Franz Josef Glacier Guides
Franz Josef, West Coast
Guided Glacier Trips

Franz Josef Glacier Guides give you the opportunity to experience the most spectacular glacier environment available to the general public anywhere in the world, offering a range of glacier hiking tours to suit all levels of fitness and ability. The guiding company is an internationally recognized guiding operation, established in 1990. They offer a range of hiking, heli-hiking, and ice-climbing trips to get you up close to Franz Josef glacier. Incredible views in the heart of New Zealand's Southern Alps, magnificent snow and ice terrain. Challenge yourself and enjoy the reward.

An absolute must-do experience for any visitor to New Zealand!

Ice Explorer

This is a fantastic introduction to an enthralling world of ice. A short heli hop from the township takes you into the remarkable Pinnacles area of the glacier. Here your guide will navigate you through a maze of ice and explain the dramatic environmental changes over the last few years. You will explore the awe-inspiring landscape in this incredible experience through Franz Josef Glacier.

Departs flexible | Duration 4 hours

Glacier Valley Walk

Franz Josef Glacier at its most dynamic! Your Glacier Valley Walk will take you up alongside the mighty Waiho River bed following the glaciers path of retreat in this remarkable landscape. Here you will learn about the glacier's history, see what is left behind by this majestic giant, and learn the legend of Ka Roimata o Hinehukatere. After a brief climb you will be rewarded with spectacular views of the rapidly changing glacier.

Please note this trip does not take you onto the ice.

Departs 10:15am, 2.15pm | Duration 3 hours

Glacier Heli Hike

After an exciting scenic flight, you land high up on the glacier and undertake a two hour guided hike amongst some of the most pristine and awe-inspiring glacier scenery available. Your guide chooses the route as you go and with an eye for the most spectacular ice formations you'll soon be making your way through a wonderland of towering pinnacles and brilliantly blue ice.

You'll enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and with plenty of photo opportunities and the chance to learn more about this magnificent glacier, this will almost certainly be your most memorable experience whilst in New Zealand.

Departs 9:15am, 11:45am, 2.15pm | Duration 3 hours

Heli Ice Climb

A day packed with adventure.Provided with expert tuition and all technical equipment, this is a great way to introduce you to the exhilarating sport of ice-climbing, whilst still enjoying the dramatic scenery and awesome terrain of the Franz Josef Glacier. Your guide will tailor the day to challenge novices and experts alike. No experience necessary.

Departs flexible | Duration 5 hours

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Additional Information

If your trip is cancelled due to weather, Franz Josef Glacier Guides will automatically transfer you onto our Glacier Valley Walk the same day. Our Ice Explorer, Glacier Heli Hike & Heli Ice Climb trips include entry to the fabulous Glacier Hot Pools.

Price: $75 to $499

Directions

Our Franz Josef Glacier Guides guide base is next to the Allied Petrol Station on the main road of Franz Josef on State Highway 6. Look for the big red buses.

Terms

CHILD POLICY Family Friendly. Under 5 free. 5-15 years child rate.

CANCELLATION 24 hours 100% | cancellation due to weather or mechanical reasons Full Refund

SEASON Open year round

CHRISTMAS Closed Christmas Day

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Accommodation in this area

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