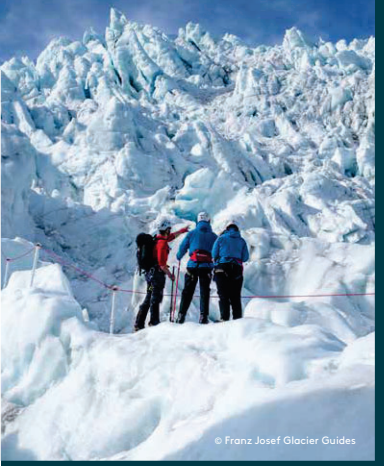
GLACIER COUNTRY
UNTAMED NATURAL WILDERNESS

MUST DO ACTIVITIES

FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER & FOX GLACIER



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Welcome to Glacier Country, a unique and special place where you can enjoy the freedom to explore New Zealand's most diverse, unaltered natural landscapes - from the mountains and glaciers to the sea - and to immerse yourself in pure nature.

Glacier Country is part of the great untamed natural wilderness of the West Coast and stretches from Ōkārito and Whataroa in the north through Franz Josef Glacier and on to Fox Glacier in the south. The region provides access to some of the most spectacular natural landscapes in New Zealand including its highest mountains, longest glaciers, tallest forests, wildest rivers, and most rugged coastlines.

To help you make the most of your time in Glacier Country we have put together a selection of must do activities, from exploring the mountains and forests of Westland Tai Poutini National Park, to nature encounters and epic wilderness adventures.

To find out more, including great places to stay and eat, scan the QR code below or visit the website.

Enjoy your time in Glacier Country, travel safely and thanks for visiting! We hope to see you again soon.

Sunset at Ōkārito Lagoon © Geoff Marks

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Ōkārito Lagoon © Geoff Marks

Westland Tai Poutini National Park

- Westland Tai Poutini National Park is part of Te Wāhipounamu South West New Zealand, a UNESCO World Heritage Area. UNESCO recognises the region as world class for its scenic beauty and natural landscapes that remain largely unmodified by man.
- The Park's habitats are home to a variety of endangered species like the rowi kiwi, kea, and kōtuku white heron. Rare Hector's dolphins, penguins and seals can also be seen along the coastline.
- To best experience the National Park, take a guided tour or explore one of the walking tracks.

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Experience the Glaciers

- For an extraordinary glacier adventure book a guided heli-hike
- Take a scenic flight to view the magnificent landscape from above
- Walk or bike through the forest to spectacular glacier viewpoints
- Challenge yourself - learn to ice climb!

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Walking & Hiking

- Take a guided walk and discover hidden gems
- Hike through ancient rainforests and encounter rare wildlife
- Capture the perfect photo at Lake Matheson, Fox Glacier
- Visit the Department of Conservation in Franz Josef for track information

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Nature & Wildlife

- Encounter native birdlife on a boat, kayak or walking tour
- Watch the rare kōtuku white herons on a trip to their sanctuary
- Visit the Wildlife Centre to see kiwi and learn about the kiwi recovery project
- Walk to the seal colony, watch for penguins and dolphins along the way

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Lakes & Rivers

- Paddle on the glassy waters of Lake Mapourika or Ōkārito Lagoon
- Whitewater raft through deep river gorges
- Try your hand at fishing to catch a fresh salmon or trout for dinner
- Relax on a boat cruise

© Skydive Franz & Fox Glacier

Adventure

- Skydive with epic views of Aoraki Mount Cook, the glaciers and coastline
- Take a quad bike tour to immerse yourself in the landscape
- Go rafting down some of the most exhilarating whitewater rivers in the world
- Experience the grandeur on a horse trek or E-bike ride

© Waiho Hot Pools

Relax & Unwind

- Soak your troubles away in a wood fired hot tub
- Relax and unwind with a BBQ on a lake cruise and fishing trip
- Enjoy lunch at a local café with panoramic views of the Southern Alps
- Visit one of the local art galleries

© West Coast Wildlife Centre

Wet Weather Days

- The rainforest comes alive during the rain, go for a walk to capture atmospheric photos
- Bathe in the hot tubs whilst waiting for the rain showers to pass
- Design and carve your own pounamu (greenstone/jade)
- Learn about conservation projects and visit the kiwi at the Wildlife Centre

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CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND

Tiaki means to care for people and place.

New Zealand is precious, and everyone who lives and travels here has a responsibility to look after it. The Tiaki Promise is a commitment to care for New Zealand, for now and for future generations.

By following the Tiaki Promise, you are making a commitment to New Zealand. To act as a guardian, protecting and preserving our home. Nau Mai, Haere Mai Ki Aotearoa, Welcome to New Zealand

HOW TO CARE FOR NEW ZEALAND

PROTECT NATURE · KEEP NZ CLEAN · DRIVE CAREFULLY · BE PREPARED · SHOW RESPECT

DRIVE TIMES BETWEEN MAIN TOWNS

	Greymouth	Hokitika	Franz Josef	Fox Glacier	Haast	Wanaka
Wanaka	469km 6:40	317km 4:30	200km 2:40	156km 2:15	281km 4:00	426km 6:00
Haast	317km 4:30	281km 4:00	177km 2:20	133km 1:55	426km 6:00	469km 6:40
Fox Glacier	200km 2:40	156km 2:15	133km 1:55	426km 6:00	177km 2:20	317km 4:30
Franz Josef	177km 2:20	133km 1:55	426km 6:00	133km 1:55	200km 2:40	281km 4:00
Hokitika	40km 35min	426km 6:00	133km 1:55	156km 2:15	317km 4:30	469km 6:40
Greymouth	426km 6:00	40km 35min	177km 2:20	200km 2:40	317km 4:30	469km 6:40

KEYS

- Department of Conservation
- Walking/Hiking
- Fishing Spots
- Scenic Flights
- Skydiving
- Accessible Viewpoint
- White Herons
- Kayaking
- Camping Spots
- Horse Trekking
- Marine Wildlife
- Boat Cruise