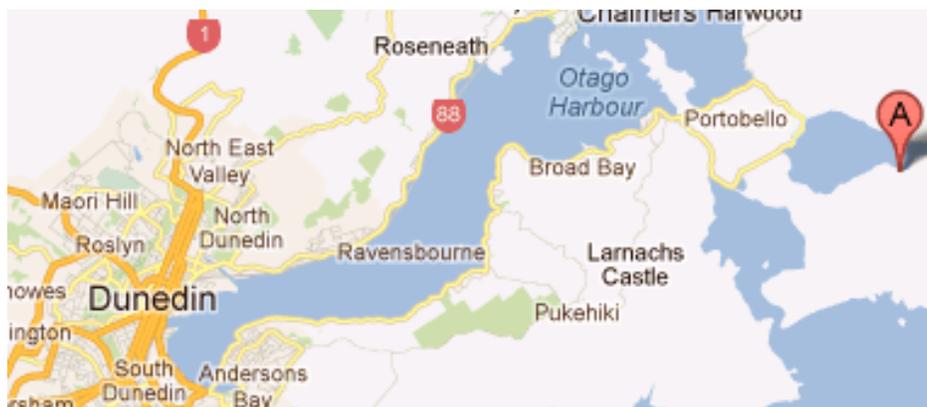
Return to the Southern Scenic Route and make your way to Owaka. Continue north-east 8 km and turn right onto the unsealed Karoro Stream Road. Drive 9 km to Willsher Bay on the coast, turn right and drive south 5 km to get to Nugget Point. A short track leads from the end of the road to a stone lighthouse that was built in 1869. You might be lucky enough to spot fur seals, Hooker sea lions and elephant seals coexisting together. The very rare Yellow-eyed penguins, sooty shearwaters, gannets and shags breed here so please take care not to disturb them by keeping to the track.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Kaimata Retreat

The drive out to Kaimata Retreat usually takes 30 minutes from Dunedin. You will need to drive out from Dunedin towards Portobello.

Directions to Kaimata Retreat from Portobello Village

- turn left at Portobello Motors onto Allen's Beach Road
- follow road reaching Hooper's Inlet intersection
- turn left onto Allen's Beach Road and continue driving until you reach Cape Saunders Road signpost
- turn left and travel road over to Papanui Inlet
- turn right and continue along Cape Saunders Road (2km)
- Arrive at Kaimata Retreat



Kaimata Retreat – Kahu Room

Hosts: Rachel Duell and Kyle Davidson
Address: 297 Cape Saunders Road
Dunedin
Phone: 03 456 3443
Check-in: 2:00pm
Check-out: 11:00am



This evening you will be picked up from the Portobello Store at 4:15pm for your Elm Wildlife tour.

Elm Wildlife Tours – Peninsula Encounters including Monarch wildlife cruise

Address: 19 Irvine Road - The Cove
Dunedin
Phone: 0800 356 563
Pick up: 4:15pm



You will be picked up from the Portobello Store at 4:15pm for your Peninsula Encounters tour. Please present your pre-paid voucher on pick-up.

This multi-award winning, scheduled, daily, 'small group' tour departs from Dunedin city in the mid-afternoon for the Otago Peninsula wildlife 'hotspots'. The tour combines tourism and conservation in a symbiotic relationship and provides absolutely unrivalled viewing of estuarine and marine wildlife.

Included in your tour is a cruise on the Monarch for a cruise on the ocean to a point below the Albatross Colony for a unique view of these birds from the water. This cruise views many other seabirds on the way and you'll be back off the boat one hour later and met by your guide to rejoin the Elm Wildlife tour for the highlight, the land based section to see Yellow-eyed and blue penguins, Hooker Sea lions and the breeding colony of New Zealand Fur seals all within the private conservation area in strategically placed observation hides.

Clothing and Footwear

Weather can change quickly on the Southern coast at any time of the year. Always take warm and waterproof clothes. In winter we recommend both warm and windproof jackets, a hat, scarf and gloves. Walking shoes or boots with heavy tread are recommended and necessary if conditions are wet.

This tour returns to Dunedin at approximately 9:30pm. Please pack some snacks and refreshments to keep you going until you can have a more substantial meal on return to Dunedin. Personal medicines should also be carried if required.

Monday 1 April 2013

Dunedin City

Today is a day of leisure for you. Please refer to the activity options listed at the end of your itinerary as well as the brochures for Dunedin included in your travel documents for options on what to do.



Tuesday 2 April 2013

Auckland

Today you will make your way to Dunedin Airport to check in for your flight to Auckland.

Hertz Car Rental Drop-off – Dunedin Airport

Drop-off Time: By XX:XX
Address: Hertz Car Rental
Dunedin Airport Terminal
Phone: 0800 447 260 or 03 486 2778

Please proceed to the Hertz Dunedin Airport depot for the drop-off of your rental vehicle. Please remember that your rental vehicle must be returned with a full tank of fuel.

Domestic Flight Information

Airline: XXXX
Flight details: XXXX

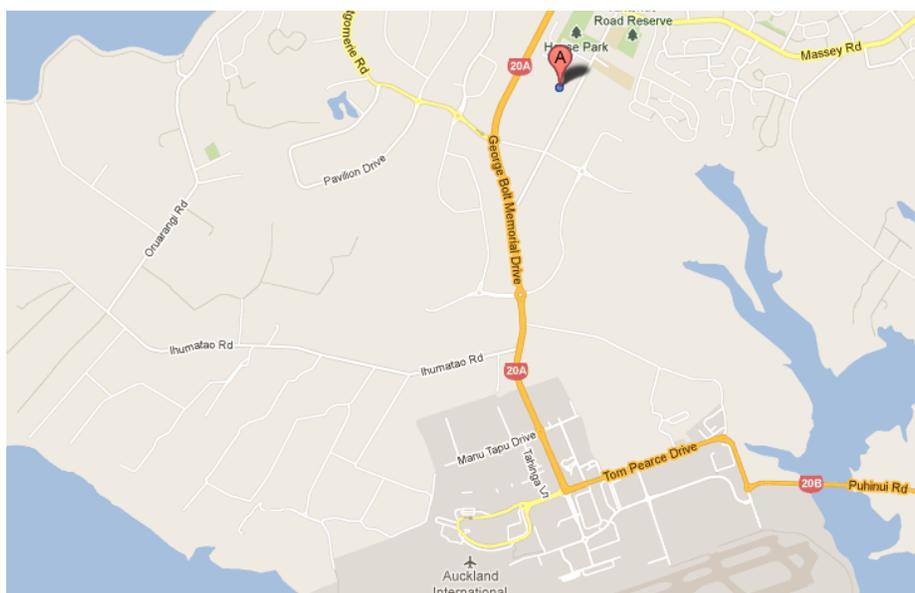
The flight details above are as per the information you have provided.

Please check your tickets and ensure you arrive at Dunedin Airport with plenty of time to drop off your rental vehicle and check-in for your domestic flight to Auckland.

On arrival into Auckland you will be transferred to the Jet Park Hotel.

Location Map and Accommodation Details for Jet Park Hotel

Once you have collected your luggage proceed to the free phone on the wall by door 9. Chose Jet Park Hotel and wait outside door 8 for your transfer.



Jet Park Hotel – Deluxe Room

Address: 63 Westney Road
Auckland
Phone: 0800 538 466
Check-in from: 2:00pm
Check-out by: 10:00am



Wednesday 3 April 2013

Depart New Zealand

Unfortunately today marks the end of your New Zealand holiday. You will be transferred from the Jet Park Hotel to Auckland International Airport for your flight home.

International Flight Information

Airline: XXXX
Flight details: XXXX

The flight details above are as per the information you have provided.

Please check your tickets and ensure you arrive at Auckland Airport with plenty of time to check-in for your international flight to XXXX.

We hope you had a great time in New Zealand! Have a good trip home and we look forward to hearing how everything went!



Additional Activities in Auckland

Auckland iPhone Application

iPhone and iPod Touch users can now access Auckland travel information while on the move, via an innovative, electronic guidebook. This user-friendly iPhone application has more than 100 listings for Auckland events, attractions, activities, culture and heritage experiences, tours and i-SITE Visitor Centres. You can browse the 'A to Z' list by category or search by keyword. Each listing has a short description, contact details and a Google map to show the exact location. A key feature of the application is the 'near me' function which uses the phone's GPS system to locate what is closest to you, along with the nearest i-SITE Visitor centre. You can download the free application from www.aucklandnz.com/iphone.

Sky City

Standing 328 metres tall, located on Federal and Victoria Streets, the tower is one of the most popular entertainment destinations in the city. With free entertainment, two casinos, ten restaurants, bars and theatre you can't go wrong for a decent night out. As an alternative visit during the day and take part in a SkyJump or SkyWalk. For more information, phone 09 368 1835.

Victoria Park Market

Right in the heart of Auckland, this market is a mixture of stalls, shops, restaurants, and street performers. A wide range of unique arts and crafts can be found, while you wander the cobblestone courtyard. The market operates 7 days a week from 9am to 6 pm.



One Tree Hill

In terms of area covered, One Tree Hill is one of the largest volcanoes in the Auckland Volcanic Field, with great views of the Auckland City region from the summit. Of cultural significance to the Maori people, with three Maori pa's (fort's) of archaeological significance in the area, the hill has been a reserve since the 1840's. One Tree Hill was originally named after the single totara which grew at its summit. The totara is the most significant tree to the Maori people as it is a very solid, tall, straight tree and its roots deep and far reaching; pillars of Maori society are often referred to as totara. This tree was chopped down by vandals in 1852. Twenty eight years later Sir John Campbell planted a replacement, however he unfortunately chose an exotic pine as the replacement tree. This remained a bone of contention within Maori blood until 1994 when a local took a chainsaw to the tree – hence One Tree Hill is currently a not tree hill. Sir John Campbell is buried at the summit. Auckland's oldest building – Acacia Cottage - can also be found in this 120 hectare reserve.

Auckland Museum

Auckland War Memorial Museum tells the story of New Zealand, from our unique flora and fauna and our history at war, to our priceless collection of Maori and Pacific treasures. The Museum's galleries showcase the natural, cultural, and social history of New Zealand. For kids, two award-winning Discovery Centres provide hands-on fun and exploration of the natural world and human culture. Housed in one of the nation's finest heritage buildings and with spectacular views of Auckland City and the harbour, Auckland Museum is a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. The Museum is located in Domain Drive, The Domain, Parnell. Phone 09 309 0443.

Explore NZ – Dolphin and Whale Safari

Considered one of the most biologically and geographically diverse marine parks in the world, 22 species of marine mammal have been identified in the Hauraki Gulf, almost 1/3 of the entire world's population of species. You will be spellbound by the spectacle of a feeding frenzy involving sea birds, whales and dolphins or see small pods of dolphins playing around the boat. Trip is approximately 4.5 hours. For bookings please phone 0800 EXPLORE (397 567).

Auckland Dockline Tram

Centrally located at the Wynyard Quarter board this original condition tram and take a relaxing ride around the streets between the Auckland Viaduct basin and the Westhaven Marina. Jump off at any stop along the way to explore the Auckland waterfront developments or any of the attractions in the area or simply stay on board for a 15 minute scenic ride with a live commentary.

Departs: Wynyard Quarter, central Auckland.

Recommended Restaurants

O'Connell Street Bistro, 3 O'Connell Street	09 377 1884
Dine by Peter Gordon, Level 3 of SKYCITY Grand Hotel, 90 Federal Street	09 363 7030
Clooney, 33 Sale Street, Freemans Bay	09 358 1702
The French Café, 210 Symonds Street	09 377 1911
White Restaurant at Hilton Auckland, Princes Wharf, 147 Quay Street	09 978 2020
Orbit Revolving Restaurant, Sky Tower, Corner Victoria and Federal Streets	09 363 6000
Euro, Shed 22, Princes Wharf	09 309 9866
Sale St, 7 Sale Street, Freemans Bay	09 307 8148
General Store Food Market, 54 Customs Street,	09 302 1099
Mecca Café, Esplanade Hotel, 1 Victoria Road, Devonport	09 445 1291
Barolo, The Langham Hotel, 83 Symonds Street	09 300 2885
The Grove, Saint Patricks Square, Wyndham Street	09 368 4129
Jervois Steakhouse & Saloon, 70 Jervois Road	09 376 2049
Bracu Restaurant, 49 Main Road, Bombay	09 303 9759

Additional Activities in the Coromandel region

Opito Bay

For a superb beach day away from the crowds (fabulous shells, trees to rest under and an inlet for safe swimming) make sure you visit Opito Bay about 20 kms north of Whitianga. This beach is a favourite for the locals. The turn-off for Opito Bay is at Kuaotunu and the drive in is on gravel road; once you see the beach keep driving along the road towards a grove of Pohutakawa Trees, you will see an entrance on your left where you can park your car on a grass area. From here it is just a very short walk (you will need to go over a stile to get over the fence) down to the beach.

Hot Water Beach

Hot Water Beach is as good as its name. Hot pools can be dug out of the sand at low tide near the rocks and in places where steam can be seen rising from the open sea at high tide. Volcanic activity is no longer prevalent on the Coromandel Peninsula - the hot mineral pools are a legacy of a geothermal past. Hot Water Beach is also known as a good surfing spot. As Hot Water Beach is tidal, you will need to schedule your visit. Please refer to this website for more information:

www.mercurybay.co.nz/activities/hotwaterbeach.php



Cathedral Cave Walk

Whitianga and Mercury Bay offer a huge variety of conservation destinations for visitors and locals alike to explore and enjoy. Majestic kauri, unspoiled beaches, relics of the logging and mining era, exciting tramping tracks, easy walks, clear rivers and protected marine environments are all easily accessible and an essential part of the Coromandel Peninsula experience. The Cathedral Cove walk is probably one of the most well known walks on the peninsula, and takes 2 hours return. From Cathedral Cove you can access Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve as well as Gemstone Bay, Stingray Bay and Mare's Leg Cove. The track is located near the small village of Hahei.

Cathedral Cove Sea Kayaking

Paddle through amazing sea caves, explore offshore islands, snorkel the marine reserve and enjoy a cappuccino at the Cathedral Cove Beachfront Cafe. 88 Hahei Beach Road, Hahei.

Ph 0800 529 258



Cave Cruzer Adventures

Visit the spectacular limestone scenery of Cathedral Cove, Cooks Blowhole, the Marine Reserve and the Orua Sea Cave where you can hear the amazing acoustics inside the cave. Stop for a swim or a snorkel and view the abundant marine life. Ph 0800 427 893

Cathedral Cove Macadamias

Visit the Macadamia Orchard Shop before setting out on your own adventure by taking a walk around the orchard. An abundance of birdlife thrives in this beautiful natural setting of NZ native, citrus and macadamias trees. 335 Less Road, Hahei. Ph 07 867 1221

Arts Coromandel

The Coromandel is a rich and colourful creative hub with many studios and galleries showcasing some of New Zealand's most talented artists' work. Studios and galleries are open most days, but it is advised to call prior to avoid disappointment. For a list of local arts and crafts operators call in to one of the local information centres or visit www.artscoromandel.co.nz

Driving Creek Railway and Potteries

Come for a scenic 1 hour train ride on this world-class mountain railway. The innovatively designed trains take you through kauri plantings and impressive engineering features up to the new terminus; the Eyefull Tower. Colossal views out over Hauraki Gulf and Islands. It is located at 380 Driving Creek Road, Coromandel. Ph 07 8668-703

The Waterworks

The Waterworks is a unique and quirky kiwi experience like no other, with an array of water themed inventions, attractions and fun to discover at every turn. This activity is great for families. Open 7 days a week - 471, The 309 Road, Coromandel. Ph 07 866 7191



Kiwi Dundee Adventures

Personalised walks, hikes and tours. Coromandel highlights, glowworms, flora, fauna, history, Maori medicines. Hikes on offer, from passive to challenging. Ph 07 865 8809

Goldfields Railway

A delightfully nostalgic journey on a vintage train from the historic gold town of Waihi to Waikino, gateway to the Karangahake Gorge. Waihi Station/Waikino Station. Ph 07 863 8251

Recommended Restaurants and Cafes

Peppertree Restaurant and Bar, 31 Kapanga Road, Coromandel 07 866 8211

Eggsentric Cafe and Restaurant, Flaxmill Bay next to Cooks Beach, Coromandel 07 866 0307

Additional Activities in Rotorua

Te Whakarewarewa –One of the many geothermal active sites in the region, you can find bubbling mud pools, hissing steam vents, crystal clear mineral springs, and silica terraces. The meeting house of the Tuhourangi/Ngati Wahiao can also be visited, with many Maori cultural activities occurring through the day. Open 8:30am – 5:00pm daily (except Christmas Day); prices vary depending on the tour option you choose. They are located at 9a Tukiterangi Street, Whakarewarewa Village. Ph 07 349 3463 for Village Tours.

Polynesian Spa

Voted as one of the top ten spa in the world (for medical and thermal day spas), you can choose to indulge in one of the many therapy treatments offered, or soak in one of the private or public mineral pools. Located on Hinemoa St close to the Gardens, bookings are recommended for therapy treatments (ph 07 348 1328); The Polynesian Spa is open everyday from 8am to 11pm. Last pool entries are at 10.15pm, and spa therapies are available from 9am to 8pm.



Buried Village

In June 1886 Mount Tarawera erupted, devastating the villages surrounding the area, as well as burying the 8th wonder of the world – the Pink and White Terraces – under hot, heavy ash and mud. The village of Te Wairoa was established in 1848, and flourished in the 1860's as the staging post for the Pink and White Terraces. The excavated remains of the Buried Village involve visitors in the drama and menace that unfolded with the eruption. Located 15 minutes from Rotorua centre, it is a scenic drive past the Blue and Green Lakes. The Buried Village is open from 9am every day.

Volcanic Air Safaris

Volcanic Air Safaris are located at the Rotorua City Lakefront. They specialise in offering scenic flights showcasing the dramatic geothermal and volcanic landscape of the destination in your choice of the floatplane or the helicopter. They offer a number of breathtaking tours – the most popular, a half hour floatplane experience including Mt. Tarawera and the geothermal park of Waimangu. Their tour to White Island, New Zealand's most active volcano located 50 kms off the pacific coast, is another popular tour.

Skyline Skyrides – Gondola and Luge

Conveniently located just minutes from Rotorua's City centre, high on the side of Mount Ngongotaha, Skyline Skyrides will carry you to 487 metres above sea level to a stunning environment. Providing panoramic views of Rotorua City, Lake Rotorua and the surrounding area, Skyline Skyrides is an all weather attraction, and is open every day of the year. The Luge is an exciting ride for all ages. A world 'first' proudly designed and built in Rotorua, the Luge is a fun filled ride on a three-wheel cart. Three separate concrete sealed tracks wind through the redwood trees. Children under six are able to be carried in tandem. Riders return to the top of the luge on a specially designed chairlift system. Operating hours are from 9.00am daily until end of operation each night. Ph 07 347 0027.

Orakei Korako

Nestled on the shores of Lake Ohakuri lies "The Hidden Valley" of Orakei Korako Cave and Thermal Park. Wander through a valley of colour, hot springs, geysers, a rare geothermal cave and natural beauty. Located at 494 Orakei Korako Road, 25 min north of Taupo, 45 min south of Rotorua

Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland

Thousands of years in the making, this unique volcanic area features the world-famous Champagne Pool, hot springs, bubbling mud, steaming ground, expansive vistas, huge volcanic craters and sinter terrace formations. 201 Waiotapu Loop Road. Ph 07 366 6333

Rotorua Museum

To enjoy your Rotorua Museum visit you will need to allow at least 1 ½ hours. If you want to see everything we have to offer you should allow at least 2 hours. Guided tours take approximately 1 hour and are included in your admission fee. In addition to a guided tour you should ensure you allow time to view our cinema experiences.

Please check our guided tour and cinema times so you can plan your visit around these.

The museum also has a regular programme of changing exhibitions. If you would like to see what's on during your visit click here.

Zorb

Be launched in a Zorb downhill at speed! Run, slip, slide and laugh while inside the Zorb and re-enter the world in a giggling heap. Zorborrific! Located at Western Road, Ngongotaha. Ph 0800 227 474



Agroventures

Agroventures is home to a realm of fun, exciting, challenging and heart stopping adventure activities, all in one easily accessible location. Paradise Valley Road, 500m off State Highway 5. Ph 07 357 4747

Mamaku Blue Blueberry Experience

Discover New Zealand's only Blueberry Winery, Cafe and Visitor Centre offering a true Blueberry experience. Located at 311 Maraeroa Road, Mamaku. Ph 07 332 5840

Rainbow Springs

Rainbow Springs is set in 22 acres of beautiful native trees and stream and is home to a huge variety of New Zealand's most precious inhabitants. Not only do you get to experience the wildlife but The Big Splash ride will put even more of a thrill into your day. Located at 192 Fairy Springs Road, Rotorua. Ph 07 350 0440.

The Agrodome

The Agrodome is home to the multi award winning sheep show as well as dog demonstrations and a tour of the organic farm for a hands on experience. After taking in the Woollen Mill and Shearing Shed relax in the Station House Café and grab a souvenir in the Dog and Whistle gift shop. Located on Western Road Ngongotaha Rotorua. Ph 0800 339 400.



Paradise Valley Springs

Paradise Valley Springs is a beautifully presented New Zealand Trout, bird and wildlife park which also has a pride of African Lions. Visitors can hand feed the Deer, Pigs, Thar and Wallabies and taste pure spring water straight from the natural spring. Lion feeding also takes place at 2.30pm every day. Located at 467 Paradise Valley Road, Rotorua. Ph 07 348 9667.



New Zealand River Jet

New Zealand River Jet has many trip options including incorporating the fantastic geothermal wonderlands of Rotorua and a thrilling jet boat ride. Located between Rotorua and Taupo on the corner of State Highway 5 and Tutukau Road. Ph 0800 748 375.

Elite Adventures

Elite Adventures is an award winning tour company which provides scheduled and private half-day and full day tours of Rotorua. They also organise custom-made private and group tours. Ph 07 347 8282.

Rotorua Duck Tours

Rotorua Duck Tours offer amphibious sightseeing tours of Rotorua and its lake area. On one of these tours you will get a great introduction to Rotorua's rich history and view some of its most spectacular scenery all on a WWII military landing craft (known as ducks). Located at 1167 Fenton Street, Rotorua. Ph 07 345 6522.



Lakeland Queen Boat Cruise

Modeled from Mississippi river boats the Lakeland Queen is a romantic way to experience stunning 360° vistas of beautiful Lake Rotorua. Whether you are just cruising or dining on board for lunch or dinner the Lakeland Queen offers a unique experience. Located on Memorial Drive in Rotorua. Ph 0800 572 784.

Mitai Maori Village

An evening at Mitai will give you an introduction to Maori culture and leave you amazed. Be enthralled by the natural bush setting, see warriors in traditional dress paddle an ancient warrior canoe (waka) down the Wai-o-whiro stream and see the glowworms. Experience a hangi (food cooked in an earth oven) before saying haere ra (farewell). Located at 196 Fairy Springs Road, Rotorua. Ph 07 343 9132.



Recommended Restaurants and Cafes

Eat Street

Locally known as Eat Street, the lower Tutanekai Street is Rotorua’s restaurant hub. A pedestrian-only precinct for alfresco dining and an outdoor platform for live musicians to entertain diners.

Recommended restaurants on Eat Street:

Triple 1 Five, 1115 Tutanekai Street	07 347 1115
Solace Café and Restaurant	07 349 1551

Other restaurants and cafes:

Urbano Bistro – smart casual, for all occasions - 289 Fenton Street	07 349 3770
Bistro 1284 - Modern New Zealand cuisine – 1284 Eruera Street	07 346 1284
You and Me - A La Carte – Pukuatua Street	07 347 6178
Lime Caffeteria – open for breakfast and lunch - Cnr Fenton and Whakaue Sts	07 3502033
Capers Café – recommended for lunch, 1181 Eruera Street	07 3848818
Ciccio Italian Café, 1262 Fenton Street	07 348 1828
Ambience Indian Cuisine, 1161 Amohau Street	07 350 1206
Fat Dog Café and Bar – casual dining, family friendly -1161 Arawa Street	07 347 7586
Aorangi Peak Restaurant, 353 Mountain Road	07 347 0036
Le Manoir, Hamurana Lodge – fine dining – 415 Hamurana Road	07 332 2222
Regent of Rotorua – 1191 Pukaki Street	07 348 4079



Additional Activities in Wellington

Welly Walks iPhone application

A free iPhone application designed to help make the most of Wellington's walkways is now available on iTunes. The 'Welly Walks' application features seven walks and leads users around the capital's sites, using maps and instructions. It also features information on landmarks, public art, nature reserves and coastline. The free application can be downloaded from www.itunes.apple.com.

Te Papa Museum

New Zealand's National Museum located on the Wellington Waterfront. Opening times are from 10am to 6pm every day. Entrance is free.



Kura Gallery

Step into a world of contemporary Maori and New Zealand art and design. Kura features paintings, carvings, sculptures, ceramics, greenstone jewellery and furniture. 19 Allen Street, Wellington. Ph 04 802 4934

The Wellington Cable Car

In service since 1902, the cable car runs past the university and Kelburn Park to the top of the Botanical Gardens where the Museum can be found. Cars run every ten minutes from Cable Car Lane of Lambton Quay, from the hours of 7am to 10pm.



Museum of Wellington City and Sea

Find the intriguing tales of Wellington at this popular museum. Highlights include the Wahine maritime disaster film and 'A Millennium Ago' – a dramatic installation that uses holographic effects to tell Maori legends. The museum is located on Queens Wharf. Ph 04 472 8904

Wellington Botanical Gardens

Found on Glenmore St above Wellington city centre, these beautiful gardens feature Bolton St Memorial Park and numerous attractive walks.

Carter Observatory

At the Wellington Botanical Gardens you will find the Carter Observatory. This is a world-class attraction bringing Te Ikaroa, the Milky Way, to you. Journey through the Universe in New Zealand's newest digital planetarium and celebrate the stories of the southern skies. For more information phone 04 499 4444

Parliament Tours

Monday to Friday you can attend an hourly tour by a trained guide, focusing on the architecture, artworks and some insight into how Parliament operates. Tours are free and depart from the Visitor Centre in the foyer of the Beehive (Executive Wing) and operate hourly from 10 am to last tour at 4pm.



Old St Paul's – 34 Mulgrave Street, Thorndon – 04 473 6722

Built in 1866, Old St Paul's is a unique example of colonial gothic architecture. Constructed entirely of NZ native timbers, the interior of the building features magnificent stained glass windows. www.oldstpauls.co.nz

Discover the Weta Workshop Cave

The Weta Cave is designed in typically fun and artistic Weta fashion, and combines three experiences in one; a mini museum, a theatre and a shop. The Weta Cave is open seven days a week from 9am to 5.30pm and can be found on the corner of Camperdon Road and Weka Street in Miramar.

Flat Earth New Zealand Experiences

Discover Wellington with your own personal host. Luxury, fun tours reveal Middle Earth filming locations, wild nature, Maori heritage and the city's must-see sights. Visit the Martinborough vineyards or visit Wellington Harbour's island reserve. You will see some of Wellington's best loved sights and attractions and some little known secrets. Ph 0800 775 805

HELIPRO

HELIPRO offers a range of scenic tours around the capital city. Further afield exciting and unique destinations include Wellington's stunning South Coast, Martinborough district, Marlborough Sounds and Kaikoura coast. Shed 1, Queens Wharf – Ph 0800 435 4776

Zealandia: The Karori Sanctuary Experience

See some of New Zealand's rarest animals at this award-winning conservation attraction 2 km from Wellington CBD. Look for kiwi on the unique night tour. Open every day except Christmas Day, from 10:00am until 5:00pm. Located on Waiapu Road, Karori - Ph 04 920 9200. A free shuttle for visitors to Zealandia departs every hour between 9.30am and 2.30pm from the Wellington i-SITE visitor centre and also stops at Te Papa, Wellington YHA, Rydges Hotel, Novotel and at the top of the Cable Car. The shuttle also drops visitors back to the i-SITE.

Wellington Zoo

Get up close to endangered animals and NZ's native treasures. Open daily from 9:30am – 5:00pm (last entry 4:15pm). To get to the Wellington Zoo, catch bus 10 or 23 from the city to Newtown. Ph 04 381 6755

Katherine Mansfield Birthplace

Visit the 1888 house where famous New Zealand writer Katherine Mansfield was born. The house and heritage garden have been meticulously restored. You can enjoy a virtual visit to this historic family home and garden, as well as discover the life and work of the writer herself. It is located at 25 Tinakori Road, Thorndon – Ph 04 473 7268. The House is a 10 minute walk from Parliament Buildings or Old St Pauls. If you are taking the bus, take the number 14 Wilton bus that stops nearby in Park Street. Open six days a

week from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Closed Mondays, Christmas Day and Good Friday (and for private functions).

Restaurants and Wine Bars

Martin Bosley's; Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club, 103 Oriental Bay	04 920 8302
The White House; 232 Oriental Parade	04 385 8555
Hippopotamus, Level 3 Museum Hotel, 90 Cable Street	04 802 8935
Logan Brown; 192 Cuba Street	04 801 5114
Arbitrager, 125 Featherston Street	04 499 5530
The Ambeli, 18 Majoribanks Street, Mt Victoria	04 385 7577
Tinakori Bistro; 325 Tinakori Road, Thorndon	04 499 0567
Vivo Wine Bar, 19 Edward Street	04 384 6400
Chameleon Restaurant, InterContinental Wellington, 2 Grey Street	04 495 7841
Boulcott Street Bistro; 99 Boulcott Street	04 499 4199
Matterhorn, 106 Cuba Street	04 384 3359
Pravda Café, 107 Customhouse Quay	04 801 8858
Shed 5, Queens Wharf	04 499 9069

Family Restaurants

Fisherman's Table, 245 Oriental Bay Wellington	04 801 7900
Lone Star Café, 66 Tory Street, Wellington	04 385 4848
One Red Dog 9, 11 Blair Street & Steamship Building, North Queens Wharf	04 384 9777
The Flying Burrito Brothers, 176 – 178 Cuba Street	04 835 8811



Additional Activities in Nelson Region

Gardens in Nelson

There are an abundance of gardens in the Nelson area for you to visit. A few of the many to choose from are: "Beautiful Begonias of Golden Bay", which is located on Richmond Road and is open daily with free entry; "Lillies in bloom", also in Golden Bay is on Takurua Road, and also has a free entry; "Gardens of the World" is open from 10am to dusk and is located on Clover Road East in Hope.



World of WearableArt and Collectable Cars Museum

Take the creative ride of your life when you visit the totally unique WearableArt and Classic Car Museum. The Museum successfully blends classic cars and WearableArt to provide a truly stunning experience that will entertain all ages. Open from 10am – 5 pm every day (excluding Christmas Day). World of WearableArt, 95 Quarantine Road, Nelson, telephone number 03 548 9299



Wineries in the Nelson region

Quality wineries can be found throughout the Nelson region, with the wines being so good the area boasts many prestigious international awards for the Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Pinot Gris produced. Travelling from Nelson through Richmond to Motueka signs can be found directing you to some of the many wineries in the area.

The Suter Art Gallery

This art gallery was established in 1898 and is one of New Zealand's oldest. The Suter holds a nationally significant collection of art and presents a dynamic programme of exhibitions, events and education services.

Phone 03 548 4699

Höglund Art Glass – 62 Lansdowne Road, Appleby – Ph 03 544 6500

Glass artists Ola and Marie Höglund welcome you to discover the magic art of glassmaking. The gallery displays a wide range of handblown goblets, platters, vases, bowls and glass jewellery.

Located at 62 Lansdowne Road, Appleby, Phone 03 544 6500

Happy Valley Adventures

4 Wheelin' Fun, Skywire, Horse Treks, Paintball. Airborne Thrills and great outdoor action.

Located at 194 Cable Road, phone toll free on 0800 157 300

Recommended Nelson Restaurants

The Boat Shed Café, 350 Wakefield Quay, licensed restaurant	03 546 9783
Venice Cove Osteria, 322 Wakefield Quay	03 539 1307
Waterfront Café, 341 Wakefield Quay	03 546 6685
Hopgoods, 284 Trafalgar Street	03 545 7191
Bar Delicious, 276 Trafalgar Street	03 546 9400
Miyazu Japanese Restaurant and Oceano Seafood Restaurant, Rutherford Hotel, Trafalgar Square	03 548 2299
Golden Bell Thai Restaurant, 104 Hardy Street	03 545 9388
623 On the Rocks, 623 Rocks Road Tahunanui	03 548 6230
Harry's Bar, 306 Hardy Street, Asian dishes, cocktails and boutique beers	03 539 0905
The Anchor Restaurant and Bar, 62 Vickermann Street, Port Nelson	03 546 6614
Lambrettas', 204 Hardy Street, Nelson	03 545 8555

Other Nelson Recommended Food Outlets

Haven Road Fish and Chip Shop, 268 Wakefield Quay	03 548 7969
Guyton's Seafood Bazaar, 270 Wakefield Quay	03 548 7295

Regional Recommended Restaurants

The Playhouse Café, 171 Westdale Road, Tasman, near Mapua	03 540 2985
Riverside Café, Moutere Highway, Riverside, Lower Moutere, Motueka	03 526 7447
Jester House, Coastal Highway, Tasman	03 526 6742
Waimea Estate Cellars and Café, Appleby Highway, Hope	03 544 6385
Bouterey's, 251 Queen Street, Richmond	03 544 1144
The Honest Lawyer, Point Road, Monaco, nice pub built in Olde English style	03 547 8850
The Gothic, 208 High Street, Motueka	03 528 6699
Smokehouse Deli, 6 Aranui Road, Mapua	03 540 2280
Monterey House, Orinoco Valley RD1, Motueka	03 526 8267



Additional Activities in Punakaiki

Punakaiki Cavern

Five minutes walk north from the Pancake Rocks walkway is the Punakaiki Cavern, hidden away on the eastern side of the main road. Car parking is available on the sea-side of the road, slightly north of the cavern. Take care when crossing the road. A very short walk from the main road leads to the stairs up to the cavern entrance. The Punakaiki Cavern is a Karst cave, formed with a combination of water and carbon dioxide, carving out the cave from the Oligocene limestone. Make sure you take a torch to explore the cavern and wear suitable footwear. The cavern features glow worms, the larvae of a large mosquito-like fly. There are also stalactites in the cavern, formed when calcium carbonate and other minerals, drip from the cavern ceiling over time.

Recommended Restaurants and Cafés

Wild Coast Café, 4300 State Highway 6

03 731 1873

Punakaki Tavern, Corner of Web Street and State Highway 6

03 731 1188

Waterline Restaurant, Punakaki Resort, Statehighway 6

03 731 1168



Additional Activities in Fox Glacier

Glowworm Dell

In the Fox Glacier Village, across the Street from the BP-Station, there is a Glowworm dell, which you can visit for a small coin donation. The best time to visit is when it is dark. You will only need a few minutes to walk through (if you have a torch or can get one, then I suggest you take it with you).

Lake Matheson

You must not miss a visit to Lake Matheson. Lake Matheson is about a 10 kilometre drive south of the Fox Glacier. Here you can enjoy some of the best views of Mt Cook and Mt Tasman (as a close view and as a spectacular reflection on the Lake Matheson). The best time to visit Lake Matheson is sunrise (about 6:00-7:00am) or sunset (about 6:00-7:00pm).

The Helicopter Line

Flights feature spectacular close-up views of the gigantic glacier expanse, snow landing, experienced, professional pilots with knowledgeable commentary. Ph 0800 807 767

Fox Glacier Guiding

Take a breathtaking guided trip on the West Coast's longest and less crowded glacier amidst fascinating ice formations with New Zealand's most experienced glacier guided company, offering trips to suit all fitness levels. Ph 0800 111 600

The Salmon Farm Cafe

Feed the salmon! Shop, cafe and salmon ponds set in a beautiful native forest setting approximately 1 hour drive on the main road from either Fox Glacier or Haast. The cafe has a wide variety of home-cooked food to suit most tastes and budgets; great selection of wine and beer; clean bathroom facilities. Take a break on your long drive and come in and relax, revive and refresh in this beautiful rainforest setting. State Highway 6, Paringa, Phone 03 751 0837

Recommended Restaurants and Cafes

Café Neve, Main Road, Fox Glacier

03 751 0110

Matheson Café, Lake Matheson Road

03 751 0878

The Plateau Café and Bar

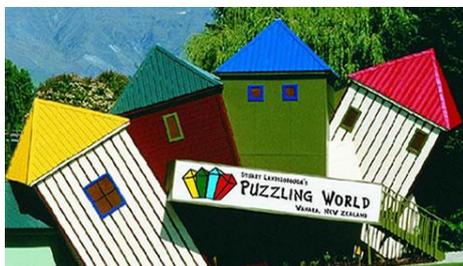
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Additional Activities in Wanaka

Puzzling World

Just in case you need a break from all the spectacular scenery that Wanaka affords, head to Puzzling World, open 8:30am to 5pm most days, this can provide a few laughs and a few brain teasers!



Rippon Vineyard

Only 4 km or 20 minute walk out of Wanaka this vineyard is open daily in summer for tasting and cellar door sales from 11am to 5pm. If you are walking, follow the Roy's Bay Walking Track, or follow the main road heading to Mount Aspiring if you prefer to drive. If you are visiting in May and June, please note that at this time of the year you must make a prior appointment.

Cinema Paradiso

This small classic movie theatre located in Wanaka is a real find. Comfy old sofas, 3 seats in an old Morris Minor, a cafe and bar serving delicious meals before, during or after the movie, homemade icecream and hot cookies for intermission and a warm welcome from the friendly patron who introduces the film with Celtic flair! The Cinema and Cafe are generally open 1 hour before the start of the first movie. Mon - Wed: 5pm; Thu - Fri: 2:30pm; Sat - Sun : 11am. Reservations by telephone only - Ph 03 443 1505

Southern Alps Air

Milford Sound scenic flight and cruise including glaciers. Southern Alps Air also operates the Siberia Experience, a 4 hour scenic flight/walk/jet boat wilderness experience in the Mt Aspiring World Heritage National Park. Ph 0800 345 666



Sky Dive Lake Wanaka

Imagine the feeling as you freefall at 200kph above the most extreme scenery in the world! The base is at Wanaka Airport, State Highway 6. Ph 0800 786 877

Eco Wanaka Adventures

Eco Wanaka Adventures are specialists in guided hiking, lake cruising, and lake fishing around and on Lake Wanaka and in Mount Aspiring National Park. Ph 03 443 2869

NZ Fighter Pilots Museum

This museum tells the story of fighter pilots and their crew with interactive displays, airworthy fighter aircraft, film and memorabilia. Located at Wanaka Airport. Ph 03 443 7010

Ridgeline Adventures

Personalised adventures for everyone, from the boutique Central Otago Wine Trails, guided heli-hiking options to scenic 4WD adventures. Ph 0800 234 000

Wanaka River Journeys

A jet boat journey on the Matukituki River. See glaciers, Mt Aspiring and Lord of the Rings locations. Includes 50 minute wilderness walk. Ph 0800 544 555



Base Camp Wanaka - Mountain Adventure Centre

Address - RD1, #50 Cardrona Valley Road, Ph 03 443 1110

- Over 400 square metres of indoor climbing up to 15m in height
- 400 square metres of outdoor climbing walls, including over-water climbs
- Big air traverses and pendulums
- 50 square metres overhanging roof and a bouldering area
- Bar and café
- On-site micro-brewery
- Mountaineering, climbing and multi-sport retail and rental outlet
- Conference, training and instructional facilities

Recommended Restaurants

Relishes Café, 1/99 Ardmore Street, provincial kitchen	03 443 9018
The Landing, Level 1, 80 Ardmore Street	03 443 5099
White House, Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine	03 443 9595
Botswana Butchery, 33 Ardmore St	03 443 6745
Ardmore Street Deli, great for lunch	03 443 9018
Café Gusto, good for lunch or casual dinner	03 443 6639
Sapphire Restaurant, 76A Golf Course Rd	03 443 1105
Wineglass Cafe, Edgewater Resort, Sargood Drive	03 443 0011
The Spice Room, 43 Helwick Street	03 443 1133
Lone Star, 50 Cardrona Valley Road	03 443 6901



Additional Activities in Queenstown

The Kiwi Circle History Tour

The Kiwi Circle Bus recounts Queenstown's past through guided hourly tours, focusing not only on Maori legacies and 'gold rush' fever, but also on the more recent changes that have accompanied its rapid growth. The Kiwi Circle History Tour departs hourly from the Kiwi Birdlife Park, stopping at major hotels and points of interest downtown and in Fernhill. The \$25 bus pass is valid for three full days, encouraging passengers to use it as a shuttle service, hopping on and off throughout the day.



Onsen Hot Pools

The Onsen Hot Pools experience is all about unwinding and soaking-up Queenstown's spectacular scenery. Immerse yourself in the views, the pure waters, and the fresh mountain air, as your mind and body surrenders to the deep penetrating warmth and gentle massage of the private pools. A unique feature of the pools is the retractable picture windows: convert your pool room from indoor to outdoor and back again at the touch of a button! Complete privacy, total cleanliness, spectacular scenery, beautiful surroundings. The pools are a 10 minute drive from Queenstown (courtesy shuttle bus can be provided) and are open from 11:00am to 11:00pm. Located at 160 Arthurs Point Road, Arthurs Point, Queenstown, phone 03 442 5707



AJ Hackett Bungy

Welcome to the original home of Bungy...The Kawarau Bridge; a 43 metre Bungy Jump above the Kawarau River, situated 20 minutes from the heart of Queenstown. AJ Hackett Bungy is the world's first Bungy operator to be awarded the prestigious 'S' mark for quality and safety. Contact AJ Hackett Bungy Queenstown for a reservation 03 442 7100

Ziptrek Ecotours

Ziptrek Ecotours offers an entertaining combination of education and adventure. Take a ride on an exhilarating Moa zipline (flying fox) adventure! Ride up the Skyline Gondola and then glide through the treetops on a series of four flying foxes. Your experienced Guides will deliver an interpretive tour as you "Zzziiiiip" from tree to tree. Breathe in some pristine mountain air as you venture on a carefully crafted journey that combines exhilaration, adventure, and ecological exploration.

Tours run throughout the day, every day of the year. Ph: 03 441 2102

Shotover Jet

You can't beat the Shotover Jet experience. It's an adrenaline rush you'll never forget! From the moment the accelerator hits the floor, your adrenaline hits the roof as you power through the Shotover River and

deep into the Shotover River canyons! It's an amazing ride, as the Shotover Canyon walls tower over you, and your driver skillfully whips the boat past rocky outcrops, and skims around crags and boulders. The free telephone number is 0800 802 804



Lakes District Museum

Get a fascinating insight into the history of New Zealand's Southern Lakes District. See unique displays in the museum and special exhibitions gallery. The retail area has a wide selection of interesting books, maps, art prints and souvenirs. The archives and research facility is popular with family historians and other researchers. Located at 49 Buckingham Street, Arrowtown. Ph 03 442 1824

The Ultimate Wine Experience at "Wine Tastes"

Visit this unique store that uses a revolutionary Italian wine serving system that allows visitors to serve themselves tasting of over 100 wines. "Wine Tastes" is located in the heart of Queenstown on 14 Beach Street and is open every day from 10am to 10pm. For further information please call 03 409 2226

Queenstown Recommended Restaurants

Captains Restaurant, 11 The Mall	03 441 1633
Boardwalk Seafood Restaurant and Bar; Steamer Wharf Village	03 442 5630
Fishbone Bar and Grill, seafood cuisine; 7 Beach Street	03 442 6768
Gibbston Valley Winery, New Zealand cuisine	03 442 6910
Little India, Indian cuisine; 11 Shotover Street	03 442 5335
Pasta Pasta Cucina, Italian and wood fired pizzas; 6 Brecon Street	03 442 6762
Solera Vino, NZ Mediterranean cuisine; 25 Beach Street	03 442 6082
Vudu Café, café style cuisine; 23 Beach St Street	03 442 5357
Wai Waterfront Restaurant and Wine Bar, Steamer Wharf	03 442 5969
The Rees St Delicatessen, Rees Street	
Botswana Butchery, 17 Marine Parade	03 442 6994
True South Dining Room, The Rees Hotel, 377 Frankton Road	03 450 1100
Flame Bar and Grill, 61 Beach Street, Queenstown	03 409 2342
Fergburger, 42 Shotover Street, Queenstown	03 441 1232



Arrowtown Recommended Restaurants

Postmasters, New Zealand cuisine, 54 Buckingham Street	03 442 0991
Pesto, Pizza and Pasta for the whole family, 18 Buckingham Street	03 442 0885
Saffron, Modern New Zealand cuisine, 18 Buckingham Street	03 442 0131
Mantra Indian Cuisine, at the Royal Oaks Complex, 50 Buckingham Street	03 442 0880

Rural Based Recommended Restaurants

Amisfield Wine Company, Winery Restaurant, 10 Lake Hayes Road

03 442 0556

Gantley's Restaurant, great food, award winning wine list, Malaghans Road

03 442 8999



Additional Activities in Te Anau

Boat trips

The township of Te Anau sits right on the shores of its namesake, a beautiful lake. There are a range of options available to access the water. Locals enjoy summer water skiing and sailing on the lake, while visitors can sail majestically to a far shore to explore bushwalks within the park. For more information, visit the Te Anau iSite, located on Lakefront Drive, Te Anau. Ph 03 249 8900

Trips and Tramps

Trips and Tramps nature guides are knowledgeable and enthusiastic, with a passion for conservation and recreation in the outdoors. All tours cater for 6-12 people, and local knowledge allows them to tailor trips to your interests. If you enjoy walking, hiking or tramping or just want the day off driving Trips and Tramps are a fantastic option. Ph 0800 305 807



Fiordland Guides

Fiordland Guides specialise in upstream sight fishing of Rainbow and Brown Trout on the local and wilderness rivers and streams of Fiordland and Southland. Catch and release is strongly promoted. Ph 03 249 7832

Te Anau Glow-worm Caves

The Te Anau Glowworm Cave can only be visited through guided tour via a scenic cruise across Lake Te Anau. Upon arrival at Cavern House you will be taken underground in small groups. The delicate incandescence of thousands of tiny glow-worms is a magical sight. Tours with Real Journeys last approximately two and half hours. For enquiries phone 0800 65 65 01.



Te Anau Wildlife Centre

Te Anau's Wildlife Centre is only 10 minutes walking distance from the Department of Conservation Visitor Centre on the Lakefront. You can view the rediscovered takahe (*Notornis porphyrio*) a flightless alpine bird, along with other native New Zealand birds like the kaka, tui, kea, and parakeet. The centre is open daily from dawn until dusk.

Recommended Restaurants and Cafes

Redcliff Restaurant & Bar; 12 Mokonui Street, Te Anau

03 249 7431

The Olive Tree Café; 52 Town Centre, Te Anau

03 249 8496

La Dolce Vita, 90 Town Centre, Te Anau

03 249 8895

Miles Better Pies, Milford Rd, Te Anau

03 249 9044

Additional Activities in Stewart Island

Stewart Island has a range of walks of varying length and difficulty to enable visitors to explore the flora and fauna of the Island. Some of the popular walks are:

- **Observation Rock:** walk 15 minutes each way from Oban, and enjoy good views at sunset
- **Fuchsia Walk/Raroa Reserve Track:** see lots of native birds on this walk, 30 minutes each way
- **Golden Bay to Deep Bay:** this 1.5-hour coastal track offers water views
- **Harrold Bay and Ackers Point Lighthouse:** this three-hour return walk goes past an historic cottage, coastal forest and penguins and offers views over the islands and Foveaux Strait
- **Fern Gully:** during this two-hour walk, take a welcome break in a clearing to enjoy the birds and the bush
- **Bathing Beach:** this popular bathing beach walk takes 30 minutes each way
- **Moturau Moana:** enjoy a nature garden and views of Halfmoon Bay - one hour return
- **Horseshoe Point:** walk for four hours return and enjoy views over Foveaux Strait

Raikura Museum

Established and run by volunteers, the museum houses an extensive collection of items and photographs of Stewart Island's early history, including Maori settlement; muttonbirding; whaling; fishing; timber milling; mining; boat building; transport; schools and churches. Included in the exhibits is an extensive collection of Stewart Island shells and crustacea.

Opening hours October – May, Monday through to Saturday 10.00am -1.30pm
June – September, Monday through to Friday, 10.00am – 1.30pm.



Ocean View Art Studio

The studio hosts a range of local art from paintings to photographs. The artwork reflects the special character that is Stewart Island. The studio is open from November through to May.

Located at 34 Kamahi Road, Phone: 03 219 1313.

Recommended Restaurants

Church Hill Café, Bar and Restaurant – seafood specialists, 36 Kamahi Road	03 219 1323
The Kai Kart – great fish and chips! Open for lunch and dinner from Labour weekend to the end of April	03 219 1225
South Sea Hotel Restaurant, The Waterfront	03 219 1059

Additional Activities in The Catlins

Fossilised Forest at Curio Bay

This is one of the world's best preserved Jurassic fossilised forests. Best explored at low tide. A viewing platform and information panel has been provided overlooking the fossil forest. Curio Bay is signposted from the Southern Scenic Route. Visitors can either travel via Otara with the option of stopping at Waipapa Point, or the more direct route through Tokanui and Waikawa. Please note, much of the road between Otara and Curio Bay is unsealed.

Nugget Point

Nugget Point is the site of the Nugget Point Lighthouse built in 1869. Along the coastline you will see an abundance of wildlife including yellow eyed penguins, shags, seals and sea lions to name but a few. A 15 minute breathtaking walk will take you along a spectacular track to the lighthouse. One of the absolute "must-do's" in the Catlin, but make sure you bring your binoculars!

Purakaunui Falls

An easy 10 minute bush walk leads from a gravel side road off the main Owaka-Invercargill road to this stunning three-tiered waterfall, popular with photographers. The falls are located 17km to the southwest of Owaka and 5km from the river's outflow into the Pacific Ocean.



Cathedral Caves

A short track and beach walk will take you to these amazing caves. There is a small track fee and the caves are only accessible at low tide. Access is not available before 7.30am or after 8.30pm.

Waikawa

The Waikawa Museum has numerous displays relating to the early settlers and their industries of this once bustling port town. Short walk options include the Old Coach Road (20 minutes return, only passable at low tide) and the George Aitken Walk (20 minutes return).

Owaka Museum

Wahi Kahuika: The Meeting Place – experience a visual story-filled journey, discover what made the Catlins how it is today. Multi-media exhibitions, shop, gallery, information and more. A visitor's gateway to the Catlins in a small town with a world class museum. Open seven days. 10 Campbell Street, Owaka. Ph: 03 415 8323

Recommended Restaurants and Cafes

Niagara Falls Cafe, 256 Niagara-Waikawa Rd, Tokanui	03 246 8577
The Whistling Frog Café & Bar, 27 Rewcastle Road, Chaslands Highway	03 415 8338
Catlins Cafe, 3 Main Road, Owaka	03 415 8040

Additional Activities in Dunedin

Architecture

The splendour of many of its public buildings reflects Dunedin's economic and cultural pre-eminence in Victorian New Zealand. Today, Dunedin has a rightly deserved reputation as one of the best preserved Victorian and Edwardian cities in the Southern Hemisphere. Architecturally outstanding is the massive stone Flemish Renaissance-style [Dunedin Railway Station](#), built 1904 – 1906, the University of Otago clock-tower building and the Otago Boys' High School. First Church and Dominican Priory are outstanding examples of the Gothic Revival style.



Baldwin Street

This is the world's steepest street. The annual Baldwin Street Gutbuster is part of the Dunedin Summer Festival program. Challenge yourself to your own gut buster challenge while in town and spare a thought for the folks who live at the top of the world's steepest street.

Otago Farmers Market

If your trip to Dunedin falls on a Saturday, a trip to the Otago Farmers Market is a must. Held at the Dunedin Railway Station in the north car park, on Anzac Avenue every Saturday from 8am – 12:30pm, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience some of Otago's best fresh produce, including fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, cheese, eggs, wines and many other delicious foods.

Cadbury World

Visitors to Cadbury World will learn all about the chocolate making process and see where a number of Cadbury products are made. Afterwards visitors enter the Cadbury World store where you can purchase Cadbury products and unique Cadbury World branded items at favourable prices. Cadbury World Tours are available 7 days a week. Tours generally run from 9:00am to 3:15pm with extended hours over the summer season and school holidays. Cadbury World is located on 280 Cumberland Street, Dunedin. Tour bookings essential - 03 467 7967.

Speights Brewery Tours & Speights Ale House

The Speight's Ale House, situated within the historic Speight's Brewery at 200 Rattray Street, was the original Ale House to open in New Zealand. In August 1999 Mark and Kirstin Scully opened the Ale House to coincide with extensive work done to open the Brewery Tour, Heritage Centre and Shop. This major investment has seen The Speight's Brewery remain a vibrant and popular part of Dunedin. Tour bookings essential - Ph 03 477 7697

Gardens

Within the city boundaries are numerous noteworthy gardens, from the formally laid out annual colour displays of the Dunedin Railway Station gardens, to the delightful private gardens owned by local residents. The [Botanic Garden](#) is famous for the Rhododendron Dell, its exotic beauty is celebrated every year, in the third week of October, with the Rhododendron Festival. Glenfalloch Woodland Garden and Restaurant is a 30 acre harbourside garden featuring rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias and fuchsias. Country Tours can arrange personalised garden tours for your enjoyment.

Dunedin Chinese Garden

The Dunedin Chinese Garden is an example of a late Ming, early Ching Dynasty Scholar's Garden and has been built using authentic Chinese materials crafted by a team of artisans and craftsmen from Dunedin's sister city of Shanghai. The hours of opening for the Chinese Garden are 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, 7 days per week and 7pm to 9pm on Wednesdays. Guided tours operate at 10:00am and 2:00pm or by appointment at any time of the day or evening and are 1 hour in duration. Days of closure will generally mirror those of the Dunedin Public Art Gallery and the Otago Settlers Museum facilities. For bookings, please phone 03 477 3248

Museums and Galleries

The [Otago Museum and Discovery World](#) is renowned for its Maori and Pacific Island collections and its natural history displays. [Discovery World Otago Museum](#) is a hands-on science centre, with many interactive exhibits and programmes. It is also home to a Tropical Forest. Lush, living, tropical environment, the Tropical Forest will bring visitors face to face with some of nature's most beautiful butterflies. Hundreds of these enchanting creatures roam free – some even stopping (on you) to say hello! Visitors will experience a hot and steamy rainforest from above and below, encountering an amazing array of flora and fauna within. Phone: 03 474 7474

The [Otago Settlers Museum](#) features the social history of Otago, seeking to tell the stories of the people who have made Dunedin and Otago their home. Matanaka was Otago's first farm, while today it offers a step back in time to the atmosphere of a typical 1840's farm. Phone 03 474 2728

The [Dunedin Public Art Gallery](#) is acknowledged for its collections of 16th to 19th century British and European water colours and oils, while its ongoing programme of international and national exhibitions is worthy of further investigation. Phone 03 474 3252

Olveston

Olveston Historic House, a fine 35-room turn of the century mansion near the city centre was built for Mr Theomin, a wealthy merchant and his family. Today it offers a fascinating glimpse of the city's prosperous past. The house is open to the public, presented as it was during its heyday. Olveston is an antique lover's delight, as it is home to a vast collection of paintings, furniture and objects d'art. Several guided tours daily.

Larnach Castle

High among the rolling hills of the Peninsula is [Larnach Castle](#), the grand home of an early politician. Construction of the castle began in 1871 and was completed 12 years later. Larnach Castle and its historic-style garden can be reached via the high road (Highcliff Road) along the Peninsula's ridge. From here, views out to sea and back towards the city emphasize the singular beauty of Dunedin and its jewel-like harbour. [Otago Explorer](#) run personalized guided tours to the castle at 9:00am and 3:00pm daily, tour duration two and half hours; free phone: 0800 322 240



Royal Albatross

The tip of the Otago Peninsula is Taiaeroa Heads, about forty minutes from the city centre. The magnificent Royal Albatross, a huge sea bird of mythology, soars above the rugged cliffs. The Royal Albatross Centre is the gateway to many unique natural and historic aspects of this headland. Here you will find guided tours of the only mainland nesting colony of the Royal Albatross in the world. One hour tour with guides giving a talk on the Royal Albatross life cycle, then visits the observatory to view the colony (viewing varies during the year). Phone 03 478 0499

Historic Fort Taiaeroa Otago

Journey into New Zealand's Colonial past. Discover the underground fortifications built in the 1880's when it was feared that the Russian presence in the Pacific might lead to invasion. The Fort Observation Post overlooks the Albatross Colony. Bookings at the Albatross Visitor Centre.

Taieri Gorge Railway

The Taieri Gorge Railway winds its way past gold mining relics over steep ravines and through numerous tunnels into the Taieri River Gorge, an area only accessible by train. The scenery is stunning - wild and rugged. Impressive viaducts and tunnels from 1879 span ravines and hug the cliff faces. The tour begins at the historic Dunedin Railway Station at Anzac Square. Phone 03 477 4449

Yellow-eyed Penguins

Found on the Otago Peninsula are colonies of the world's shyest penguin, the Yellow-eyed Penguin, sharing secluded beaches with New Zealand Fur Seals. Nesting grounds of other birds, including the White-fronted Tern, the Blue Penguin and many species of Cormorants are nearby. The rare Stewart Island Cormorant can also be seen in this area. The Penguin Place (phone 03 478 0286) is a private, self funding conservation effort offering guided tours into the natural nesting areas of the Yellow-eyed Penguin.

Clifton Wool 'n' Things

The specialist all natural coloured wool farmshop. Knitting yarns, handknitted jerseys and other apparel, weaving, sheepskin rugs and fleeces. All grown on own flock of sheep. Located at Highcliff Road, Otago Peninsula. Ph 03 454 4224

Orokonui Ecosanctuary

A safe and natural habitat for New Zealand's threatened forest species where people can encounter our rarest treasures. Orokonui Ecosanctuary is open to visitors from 9.30am to 4.30pm daily except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Located at 600 Blueskin Road, Waitati. Ph 03 482 1755

Recommended Cafes

Every Day Gourmet, 466 George Street	03 477 2045
Strictly Coffee, 23 Bath Street	03 479 0017
Rhubarb, 299 Highgate	03 477 2555
Delicacy, 595 Highgate	03 464 0770

Recommended Restaurants

A Cow Called Berta, 199 Stuart Street	03 477 2993
Table Se7en; 44 Hanover Street	03 477 6877
Nova Café; 29 The Octagon	03 479 0808
Plato Café; 2 Birch Street	03 477 4235
Two Chefs Restaurant; 428 George Street	03 477 7293
Bacchus Wine and Bar, Cnr Octagon, and Lower Stuart Street	03 474 0824
Zucchini Brothers, 292 Highgate	03 477 9373

Freedom Walks from Queenstown

The best way to experience the beautiful scenery and outdoors of Queenstown is to take one of the commercial walks or hikes.

There are many short walks that will enable a quick look into the towns local plants and wildlife as well as the longer world renowned walks within Mt Aspiring and Fiordland National Park such as The Dart, Hollyford, Routeburn and Milford.

Ben Lomond

Length: 10 km return (5-6 hours return)

Location: Queenstown, from Lomond Terrace, via Skyline access road

Classification: Tramping Track

Initially the track passes through a mixed forest of mountain beech with several extensive intrusions of Douglas fir. This fir is of European origin and was first planted in the Wakatipu district to enhance an otherwise treeless landscape. On leaving the forest the track continues on the western side of the ridge leading to the saddle. A short distance above the bushline is an alkathene pipe. A tap in the pipeline provides water – the last source before the summit. Snow tussock grassland predominates until the Lomond Saddle is reached. Here the remains of an old Government hut lie strewn over the ground near the track. Wear strong walking shoes. Take warm clothing and wet weather gear as sudden changes in conditions are common near the summit.

One Mile Creek

Length: 2.5 km return (50 minutes return)

Location: Queenstown, from Thompson Street or One Mile Creek outlet on the lake front

Classification: Walking Track

A well-graded walk leads up this narrow gully to the old dam, once a part of Queenstown's first hydroelectric supply – the focus of the walk. For most of its length the walkway follows the line of the old water pipeline, first through heavily modified bush consisting of wineberry and fuchsia, complete with dripping ferns – an unexpected sight in Central Otago. It continues through a Douglas fir plantation before passing into silver beech forest in the gorge. The dam and pipeline were constructed in 1924 as part of an electricity generating scheme. The dam, 150 m above Lake Wakatipu, is a radius dam constructed of 250 tonnes of concrete reinforced with steel.

Queenstown Hill

Length: 4 km return (3 hours return)

Location: Queenstown, from Kent Street, 500 metres from the town centre

Classification: Walking Track

The exotic trees lining much of this walkway make it quite different from the more typical walks in New Zealand. Higher up, in an area of burnt manuka, a plaque has been laid bearing the Maori name for the hill, Te Topu-nui. The summit offers delightful views towards Coronet Peak, Lake Hayes and the Crown Range. Evidence of glacial action can be seen on Cecil Peak in the form of deep "scratches" (striations) along the mountain slopes. Wear strong walking shoes because much of the track is on rock. Take warm clothing as protection from possible wind at the summit.

Frankton Arm

Length: 5 km each way (1.5 hours each way)

Location: Queenstown, north side of Frankton Arm. At Queenstown – end of Peninsula Street; at Frankton – north end of Frankton Recreation Reserve on lake front. An H&H Motors bus runs three times a day between Queenstown and Frankton.

Classification: Walking Track

The walk along the shore of Lake Wakatipu provides a pleasant alternative to driving from Queenstown to Frankton or vice versa. The return trip could be combined with a visit to the Kawarau Falls Dam and bridge, and a swim in the lake at the Frankton end, or with a few hours spent wandering through the Queenstown Gardens. Frankton Arm and the Remarkables provide an impressive backdrop for the entire length of the walk. The Kawarau Falls Dam was a gold mining venture that proved to be a failure. It now provides access to Kelvin Heights and carries the main highway to Kingston and Lumsden.

Kelvin Peninsula

Length: 6 km (1 to 1.5 hours one way)

Location: Queenstown, Kelvin Peninsula

Classification: Walking Track

The walkway can be commenced from either end - Willow Place at the eastern end or the golf course at the western end. The track provides a leisurely walk along the lakeside with pleasant views across the water to Queenstown and the hills behind.

Check with the Queenstown Department of Conservation Office (D.O.C), for the latest updates on these tracks.

Freedom Walks from Wanaka

Mount Roy - You will have a panoramic view from the top of this mountain. Most of Lake Wanaka can be seen, along with the awe-inspiring view of Mount Aspiring and the surrounding mountains and glaciers. This steady climbing track starts at the base of the mountain, 6 km from Wanaka, on the road to Glendhu Bay. No vehicles, bikes or dogs are allowed on the track. The Track is closed from the 1st of October to the 10th of November to allow for lambing. · Time: 5 to 6 hours return.

Waterfall Creek - The track starts on the left hand side of Roys Bay. Wanaka Station Park is on the left near the beginning of the walk. It is a beautiful spot for picnics. The grounds of the old Wanaka Station Homestead form this park. The track continues along the front of the Edgewater Resort Hotel, Rippon Vineyard and to Waterfall Creek, then follows the terraces around a high point on the Wanaka side of Damper Bay, which offers good views of Wanaka township and the lake. · Time to Waterfall Creek: 35 minutes · Waterfall Creek to end of track: 1 hour.

Eely Point - This is a short walk beside the lake starting at the boat ramps. Eely Point is reached in about 15 minutes. Eely Point being sheltered from the prevailing wind is a popular boating and picnicking area. Five minutes further on you will find Bremner Bay, a shallow bay which is very popular with families for swimming.

Beacon Point Walk - The track starts at Bremner Bay and follows the shoreline to Penrith Beach, approximately 30 minutes walk, providing great views of the lake and surrounding mountains. Following the road from Penrith Beach you can join up with the Outlet Track.

Mount Iron - Rising 240 metres above the surrounding land, Mount Iron is an impressive rocky hump carved by glaciers. The summit is a magnificent viewpoint, giving panoramic views of Lakes Wanaka and Hawea, the Cardrona Valley, the patterned fields of the Upper Clutha Valley and the snowy peaks of the Harris Mountains and Mount Aspiring National Park to the West. The access track begins 2 km from Wanaka and climbs through adjacent farmland and low manuka woodland on the western slopes. An alternate route down the steep eastern face forms a loop track. · Time to summit: 45 minutes. · Summit to carpark (via east face): 45 minutes.

Outlet Track - There is a formed track beside the Clutha River from the lake outlet to Albert Town. - 1 hour. This track is suitable for walkers of all ages and offers good scenic views. It also provides access for fishers to this world renowned trout fishing area. Fly fishing only from approximately 1 km downstream from the outlet. · Time: 1 hour.

Kidds Bush - This is a popular family trip beginning at Kidds Bush picnic and camping area on the road to the Hunter Valley Station, Lake Hawea. Toilet and barbecue facilities are available. There is a small charge for camping to cover costs of maintaining this area. The native forest reaches down to the lakeshore at this scenic spot. There is a short 30 minute walk through the mountain beech forest which starts opposite the picnic area. The Sawyer Burn track also start here. A moderate climb through the native forest opens onto a sub-alpine grass spur with superb views of Lake Hawea, the bush and nearby high country runs. The track then sidles up the valley to the Sawyer Burn Hut just on the bush line. · Time to Sawyer Burn Hut: 3 hours.

Diamond Lake - The views from here are superb and give the visitor an idea of how the glaciers of the Ice Age carved the shaped the landscape. Signposted on the Mt. Aspiring Road, a 20 minute drive from Wanaka. Either a 2 hour lower circuit track, or for a challenge, 3 hour return to the top of Rocky Mountain. The track is closed over winter due to ice.

Raspberry Creek - Aspiring Hut - The walk to Aspiring Hut is mainly over grassy flats, and follows the true right bank of the West Matukituki. at Wilsons Camp the track climbs to the left to bypass a small bluff which is hidden in a clump of beech trees. Cascade Hut can be seen from the bluff. Aspiring Hut (26 bunks) is twenty minutes beyond Cascade Hut. · Details and hut fee payments available at D.O.C office Wanaka.

Rob Roy Valley - This valley offers an easy route into an area of spectacular alpine scenery including snowfields, glaciers, sheer rock cliffs and waterfalls. There is a swing bridge across the West Matukituki River, downstream from the junction with the Rob Roy Stream, about 15 minutes from the Raspberry Creek Carpark. After crossing the swing bridge the track climbs through a small gorge into beech forest, then into alpine vegetation at the head of the valley where the Rob Roy Glacier can be seen. · Time: 3 hours return.

Check with the Wanaka Department of Conservation Office (D.O.C), for the latest updates on these tracks.