





Canterbury & the West Coast Trips

SOME OF NEW ZEALAND'S FINEST ROAD TRIPS ARE FOUND IN THESE CONTRASTING REGIONS, lying astride the Southern Alps.

Most start in Christchurch, the country's second-largest city, still recovering from devastating earthquakes but inspiring with its attitude and spirit. South Island highlights lie in all directions, from bay-lined Banks Peninsula to wineries, hot springs, and tussocky high-country across the plains. NZ's highest peak, Aoraki/Mt Cook, stands sentinel in the south. Alpine passes lead to the wilderness West Coast. Its long, often winding highway is loaded with end-of-the-road vibe, even around hotspots such as Punakaiki and the glaciers, Franz Josef and Fox.

Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park Mt Cook reflected in Hooker Lake
(Trips 19, 20 & 21)

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