

# WORLD HERITAGE



South Island

## Activity Level: 2-3

### Style

You'll be treated to wonderful accommodation in stunning locations, world-class restaurants serving the best Kiwi fare and unique experiences reserved for the lucky few.

Start Christchurch Finish Christchurch

## World Heritage Walking Tour Enjoy exclusive access to the very best of New Zealand's Great Walks and National Parks.

## Day 1 – Arrive in Christchurch & hike Arthur's Pass National Park

After meeting your guide and fellow travellers, we'll head for the impressive Canterbury high-country. Our first hike is in the beautiful Arthur's Pass National Park, before we continue to the remote West Coast town of Punakaiki, home of the Pancake Rocks.

#### Stay: Punakaiki

### Day 2 – Hike Paparoa National Park

Today we'll hike in one of New Zealand's most untouched areas. With its towering limestone cliffs and lush vegetation, this area feels like something straight out of Jurassic Park. We'll also check out the blowholes and limestone formations of the Pancake Rocks. **Stay: Punakaiki** 

## Day 3 – West Coast & kayak on Okarito Lagoon

Today we travel to the tiny township of

Okarito, home to New Zealand's largest coastal lagoon. Accompanied by specialist guides, enjoy the majestic views and abundant birdlife on a peaceful kayak trip of the lagoon.

#### Stay: Franz Josef

### Day 4 – Glacier Country & Mount Aspiring National Park

Keep your camera handy today to capture the picture-perfect views of Lake Matheson and Franz Josef's terminal face, as we enjoy our morning hike in Glacier Country. We then continue along the West Coast to our third National Park of the trip, Mt Aspiring. **Stay: Wanaka** 

# Day 5 – Lake Wanaka boat cruise & hike Mou Waho Island

This morning we'll cruise across picturesque Lake Wanaka to the tiny island wildlife sanctuary of Mou Waho. Guided by an experienced ecologist, we'll explore this



From the moment our guide, Chris, introduced himself, he exuded an air of calmness, good humour and inclusion that brought the whole group together. Chris is definitely a thinker and people person. His appreciation for what his country and people can offer to outsiders is infectious and we came away having experienced so much more than just two weeks walking the tracks of New Zealand. – Kim & Sondra |

Perth, Australia

magical spot, then make our way to the alpine resort town of Queenstown. Stay: Queenstown

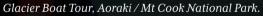
### Day 6 - Hike the famed Routeburn Track

This morning we travel to Glenorchy at the head of Lake Wakatipu - a journey regularly voted one of the best drives in the world. We have the whole day to explore the Routeburn Track, one of New Zealand's 'Great Walks'. Stay: Queenstown

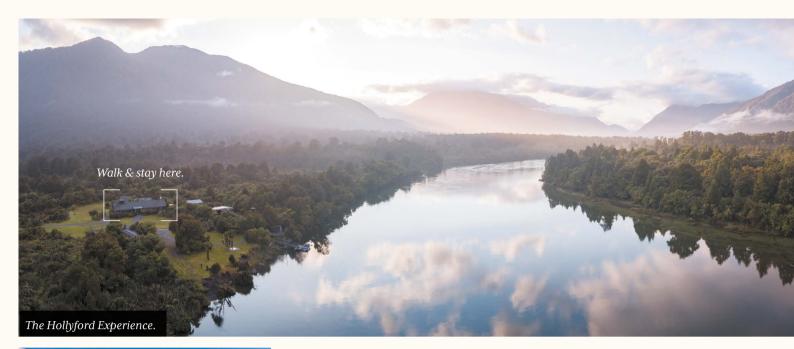
## Day 7 - Explore Queenstown

Today you'll be spoilt for choice in the 'adventure capital of the world', Queenstown.











Aoraki / Mt Cook National Park.





There's something for everyone, from adrenaline activities like bungy jumping and jet boating to more gentle pursuits such as wine tasting, a round of golf or a spa treatment. Today is yours to enjoy as you choose.

### Stay: Queenstown

### Day 8 – Milford Sound & Martins Bay Lodge

Today we journey to one of the most pristine corners of New Zealand. It's an extraordinary drive through diverse landscapes. Our destination is the spectacular Milford Sound where a helicopter awaits to take us even further into Fiordland. At remote Martins Bay, we'll hike to a seal colony before hitching a jet boat ride back to our wilderness lodge.

Stay: Martins Bay Lodge

# Day 9 – Fiordland backcountry, jet boat ride & Hollyford Track

We start the day with a second thrilling jet boat ride, this time up the Hollyford River and across Lake McKerrow, a beautiful wilderness valley. We'll enjoy a full-day guided hike on the Hollyford Track, then travel back to Te Anau for dinner with lake views and a great night's rest. **Stay: Te Anau** 

### Day 10 - Cruise Doubtful Sound

Today we'll journey across Lake Manapouri, over the breathtaking Wilmot Pass and into the heart of Fiordland National Park. Spanning a staggering 40 kilometres (25 miles), Doubtful Sound is the deepest of New Zealand's 14 fiords and one of the most spectacular.

Stay: Te Anau

## Day 11 – Gibbston Valley, highcountry lakes, Aoraki/Mount Cook & stargazing tour

After a relaxed start, we'll make our way to the world-class wine-growing region Gibbston Valley, where we'll enjoy a selection of locally produced wines over a leisurely lunch. Then it's on to Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, an area of vast snowcovered mountains and glacier-fed lakes. **Stay: Aoraki/Mt Cook** 

### Day 12 – Glacier boat tour & Aoraki/ Mount Cook National Park options

Home to not only our highest mountain, the park boasts a further 19 peaks topping over 3,000 metres (9,800 feet). After a scenic glacier boat tour this morning, choices this afternoon include hiking the Hooker Valley track or an upgrade to an optional glacier heli-hike.

Stay: Aoraki/Mt Cook

### Day 13 – Tekapo and Mackenzie Country, depart Christchurch

Enjoy the incredible Mackenzie Country scenery as we make our way back to Christchurch. After 13 days of extraordinary experiences, adventures, friendship, and fun, we'll say our goodbyes in Christchurch.

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