

Outdoors & Active

Route 6 Adventure



The best hikes and bike rides and day long adventures in the country. You leave New Zealand fitter, healthier, with unique memories and experiences. On this itinerary you start from Nelson continue down the West Coast and your itinerary ends in Queenstown.

We recommend slow travel, if you have time, add extra nights or additional stops on this itinerary.

At a glance

Duration: 9 days, 8 nights

Connection points:

Nelson airport or Inter Islander ferry
Queenstown airport

Activity level: active

Best season: November-April

Driving times

Nelson - Greymouth 4 hours

Greymouth- Franz Josef Glacier: 2 hours 30 minutes

Franz Josef - Wanaka: 3 hours 30 minutes

Wanaka-Queenstown: 1 hour



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Join this journey from North Island by taking the Inter-Island ferry or flying into Nelson Airport.

Day 1 Travel to Nelson. [Select accommodation and activities from our Collection.](#)

If you come through Nelson on a Saturday morning, be sure to stop at the vibrant market. This area is home to many artists so amble through the wineries (bike hire available) and stop at the many galleries.

Day 2 Nelson

The Nelson Region has 3 National Parks and consequently has great hikes, kayaking and canyoning available. Abel Tasman National Park is a great beach destination served by water taxis and walking trails.

Day 3 Travel to Westport-Greymouth-Hokitika. [Select accommodation and activities from our Collection.](#)

On the way, stop at Cape Foulwind seal colony, Punakaiki Rocks, one of the wild west coast beaches to see the amazing driftwood. For the adventurous, caving and rock climbing are available at Charleston.

Day 4 Travel to glaciers. [Select accommodation and activities from our Collection.](#)

Continue your scenic journey, stopping for a scenic hike in Hokitika Gorge.

Day 5 Glaciers

Visit one of the glaciers on a heli-hike or walk round Lake Matheson in search of the elusive reflection of Mount Cook, continue to Cooks Beach for one of the most stunning wild beaches.

Day 6 Travel to Southern Lakes. [Select accommodation and activities from our Collection](#)

The drive over Haast Pass is stunning, and the scenery changes once again as you enter Otago.

Day 7 Southern Lakes

Wanaka and Queenstown are adventure playgrounds, hikes and biking are easy to organise. Kayak or Paddleboard on the lakes. In winter, skiing.

Day 8 Southern Lakes

Make today an adrenalin day with jet boating, bungee jumping or ziplining through the trees, or climb Ben Lomond for some stunning views.

Day 9 Journey's End

Queenstown Airport has good connections to other New Zealand destinations as well as a number of direct flights from Australian cities.