

Post TRENZ Famil - West Coast

12-16 May 2024

WEST COAST
NEW ZEALAND
UNTAMED NATURAL WILDERNESS



Development West Coast

Tourism New Zealand

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Explore the Untamed Natural Wilderness of the West Coast, South Island

The West Coast, or 'the Coast' as locals call it, is an untamed natural wilderness of rivers and rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures. This region is 600km long and there's a lot to see. In fact, the Great Coast Road stretching from Westport to Greymouth is one of the top 10 coastal drives in the world rated by Lonely Planet..

Starts: 12 May 2024 in Christchurch

Ends: 16 May 2024 in Christchurch

Number of seats available: 8

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Additional notes: Please arrive in Christchurch on May 11th as the Famil starts early on May 12th.


Day 1 Sunday, 12 May 2024



Make your way from your Accommodation to Christchurch Train Station

Please make your way from your accommodation to Christchurch Railway station to meet your Tour Leader and the rest of the group. Plan to arrive at the train station at 07:30am (check in closes at 07:50am / Train departs at 08:15am).

Date and time

 12 May 2024

Location

 Start: null

 End: Christchurch 8011, New Zealand



TranzAlpine Train

Train



Great Journeys New Zealand

TranzAlpine - Christchurch to Greymouth

The TranzAlpine is rated as one of the world's best train journeys, travelling covering 223 km (139 miles) one-way, taking just under 5 hours from one coast of New Zealand to the other, over the spectacular Southern Alps.


Our Scenic Class carriage experience combines comfort and panoramic views, making our trains the perfect way to explore New Zealand.

With spacious seating, airy ambience, and generous amounts of legroom, our Scenic Class carriages deliver unrestrained comfort. And to heighten this comfort, we've added air conditioning and state-of-the-art airbag suspension to guarantee a smooth ride across New Zealand's rugged terrain.

Experience spectacular views of dramatic alpine landscapes; snow-capped mountain peaks, thrilling viaducts, braided rivers, and sub-tropical rain forests.

Check in at least 20 minutes prior to the train's departure.

Date and time

 Departure: 12 May 2024 at 8:15 am (Check-in 7:45 am)

 Arrival: 12 May 2024 at 1:05 pm

Details

TranzAlpine (Christchurch - Greymouth (Scenic Plus)) x 8



Welcome to the West Coast

West Coast



Palm-fringed beaches, icy glaciers, historic places and everything in between ... the West Coast stretches 600 km from Kahurangi Point in the north to Awarua Point in the south, but never more than about 50 km across between the Tasman Sea and the Southern Alps.

We're New Zealand's third largest region but more like a series of regions and districts, each with their own unique landscape, distinct climate, attractions and stories.

Discovering our treasures will take a while. Millions of years went into forming this land – good things take time so be prepared to stay longer!



Transfer with Hokitika Scenic Tours

Transfer
Hokitika 7810, New Zealand



At Hokitika Scenic Tours we specialise in guided tours of this magnificent part of Aotearoa. From accommodation bookings and transfers for private groups, through to half and full-day tours or multi-day tour packages. Our goal is to create the best, custom experience for you and your family and friends.

Date and time

Pick up: 12 May 2024 at 1:05 pm

Drop off: 16 May 2024 at 5:00 pm

Location

Hokitika 7810, New Zealand

Details

Transfer with Hokitika Scenic Tours (Entire famil transfer)
x 1




Transfer from Greymouth Railway Station to Monteiths Brewery


Greymouth Railway Station, 164 MacKay Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2024 at 1:20 pm

 End: 12 May 2024 at 1:30 pm

Location

 Start: 164 MacKay Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

 End: 60 Herbert Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

**Monteith's Brewery Tour**

Activity

Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



At Monteith's Brewing Company we love beer.

Come and enjoy one of our locally brewed award-winning beers and great hearty meals. Located in Greymouth on the West Coast, Monteith's Brewery is the original home of craft brewing in New Zealand and is a recognised Qualmark Gold visitor experience. This is thanks to our great hospitality, fabulous menu, prompt service and wonderful stories; not to mention, our selection of award-winning beers and ciders.

(Brewery Tour is not included in this famil)

The Monteith's Beer Experience is a walking, talking and tasting tour through the original home of Monteith's. We'll take you backstage to learn all about our family of beers and ciders, from our history and how it's made, through to pouring the perfect glass, direct from the tap. Learn everything you need to know about our former brewery in this fully immersive tasting experience, and leave feeling like a pro.

Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2024 at 1:30 pm

 End: 12 May 2024 at 2:30 pm

Location

 Greymouth 7805, New Zealand


Details


Beer Experience Tour (Entry) x 9

**Transfer from Monteiths Brewery to Copthorne Hotel**


Monteiths Brewery, 60 Herbert Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2024 at 2:30 pm

 End: 12 May 2024 at 2:35 pm

Location

 Start: 60 Herbert Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

 End: 32 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



Site Inspection - Copthorne Hotel Greymouth

Guide


Greymouth 7805, New Zealand




With a riverside location right in the centre of town, Copthorne Hotel Greymouth offers comfortable, modern 53 room accommodation, just refurbished, along with Jimmy Cook's Kiwi Kitchen restaurant and bar:


- ✓ 44 x Superior room
- ✓ 8 x Superior Riverview room
- ✓ 1 x suite

Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2024 at 2:35 pm

 End: 12 May 2024 at 3:00 pm

Location

 Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1

Inclusions


Site Inspection



Transfer from Copthorne Hotel to the Ashley Hotel


Copthorne Hotel Greymouth, 32 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2024 at 3:00 pm

 End: 12 May 2024 at 3:10 pm

Location

 Start: 32 Mawhera Quay, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

 End: 74 Tasman Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



Site Inspection - Ashley Hotel

Guide

Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



Our contemporary Greymouth Hotel provides convenience and comfort for business and leisure travellers alike. The Ashley Hotel Greymouth is a 5-minute drive from Greymouth's town centre and Greymouth Railway Station.

60 rooms - Various room types to suit any kind of traveler.

Date and time

Start: 12 May 2024 at 3:10 pm

End: 12 May 2024 at 3:40 pm

Location

Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1



Transfer from the Ashley Hotel to Punakaiki

The Ashley Hotel Greymouth, 74 Tasman Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

Date and time

Start: 12 May 2024 at 3:40 pm

End: 12 May 2024 at 4:30 pm

Location

Start: 74 Tasman Street, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

End: Punakaiki, New Zealand



Pancake Rocks & Blowholes Walk

Pancake Rocks Cafe, Coast Road, Punakaiki 4300, New Zealand



Explore a limestone landscape of pancake-shaped rock formations, blowholes and surge pools on this short, paved walk that's great for families.

Distance: 1.1km


Duration: 20/30 min loop.

This is an all-weather walk around the curious limestone formations of pancake rocks and blowholes. With the exception of an optional short section with steps, the walk is suitable for wheelchairs (with assistance).

Blowholes form from a mixture of compressed water and air escaping through the caverns below and being forced upwards, creating a huge wall of spray. They are at their best around high tide when there is a south-westerly swell.

Spectacular views, geological oddities, coastal forest, rich birdlife and marine mammals are highlights along this walk.

Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2024 at 4:30 pm

 End: 12 May 2024 at 5:00 pm

Location

 Coast Road, Punakaiki 4300, New Zealand



Transfer from Pancake Rocks & Blowholes to Scenic Hotel Punakaiki

Pancake Rocks and Blowholes Track, 4294 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 12 May 2024 at 5:00 pm

 End: 12 May 2024 at 5:05 pm

Location

 Start: 4294 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand

 End: 4237 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand



Accommodation (1 night)

7873, New Zealand



Scenic Hotel Punakaiki (previously Ocean View Retreat / Punakaiki Resort). Site inspection, dinner and overnight.

Situated 30 minutes north of Greymouth and 300m south of the famous Pancakes Rocks and Blowholes, the Resort is surrounded by the Paparoa National Park and is only a stone's throw from the beach. The 63 rooms are modern studio units, designed in harmony with the local environment to maintain a sense of privacy and have either ocean or rainforest views.

- 13 x Beachview rooms
- 14 x Grand Ocean view rooms
- 24 x Rainforest rooms
- 12 x Deluxe suites

Date and time

📅 Check-in: 12 May 2024 at 5:05 pm

📅 Check-out: 13 May 2024 at 8:00 am

Location

📍 7873, New Zealand

Details

The Scenic - Ocean View Retreat (Room & Breakfast) x 10



Dine at The Ocean View Restaurant

Meal

Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand



Dinner at the Ocean View Restaurant - (In house restaurant) 3 course dinner.

The Ocean View restaurant is open 7-days a week offering breakfast, and dinner service to hotel guests, locals, and visitors to Punakaiki.

Our Executive Chef's pursuit of excellence and quality ensures that local foods and flavours flow through into an exceptional dining experience. The Ocean View Restaurant offers contemporary and fresh New Zealand cuisine.

Watch the sunset over the Tasman Sea and enjoy the epic views of the Punakaiki Beach and Coastline from your table.

Date and time

📅 Start: 12 May 2024 at 6:30 pm

📅 End: 12 May 2024 at 8:30 pm

Location

📍 Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand

Details

The Ocean View Restaurant (3 Course Dinner) x 10


Day 2 Monday, 13 May 2024




Transfer from Scenic Hotel Punakaiki to Breakers Boutique Accommodation


Scenic Hotel Punakaiki, 4237 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 8:00 am

 End: 13 May 2024 at 8:30 am

Location

 Start: 4237 State Highway 6, Punakaiki 7873, New Zealand

 End: Greymouth 7873, New Zealand



Site Inspection - Breakers Boutique Accommodation

Activity


Greymouth 7873, New Zealand



Stunningly located on the Punakaiki Coastline, overlooking the Tasman Sea, Breakers is a boutique bed & breakfast, offering true NZ hospitality with its beachfront location and amazing panoramic sea views.

- 2 x rooms upstairs in main house (Breakthrough & Breakwater)
- 2 x rooms in the annex (Driftwood & Sunset)

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 8:30 am

 End: 13 May 2024 at 9:00 am

Location

 Greymouth 7873, New Zealand

Details


Site Inspection at Breakers (Site Inspection) x 1




Transfer from Breakers Boutique Accommodation to Goldfield Suites

Breakers Boutique Accommodation, Greymouth 7873, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 9:00 am

 End: 13 May 2024 at 9:30 am

Location

 Start: Greymouth 7873, New Zealand

 End: 376a Rutherglen Road, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



Site Inspection - Goldfield Suites

Guide


Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



Tranquil oasis nestled within 2 hectares of native bush and placed to make the most of the views and the rural setting. Our 5 suites are self-contained with luxurious touches and modern features. Here, you will enjoy the birdsong and tranquility that can only be experienced in the countryside, yet still be close to Greymouth attractions.


- ✓ 4 x self-contained queen suites
- ✓ 1 x queen studio

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 9:30 am

 End: 13 May 2024 at 10:00 am

Location

 Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

Details


Site Inspection (Adult) x 1




Transfer from Goldfield Suites to Shantytown Heritage Park

Goldfield Suites, 376a Rutherglen Road, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 10:00 am

 End: 13 May 2024 at 10:05 am

Location

 Start: 376a Rutherglen Road, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

 End: Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



Shantytown Heritage Park

Activity

Greymouth 7805, New Zealand



Admission including train ride and gold panning.


Enter into a world of a forgotten era.... experience Shantytown!


Discover fascinating stories of real New Zealanders and experience a recreated gold-rush village. West Coast isolation, extreme weather and rugged terrain produced stories of fortitude and ingenuity. Shantytown tells these pioneering stories through a fascinating mix of experience and displays.

Ride the steam train through native rainforest, experience the sights and sounds of a working sawmill, watch the sluice gun blast gold bearing rock and soil from the earth, then follow the races to the gold claim and pan for your own gold.

The village, with 30 shops and buildings to explore shows life the way it used to be. Catch the show in our new holographic theatre. For a memento of Shantytown nothing is better than an old-time photo.

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 10:05 am

 End: 13 May 2024 at 11:05 am

Location

 Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

Details


Entry & Gold Panning Experience (Adult) x 9



Transfer from Shantytown Heritage Park to Beachfront Hotel Hokitika

Shantytown Heritage Park, Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 11:05 am

 End: 13 May 2024 at 11:35 am

Location

 Start: Greymouth 7805, New Zealand

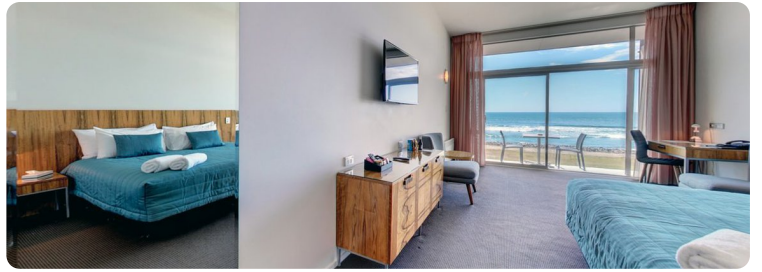
 End: 111 Revell Street, Hokitika 7810, New Zealand



Site Inspection - Beachfront Hotel Hokitika

Guide

Hokitika 7810, New Zealand



Beachfront Hotel Hokitika's unique location on the shores of the Tasman Sea and in the centre of Hokitika. In just a few steps, you can feel the sand between your toes as you beachcomb or be shopping for greenstone, ruby and native wood crafts at the many local workshops and displays.

The accommodation comprises two very different wings; from comfortable street frontage rooms to modern, luxury beachfront rooms. Full services including restaurant, bar and event facilities.

Date and time

Start: 13 May 2024 at 11:35 am

End: 13 May 2024 at 12:00 pm

Location

Hokitika 7810, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1



Walk to The Hokitika Sandwich Company for lunch

Beachfront Hotel Hokitika, 111 Revell Street, Hokitika 7810, New Zealand

Walk to The Hokitika Sandwich Company - about 5 minutes.

Date and time

Start: 13 May 2024 at 12:00 pm

End: 13 May 2024 at 12:05 pm

Location

Start: 111 Revell Street, Hokitika 7810, New Zealand

End: 83a Revell Street, Hokitika 7810, New Zealand



Lunch - The Hokitika Sandwich Company

Meal

Hokitika 7810, New Zealand



This isn't just any ordinary sandwich and coffee shop. We believe the secret to a great sandwich is great ingredients.

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 12:00 pm

 End: 13 May 2024 at 1:00 pm

Location

 Hokitika 7810, New Zealand

Details


The Hokitika Sandwich Company (Lunch) x 10




Transfer from Hokitika Sandwich Company to Hokitika Driftwood Sign

The Hokitika Sandwich Company - West Coast, 83a Revell Street, Hokitika 7810, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 1:00 pm

 End: 13 May 2024 at 1:05 pm

Location

 83a Revell Street, Hokitika 7810, New Zealand




Hokitika Driftwood sign


Hokitika Beach Sign, 72 Beach Street, Hokitika 7810, New Zealand



Group photo opportunity - An iconic landmark of New Zealand, simplistic in its conception, but iconic as the perfect snap of the setting sun over the Tasman Sea.

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 1:00 pm

 End: 13 May 2024 at 1:15 pm

Location


 72 Beach Street, Hokitika 7810, New Zealand




Transfer from Hokitika to Okarito

Hokitika, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 1:15 pm

 End: 13 May 2024 at 3:00 pm

Location

 Start: Hokitika, New Zealand

 End: Ōkārito 7886, New Zealand



Okarito Boat Eco Tour

Activity


Ōkārito 7886, New Zealand




The most popular tour is the all-encompassing 2 Hour EcoTour departing at 9 AM from the Ōkārito Wharf and heads up the main lagoon channel.

We'll watch a variety of wading birds along the way, tell you about the wetlands and conservation efforts and programs in full force! and on clear days, pause for mountain and reflection photos. Then we drift slowly up the rainforest waterways, stopping for a hot drink and snack along the way.

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 3:00 pm

 End: 13 May 2024 at 4:30 pm

Location

 Ōkārito 7886, New Zealand

Details


The Okarito Eco Tour (Adult) x 9




Transfer from Okarito to Franz Josef

Ōkārito 7886, New Zealand

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 4:30 pm

 End: 13 May 2024 at 5:00 pm

Location

 Start: Ōkārito 7886, New Zealand

 End: Franz Josef / Waiiau 7886, New Zealand



Half the group to check in at Franz Josef Glacier Guides

4 x agents to check in for weights and equipment with Franz Josef Glacier Guides for Heli Hike activity the following day.

Date and time

13 May 2024



Accommodation (1 night)

Franz Josef / Waiau 7856, New Zealand



Rainforest Retreat is situated at the heart of Franz Josef Village on the West Coast of New Zealand's South Island. Secluded but surrounded by a host of local activities and sights, Rainforest Retreat is the perfect base to unwind and explore from. Nestled amongst native bush at the feet of the Southern Alps, Rainforest Retreat offers premium Tree House, Tree Lodge, Tree Huts and Park Motel accommodation, and a friendly and fun backpackers and holiday camp.

- ✓ 50+ x Powered Campervan Sites
- ✓ 40+ x Dorm rooms
- ✓ 8 x Small Ensuite
- ✓ 12 x Studio Motels
- ✓ 6 x Tree Lodges
- ✓ 2 x Tree Huts
- ✓ 5 x Deluxe Tree Hut (2 Pax),
- ✓ 8 x Deluxe Tree Lodge (3 Pax),
- ✓ 6 x Deluxe 2 Bedroom Spa Treehouse (5 Pax)

Date and time

Check-in: 13 May 2024 at 6:00 pm

Check-out: 14 May 2024 at 7:00 am

Location

Franz Josef / Waiau 7856, New Zealand

Details

Rainforest Retreat - Deluxe Spa Treehouse (Double Room) x 10



Check in at hotel and time to freshen up / free time before dinner

Check in and freshen up at Rainforest Retreat before dinner.

From 18:00 to 19:00 (1 hour)

Date and time


 13 May 2024




Walk from Rainforest Retreat to Alice May Restaurant


Rainforest Retreat, 46 Cron Street, Franz Josef / Waiau 7856, New Zealand


Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 6:55 pm

 End: 13 May 2024 at 7:00 pm

Location

 Start: 46 Cron Street, Franz Josef / Waiau 7856, New Zealand

 End: 30 Cron Street, Franz Josef / Waiau 7886, New Zealand



Dine at Alice May Restaurant

Meal

Franz Josef / Waiau 7886, New Zealand



3 course dinner.

Immerse yourself in the story of Alice May Parkinson along with some mouth-watering food and great ambience.


Alice May prides itself in serving traditional New Zealand homemade food.

Decorated with a nostalgic nod to 19th century New Zealand, with white walls, exposed rafters and plenty of historical relics, Alice May provides classic Kiwi cuisine in an atmospheric setting.

Don't forget to ask about the colourful past of their namesake (no spoilers)!

Date and time

 Start: 13 May 2024 at 7:00 pm

 End: 13 May 2024 at 8:30 pm

Location

 Franz Josef / Waiau 7886, New Zealand

Details

Dine at Alice May (Dinner) x 10



Walk from Alice May Restaurant to rainforest Retreat

Alice May Restaurant, Franz Josef, 30 Cron Street, Franz Josef / Waiau 7886, New Zealand

Date and time

Start: 13 May 2024 at 8:30 pm

End: 13 May 2024 at 8:35 pm

Location

Start: 30 Cron Street, Franz Josef / Waiau 7886, New Zealand

End: 46 Cron Street, Franz Josef / Waiau 7856, New Zealand

Day 3 Tuesday, 14 May 2024



Group to split

Fox Glacier Guiding - Flying Fox Heli Hike (4 pax)

This group will transfer from Rainforest Retreat (07:10) to Fox Glacier Guiding (07:40) with Glacier Shuttles & Charters.

Activity Flying Fox Heli Hike - fly in 08:15 / fly out 09:30

Franz Josef Glacier Guides - Heli Hike (4 pax)

This group will walk from Rainforest Retreat (07:40) to The Helicopter Line (07:45)

Activity Glacier Heli Hike - fly in 08:00 / fly out 09:45

Date and time

14 May 2024



Glacier Shuttles & Charters - Franz Josef to Fox Glacier

Transfer

Franz Josef Glacier 7886, New Zealand



We can cater to your group travel plans with a tailored, chartered service. We can meet and greet you at the TranzAlpine Train in Greymouth, at Hokitika, Christchurch, Nelson, or Queenstown airports or the Picton Ferry and take you to your destinations. We can help you design your bespoke sight-seeing itinerary. Our knowledge of South Island and the West Coast is unparalleled.

Date and time

Pick up: 14 May 2024 at 7:10 am

Drop off: 14 May 2024 at 10:15 am

Location

Franz Josef Glacier 7886, New Zealand

Details

Franz Josef to Fox Glacier (Adult - One Way) x 4



Fox Glacier Guides – Flying Fox Heli Hike

Activity

Fox Glacier 7951, New Zealand



Flying Fox Heli Hike – 2 hrs total / 1h15 on ice (shortened experience)

The fly-in, fly-out Flying Fox Heli Hike combines the excitement of walking on the Fox Glacier with the thrill of helicopter flights. By flying in you are able to access and explore a part of the glacier where its forces work hardest and often create spectacular ice caves and arches.

Equipped with leather walking boots and other equipment, you board the helicopter for your first flight over the pinnacles of the lower icefall. Here, the ice is in constant motion.

Your landing site on the ice is a remote and exceptionally beautiful part of the glacier. You will see the stunning Victoria Falls, which is the melt river from the hidden Victoria glacier. At this stage, your guide outfits you with crampons, specially designed for these ice conditions and you follow the ice steps cut by your guide as you explore the amazing ice formations.

FGG will kit everyone up with the following:

- ❑ Crampons
- ❑ Walking poles
- ❑ Backpack
- ❑ Waterproof jacket ❑ Overtrousers
- ❑ Leather boots
- ❑ Socks

Everyone will need to bring the following:

- ❑ 3-4 layers of warm upper body clothing
- ❑ Suitable long pants for walking (no jeans. tracksuits & leggings are fine)
- ❑ Sunglasses
- ❑ Sunblock, there is some available pre departure
- ❑ Your own warm hat (no pom pom) and gloves if you prefer

📷 Your camera or phone

🍷 A small water bottle and a light snack

📄 Essential medication

Please don't bring a backpack – you can put these things in the bag you will be provided.

No previous experience is necessary for our trips, the guides are there for full instruction.

Notes: This activity is weather dependent. If it is not safe to operate we will have to cancel the trip. FGG usually make the call on the morning of the trip.

Date and time

📅 Start: 14 May 2024 at 7:45 am

📅 End: 14 May 2024 at 9:45 am

Location

📍 Fox Glacier 7951, New Zealand

Details

Flying Fox Heli Hike (Adult) x 4



Franz Josef Glacier Guides - Glacier Heli Hike

Activity

Franz Josef / Waiau 7886, New Zealand



Glacier Heli Hike - 2 hrs (shortened experience for this Famil)

The magnificent Franz Josef Glacier is widely regarded as the gem of New Zealand's West Coast Glaciers. Franz Josef Glacier Guides gives you the opportunity to experience the most spectacular glacier environment available to the general public anywhere in the world.

After an exciting scenic flight, you land high up on the glacier and undertake a 2 hour guided hike amongst some of the most pristine and awe-inspiring glacier scenery available. Your guide chooses the route as you go and with an eye for the most spectacular ice formations, you'll soon be making your way through a wonderland of towering pinnacles and brilliantly blue ice.

FJGG will kit everyone up with the following:

📄 Crampons

📄 Harness

- ❑ Helmet
- ❑ Waterproof jacket ❑ Waterproof over trousers
- ❑ Weatherproof walking boots
- ❑ Trekking poles
- ❑ A warm hat, gloves and socks
- ❑ A small waist pack to carry your crampons and essentials

Everyone will need to bring the following:

- ❑ Warm, breathable base layers such as merino or polypropylene
- ❑ Suitable long pants for walking (no jeans. tracksuits & leggings are fine)
- ❑ Sunglasses
- ❑ Sunblock, there is some available pre departure
- ❑ Your own warm hat (no pom pom) and gloves if you prefer.
- ❑ Your camera or phone
- ❑ A small water bottle and a light snack

Please don't bring a backpack – you can put these things in the bag your crampons come in.


As you well know glacier terrain is variable and conditions change each day, there will be some uphill components and there may be some spaces such as crevasses to navigate through, so a reasonable level of fitness is required. We do have some safety restrictions in place such as not to be under the influence of intoxicating drugs or alcohol and have not been assessed by a lead guide as lacking the required fitness to complete the trip. Part of that assessment includes some pre-existing medical conditions that may impact people's ability to participate due to the terrain and equipment, so we ask that manuhiri inform us if they have any of the following:


- ❑ Ankle or knee injuries
- ❑ ACL damage
- ❑ Joint replacements / dislocations ❑ Neck or back injuries
- ❑ Diabetes
- ❑ Severe asthma
- ❑ Heart conditions and high / low blood pressure

Notes:


- ❑ This activity is weather dependent. If it is not safe to operate we will have to cancel the trip. FJGG usually make the call on the morning of the trip.

Date and time

 Start: 14 May 2024 at 7:45 am

 End: 14 May 2024 at 9:45 am

Location

 Franz Josef / Waiiau 7886, New Zealand

Details

Glacier Heli Hike (Adult) x 5



Site Inspection - Westwood Lodge

Guide


Franz Josef / Waiiau 7886, New Zealand




Westwood Lodge is nestled in the heart of New Zealand's spectacular Glacier Country, seconds away from the majestic Southern Alps and the World Heritage Westland National Park; our luxurious bed and breakfast lodge is an ideal place to unwind and explore Franz Josef Glacier.

- ✓ 6 x Coach House Suite
- ✓ 2 x Main House Suite
- ✓ 1 x Main House Grand Suite

Date and time

 Start: 14 May 2024 at 10:00 am

 End: 14 May 2024 at 10:30 am

Location

 Franz Josef / Waiiau 7886, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1



Site Inspection - Holly Homestead

Guide

7886, New Zealand



Only 3 minutes from Franz Josef, this colonial homestead full of character and history, built in 1926, is surrounded by breathtaking views of the beautiful Franz Josef scenery.

The hosts Bernie & Gerard will offer your guests refreshments on arrival to enjoy either in the cosy guest lounge or from the outdoor setting.

Four upstairs guest rooms with their own private ensuite.

Date and time

📅 Start: 14 May 2024 at 10:35 am

📅 End: 14 May 2024 at 11:05 am

Location

📍 7886, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Site Inspection) x 1



Off-Road Adventure Tour - Franz Josef Wilderness Tours

Activity

Franz Josef / Waiiau 7886, New Zealand



Let us take you on an amazing, guided off-roading adventure, ride through a beautiful rainforest, splash through rivers, explore an ancient glacier riverbed while being blown away by the breath-taking scenery including the spectacular Southern Alps and Franz Josef Glacier.

Includes: Wet weather jacket and pants, gumboots, and secure storage for belongings at the base.

Date and time

📅 Start: 14 May 2024 at 11:15 am

📅 End: 14 May 2024 at 1:00 pm

Location

📍 Franz Josef / Waiiau 7886, New Zealand

Details

Off-Road Adventure Tour - Franz Josef Glacier (Adult) x 9



Site Inspection - Ross Top 10 Holiday Park

Guide

Ross 7812, New Zealand



Stunning beachside location with a couple friendly focus.


Drift off to sleep listening to the sounds of the Tasman Sea.


All pods are upcycled & repurposed Shipping Container accommodation.

Relax and find that personal re-connection in nature, surrounded by private native Harakeke.

9 x private, self-contained Tui Studios

Date and time

 Start: 14 May 2024 at 2:30 pm

 End: 14 May 2024 at 3:00 pm

Location

 Ross 7812, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1

**West Coast Treetop Walk & Zipline**

Activity


Hokitika 7812, New Zealand



A leisurely 45-minute to one hour stroll through the beautiful West Coast rainforest tree tops. One of the top things to do in Hokitika, only 15 minutes drive south of the town centre. An exhilarating treetop adventure among temperate rainforest giants, experience life with the birds, high in the ancient Rimu and Kamahi tree canopy. 2 options:

- ✓ **Treetop Walk:** Easy access for all to enjoy along a steel platform 20 metres high and over 450 metres long. Climb to the top of Hokitika Tower 45 metres above the forest floor.
- ✓ **The zipline challenge:** it begins from the platform 45m or 15 storeys above the ground into the sky. It's followed by a 425m long 40 seconds 60km/hr flight within the Rimu rainforest canopy before landing opposite the Cafe/Visitor Centre.

Date and time

 Start: 14 May 2024 at 3:15 pm

 End: 14 May 2024 at 4:30 pm

Location

 Hokitika 7812, New Zealand

Details

West Coast Treetop (Walkway - Adult) x 10

Amenities

Free parking

**Site Inspection - Hokitika Fire Station Boutique Accommodation**

Guide

Hokitika 7810, New Zealand



Steeped in local history, this iconic listed building has been lovingly restored and converted into five beautifully styled holiday apartments.

Each apartment at the Hokitika Fire Station has its own unique feel but all five are equally welcoming, with thoughtful

touches of luxury.

- 4 x Studio units
- 1 x 3 bedroom apartment

Date and time

Start: 14 May 2024 at 4:45 pm

End: 14 May 2024 at 5:15 pm

Location

Hokitika 7810, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1



Site Inspection - Woodland Glen Lodge

Guide

Hokitika 7882, New Zealand



Accommodation set in a beautiful country house 2km out of Hokitika township. Escape the bustle of the city for tranquility when you stay. 21 acres of park like grounds to wander as well as a wonderful orchard to sit and enjoy listening to the birds or maybe enjoying a glass of wine.

6 guest rooms:

- Moeraki Super King Suite
- Ilanthe King Room
- Paringa Queen Room
- Mahinapua King Room
- Rotokino Twin Room
- Two Bedroom Suite

Date and time

Start: 14 May 2024 at 5:20 pm

End: 14 May 2024 at 6:00 pm

Location

Hokitika 7882, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1



Accommodation (1 night)

Hokitika 7882, New Zealand




Woodland Glen Lodge Bed and Breakfast – accommodation set in a beautiful country house 2km out of Hokitika on the wild west coast of New Zealand. Escape the bustle of the city for tranquility when you stay. We have 21 acres of park like grounds to wander, we also have a wonderful orchard to sit and enjoy listening to the birds maybe enjoying a glass of wine and a picnic. Drive out to one of our beautiful local lakes where you can sit or swim in the crystal waters.

Date and time

 Check-in: 14 May 2024 at 5:20 pm

 Check-out: 15 May 2024 at 8:00 am

Location

 Hokitika 7882, New Zealand

Details

Woodland Glen Lodge (Room & Breakfast) x 5



Site Inspection - Rimu Lodge


Guide


Hokitika 7883, New Zealand




A boutique lodge where you are able to take time out surrounded by warmth, beauty and comfort. Ideal for discovering the stunning region or simply retreating to the privacy and relaxation of the lodge. All 4 rooms face north east enjoying the sunrise, the Hokitika River and to the mountains beyond. The 2 ground floor rooms opening onto a large deck to enable guests to enjoy the sunny outdoors and listen to the birdsong in the native bush surrounding the lodge. The first floor (upstairs) rooms have access to the deck from the great room.

Date and time

 Start: 14 May 2024 at 6:10 pm

 End: 14 May 2024 at 6:50 pm

Location

 Hokitika 7883, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1



Accommodation (1 night)

Hokitika 7883, New Zealand



Rimu Lodge is the only Qualmark 5 star lodge on the West Coast of the South Island. Nestled in a stunning landscape of pristine forest and majestic mountain ranges. Soak up the peace and tranquility of this architecturally designed lodge. Perfectly located to take in its breath-taking surroundings, the lodge is also just 10 minutes' drive from Hokitika's cafes and restaurants. Four individually designed suites which all enjoy views over the Hokitika river and to the Southern alps beyond farmland and majestic native bush. Rimu lodge is renowned for its laid back luxury, the perfect place for a weekend away or a stopover on your South Island adventure.

Date and time



Check-in: 14 May 2024 at 6:10 pm



Check-out: 15 May 2024 at 8:00 am

Location



Hokitika 7883, New Zealand

Details

Rimu Lodge (Room & Breakfast) x 4



Dine at Woodstock Hotel

Meal


Woodstock 7883, New Zealand




The Woodstock Hotel has been here from the great days of the Goldrush, when Hokitika was the busiest port in New Zealand and was in the mix to be named the capital of New Zealand. The Woodstock Hotel has played many roles in the life of Woodstock, not only as a public house but also as a meeting place, post office and even as a morgue.

You'll find a typical local meeting place where the locals hang out. Real kiwi pub experience with an extensive menu which something for everyone. They also brew their own beer.

Date and time

 Start: 14 May 2024 at 7:00 pm

 End: 14 May 2024 at 9:00 pm

Location

 Woodstock 7883, New Zealand

Details

Dine at Woodstock Hotel (3 course Dinner) x 10

Day 4 Wednesday, 15 May 2024



Kiwi Journeys - West Coast Wilderness Trail

Bicycle

Hokitika




Wilderness Trail E-Bike Hire (ex West Coast Scenic Waterways)


You've probably heard some wild tales about the West Coast - of rugged shorelines, intrepid journeys, sordid stories, hidden treasures... But as the Coasters will be first to tell you, "You dunno the half of it..." Now's the time to discover the last of the wild places and spin a yarn or two of your own, with one of the country's smoothest, most accessible and most popular cycle trails.

This ride takes you through pristine wetlands and continues through native forest bordering Mahinapua Creek, host to many species of waterfowl and other bird life. Cycle through a scenic reserve with forest giants that were once ubiquitous on the coast.

Kiwi Journeys work with only the best partners, so we guarantee quality food, accommodation and activities. Allow Kiwi Journeys the opportunity to give you an experience that you will remember forever.

Date and time

 Start: 15 May 2024 at 8:30 am

 End: 15 May 2024 at 9:30 am

Location

 Hokitika

Details

Wilderness Trail (E-Bike) x 9



Site Inspection - West Coast Scenic Waterways

Activity

Ruatapu 7883, New Zealand



Located just 4 kilometres south of Hokitika on State Highway 6, heading towards the glaciers, where the Mahinapua Creek joins the West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail through their property.



Sunset Cruise:

Enjoy the birdsong tranquility as you take in the scenery; the mirror finished lake amid ancient Rimu and Kamahi trees with the snow-capped mountains in the distance. Capture the picturesque beauty of the Mahinapua waterways along the original route south of Hokitika used by pioneers, gold diggers and early explorers. Experience majestic views of Mt. Cook and the Southern Alps and outstanding West Coast flora, fauna and native rainforests.




Accommodation:

Enjoy the fresh air and mountain views while you stay at the Kotuku Cottage, Cyclists Escape Cottage, Wetlands Retreat Unit, Sunset Unit or Sunrise Unit. A full Bed and Breakfast experience. View details of each cottage below.

7 x units

Date and time

 Start: 15 May 2024 at 9:30 am

 End: 15 May 2024 at 10:00 am

Location

 Ruatapu 7883, New Zealand

Details

West Coast Scenic Waterways - Site Inspection (Site Inspection) x 1



West Coast Scenic Waterways - Eco Adventure Boat Tour

Activity

Ruatapu 7883, New Zealand



Daily Sunset Cruise starting at 7PM

Enjoy the birdsong tranquility as you take in the scenery; the mirror finished lake amid ancient Rimu and Kamahi trees with the snow-capped mountains in the distance. Capture the picturesque beauty of the Mahinapua waterways along the original route south of Hokitika used by pioneers, gold diggers and early explorers. Experience majestic views of Mt.Cook and the Southern Alps and outstanding West Coast flora, fauna and native rain forests.

Customers enjoying our activities are welcome to park self-contained vehicles on the property for the night. If transportation is an issue, transport may be arranged.

Cruises aboard the Eco Adventurer are suitable for all ages.

Things to bring:


Windproof jacket


Warm clothing

Camera

Sun screen and hat

Date and time

 Start: 15 May 2024 at 10:00 am

 End: 15 May 2024 at 11:10 am

Location

 Ruatapu 7883, New Zealand

Details

West Coast Scenic Waterways - Eco Adventure Boat Tour
(Adult) x 9



Heritage Jade – Story of Pounamu

Activity

Hokitika 7810, New Zealand



Pounamu Greenstone, also known as New Zealand jade, is found in the foothills of the Southern Alps behind Hokitika in the West Coast region. One of these pounamu fields is the Arahura River, home of the most beautiful pounamu stones. Heritage Jade in Hokitika is where you will find this beautiful pounamu designed and carved exclusively by Colin Davidson. Colin, of Ngāi Tahu descent from local Iwi Te Runanga O WaeWae, is one of the few carvers that both gathers and shapes New Zealand's most sacred stone.

Date and time

Start: 15 May 2024 at 11:20 am

End: 15 May 2024 at 11:50 am

Location

Hokitika 7810, New Zealand

Details

Story of Pounamu (Adult) x 9



Site Inspection – Theatre Royal Hotel

Guide

Kumara 7832, New Zealand



Step back into yesteryear when The Theatre Royal Hotel attracted visiting troupes and entertainers from all across the world. Lovingly restored to a sublime standard, with all the conveniences of the modern age.

- ˘ 4 x cottages
- ˘ 2 x Suites
- ˘ 6 x hotel rooms

Date and time

Start: 15 May 2024 at 12:20 pm

End: 15 May 2024 at 1:00 pm

Location

Kumara 7832, New Zealand

Details

Site Inspection (Adult) x 1



Lunch - Theatre Royal Hotel

Meal


Kumara, New Zealand



VICTORIAN ELEGANCE IN THE HEART OF HISTORIC KUMARA

The Theatre Royal Hotel is the West Coast's only fully restored gold miners' hotel, and once world-renowned theatre. The historic gold rush hotel features six themed ensuite accommodation rooms. Each room is unique, with its blend of Victorian decor, antique furnishings, modern amenities and West Coast charm. There is a range of restored and replica cottage accommodation to suit every budget. The Restaurant and bar is open daily and we have great facilities for cyclists.

Date and time

 Start: 15 May 2024 at 1:00 pm

 End: 15 May 2024 at 1:50 pm

Location

 Kumara, New Zealand

Details

Theatre Royal Hotel (Lunch) x 10




Drive to Christchurch


Theatre Royal Hotel, 81 Seddon Street, Kumara 7832, New Zealand




Via Arthur's Pass - Centuries ago this alpine pass was traversed by Māori in search of pounamu and moa. Today the landscape is punctuated with small towns that cling to the geography despite harsh wind, snow and mercurial populations.


Date and time

 Start: 15 May 2024 at 2:00 pm

 End: 15 May 2024 at 5:00 pm

Location

 Start: 81 Seddon Street, Kumara 7832, New Zealand

 End: 351 Montreal Street, Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

**Accommodation (1 night)**

Christchurch 8013, New Zealand



A true original, Hotel Montreal is a unique, luxury escape in the heart of Christchurch city. Hotel Montreal is often recognised for the five-star comfort and convenience it offers conference delegates visiting the Garden City.

Date and time

 Check-in: 15 May 2024 at 5:00 pm

 Check-out: 16 May 2024 at 8:00 am

Location

 Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

Details

Hotel Montreal (Room & Breakfast) x 10

**Dine at The Montreal Bar & Restaurant**

Meal


Christchurch 8013, New Zealand



The Montreal Bar & Restaurant is a tranquil spot tucked away in the midst of all the city hustle. Our secluded courtyard and garden area offers al fresco drinks and dining that is unmatched in the city centre. Enjoy a sophisticated yet social

atmosphere; maybe even a spot of croquet on the lawn.

Date and time

 Start: 15 May 2024 at 6:30 pm

 End: 15 May 2024 at 9:30 pm

Location

 Christchurch 8013, New Zealand

Details

The Montreal Bar & Restaurant (Dinner - 3 course) x 10

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INCLUSIONS

Hosted domestic air travel, accommodation, internet, transport, meals and sightseeing as detailed on the itinerary.

All other costs including items of a personal nature, such as phone calls, mini bar, internet and laundry from accommodation will be at your own expense and some meals may also be at your own expense.

The arrangements in this itinerary have been made especially for you with the generous support and cooperation of the Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs), accommodation, transport and product suppliers as detailed.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please ensure that you hold a current passport with at least six months validity left on it. If you require a Visa please ensure that this is confirmed.

MEDICATION

Visitors bringing in a quantity of medication are advised to carry a doctor's certificate to avoid possible problems with New Zealand Customs. Doctor's prescriptions are needed to obtain certain drugs in New Zealand.

TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Please arrange adequate travel insurance coverage prior to your departure for New Zealand.

LUGGAGE

Please ensure your luggage is clearly labelled with your name and contact details. The luggage limit on Air New Zealand domestic flights is 23kg plus a small cabin bag is allowed. Charges apply to excess luggage.

DRESS CODE

Smart Casual

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

All participants must bring with them:

Gloves

hat and scarf

Waterproof rain coat

Warm jacket

Closed toe comfortable walking shoes

Small day/back pack
Sunscreen
Swimsuit (if applicable for your famil)

BIOSECURITY IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand has strict biosecurity procedures at airports to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases of animals and plants.

All food items brought into New Zealand, even the smallest amounts, need to be declared. Tourism New Zealand recommends that you do not pack any food products for your trip.

Any food you are provided on the plane needs to be left on the plane, disposed of in one of the airport disposal bins or declared.

Any hiking shoes, sporting or camping equipment you bring should be declared at the border where they will be checked for soil, plant matter and seeds. We recommend that if you are bringing these items, you pack them in an accessible place.

It is not illegal to bring these items into the country as long as you declare them on the passenger arrival card you will be given on the plane. Failing to declare food, plants or equipment that may carry soil or plant matter, may result in a fine. For detailed information please go to the New Zealand Customs Service site at:

<http://www.customs.govt.nz/features/prohibited/imports/Pages/default.aspx>

CURRENCY

The currency of New Zealand is the New Zealand Dollar. Major credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, banks and shops. ATMs accept cards that are part of the Cirrus, Maestro or Plus systems that have a four-digit PIN encoded. Check with your bank before departure if you are unsure of the international status of a card you plan to use in New Zealand.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

All goods and services purchased in New Zealand are subject to a 15% GST, which is usually included in the displayed price. Visitors cannot claim refunds on this tax, although if a supplier agrees to export an item to a visitor's home address, GST is not charged on the goods or freight.

DEPARTURE TAX

A \$NZ25 departure tax is included in your flight tickets.

TIPPING

Tipping in New Zealand is not customary – even in restaurants and bars. However, tipping for good service or kindness is at the discretion of the visitor. Hotels and restaurants in New Zealand do not add service charges to their bills except on public holidays.

QUALMARK

Qualmark is the world's first comprehensive quality assurance programme dedicated to the tourism industry and is New

Zealand tourism's official quality mark. Most of the accommodation, attractions, activities and transport in your itinerary are Qualmark endorsed. For further information visit www.qualmark.co.nz

DRIVERS LICENCE

If you have indicated you are willing to drive on the family please bring your current drivers licence (if with English text), an official English translation or an International Drivers Permit. This is required by New Zealand law. All drivers must also read the 'What's different about driving in New Zealand' (link below). <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/whats-diff-driving-nz/>

DRINKING AND DRIVING

New Zealand has strict drink driving laws. We recommend that you designate a sober driver for each vehicle if your group is travelling after drinking.

SMOKING

Smoking at airports is not allowed in terminal buildings. Most hotels no longer offer smoking rooms. Smoking inside public restaurants and bars has been prohibited.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

New Zealand is generally a very safe place in which to travel. However, you should take the same precautions here as you would at home to protect your valuables and keep yourself safe. Take copies of your important documents (like your passport and credit cards), and keep them separate from the originals. You should also keep a record of the description and serial number of valuable items (like digital cameras). Always lock your accommodation and vehicle and keep windows secure when you're not around.

Don't carry large amounts of cash or expensive jewellery. If withdrawing money from a machine, withdraw small amounts only - preferably during the day and shield your pin. When out at night, keep to well-lit places where other people are present. Don't take short cuts through parks or alleyways. Travel with someone you know. Store valuables securely, ideally in a safe at your accommodation. Never leave valuables or important documents in parked vehicles. Never leave bags, backpacks, wallets or cameras unattended in any public place, especially airports, ferry terminals or bus/railway stations.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the unlikely event of an emergency, your Tourism New Zealand host will be able to advise you.

If you are unable to contact your Tourism New Zealand host, please contact the Regional Tourism Organisation in the region you are visiting.

The emergency telephone number in New Zealand is **111**. It is a free phone call. If you have an emergency and need a quick response from the Police, the Fire Service, Ambulance or Search and Rescue, dial 111.