

Wild West - Colours of the Coast

The majestic mountains of the Southern Alps have made the West Coast a truly unique destination, providing its abundant resources and spectacular scenery. Stretching 600km along the coast from rainforest in the north to glaciers and majestic landscapes in the south, the Coast has many colours. Discover the history and heritage from coal mining relics and historic townships to the spectacular mountains, stunning coastal vistas and everything in between. The West Coast is awe-inspiring and will never fail to surprise and delight.

Day One Hometown to Nelson

D Fly from your hometown to Nelson. From the airport our coach travels south to the Nelson Lakes National Park and Lake Rotoiti. This evening meet your fellow travellers over a pre-dinner beverage.

Alpine Lodge, St Arnaud 1 night

Day Two Nelson Lakes to Westport

B,D From St Arnaud we follow the Buller River to Murchison and then on through the spectacular Upper and Lower Buller Gorge to Westport. Visit the Coaltown Museum housing a number of displays bringing the past to life and linking it with the present. This afternoon we visit Cape Foulwind and Tauranga Bay where one of New Zealand's most accessible fur seal colonies can be viewed.

Bella Vista Motel, Westport 1 night

Day Three Westport to Hokitika

B,L,D We spend the morning exploring the Denniston Plateau and viewing the incline before heading down the coast to Charleston where it is all aboard the 'Rainforest Train' for a journey through the magnificent Nile River Canyon. Our journey to Hokitika continues with a stop at Punakaiki famous for its pancake rocks and blowholes.

Beachfront Hotel, Hokitika 2 nights

Day Four Hokitika

B,D This morning we drive to the Hokitika Gorge. A short 5 minute walk through podocarp forest to the viewing platform gives you stunning views of the gorge. We visit the Treetop Walkway for a unique perspective of the West Coasts forest. The treetop walkway is a leisurely and easy stroll along steel platforms high up in the tree canopy.

Day Five Hokitika to Fox Glacier

B,D Today we join the White Heron Sanctuary Tour. This tour takes us to New Zealand's only White Heron (Kotuku) nesting colony. The sanctuary is accessed by 4WD through private farm, followed by a 15 minute walk through the rainforest to the viewing hide. View the White Heron, Spoonbill, Little Shag and a host of other birdlife. At Franz Josef take the short walk to the lookout to view the glacier.

Distinction Hotel, Fox Glacier 1 night

Day Six Fox Glacier to Haast

B,D This morning enjoy the easy 2.6km walk around Lake Matheson. The lake is famous for its reflective views of Mount Cook and Mount Tasman, and is home to many bird species. This afternoon we view the Fox Glacier before continuing south to Haast.

Heartland Hotel, Haast 1 night

Day Seven Haast, Westland to Wanaka

B,L,D Today we join a jet boat safari on the Haast River. The Haast River Safari is a leisurely scenic cruise in a fully enclosed boat, taking you on a journey through the untouched awe-inspiring natural wilderness of the South Westland World Heritage area. Hear stories of the Kiwi spirit that enabled the community to survive on the edge of the wilderness and learn about the physical attributes of the glacial valley and thriving rainforest.

Leaving the river we make our way through the Haast Pass to Wanaka stopping at many points of interest and short scenic walks.

Edgewater Hotel, Wanaka 2 nights

Day Eight Wanaka

B,D A leisurely day today as we explore the local attractions of Wanaka including a visit to the Lavender Farm where you can walk through the lavender fields, browse the shop full of beautiful lavender gifts and indulge in a lavender ice-cream.

Day Nine Wanaka to Queenstown to Home

B A leisurely start this morning with time for a lakeside stroll before leaving Wanaka. We arrive at Queenstown airport mid-afternoon for the return flight home.



TOUR INCLUDES

- * Home collection & drop off within Auckland, Tauranga & Wellington metropolitan areas.
- * Return flight - fully flexible/refundable fare
- * Coach transport
- * Professional Tour Manager
- * 8 nights accommodation
- * Daily breakfast & dinner
- * 3 lunches
- * Nile River Rainforest Train
- * Hokitika Treetop Walkway
- * White Heron Sanctuary Tour
- * Haast River Safari
- * Sightseeing as per itinerary

TOUR DATES

27th November - 5th December 2021

TOUR COST

Ex Auckland \$4150.00 Ex Nelson TBC

Ex Wellington/Christchurch \$TBC

Ex Tauranga/Rotorua/Hamilton \$TBC

Prices per person twin share. Single room supplement \$830.00

GENERAL INFORMATION

- * The walks vary in distance from 0.1 - 2.5km, are on well formed tracks & even surfaces. Some have steps and slopes. A moderate level of fitness and mobility is required.
- * Accommodation in Westport is motel style and does not have a restaurant on-site. Breakfast & dinner will be at a local restaurant.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Twilight Travel & Tours recommend a comprehensive policy for travel within New Zealand. Premiums for 9 days travel:

Under 60 years	\$71.00 per person
60 - 69 years	\$74.00 per person
70 - 79 years	\$115.00 per person
80 plus years	\$172.00 per person

Policy covers cancellation or amendments and travel delay.

Refer to the Cover More booklet for full policy details.

It is recommended that insurance be purchased when paying your deposit. Please contact us for further information, application forms and medical assessment forms.

Booking Terms & Conditions

- * Prices are per person, twin share in NZ\$. A deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to secure booking. Deposit is refundable less \$100.00 per person up to 60 days prior to travel. Balance is due 45 days prior to travel. Within 60 days cancellation charges apply. Full cancellation policy is available on request. Travel insurance is recommended.
- * All costs are based on prices as known at time of printing and are subject to change should there be unavoidable changes in service costs, fuel prices, exchange rates and/or taxes. Price is inclusive of 15% GST.
- * Tour operates subject to minimum numbers. In the event Twilight Travel cancels the tour, all monies paid will be refunded in full.
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- * Twilight Travel personnel and other service providers cannot provide special assistance to passengers with disabilities.
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