

# IF YOU SEEK SCENERY & THRILLS



Milford Sound  
Fiordland

## Discover vibrant adventures

The South Island of Aotearoa New Zealand boasts some of the most breathtaking and diverse scenery you'll ever see. Follow that inner voice that's telling you to take the leap; venture down to this little corner of the world and discover what keeps people coming back time and time again.

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## Day 1: Christchurch

Fly into Christchurch, the gateway to the South Island and prepare yourself for an adventure of a lifetime. Christchurch is a revitalised, vibrant city filled to the brim with curiosities just waiting for you to find. Vibrant artwork lines the streets, dynamic eateries are everywhere, and friendly folks are always keen to have a yarn (chat) to let you in on secrets that only the locals know about.

Celebrate your arrival with a dip in the therapeutic saltwater hot pools by the beach. Or get straight into it with an invigorating kayaking trip in Akaroa, where you can seek out towering cliffs, rock stacks, reefs, and deep-sea caves, along with endemic wildlife.

## Days 2-3: West Coast

Traverse the mountain pass over to the wild West Coast, home to rugged rainforests, black sand beaches and mighty glaciers. Watch powerful sea swells shooting through blowholes at Punakaiki's pancake rocks or amble through dense podocarp/hardwood forest to the blue-green glacial waters of the stunning Hokitika Gorge.

Get out on the water with a passionate guide and paddle your way into an aquatic world untouched by most. Head across Lake Mapourika, explore narrow channels flanked by rich rainforest and enjoy the sound of the nature that surrounds you. A truly life changing experience.

Get up close and personal with colossal glaciers on a heli-hike adventure. Land by helicopter high up on the main ice fall of a glacier before venturing through ice towers, squeezing through ice caves, and sliding through narrow crevasses. There's nothing quite like being atop a constantly moving sheet of ice. Watch closely and you just might see the glacier calving around you.

## Days 4-7: Southern Lakes – Wānaka/Queenstown/Fiordland

Heading further south, you'll reach the Southern Lakes region, home to incredible adventures, dramatic landscapes, and unique people with personality.

Wānaka is a playground for explorers and adventurers, offering everything from private island walking tours to offroad 4WD safari trips, and everything in between. Spend a day flying into ice-carved mountains landing in a remote valley. Take a quick wade across the river and embark on a walk through lush native rainforest. Emerge at the riverbed where a jet boat will be waiting to scoot you back home.

At the edge of a lake, surrounded by a notable jagged mountain range is Queenstown, affectionately known as the adventure capital of the world. But even with a title so iconic, there is a depth and richness to this alpine town that will leave you wanting more.

Take to the skies, not only to enjoy the beautiful scenery, but to be transported to local gin distilleries. Taste gin on top of a mountain, possibly one of the most unique imbibing experiences you'll ever have.

Fly, coach or take a private transfer on a day trip into the majestic Milford Sound. Cruise out into the iconic fiord and marvel at the commanding mountainsides or take a special overnight cruise on nearby Doubtful Sound. If you are lucky enough to experience rain, you'll see abundant waterfalls appear from nowhere, surrounding the fiord which can only be described as transcendent.

