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Day 1 Arrive Christchurch On arrival at Christchurch Airport you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2 Christchurch – Greymouth - West Coast Glaciers (180 km)

This morning transfer to the train station. All aboard the Tranz Alpine train for a stunningly scenic journey through the rugged Southern Alps to Greymouth. (On arrival in Greymouth, collect your rental car at the train station. You may like to detour to Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and Blowholes where the surging sea has sculptured amazing shapes out of the rocks, before heading south). Travel this afternoon, down the wild, west coast. This remote area has a ruggedly beautiful landscape of vast rainforests, gushing waterfalls and snow capped mountains

Day 3 West Coast Glaciers

Today, 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 tranquillity, nestled in the lush rainforest.

Day 4 West Coast Glaciers - Queenstown (355 km)

A memorable trip through some of the most magnificent scenery in New Zealand. Journey through native beech forest and over the Southern Alps before arriving at New Zealand's adventure capital, Queenstown.

Day 5 Queenstown

Today's fully guided tour takes you for a scenic drive along the edge of Lake Wakatipu to Glenorchy where you will board a Dart River jet boat for a journey through the Dart River's braided river system surrounded by breathtaking snow-capped mountains, ancient native forest, waterfalls, and glacier valleys frozen in time. The ride is followed by an easy guided walk through ancient native beech forest and a 4WD safari ride with commentary on the surrounding countryside with views of scenery that has formed the epic backdrop for many international films, including 'The Lord of the Rings'.

Day 6 Queenstown - Milford Sound - Te Anau (406 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 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 continue on to Te Anau.

Day 7 Te Anau - Invercargill (160 km)

On arrival in Invercargill, self drive passengers will join a personal drive by coach tour of historic and heritage buildings, churches, Queens Park, civic amenities, gardens, residential areas and Oreti Beach. Seat-in-coach passengers will tour Invercargill's significant Heritage Buildings, Parks and Gardens. Travel via the Southern Scenic Route to explore the South Catlin's Coast. Highlights include stunning New Zealand Native forest, dramatic coastline, Curio Bay Petrified Forest and Porpoise Bay.

Day 8 Invercargill - Dunedin (210 km)

Continue to Dunedin, first settled by the Scottish and renowned as the "Edinburgh of the South". Self drive travellers may like to travel via the Catlins, New Zealand's "hidden gem". The Catlins is an area of great contrasts and natural beauty with an abundance of wildlife. From magnificent coastal cliffs and headlands, long sweeping beaches, coves and sandy bays; to extensive temperate rainforests, waterfalls and rolling farmland, the Catlins is a fascinating, rugged place "off the beaten track."

Day 9 Dunedin - Christchurch (363 km)

This morning is free for optional tours before travelling north to Christchurch. River crossings are a feature of the journey before the straight flat roads set amongst the Canterbury Plains lead you into Christchurch.

Day 10 Depart Christchurch

Return your rental car to Christchurch Airport depot

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