



Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park

KIWI CLASSIC

14
days

South
Island



Activity Level: 3-4

Style

You'll be served delicious Kiwi food to fuel your adventures and enjoy well-earned sleep in some of our favourite spots.



Start
Queenstown



Finish
Queenstown

Kiwi Classic

Get further off the beaten track on our original South Island hiking trip.

Day 1 – Arrive Queenstown & hike Moke Lake

It's time for your first taste of pure New Zealand mountain air! After making our introductions, we'll stretch our legs around Moke Lake - a secluded alpine lake nestled among the Southern Alps. After a picnic lunch on the lakeside, we'll make our way to the Aoraki/Mt Cook Region.

Stay: Aoraki/ Mt Cook Region

Day 2 – Your choice in Aoraki/ Mount Cook National Park

Some of New Zealand's most spectacular alpine hikes are in Aoraki/ Mount Cook National Park. Our hikes today take us into the heart of the park and provide jaw-dropping vistas. Your options today include a choice of hikes, exploring the village at your leisure or upgrading to an optional heli-hike or glacier boat tour.

Stay: Aoraki/ Mt Cook Region

Day 3 – Explore Mackenzie Country & hike Rakaia Gorge Walkway

We'll journey from the mountains to the ocean, swapping the wide open spaces of the Mackenzie Country for the fertile plains of Canterbury. We'll take our time, stopping in some of our favourite spots to stretch our legs and capture the glorious views. We'll hike on the Rakaia Gorge Walkway before making our way to Christchurch.

Stay: Christchurch

Day 4 – Swim with dolphins

Today's the day for wildlife lovers. We'll don wetsuits to swim with a pod of dusky dolphins in their natural environment. Dusky dolphins are typically found in pods of around 100 and are well-known for their acrobatic feats and interactive behaviour. Tonight we stay in Kaikoura, a seaside settlement on the East Coast, with a richly populated marine reserve for a backyard.

Stay: Kaikoura



Key Summit, Routeburn Track

“The Kiwi Classic trip was incredible! Being with a small group made such a difference, I felt like we were on our own special adventure. We experienced each day's activities as a family ('whanau') and shared in some great adventures on amazing hikes, kayaking trips and by bike too. The knowledge, leadership and passion of the guides was a huge part of the success.

– Heather /
Victoria, Australia ”



Cruise Milford Sound

Day 5 – Hike the Nydia Track

On today's adventure we will hike on the Nydia Track carrying just what we need for our night spent at Nydia Lodge. We'll arrive at Nydia Lodge in the afternoon, leaving you with plenty of time to soak in the surroundings, enjoy the native birdlife or have a dip in the ocean.

Stay: Nydia Lodge

Day 6 – Pelorus Sound to Nelson

After a night spent in the backcountry, it's time to visit Nelson, the sunniest place in New Zealand! Nelson is the oldest city on the South Island and the second oldest in New Zealand.

Stay: Nelson



Routeburn Track.



Nydia Track



Kepler Track, Fiordland



Haast Jet Boat



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Dusky dolphins, Kaikoura

Day 7 – Explore Nelson

Today is yours to spend as you please. The seaside town boasts a lively arts scene, beaches galore and food and wine to delight your senses. Many guests choose to do a day trip to Abel Tasman National Park.

Stay: Nelson

Day 8 – Hike to Lakehead Hut

Today we'll head to Nelson Lakes National Park. We'll hike to Lakehead Hut in the afternoon, leaving you with plenty of time to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of your surroundings while your guides prepare a delicious meal for you.

Stay: Lakehead Hut

Day 9 – Lakehead Hut to St Arnaud and the West Coast

Today we'll hike back to St Arnaud, enjoying the native beech forest and glistening shoreline of Lake Rotoiti along the way. This afternoon we will make our way to the wild West Coast. With its dramatic coastline, expansive rainforests and incredible wildlife, it's sure to be a highlight of your trip.

Stay: Buller Bay

Day 10 – Hike Paparoa National Park & Kayak Lake Mapourika

We'll start our day with a short stroll on the Cape Foulwind Walkway where we'll make our way to Tauranga Bay Seal Colony. We'll then hike the secluded Pororari River Walk deep into the rainforest, with its lush greenery and limestone cliffs, before travelling onwards to Glacier Country. This afternoon we'll enjoy a peaceful guided

kayak trip on Lake Mapourika.

Stay: Franz Josef

Day 11 – Haast River Jet Boat

Today you'll enjoy mountains, beaches and pristine rivers all in one fantastic day. We'll head towards the Haast Pass to enjoy the famous Haast River Jet Boat experience.

Stay: Makarora

Day 12 – Hike near Queenstown

Today we'll travel back towards Queenstown. This morning we'll explore the historic Arrowtown, a quaint, old gold-mining settlement. You'll walk the Arrow River Trail, a local favourite.

Stay: Te Anau

Day 13 – Hike Routeburn Track to Key Summit and cruise Milford Sound

Today we'll hike to Key Summit on the famous Routeburn Track. The view from the top is across to the imposing Darran Mountains. We'll then take a cruise of the iconic Milford Sound. Get ready to see spectacular granite cliffs and crashing waterfalls cascading through rainforest.

Stay: Te Anau

Day 14 – Kepler Track & finish in Queenstown

The Kepler track is renowned for its vivid green moss, lush beech forest, and incredible mountains. Today we'll hike a stunning section of the Kepler Track through native beech forest – a fitting end to your New Zealand adventure.



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