

# Wild Collection

## South Island Eco Wanderer



This journey starts in the Abel Tasman and then follows the West Coast to the Pancake Rocks before crossing Arthur's Pass and onwards via the inland scenic route to Oamaru and Dunedin, gateway to the Otago Peninsula.



### At a glance

**Duration:** 11 days, 10 nights

**Connection points:**

Nelson airport  
Dunedin airport

**Activity level:** moderate

**Best season:** November-April

### Driving times

Motueka - Greymouth 4 hours 15 minutes  
Greymouth- Arthur's Pass: 1 hour 30 minutes  
Arthur's Pass - Oamaru: 5 hours  
Oamaru -Dunedin: 2 hours

### Indicative Price from \$4,830

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.



ECO WANDERER

*Nature and beauty*

South Island



### Day 1 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

The Resurgence is an hour's drive from Nelson airport and 3 from the Inter Islander ferry. An eco-logs on 50 acres there are 5km of bush tracks to explore rich in native bird-life. Book dinner for your arrival night.

### Day 2 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Abel Tasman Sea Shuttle | Abel Tasman Kayak, Hike & Cruise](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

The Abel Tasman is New Zealand's smallest national park with pristine beaches and turquoise seas. A kayak-hike-cruise trip is a great way to explore the Tonga Island Marine reserve and the various bays and inlets accessible only from the water.

### Day 3 - south of Punakaiki, West Coast

Stay [Breakers Boutique Accommodation](#)

The drive through Motueka Valley and Buller Gorge are lovely but nothing prepares you for your first glimpse of the wild West Coast as you descend.

After lunch, explore Punakaiki Rocks and the West Coast's lush rainforest before you arrive at tonight's accommodation.

### Day 4 - south of Punakaiki, West Coast

Stay [Breakers Boutique Accommodation](#)

Spend the day exploring walking trails, cycle tracks and the local history.

### Day 5 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

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

The Wilderness Lodge at Arthur's Pass is a working farm surrounded by dramatic mountain. Today's drive is another scenic trip. On arrival, take the kayak on the lake or take the farm dog for a walk.

### Day 6 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

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

Daily guided activities are included in the package at the Wilderness Lodges or you can book private tours.

### Day 7 - Lake Pukaki, Twizel

Stay [Lakestone Lodge](#)

A 4:30 drive brings you from Arthur's Pass to the splendid Lake Pukaki looking out the Mt Cook. After dinner at the Lodge tonight, enjoy star gazing from a hammock in the grounds.

### Day 8 - Lake Pukaki, Twizel

Stay [Lakestone Lodge](#)

There are some fantastic hikes near Mt Cook, or cycling on the Alps to Ocean cycle trail. Scenic flights from here also give you glacier views.

### **Day 9 - Dunedin, Otago**

**Stay** [Accommodation near Dunedin](#)

The 3-hour drive to Fletcher Lodge will take you past the interesting Moeraki boulders and close to Fleurs fabulous seafood restaurant for lunch.

### **Day 10 - Dunedin, Otago**

**Stay** [Accommodation near Dunedin](#)

The Otago Peninsula is a must for nature enthusiasts with a range of guided tours available.

Dunedin Railway Station and the Octagon give a feel for Dunedin's history.

You are walking distance to central Dunedin and restaurants.

### **Day 11 - Journey's End**

Leave this journey in Dunedin which has connections throughout New Zealand and to Australia. You can combine this trip with Wild Havens of the Far South and continue through the Catlins to Stewart Island and Fiordland.