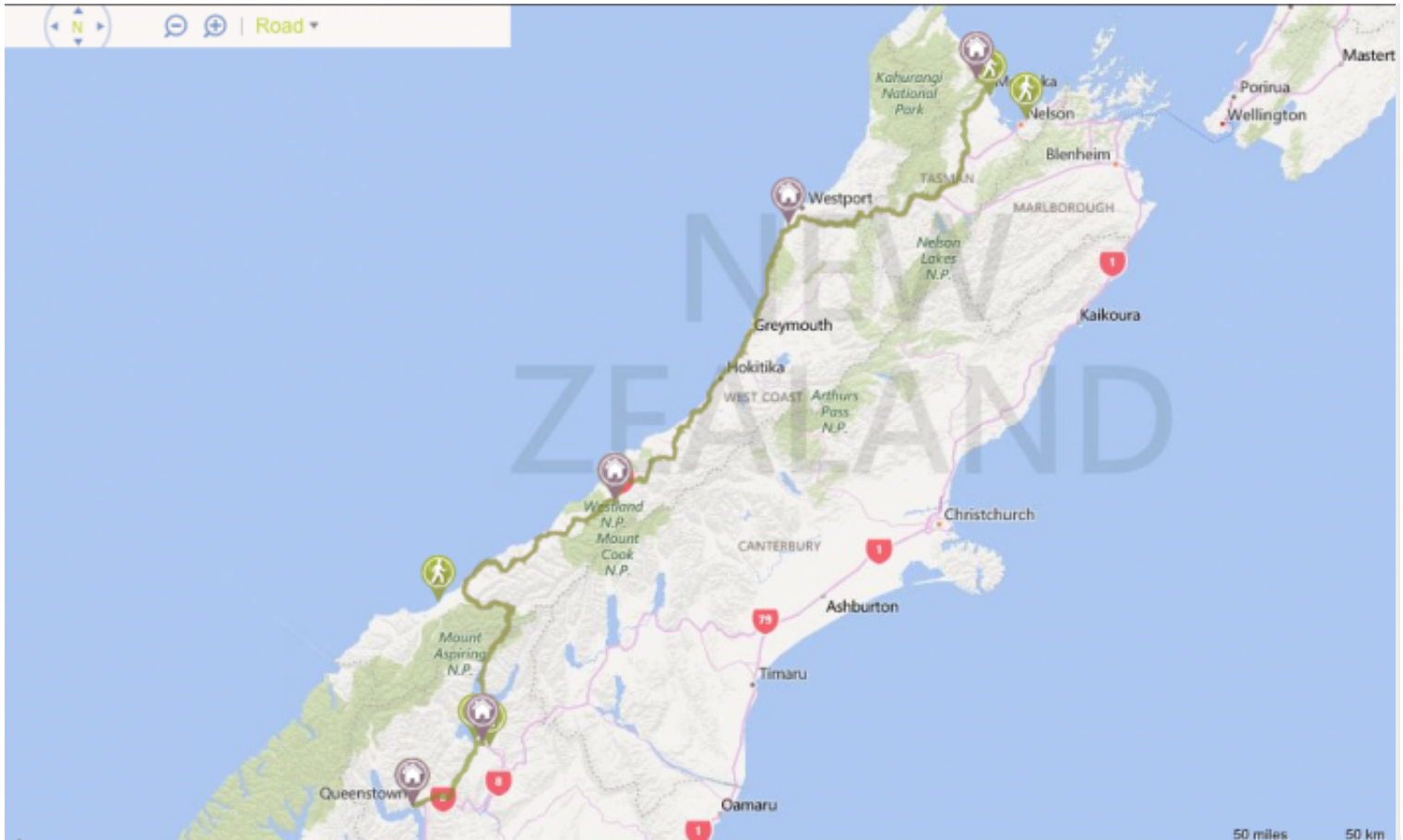


Green Outdoors

Route 6 Adventure



The best hikes and bike rides and day long adventures in the country. You leave New Zealand fitter, healthier, with unique memories and experiences. On this itinerary you start from Nelson continue down the West Coast and your itinerary ends in Queenstown.



At a glance

Duration: 13 days, 12 nights

Connection points:

Nelson airport or Inter Islander ferry
Queenstown airport

Activity level: active

Best season: November-April

Indicative Price from \$6,727

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.

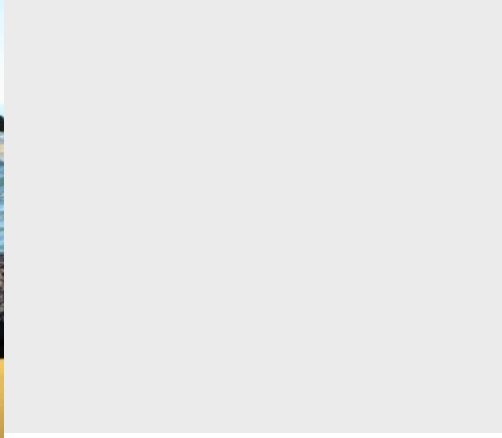
Driving times

Motueka - Westport: 3 1/2 hours
Westport - Franz Josef Glacier: 3 hours
Franz Josef - Wanaka: 3 1/2 hours
Wanaka-Queenstown: 1 hour

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SOUTH ISLAND



Day 1 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Start this journey from Nelson airport (1 hour drive to The Resurgence) or catch the morning ferry from Wellington to Picton and drive 2 hours 40 hours. The Resurgence is a sanctuary set high in the bush clad Riwaka Valley, with abundant birdlife. Dinner on your first night is recommended.

Day 2 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [The Sea Kayak Company | Abel Tasman Kayak Trips](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Just 15 minutes from the Abel Tasman, take a scenic cruise into the park past Split Apple Rock to a beautiful beach where you start your kayak trip around the Tonga Island seal colony. After lunch continue with relaxed hike along the Coastal Track which passes from bay to bay on an easy track. Stop for a swim before the return boat.

Day 3 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Wine Art and Wilderness | Art, Wilderness & Wine Private Tours](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

Join Wine, Art & Wilderness for a day exploring in the Kahurangi National Park, New Zealand's second largest national park and home to over 50% of its plant species. A complete contrast to the Abel Tasman, this is a mountain area where you climb above the treeline for 360 degree views. Fascinating and unique flora and geology make this a very interesting day, however far you want to walk.

Day 4 - near Punakaiki, West Coast

Stay [Birds Ferry Lodge](#)

The drive along the Motueka Valley and Buller Gorge are very pretty. Your first view of the West Coast with crashing waves is breath-taking.

Lunch at Cape Foulwind with a short walk amongst a seal colony before a relaxing afternoon at Birds Ferry Lodge.

Day 5 - near Punakaiki, West Coast

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

Stay [Birds Ferry Lodge](#)

Take the historic train through lush rainforest then float through caves under a canopy of glowworms. For the more ambitious, full adventure caving options are on offer.

Day 6 - Franz Josef, West Coast

Do [Glacier Hot Pools | Hot Pools & Massage](#)

Stay [Holly Homestead](#)

Continue the scenic drive along the West Coast's SH6 to Franz Joseph Township, with a stop at Punakaiki Rocks.. You have time to take a soak in the glacier hot pools and have a massage before choosing a cafe for dinner tonight.

Day 7 - Franz Josef, West Coast

Do [Franz Josef Glacier Guides | Guided Glacier Trips](#)

Stay [Holly Homestead](#)

Today take the heli-hike or glacier walk option which allows you to explore a remote and exceptionally beautiful part of the glacier with its amazing formations and ice caves.

Day 8 - Wanaka

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

A spectacular 3 1/2 hour drive further down the West Coast, up the mighty Landsborough and Haast rivers and over Haast Pass to lakes Wanaka and Hawea.

Lime Tree Lodge is just outside Wanaka township with big mountain views.

Day 9 - Wanaka

Do [Southern Alps Air | Siberia Experience Fly, Walk & Jetboat](#)

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

Drive up to Makaroa where a short scenic flight takes you into the remotely beautiful Siberia Valley. Hike 2-3 hours through beech forest from one valley to the next. Then jump on a jet boat for an exhilarating ride out along a beautiful braided river.

Day 10 - Wanaka

Do [Wanaka Bike Tours | Bike Tours & Heli Biking Trips](#)

Stay [Lime Tree Lodge](#)

Wanaka offers a range of mountain biking options from trails along the Clutha River with its rich history to high country stations and single track rides. Something to suit everyone.

Day 11 - Gibbston Valley, Queenstown

Stay [Mt Rosa Lodge](#)

A short drive brings you across the Crown Range to Gibbston Valley, home of some of New Zealand's best wineries. Stop for lunch at one of the vineyard cafes. Mt Rosa Lodge is set amongst its own vines.

Day 12 - Gibbston Valley, Queenstown

Do [Guided Walks New Zealand | Routeburn Track Guided Day Walk](#)

Stay [Mt Rosa Lodge](#)

A day hiking on the Routeburn Track with guides lets you explore lush native forests and Lord of the Rings scenery.

Day 13 - Journey's End

Queenstown airport has multiple connections with other New Zealand destinations as well as direct flights from Australian cities. Or continue your journey further south.