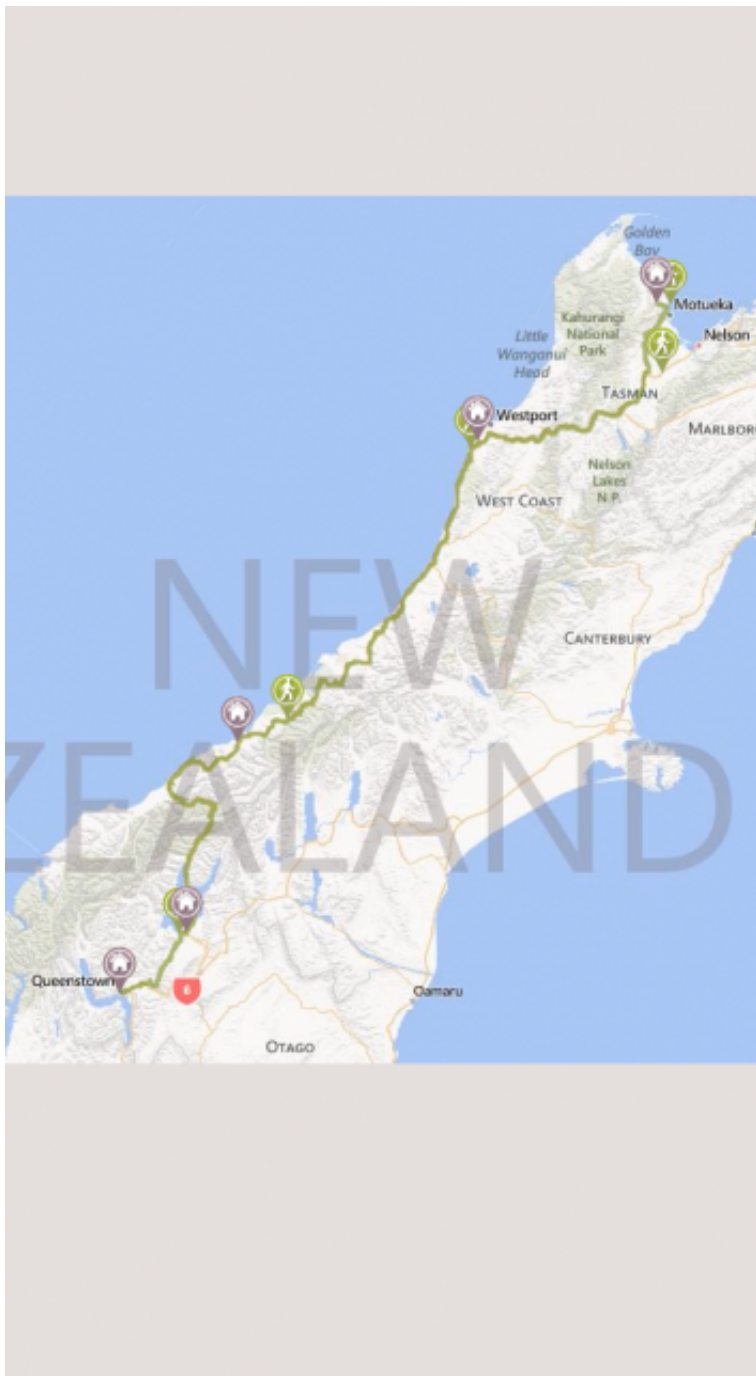


This was the first itinerary built by Green Journeys. Following one of the world's most scenic routes, State Highway 6, through the scenic Motueka Valley and Buller Gorge and along the wild West Coast to Central Otago and finally Queenstown surrounded by the peaks of the Southern Alps. Discover accommodations in stunning settings, freshest food from farm to table and dine with your hosts. During the day experience our favourite things to do which makes this a very special trip.



At a glance

Duration: 13 days, 12 nights

Connection points:

Nelson airport or Inter Islander ferry
Queenstown airport

Activity level: easy

Best season: year-round

Driving times

Motueka - Charleston: 3 hours
Charleston - Bruce Bay: 4 hours
Bruce Bay - Clyde: 3 hours 15 minutes
Clyde - Queenstown: 1 hour

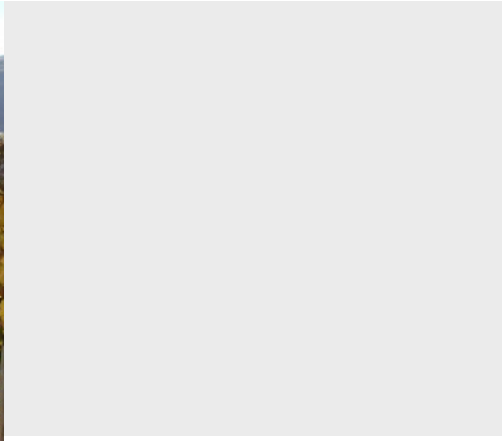
Indicative Price from \$7,109

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SOUTH ISLAND



Day 1 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Start your journey at the top of the South Island close to the Abel Tasman National Park. Nelson has a mediterranean climate and is a great produce area. Book dinner tonight and meet hosts Clare & Peter over a glass of Nelson wine.

Day 2 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Helicopters Nelson | Heli Adventures Nelson-Marlborough](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Fly, gather, dine is a unique trip combining a helicopter ride to a stunning remote location, catching your dinner and then having a top chef prepare your lunch.

Stretch your legs before dinner and explore the 5km of walking tracks at The Resurgence.

Day 3 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Abel Tasman Charters | Abel Tasman Luxury Boat Cruise](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Spend the day in the picturesque Abel Tasman National Park aboard a luxury catermaran. Stop to swim or kayak, take a short hike or drop a line. Tasty lunch on board, escape the crowds.

Day 4 - near Punakaiki, West Coast

Stay [Birds Ferry Lodge](#)

The drive to Charleston takes you through the Motueka Valley and Buller Gorge and then you get your first glimpse of the West Coast. Birds Ferry Lodge looks out to sea and has magical sunsets.

Andre can take you on a guided trip around the property or relax and indulge in a massage. With her extensive organic garden, Alison's dinners are always good.

Day 5 - near Punakaiki, West Coast

Do [Underworld Adventures | Glowworms and Cave Rafting](#)

Stay [Birds Ferry Lodge](#)

Underworld Adventures take you on a train ride through native bush before you enter caves with the best glow-worms in New Zealand. Float through the caves and emerge to gently raft downstream.

Day 6 - south of Glaciers, West Coast

Stay [Mahitahi Lodge](#)

Continue south through Hokitika, Franz Joseph and Fox Glacier. Tonight's accommodation is in the tiny settlement of Bruce Bay right on the beach with views to Mount Cook. Join your host John to catch fish for dinner which Jacqui will expertly prepare for you.

Day 7 - south of Glaciers, West Coast

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

Stay [Mahitahi Lodge](#)

A short drive to Fox Glacier village and a great combination of glacier walk and nature trail or a thrilling helicopter ride and glacier walk.

Day 8 - Clyde, Central Otago

Stay [Olivers](#)

The 3 1/2 hour drive from the West Coast to Central Otago goes through a vastly changing landscape away from the lush coastal vegetation to the dry Otago countryside.

Day 9 - Clyde, Central Otago

Do [Trail Journeys | Otago Rail Trail & Bike Tours](#)

Stay [Olivers](#)

Work up an appetite today with a ride on the Otago Rail Trail or Clutha Gold Trail, passing through small settlements full of early settler history and cafes!

Dinner tonight at Olivers restaurant and brewer.

Day 10 - Gibbston Valley, Queenstown

Stay [Mt Rosa Lodge](#)

A short drive of under an hour to your next stop in the Gibbston Valley gives you time to enjoy a day of leisure to explore Queenstown or visit Arrowtown. Tonight, enjoy one of Ali's delicious platters over-looking the vines.

Day 11 - Gibbston Valley, Queenstown

Do [Appellation Wine Tours](#) | [Central Otago Wine & Gourmet Tours](#)

Stay [Mt Rosa Lodge](#)

Complete your South Island trip with an excellent wine tour and dinner tonight at nearby Kinross Cottage or one of Queenstown or Arrowtown's fine dining restaurants.

Day 12 - Journey's End

On your final day exit from Queenstown airport.