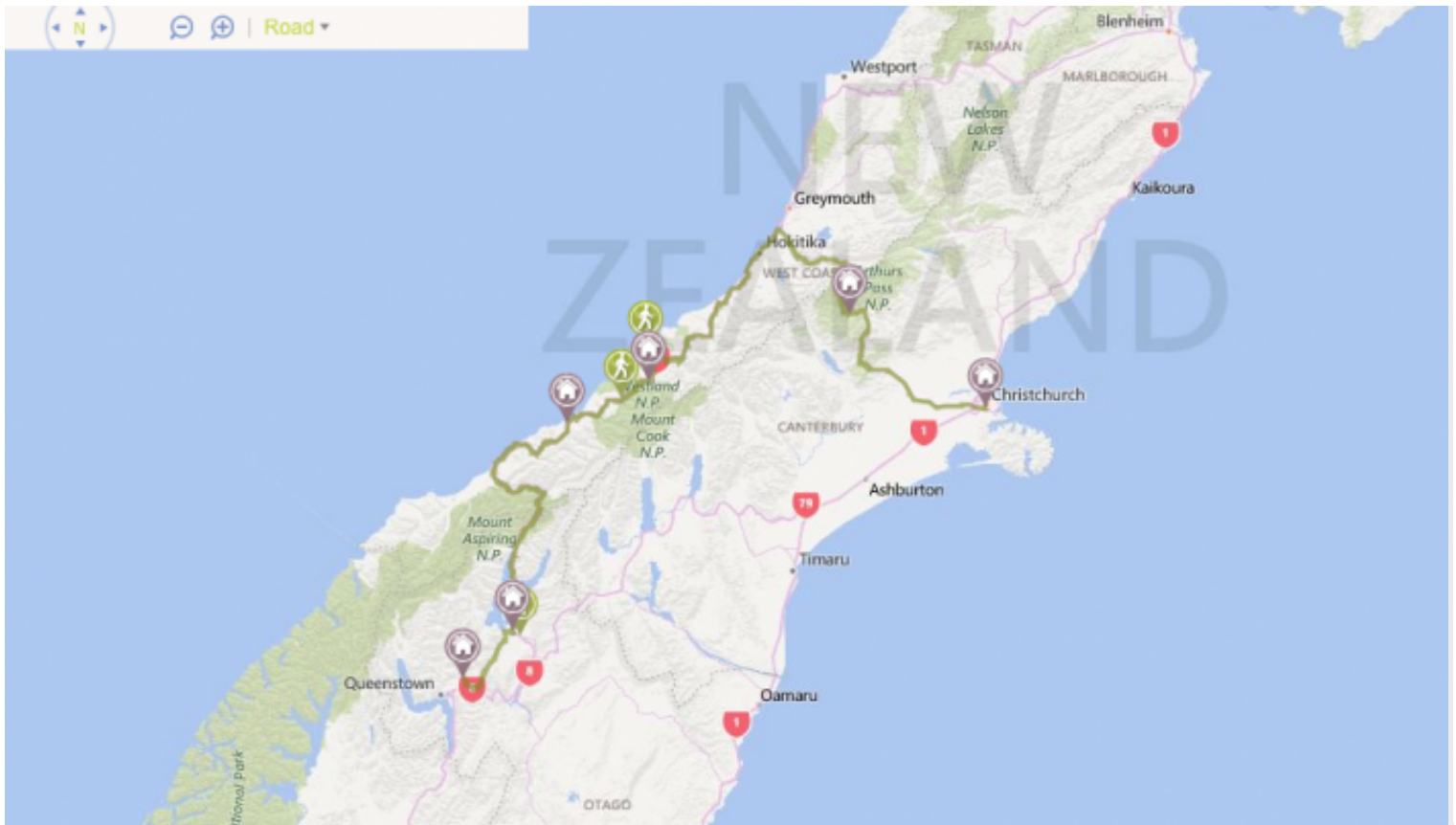


# Romantic Short Breaks

## A Wild Romance



A perfect week long honeymoon through the centre of the South Island. You explore both sides of the Southern Alps on this route, visit the Southern Lakes and take in the densely forested West Coast wilderness. Starting from Queenstown, drive north to beautiful Lake Wanaka. Then take the magnificent route north up the West Coast through Glacier Country along the wild west coast, returning to Christchurch over the Arthur's Pass. We've selected boutique hotels and romantic cottages or luxury bed and breakfast accommodation.



### At a glance

**Duration:** 12 days, 11 nights

**Connection points:**  
Queenstown Airport

Christchurch Airport

**Activity level:** easy

**Best season:** November-April

### Driving times

Christchurch - Wanaka: 5 hours  
Wanaka - Bruce Bay: 2 1/2 hours  
Bruce Bay - Franz Josef Glacier: 1 hour  
Franz Josef Glacier - Fox Glacier: 1 hours  
Fox Glacier - Arthur's Pass: 1 3/4 hours  
Arthur's Pass - Christchurch: 3 hours

### Indicative Price from \$6,099

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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West Coast journey



SOUTH ISLAND



### Day 1 - Arrowtown, Queenstown

Stay [Arrowtown House](#)

On arrival in Queenstown head to the historic town of Arrowtown. Book dinner at one of the fine restaurants in the village.

### Day 2 - Arrowtown, Queenstown

Stay [Arrowtown House](#)

From mountain biking to wine tasting to Hobbit Tours and hikes, there is something for everyone in Queenstown.

### Day 3 - Wanaka

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

A scenic 1-hour drive from Arrowtown to Wanaka. Time to explore Wanaka with a mountain bike ride or stroll along Wanaka's great network of trails.

### Day 4 - Wanaka

Do [Southern Alps Air | Milford Sound Flight & Cruise](#)

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

Leave the car today and take a scenic flight over glaciers and the Southern Alps before descending into Milford for your cruise on the Sound.

### Day 5 - south of Glaciers, West Coast

Stay [Mahitahi Lodge](#)

Driving north from Wanaka you pass Lakes Hawea and Wanaka before entering the wilderness of Mt Aspiring National Park. Crossing the Haast Pass the scenery changes to dense rainforest, big braided rivers and coastal views. The drive from Wanaka to Bruce Bay takes approximately 2 1/2 hours but allow at least 3 to enjoy the walks and views enroute.

The wild and deserted beach at Bruce Bay gets views to Mt Cook.

### Day 6 - south of Glaciers, West Coast

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

Stay [Mahitahi Lodge](#)

An exhilarating heli-hike or glacier valley walk today will work up an appetite for freshly caught fish lovingly prepared by Jacqui back at the Lodge.

### Day 7 - Franz Josef, West Coast

Stay [Holly Homestead](#)

The next morning it is a short drive north so you have time for the early morning circuit of Lake Matheson at Fox.

Your accommodation tonight is at Holly Homestead, a heritage building, built in the 1920's from beautiful native timbers, on the edge of Franz Josef Glacier Town.

### Day 8 - Franz Josef, West Coast

Stay [Holly Homestead](#)

The Okarito Lagoon just north of Franz Josef township has options to view white herons and kayak in the wetlands.

### Day 9 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass](#)

A 3-hour drive brings you to the Wilderness Lodge, passing through the majestic Southern Alps.

### Day 10 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass](#)

A guided tour is offered by the Lodge to discover the nature or farm surrounding Arthur's Pass.

### Day 11 - Christchurch

Stay [The George](#)

A scenic drive brings you over Arthur's Pass and into Christchurch for a night at The George and dinner at Pescatore Restaurant.

### Day 12 - Christchurch & South Island

Multi-day [Canterbury Trails Tours](#)

### Day 13 - Christchurch

Stay [The George](#)

Leave your car behind and take a day tour to Kaikoura for a whale watch or swim with dolphins for your final day.

### Day 14 - Journey's End

Take a domestic or international flight or join one of our other journeys at Christchurch.