

# Pure South

**8** 

South Island



## **Activity Level: 2-4**

#### **Style**

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Queenstown



Christchurch

# Pure South - 8 day itinerary

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 renowned for its vivid green moss, native beech forest, and stunning mountain ranges. We'll walk the section from Rainbow Reach up to Moturau Hut. Following the Waiau River through beech forest and wetlands.

Stay: Te Anau

## Day 2: Cruise Milford Sound & Hike Routeburn Track

Described as the "eighth wonder of the world", enjoy Milford's towering granite cliffs and thundering waterfalls on a cruise of Milford Sound. Back on dry land we'll venture further into Fiordland National Park, 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.

Stay: Te Anau

### Day 3 – Bike or walk near Queenstown & explore Wanaka

Today we leave the rainforest behind and head for the high-country lakes of Central Otago. We'll explore Queenstown's stunning surrounds by bike or on foot. We then head over to the beautiful mountain resort town of Wanaka, gateway to Mount Aspiring National Park.

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



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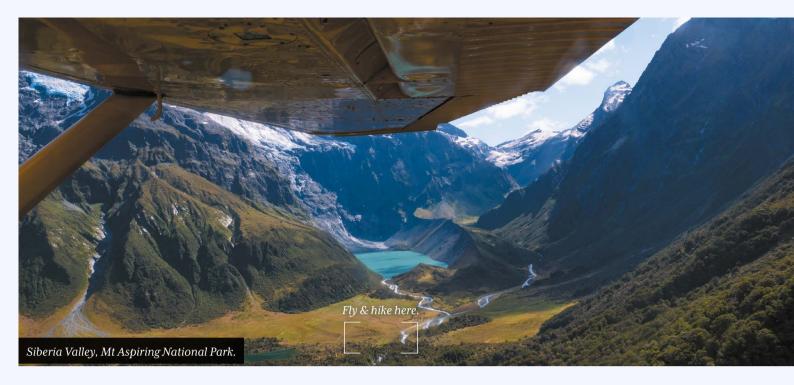
## Day 5 – Hike Wanaka & Aoraki/Mount Cook

We'll start the day off with a hike up to Rocky Mountain to appreciate the sweeping views out over the Southern Alps and Lake Wanaka. This afternoon it's a change of scenery as we make our way to the Mackenzie Country. It's an area of jaw-dropping beauty, wide-open skies, glacial lakes and distant towering peaks. 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











### Day 6 – Your choice in Aoraki/Mo unt 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, 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 near Tekapo & explore Akaroa

This morning we'll make the steady climb up Mount John though forest and tussock to the observatory at the top. As we walk, we'll look out over 360-degree views across the impressive Mackenzie Basin flats and surrounding mountains and lakes. We'll then make our way to the charming town of Akaroa, a historic French settlement nestled in a quiet harbour.

Stay: Akaroa

# Day 8 - Akaroa dolphin swim & finish in Christchurch

We've saved one last 'only in New Zealand' adventure for this morning. A chance to get up close to Hector's dolphins, the smallest and rarest dolphins in the world. We'll say our farewells in Christchurch.





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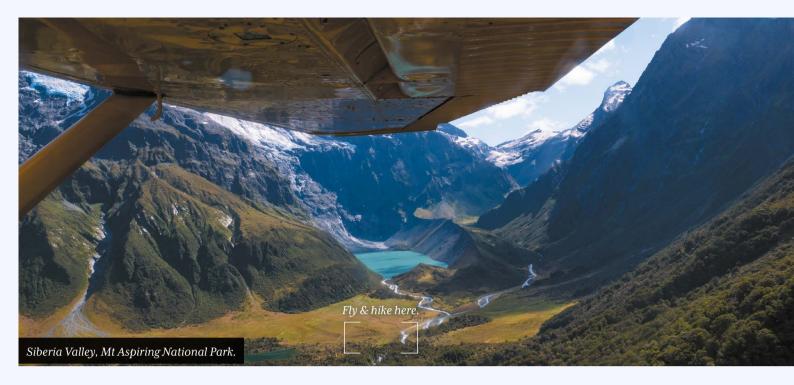
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