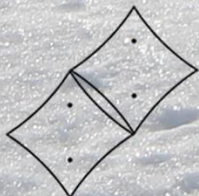
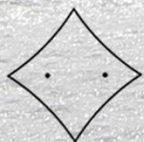




EXCLUSIVE TRAVEL

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REMARKABLE JOURNEYS ENHANCING EXTRAORDINARY LIVES



7-Nights | New Zealand's South Island

Date	Accommodation	Nights
Day 1 - 3	Nelson Pihopa Retreat	Two (2) Nights
Day 3 - 5	Kaikoura Hapuku Lodge & Treehouses	Two (2) Nights
Day 5 - 8	Wanaka Mahu Whenua	Three (3) Nights





Nelson and Tasman | Day 1

Tasman District is a large area at the western corner of the north end of New Zealand's South Island. Covering a 9,786 square kilometre piece of land, this district offers a diverse landscape ranging from extensive mountainous areas to lush valleys and exquisite white sandy beaches. This naturally spectacular area is home to three national parks: Abel Tasman National Park, Nelson Lakes National Park, and Kahurangi National Park as well as the magnificent The Maruia Falls. With its extensive network of remarkable limestone caves just waiting to be explored and enough animal and bird life to thrill even the most avid wildlife enthusiast, it is no surprise that this vast piece of untouched wilderness has become such a popular destination for travellers seeking a unique, off-the-beaten-track, outdoor adventure.



| Self-drive

Arrive in Nelson, collect your rental vehicle and self-drive from Nelson Airport [NSN] to Pihopa retreat (approx. journey 20 minutes)





Pihopa Retreat

Set in the heart of Nelson City, hidden away in a beautiful and private landscaped setting, we offer luxury suites for you to enjoy. The rooms are decorated to the highest standard with all the additional facilities you need, plus many more, ensuring your stay is exceptional. Large spacious villas with a bedroom and lounge area to relax in or venture outside to soak up the atmosphere on the balcony where you are often joined by cheeky fantails whilst watching weka and quails running across the lawn.



The Sutton Suite

The Sutton Suite was named after the Rt Rev Peter Eves Sutton, who served as the 8th Bishop of Nelson from 1965 until 1990. Our first suite as you arrive at Pihopa Retreat and overlooking the Chapel of the Holy Evangelists. At just over 55sqm the suite is well laid out with a large bathroom, wardrobe, kitchenette and open planned living / bedroom area. This suite is suitable for wheelchair access.

| *Includes: Daily Breakfast, Pre-dinner drinks and canapes, Wi-Fi*





Heaphy Track Heli Hike | Nelson Region | Day 2

This trip combines fantastic aerial views and frequent opportunities to land and enjoy the wilderness surrounds. Depart Nelson in your private helicopter flying west into the Kahurangi National Park for a mountain landing. Here your experienced guide will point out geological features of the area. Our next stop lands at a point along the world famous Heaphy Track where you will have the option of walking 1-4 hours towards the coast before enjoying a picnic on the beach. After lunch we fly the rugged Northwest coastline viewing seal colonies and eroded rock formations before landing at the archways of Wharariki Beach. Enjoy stunning aerial views of Farewell Spit and Golden Bay on your journey back to your destination.

| Includes: 1x Mountain landing, private guide and helicopter transfers, picnic lunch & local wine/ beers





Kaikoura | Day 3

On the rugged east coast of New Zealand's South Island, the seaside settlement of Kaikoura is located on a rocky peninsula, protruding from lush farmland beneath the mountains. This little hamlet has become a popular tourist destination, primarily due to its famous wildlife watching opportunities. Few places can boast such a wide range of accessible wildlife. With whales, dolphins, fur seals, penguins and albatrosses frequently spotted, this area is truly a nature lovers dream. Visitors can join the Art Trail to witness the skilled local artisans at work in their own studios and galleries or visit the town's first home which was built in 1842, remains remarkably well-preserved and, interestingly, was built using whale bone as its foundation. So, if you are looking for a bit of history, a touch of crafty culture and a whole heap of outdoor adventure, Kaikoura won't fail to impress.

| Self Drive

Self-drive from Nelson to Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses near Kaikoura (approx. journey of 4 hours)

| Expert Tips

Along the way you may wish to stop in Blenheim for lunch at a local winery or continue to Kaikoura and stop at Nin's Bin for some fresh crayfish.





Hapuku Lodge & Treehouses

Hapuku Lodge & Treehouses located in New Zealand was designed to be a contemporary country hotel. The majority of the furniture throughout the lodge, including the custom designed beds were also designed and handcrafted by local woodworkers. The lodge's facilities include two suites, one lodge room, the Hapuku room, as well as a lap pool and sauna.



Upper Branch Treehouse

The one-bedroom Treehouses are perfect for couples, they are warm & inviting with deep soaking tubs, fireplaces and our custom made furniture. The "Family" Tree House has the same upstairs design along with the downstairs room, designed perfectly with children in mind including a separate bathroom & twin beds.

| **Includes:** Daily cooked breakfast, 3-course dinner each evening, Alcohol and Crayfish are not included in the rate and are charged in addition.





Dolphin Encounter | Kaikoura | Day 4

Today enjoy a boat ride upon the waters off the coast of Kaikoura and either view from the boat or swim in the dolphin's natural environment, you will have a unique experience that will stay with you for a lifetime! You will board your boat at Kaikoura. If you are going to be swimming with the dolphins, you will change into a wetsuit prior at the departure point, during the short transfer to the harbour and for the duration of the tour until the swim part of the tour has been completed.

Enjoy the amazing scenery as your boat locates some dolphin, there is also a chance to observe other marine life on the tour such as the New Zealand Fur Seal, Albatross and occasionally Orca. When the time is right you will be instructed by the crew on how to get the best out of your experience with the dolphins. Then it's time to go into the water and start your encounter. If you have chosen not to swim then the opportunity to join the tour as a watcher provides spectacular viewing of these acrobatic and energised dolphins.

| *Includes: All snorkelling equipment as well as wetsuits are provided for swimmers on the tour*





The Wanaka Tree



Wanaka | Day 5

Dubbed the world's first "lifestyle reserve" by the locals, Lake Wanaka has something of interest for every sort of visitor. The lake itself offers great fishing, boating and even gold-panning opportunities, while the neighbouring Mt. Aspiring National Park is home to glaciers, mountains and river valleys waiting to be explored. Wanaka, one of the fastest growing towns in New Zealand, lies on the shores of the lake and attracts visitors with its relaxed atmosphere and activities such as horse riding, golfing, flight seeing and air shows.

| Self Drive

Self-drive from Hapuku Lodge & Tree Houses to Christchurch Airport [CHC] and return your rental vehicle (approx. journey of 2.5 hours)

| Scheduled Flight

Scheduled Flight from Christchurch Airport [CHC] to Queenstown International Airport [ZQN]

| Self Drive

Arrive at Queenstown International Airport [ZQN], collect your rental vehicle and self-drive to Mahu Whenua Ridgeline Homestead (approx. journey of 1.5 hours)



Mahu Whenua

Mahu Whenua is a luxury five suite Lodge and Eco Sanctuary based in Wanaka. You will enjoy total privacy in a setting which spans over 55,000 acres of majestic beauty - towering mountains, lush green valleys, native bush, protected bird sanctuary, forests and meandering rivers. The relaxed farmhouse kitchen, large open plan living room, dining room and endless outdoor spaces give guests room to unwind. The helipad on the front lawn is perfect for easy transfers or helicopter-based activities.



The Tui Suite

A romantic suite on the upper level of the Homestead and enjoys the best views of all of our suites. The Tui Suite features a King bed (does not split) and grand in-room copper bathtub, positioned perfectly in the picture window so that you can soak up the views as you soak in the tub. The suite features a large walk-in lake view shower and double vanity.

| Includes: All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, afternoon teas, refreshments and picnics), Pre-dinner canapés, one complimentary cocktail or premium wine or beer served with pre-dinner canapés each night





Private Heli Hiking (Mt Aspiring National Park) | Day 6

Directly accessed by helicopter, take off to explore and traverse the pristine sub alpine wilderness environment of Mt Aspiring National Park in safety and private with a professional outdoor guide. The experience starts with a stunning scenic drive through the Matukituki Valley where you will rendezvous with a waiting helicopter. Here you will lift by helicopter fly over lakes, beautiful rivers, over glaciers and snow-capped mountains before coming to land on an alpine ridge with epic views of Mt Aspiring. Expect a truly empowering experience as you hike along breath-taking alpine ridges, through golden tussock basins with dramatic views across to Mt Aspiring and the glaciated Southern Alps.

Your guide will offer you a stunning gourmet picnic lunch and refreshing beverages to be enjoyed amongst golden tussocks. Later, your helicopter will swoop in and whisk you back to civilisation and waiting 4x4 vehicles for the journey home, invigorated and inspired, with life-long memories. Allow 4 – 8 hours for this experience.

| *Includes: Private wilderness guide and vehicle, Helicopter transfers, Gourmet picnic lunch with beverages, all gear and equipment supplied by your guide*





Queenstown | Private Queenstown Wine and Art Day | Day 7

You will be collected from your accommodation by luxury vehicle and head to Coronet Peak to see stunning views over Lake Wakatipu, the basin and Arrowtown. This is a great spot for photos! Then head down into Arrowtown, a lively, historic village, once the heart of the 1860's Otago gold rush. These days, visitors love the quirky shops, excellent cafes and leisurely walks around the restored original Chinese settlement. Here you will meet a local artist who will talk about what motivates them to paint contemporary Māori inspired art and other genres which have proven very popular worldwide. Then its onwards to our first winery where we'll stop for an exclusive wine tasting to experience some of the region's premium wines from one of the oldest vineyards. Along the way there are opportunities to stop and take photographs in this very beautiful part of the New Zealand countryside. For lunch, you will be taken to one of the fabulous local wineries and enjoy a regional platter showcasing local produce, which is easily matched with your favourite glass of wine.

In the afternoon you will continue your journey through the Cromwell basin, an area known for its summer fruits, outstanding wines, local art galleries and epic mountain-desert vistas. A selection of two to three galleries and/of wineries will be matched to your tastes. Your guide will then take you to Queenstown to Tim Wilson's Art Gallery & Museum. Tim was one of New Zealand's finest landscape painters and his artwork is found in collections all over the world. His Frank Lloyd Wright inspired home sits on Queenstown hill with incredible views over lake Wakatipu, this is where after your private tour you can enjoy a delicious glass of local wine amidst a lovely garden setting before returning to your accommodation.





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