

Pure South



South Island

Activity Level: 2-4

Style

Dig into delightful home cooked dishes and dine out in our favourite restaurants. Sleep in comfortable accommodation on your week-long adventure in the heart of New Zealand's mountains.



Pure South A distillation of the very best.

Day 1 – Arrive Queenstown & Hike Kepler Track

After meeting your guides and fellow travellers in Queenstown, we'll head to Fiordland National Park. The Kepler Track is one of New Zealand's 10 Great Walks and is renowned for its vivid green moss, lush beech forest, and stunning mountain ranges. Today we'll walk along a pleasant section through glorious native beech forest.

Stay: Te Anau

Day 2 - Hike Routeburn Track & Cruise Milford Sound

Described as the "eighth wonder of the world", today we will explore Milford Sound by sea and on foot. We will start the day with a hike on the famous Routeburn Track up to Key Summit. The view from the top is across to the snow-capped Mt Christina. This afternoon we will enjoy Milford's towering granite cliffs and thundering waterfalls on a cruise of Milford Sound.

Stay: Te Anau

Day 3 – Explore Wanaka & Hike Rocky Mountain Track

Today we leave the rainforest behind and head for the beautiful mountain resort town of Wanaka, the gateway to Mount Aspiring National Park. This afternoon we'll hike to the Lake Wanaka Lookout to appreciate the sweeping views out over the Southern Alps and Lake Wanaka.

Stay: Wanaka

Day 4 – Scenic flight into Mount Aspiring National Park, hike & wilderness jet boat

Get ready for a real New Zealand backcountry experience! We'll begin with a scenic bush plane flight deep into Mount Aspiring National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Landing in an isolated valley, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch before hiking back down to the river where a jet boat will be waiting to whisk you back to civilisation and your comfortable bed in Wanaka.

Stay: Wanaka



My experience with New Zealand Trails was wonderful and one I would love to do again in the future. Everything was so well planned and smooth. Our guides made every day a joy! The country we travelled through was spectacular and what a pleasure to spend time in some of the most beautiful places in New Zealand. I really appreciate the maturity of our two guides. They brought experience, knowledge and confidence to all that we did and I felt very comfortable with that.

– Brenda | Arizona, USA

Day 5 – Kayak Wanaka & Explore Omarama's Clay Cliffs.

Enjoy a morning spent on the waters of Lake Wanaka as we paddle around the famous "Wanaka Tree", and stop for a walk on Ruby Island. This afternoon it's a change of scenery as we make our way to the Mackenzie Country. We'll stop to explore the Omarama Clay Cliffs, these impressive other-worldly rock formations were formed over a million years ago by the flow of ancient glaciers. We'll spend the next two nights staying at the foot of New Zealand's highest mountain, Aoraki/ Mount Cook.

Stay: Aoraki/ Mt Cook Region









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Day 6 - Your choice in Aoraki/ Mount Cook National Park

Known as "cloud piercer" to Māori and standing tall at 3,724 metres (over 12,000 feet) is Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain. The National Park is home to glaciers, icebergs and our tallest mountains. Check out the many hiking tracks and trails, or get up close to the icebergs on a glacier boat tour, or even splurge on a heli-hike if you'd like. **Stay: Aoraki/Mt Cook Region**

Day 7 – Hike Arrow River Trail & finish in Queenstown

This morning we'll begin with a drive back through the picturesque Mackenzie Country, an area of jaw-dropping beauty. We'll make our way to the historic Arrowtown, a quaint old gold-mining settlement just a short drive from Queenstown and take one last walk on the Arrow River Trail. While you're walking, you'll have the opportunity to plant a native seedling and leave a small legacy of your own here in New Zealand. This afternoon, we'll say our farewells in Queenstown.

