

# TOP OF THE SOUTH EXPLORER

The top of the South, a canvas of Natural Wonders !!

## Itinerary Highlights



### Driving Times & Distances

- Christchurch to Kaikoura : 2½ hour drive/181kms
- Kaikoura to Blenheim : 1¾ hour drive/129kms
- Blenheim to Nelson : 1½ hour drive/115kms
- Nelson to Westport : 3 hour drive/221kms
- Westport to Hokitika : 1¾ hour drive/ 139 kms
- Hokitika to Hanmer Springs : 3½ hour drive/253kms
- Hanmer to Christchurch:1¾ hour drive/ 133kms

All driving times are approximate and do not allow time for stops. We recommend you allow extra time to enjoy your journey with safety

- After exploring the city of Christchurch on a Tram Tour, it's time to wave goodbye to the city life and head north to Kaikoura, a place of natural beauty, incredible wildlife and fun-filled experiences. Hop on a wildlife tour, paddle with dolphins, enjoy a whale watch encounter, learn about the local history and explore the bush tracks and coastline of beautiful Kaikōura
- Enjoy the coastal drive north of Kaikoura towards Marlborough and keep your eyes peeled for playful fur seals. Discover one of the best beer gardens in the country & let your imagination soar at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.
- Half way between Blenheim and Nelson is the Pelorus Bridge where the Hobbit scene was filmed featuring 13 dwarves and Bilbo Baggins escaping captivity in barrels.
- Sink your teeth into adventure and some delicious, locally produced culinary products when visiting the Nelson region. Blow off some steam on one of the world's longest flying foxes at the Cable Bay Adventure Park and dip into the delightful world of Pic's Peanut Butter. For over 40yrs the Nelson Market has gained a worldwide reputation – from fresh fruit to high quality arts & crafts. Plan your trip so as not to miss this market.
- Adventure awaits around every bend as you drive along the Great Coast Road between Westport and Hokitika, one of the world's most scenic coastal roads. The Pancake Rocks at Punakaiki are the drawcard . Delve deeper into the area's rich history , meet some of the colourful locals , enjoy a visit to Shantytown and Gold Panning at Ross and immerse yourself in the beautiful untouched wilderness with a range of activities on offer.
- From Hokitika it's time to head inland to explore the incredible attractions at the resort town made famous for its natural hot springs - Hanmer Springs. This alpine playground has a huge range of activities, from bungy, quad bike tours, river rafting, jet boat rides, claybird shooting and more - Hanmer Springs does it all!
- After a leisurely start to the day visit the Hanmer Springs thermal pools for some relaxation before starting the journey south to Christchurch taking in the stunning vistas along the way.



**7 nights from \$1899 per person share twin  
itinerary inclusions**

- ✓ 8 day car rental with all inclusive insurance ( Toyota Corolla Hybrid 2WD or similar ) pick up Christchurch.
- ✓ 1 night Distinction Christchurch Hotel in a Classic Room including cooked breakfast.
- ✓ A Hop On, Hop Off Tram Christchurch City Tour. This is a unique, elegant and environmentally friendly way to get around to the city's 'must see' central attractions. A full circuit takes 50 minutes.
- ✓ Enroute to Kaikoura, enjoy a Guided Tour of the Iron Ridge Sculpture Park set within the iconic North Canterbury landscape whilst taking in the stunning views across the Waipara Valley wine region.
- ✓ 1 night Sudina Kaikoura – Deluxe Twin Room including buffet breakfast.
- ✓ A Kaikoura Dolphin Watch excursion. Found off the coast of Kaikoura all year round, the Dusky dolphin typically exists in large pods consisting of hundreds of members. Dusky dolphins have a playful, sociable characteristic, which makes them absolutely perfect getting up close to. Now you can watch the Dusky dolphins, under the guidance of the friendly team at Dolphin Encounter Kaikoura. The experience is not just limited to the dolphins though; the entire 3½ hour open sea adventure is inspirationally beautiful. Enjoy the sea breeze in your hair and the taste of salt on your lips as you look out for other marine life, such as Albatross, New Zealand Fur Seals, and occasionally even an Orca or two.
- ✓ 1 night Scenic Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim in a Superior Room with cooked breakfast.
- ✓ A private guided tour of Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre - Combo Knights of the Sky & Dangerous Skies Tours. The Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre is a world-class museum showcasing WW1 and WW2 aircraft and artefacts.
- ✓ 1 night Rutherford Hotel, Nelson in a Premium Room with full cooked breakfast.
- ✓ 1 night Bella Vista Westport in a One Bedroom Unit with continental breakfast.
- ✓ 1 night Beachfront Hotel Hokitika in an Oceanview Room with cooked breakfast.
- ✓ 1 night Tussock Peak Lodge, Hanmer Springs in a Studio Room.
- ✓ A 30 minute sauna, steam or private thermal pool experience at Hanmer Springs Thermal Pool Pools (includes use of outdoor pools). This is a great escape to your own slice of tranquility with spacious and quiet private pools, or loosen up tired muscles and invigorate your skin in the private sauna and steam rooms.

Your journey ends at Christchurch Airport when you return your rental car prior to checking in for your flight home.

Travel	Twin/Double
01 Aug 25 - 30 September 25 and 01 May 26 - 30 Sept 26	<b>\$1899</b>
01 Oct 25 - 31 Dec 25 and 02 Jan 26 – 30 Apr 26	<b>\$2199</b>
01 - 31 Oct 26	<b>\$2349</b>

#### Terms & Conditions

Price is per person share twin in New Zealand Dollars inclusive of 15% GST. Pricing is an **Indicative Price** and is correct at time of submission but is subject to change without notice. Surcharges may apply over special event periods and over school holidays. Price may vary due to a number of factors including dynamic pricing & tax increases. A \$100 pp deposit is required at time of booking. Final payment will be required 30 days prior to the start of your itinerary or as indicated on the invoice. If the booking is made within 30 days of departure then full payment is required at the time of booking. Payment is preferred by internet banking to the nominated account indicated on the invoice. For full booking conditions refer to [www.nz4discovery.nz](http://www.nz4discovery.nz) or [click here](#).



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