

Romantic Short Breaks

Lights, Camera, Action



This perfect honeymoon itinerary includes the very best of the top of the South Island. Starting in Christchurch and staying in Kaikoura, via the Abel Tasman National Park to the West Coast where the mountains of the Southern Alps meet the crashing waves. From here you head to Central Otago before flying out of Queenstown, Dunedin or continuing back to Christchurch via Mt Cook.



At a glance

Duration: 9 days, 8 nights

Connection points:
Christchurch airport
Queenstown or Dunedin airport

Activity level: moderate

Best season: October-April

Driving times

Christchurch - Kaikoura: 2 1/2 hours
Kaikoura - Motueka: 4 hours
Motueka - Hokitika: 5 hours
Hokitika - Bruce Bay: 3 hours
Bruce Bay - Clyde: 3 1/2 hours
Clyde - Queenstown: 1 hour / Clyde - Dunedin: 2 1/4 hours

Indicative Price from \$5,604

Price is for accommodation only and excludes meals, ground or air transport unless stated. [Contact one of our Travel Agents](#) or use [My Holiday](#) to contact the operators and book direct.



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Outdoors & Scenic
SOUTH ISLAND



Day 1 - Kaikoura, Canterbury

Stay [Fyffe Country Lodge](#)

From Christchurch, travel up the East Coast to Kaikoura. Enjoy dinner at the Lodge tonight.

Day 2 - Kaikoura, Canterbury

Do [Encounter Kaikoura | Dolphin Encounter](#)

Stay [Fyffe Country Lodge](#)

View the playful dolphins from the boat or in the water, you may even see a whale!

Day 3 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Your next night's accommodation is at The Resurgence. Hike the trails or soak in the hot tub before aperitifs at 7pm. You can dine with other guests or book a romantic candle-lit table for 2.

Day 4 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Wheelie Fantastic Cycle Tours | Cycle Tours around Nelson Tasman](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Join your guides for a day discovering the best of the Nelson Region, get off the beaten track and see the hidden gems.

Day 5 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Cape Farewell Horse Treks | Clifftop & Beach Horse Treks](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Explore Golden Bay and take an exhilarating horse-trek on the beach and clifftops with views to Farewell Spit.

Day 6 - Hokitika, West Coast

Stay [Rimu Lodge](#)

The drive through the Motueka / Buller valleys and down the West Coast is truly scenic. Stop at Punakaiki to see the blow holes.

Day 7 - Hokitika, West Coast

Stay [Rimu Lodge](#)

Today, explore the Hokitika Gorge and the wild beaches.

Day 8 - south of Glaciers, West Coast

Do [Fox Glacier Guiding | Glacier Walks & Heli-Hikes](#)

Stay [Mahitahi Lodge](#)

Continue south and take in a heli-hike at Fox Glacier

Day 9 - south of Glaciers, West Coast

Stay [Mahitahi Lodge](#)

Spend a chilled day striding along the beach or join John for some gold-panning or fishing for your dinner!

Day 10 - Clyde, Central Otago

Stay [Olivers](#)

Your journey today brings you over the Haast Pass and through Wanaka, where you can stop for lunch and a stroll by the lake beneath snow-capped mountains. Clyde is an historic town and your accommodation has an excellent restaurant.

Day 11 - Clyde, Central Otago

Stay [Olivers](#)

Stay local today and explore the many bike trails.

Day 12 - Clyde, Central Otago

Do [Nomad Safaris | 4WD Safari & LOTR Locations](#)

Stay [Olivers](#)

You are only an hour from Queenstown, so enjoy the stunning drive through the Kawerau and Gibbston valleys and take a 4WD tour to Skippers Canyon.

Day 13 - Journey's End

From Clyde, drive to Queenstown or Dunedin or continue back to Christchurch via Lakestone Lodge.