

OUR 6 MUST SEE ICONS

WEST COAST NEW ZEALAND UNTAMED NATURAL WILDERNESS

West Coast is here



OPARARA ARCHES



PANCAKE ROCKS BLOW HOLES



LAKE BRUNNER



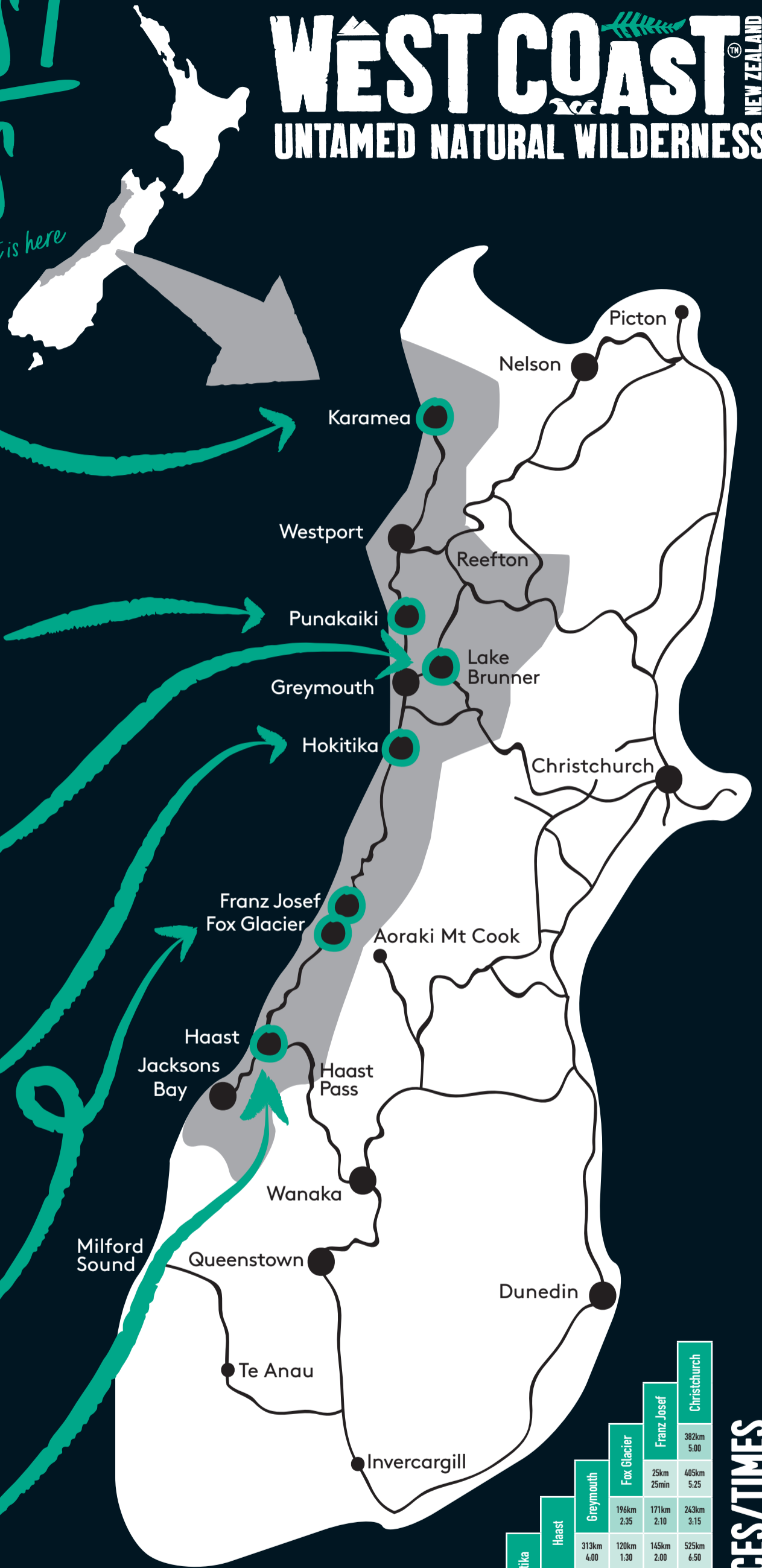
HOKITIKA GORGE



GLACIER COUNTRY



HAAST WORLD HERITAGE



	Westport	Wanaka	Punakaiki	Nelson	Karamea	Hokitika	Haast	Greymouth	Fox Glacier	Franz Josef	Christchurch
Westport	558km 7:10	57km 50min	217km 3:00	95km 1:30	140km 1:55	415km 5:25	102km 1:30	296km 3:55	273km 3:35	330km 4:15	
Wanaka		501km 6:20	738km 9:25	835	418km 5:15	145km 1:45	455km 5:45	242km 3:15	288km 3:40	425km 5:05	
Punakaiki			260km 3:35	151km 2:20	84km 1:10	360km 4:35	47km 0:39	241km 3:10	218km 2:45	288km 3:55	
Nelson				311km 4:25	319km 4:10	595km 7:40	282km 3:40	480km 6:20	460km 5:55	415km 5:20	
Karamea					235km 3:25	510km 6:50	197km 2:55	395km 5:25	365km 4:55	427km 5:40	
Hokitika						275km 3:30	38km 30min	158km 2:05	135km 1:40	248km 3:20	
Haast							313km 4:00	120km 1:30	145km 2:00	529km 6:50	
Greymouth								196km 2:35	171km 2:10	243km 3:15	
Fox Glacier									25km 25min	405km 5:25	
Franz Josef										382km 5:00	
Christchurch											382km 5:00

TRAVEL DISTANCES/TIMES

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30 REASONS TO ADD THE WEST COAST TO YOUR BUCKET LIST



1 OPARARA ARCHES

Enter the lost world of the Moa in the spectacular, and largest, limestone formation in the Southern Hemisphere.



2 HEAPHY TRACK

Linking West to East, travel through extensive tussock downs, lush rainforest, and towering Nikau Palms.



3 HISTORIC DENNISTON

Unparalleled views of the Tasman Sea and once referred to as the eighth wonder of the world for its remarkable feat of engineering.



4 CAPE FOULWIND

Named by Captain Cook and renowned for its easily accessible seal colony.



5 OLD GHOST ROAD

This long-forgotten gold miners' road for cyclists and hikers' traverses 85km of majestic native forest, open tussock tops, river flats and forgotten valleys.



6 UNDERWORLD ADVENTURES

A voyage of discovery through a subterranean world lit by galaxies of glow-worms.



7 PANCAKE ROCKS & BLOWHOLES

An easily accessible walkway to Punakaiki's famous pancake, stack rock, formations.



8 THE GREAT COAST ROAD

Lonely Planet says, "One of the top 10 best drives in the World!"



9 REEFTON - TOWN OF LIGHT

First to flick the switch in 1888 and now home to the award winning, Reefton Distillery.



10 HISTORIC PUBS

Get to know our quirky Coasters and their legendary hospitality in our historic local pubs.



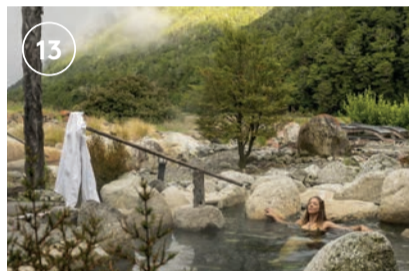
11 PAPAROA TRACK

Hike or bike the limestone karst landscapes, thriving rainforests and mountain tops of New Zealand's newest Great Walk.



12 LAKE BRUNNER

Highly prized by tangata whenua ('people of the land) and home to a year-round brown trout fishery, where it is said the trout die of old age.



13 MARUIA HOT SPRINGS

Award-winning natural hot springs, day spa and wellness destination tucked among the snow-capped, Southern Alps.



14 WEST COAST WILDERNESS TRAIL

One of New Zealand's most stunning cycling great rides, showcasing some of the West Coast's best scenery.



15 PAN FOR GOLD

Strike it rich! Learn the craft at Shantytown Heritage Park or Ross Historic Goldfields.



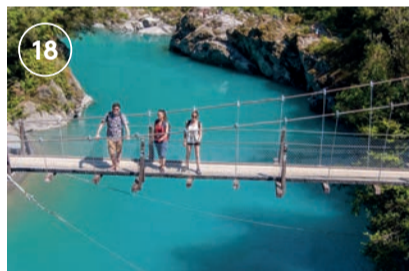
16 TRANZALPINE

Experience one of the world's greatest train journeys, traversing the majestic Canterbury Plains, to the backdrop of the mighty Southern Alps.



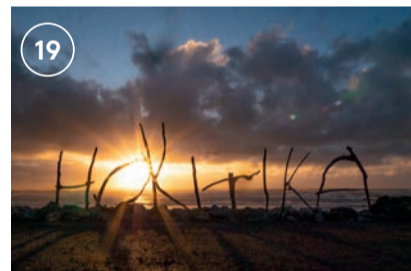
17 POUNAMU

The South Island was originally named Te Wāhi Pounamu (the place of pounamu/greenstone). Widely used in making jewellery and sculptures, Māori and local artisans continue to draw on its power.



18 HOKITIKA GORGE

Stunning turquoise blue glacier fed waters. Like nothing you've ever seen.



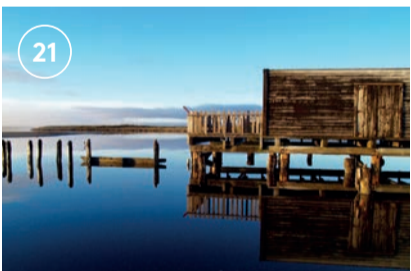
19 HOKITIKA DRIFTWOOD SIGN

Become insta-famous while bathed in orange glow of a West Coast sunset.



20 TREETOPS WALKWAY

An exhilarating treetop adventure among temperate rainforest giants.



21 OKARITO

New Zealand's largest natural wetland and a sanctuary for the majestic Kotuku (White Heron).



22 ROWI KIWI

The rarest of New Zealand's Kiwi might be spotted in the wild or viewed at the West Coast Wildlife Centre in Franz Josef.



23 FOX & FRANZ JOSEF GLACIERS

Take a world-class flight to, or hike on, two the most accessible glaciers in the world and the best ice experience outside of the Himalayas.



24 REST IN THE RAINFOREST

Indulge in luxurious accommodation in the middle of the Rainforest surrounded by the Southern Alps.



25 LAKE MATHESON

Capture that perfect reflection of the magnificent Southern Alps at New Zealand's most photographed Lake.



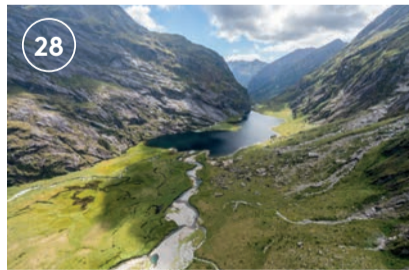
26 TAWAKI PENGUIN

At Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki take the opportunity to sight one of the country's rarest mainland penguins.



27 SHIP CREEK WALK

One of the best examples of swamp forest that you will come across and playground for the elusive Hector Dolphin.



28 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

From mountain to sea, landscapes that defy the imagination.



29 JACKSON BAY

The southernmost extend of the West Coast roading network and home of the iconic Craypot, the most remote restaurant in New Zealand.



30 TAKE A PIECE OF AOTEAROA HOME

Carve your own Pounamu or treat yourself to a West Coast creation.



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

