

Unmissable West Coast Icons Famil

22-28 Sep 2025



Development West Coast

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

The West Coast, or simply 'the Coast' as locals call it, is an untamed natural wilderness of rivers and rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures. Stretching over 600km from north to south, this rugged region offers an extraordinary amount to explore. At its heart are six must-see icons - natural and cultural landmarks that define the West Coast experience. 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: Tuesday, 23 September in Queenstown

Ends: Sunday, 28 September in Christchurch

Number of seats: 9

Key Contacts:

Famil Host:

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Famil Driver:

Rachel Wright

Additional notes: Please arrive in Queenstown on Monday, 22 September, as the famil starts early on Tuesday 23rd.

Famil Inclusions:

- All meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) from 23rd - 28th September. - some beverages will be included, not all.
- All activities and accommodation within the famil itinerary.
- Transport to and from activities beginning on 23rd September, finishing at Christchurch International Airport at approximately 2:00pm on 28th September.

Excluded:

- Pre & post famil accommodation in Christchurch (22nd & 28th September).
- Lunch & dinner after the famil ends on 28th September - (breakfast is included on this day).
- International/domestic flights.


Travel Note:

- Please avoid booking any travel departing from Christchurch before 4:00pm on Sunday, 28 September. This allows for any unforeseen travel delays and ensures a smoother end to the trip. We appreciate your understanding.

Day 2 Tue, 23 Sep 2025

 Breakfast at your own leisure at hotel

 Pick up from your Queenstown Accommodation

 Transfer with Hokitika
Scenic Tours
Transfer



 Transfer from Queenstown to Blue Pools Track

 Blue Pools Track



 Transfer from Blue Pools Track to Wilson Creek Chasm

 Wilson Creek Chasm



 Transfer from Wilson Creek Chasm to Fantail Falls Track



Fantail Falls



Transfer from Fantail Falls Track to The Gates of Haast



The Gates of Haast



Transfer from The Gates of Haast to Thunder Creek Falls



Thunder Creek Falls



Transfer from Thunder Creek Falls to The Craypot



Dine at The Craypot
Meal



Transfer from The Craypot to Waiatoto River Safaris



Waiatoto River Safari
Activity



Transfer from Waiatoto River Safari to Heliservices Haast



Product Overview
Activity



Transfer from Heliservices Haast to Heartland Hotel Haast



Dine at The Hard Antler
Meal



Accommodation (1 night)



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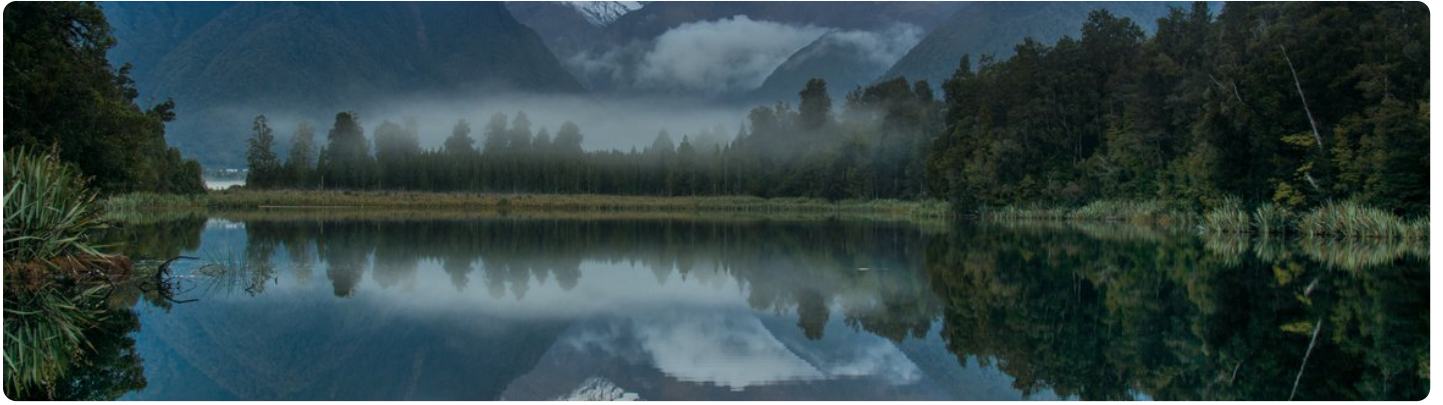
Day 3 Wed, 24 Sep 2025



Breakfast at your own leisure at Hotel



Transfer from Heartland Hotel Haast to Lake Matheson Walkway



 Transfer from Lake Matheson Walkway to The Helicopter Line

 Franz Josef Mountain Scenic Spectacular
Activity



 Transfer from The Helicopter Line to Snakebite Brewery

 Dine at Snakebite Brewery
Meal





Off-Road Adventure - Franz Josef Wilderness Tours

Activity



Walk from Franz Josef Wilderness Tours to Waiho Hot Tubs



Waiho Hot Tubs Soaking

Activity



Walk from Waiho Hot Tubs to Legacy Te Waonui Hotel



Dine at Canopy Restaurant

Meal





Accommodation (1 night)



Day 4 Thu, 25 Sep 2025



Breakfast at your own leisure at Hotel



Walk from Legacy Te Waonui Hotel to Franz Josef Wilderness Tours



Scenic Cruise - Franz Josef Wilderness Tours
Activity



Transfer from Franz Josef Wilderness Tours to Hokitika Sandwich Company



Lunch from The Hokitika Sandwich Company
Meal



Hokitika Driftwood sign



Visit The National Kiwi Centre
Activity



Transfer from The National Kiwi Centre to Hokitika Gorge



Hokitika Gorge



Transfer from Hokitika Gorge to Shantytown Heritage Park



Shantytown Entry & Gold Panning Experience

Activity



Transfer from Shantytown Heritage Park to Lake Brunner Eco Lodge



Site Inspection of Lake Brunner Eco Lodge

Guide





Dine at Lake Brunner Eco Lodge

Activity



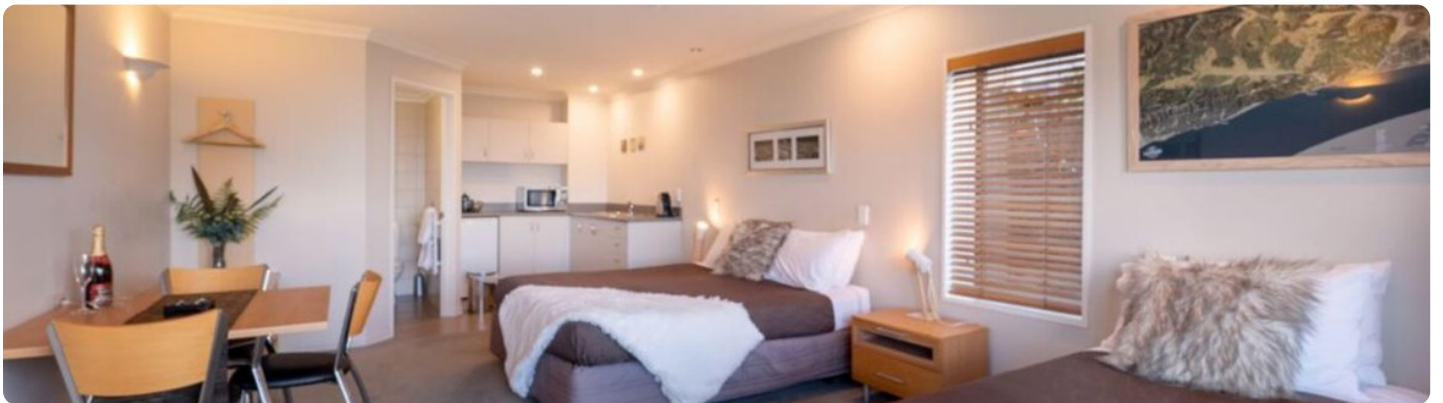
Group to split



Accommodation (1 night)



Accommodation (1 night)



Day 5 Fri, 26 Sep 2025



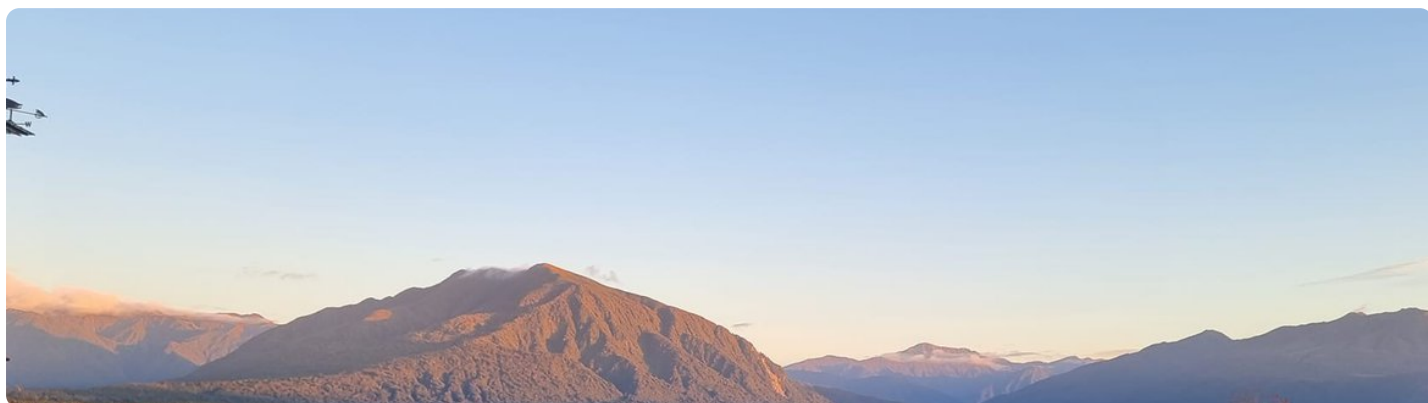
Transfer with Explore West Coast
Transfer



Site Visit Hotel Lake Brunner
Activity



Dine at The Kingfisher - Hotel Lake Brunner
Activity



Transfer from Hotel Lake Brunner to Mawhera Pounamu Pathway



Māwhera Pā Experience - Pounamu Pathway

Activity



Transfer from Mawhera Pounamu Pathway to Paparoa Experience



Operator Networking Lunch



The Paparoa Experience

Activity



Pancake Rocks & Blowholes Track



Transfer from Pancake Rocks & Blowholes to Little Wanganui Hotel



Dine at Little Wanganui Hotel
Meal



Transfer from Little Wanganui Hotel to Last Resort



Accommodation (1 night)



Day 6 Sat, 27 Sep 2025



Transfer from Last Resort to Vinnies Cafe



Dine at Vinnies Cafe
Meal





Honeycomb Hill Cave/ Arch Guided Tour

Activity



Transfer from Karamea Village to Bella Vista Westport Motel



Walk from Bella Vista Motel to Denniston Dog Restaurant & Bar



Dine at The Denniston Dog
Meal



Accommodation (1 night)



Day 7 Sun, 28 Sep 2025



Dine at The Nourish Nook
Meal



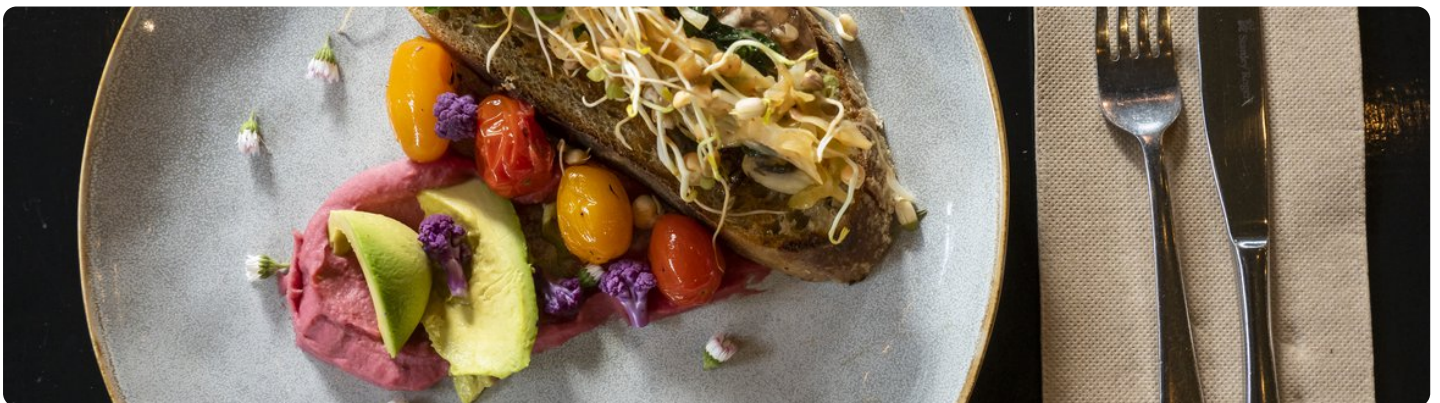
Transfer from Nourish Nook to Maruia Hot Springs



Bathe & Sauna
Activity



Gourmet Dining Experience
Meal



Transfer from Maruia Hot Springs to Christchurch International Airport



END OF FAMIL



OUTLINE

DAY 2

Tue, 23 Sep 2025



Breakfast at your own leisure at hotel



Pick up from your Queenstown Accommodation



6:00 AM | Transfer with Hokitika Scenic Tours
Transfer



6:30 AM | Transfer from Queenstown to Blue Pools Track



7:00 AM | Blue Pools Track



8:15 AM | Transfer from Blue Pools Track to Wilson Creek Chasm



8:25 AM | Wilson Creek Chasm



8:45 AM | Transfer from Wilson Creek Chasm to Fantail Falls Track



9:10 AM | Fantail Falls



9:30 AM | Transfer from Fantail Falls Track to The Gates of Haast



9:40 AM | The Gates of Haast



9:50 AM | Transfer from The Gates of Haast to Thunder Creek Falls



10:00 AM | Thunder Creek Falls



10:15 AM | Transfer from Thunder Creek Falls to The Craypot



11:40 AM | Dine at The Craypot
Meal



12:40 PM | Transfer from The Craypot to Waitototo River Safaris



1:00 PM | Waitototo River Safari
Activity



3:30 PM | Transfer from Waitototo River Safari to Heliservices Haast



4:00 PM | Product Overview
Activity



4:30 PM | Transfer from Heliservices Haast to Heartland Hotel Haast



6:00 PM | Dine at The Hard Antler
Meal



4:35 PM | Accommodation (1 night)



NOTE

DAY 3

Wed, 24 Sep 2025



Breakfast at your own leisure at Hotel



8:00 AM | Transfer from Heartland Hotel Haast to Lake Matheson Walkway



10:00 AM | Lake Matheson



11:00 AM | Transfer from Lake Matheson Walkway to The Helicopter Line



11:35 AM | Franz Josef Mountain Scenic Spectacular
Activity



1:00 PM | Transfer from The Helicopter Line to Snakebite Brewery



1:10 PM | Dine at Snakebite Brewery
Meal



2:00 PM | Off-Road Adventure - Franz Josef Wilderness Tours
Activity



4:30 PM | Walk from Franz Josef Wilderness Tours to Waiho Hot Tubs



5:15 PM | Waiho Hot Tubs Soaking
Activity



6:15 PM | Walk from Waiho Hot Tubs to Legacy Te Waonui Hotel



7:00 PM | Dine at Canopy Restaurant
Meal



6:15 PM | Accommodation (1 night)

DAY 4

Thu, 25 Sep 2025



Breakfast at your own leisure at Hotel



7:40 AM | Walk from Legacy Te Waonui Hotel to Franz Josef Wilderness Tours



7:45 AM | Scenic Cruise - Franz Josef Wilderness Tours
Activity



10:00 AM | Transfer from Franz Josef Wilderness Tours to Hokitika Sandwich Company



12:00 PM | Lunch from The Hokitika Sandwich Company Meal



12:00 PM | Hokitika Driftwood sign



12:30 PM | Visit The National Kiwi Centre Activity



1:30 PM | Transfer from The National Kiwi Centre to Hokitika Gorge



2:00 PM | Hokitika Gorge



2:45 PM | Transfer from Hokitika Gorge to Shantytown Heritage Park



3:45 PM | Shantytown Entry & Gold Panning Experience Activity



5:15 PM | Transfer from Shantytown Heritage Park to Lake Brunner Eco Lodge



6:00 PM | Site Inspection of Lake Brunner Eco Lodge Guide



6:15 PM | Dine at Lake Brunner Eco Lodge Activity



Group to split



6:00 PM | Accommodation (1 night)



7:00 PM | Accommodation (1 night)

DAY 5

Fri, 26 Sep 2025



8:30 AM | Transfer with Explore West Coast Transfer



9:00 AM | Site Visit Hotel Lake Brunner Activity



9:30 AM | Dine at The Kingfisher - Hotel Lake Brunner Activity



10:00 AM | Transfer from Hotel Lake Brunner to Mawhera Pounamu Pathway



10:35 AM | Māwhera Pā Experience - Pounamu Pathway Activity



11:30 AM | Transfer from Mawhera Pounamu Pathway to Paparoa Experience



Operator Networking Lunch



2:15 PM | The Paparoa Experience
Activity



3:00 PM | Pancake Rocks & Blowholes Track



3:45 PM | Transfer from Pancake Rocks & Blowholes to Little Wanganui Hotel



6:00 PM | Dine at Little Wanganui Hotel
Meal



7:30 PM | Transfer from Little Wanganui Hotel to Last Resort



7:45 PM | Accommodation (1 night)

DAY 6

Sat, 27 Sep 2025



7:50 AM | Transfer from Last Resort to Vinnies Cafe



8:00 AM | Dine at Vinnies Cafe
Meal



9:00 AM | Honeycomb Hill Cave/ Arch Guided Tour
Activity



3:30 PM | Transfer from Karamea Village to Bella Vista Westport Motel



5:50 PM | Walk from Bella Vista Motel to Denniston Dog Restaurant & Bar



6:00 PM | Dine at The Denniston Dog
Meal



5:00 PM | Accommodation (1 night)

DAY 7

Sun, 28 Sep 2025



7:00 AM | Dine at The Nourish Nook
Meal



7:10 AM | Transfer from Nourish Nook to Maruia Hot Springs



9:00 AM | Bathe & Sauna
Activity



11:00 AM | Gourmet Dining Experience
Meal



11:30 AM | Transfer from Maruia Hot Springs to Christchurch International Airport



END OF FAMIL
