



ULTIMATE JOURNEYS

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SOUTHERN GLACIERS



Day 1 Arrive Christchurch

On arrival at Christchurch Airport collect your rental car at the airport depot).

Day 2 Christchurch - Mount Cook - Queenstown (594 km)

Travel across the Canterbury Plains to reach Mount Cook. Time permitting, self drive travellers may consider taking A Tasman Glacier Tour from the Hermitage Hotel to the Tasman Valley to cruise the lake and view the ice face and icebergs up close. This afternoon, continue on to the alpine resort town of Queenstown, the adventure capital of New Zealand.

Day 3 Milford Sound Excursion (580 km)

A full day journey into the heart of Milford Sound. Experience the world famous fjord, rich in dense rainforest, glacier carved valleys and beautiful waterfalls. Journey across the Southern Alps, past the stunning Mirror Lakes and Eglinton Valley, a place of ancient alpine forest and gushing waterfalls. At Milford Sound, board your scenic cruise to see the wonders of Mitre Peak, glacier-scarred rock walls and waterfalls that tumble through valleys and crash into the sea far below. Later today return to Queenstown.

Day 4 Queenstown

Make your way to downtown Queenstown for your transfer to the Shotover River for a thrilling jet boat ride in the canyon. The thrilling ride skims past rocky outcrops, around crags and boulders and through the dramatic and narrow canyons. Return to Queenstown where the afternoon is free to enjoy some of the many activities on offer.

Day 5 Queenstown - West Coast Glaciers (355 km)

A memorable trip through some of the most magnificent scenery in New Zealand to the West Coast. This remote area has a ruggedly beautiful landscape of vast rainforests, gushing waterfalls and snow capped mountains.

Day 6 West Coast Glaciers

At Franz Josef Glacier, your expert tour guide will take you on a Glacier Valley Walk alongside the mighty Waiho River bed following the glaciers path of retreat in this remarkable landscape. Here you will learn about the glacier's history. Near the terminal face, you will be rewarded with spectacular views of the rapidly changing terminal face of the glacier. After your tour, relax in the Glacier Hot Pools, a haven of natural tranquility, nestled in the lush rainforest.

Day 7 West Coast Glaciers - Greymouth – Christchurch (180km)

Travel north this morning up the wild, west coast. (Self drive travellers may wish to make time to detour to Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and Blowholes where the surging sea has sculptured amazing shapes out of the rocks, before returning their rental car to the train depot in Greymouth). At Greymouth, board the scenic Tranz Alpine train, a journey famous for its spectacular mountain scenery as it traverses the Southern Alps to Christchurch.

Day 8 Depart Christchurch

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