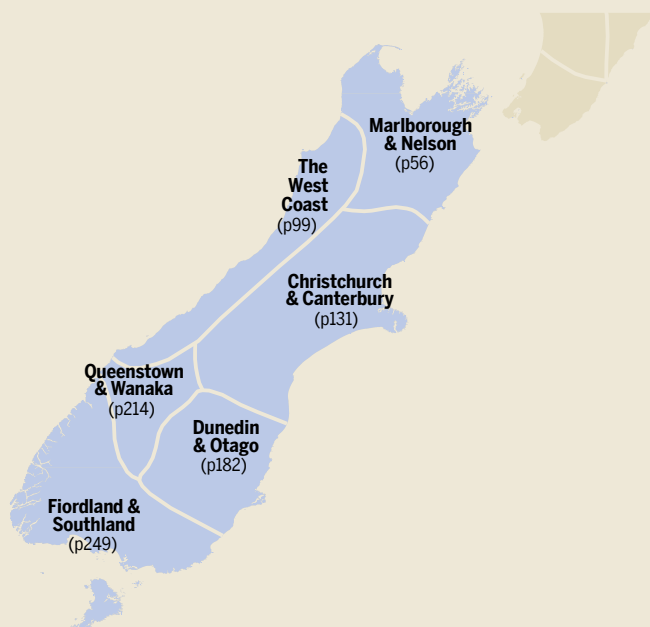




New Zealand's South Island (Te Waipounamu)



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Itineraries



3 WEEKS Southern Circuit

This comprehensive tour of the South Island's highlights takes in a remarkable range of landscapes and diverse experiences from wine tasting and whale-watching to hiking on ice.

Head to **Christchurch** to immerse yourself in the exciting post-earthquake scene. Get the caffeine buzz at Supreme Supreme, then visit Canterbury Museum and the Translational Cathedral. Wander along the Avon River in the Botanic Gardens, and tour the city on the historic tram before heading up the Gondola for excellent views.

City saturated? Drive out to Banks Peninsula and French-flavoured Akaroa village, then head north for whale-watching in **Kaikoura**. Continue to the Marlborough wine region and pretty harbour town of Picton to spend a day or two in the **Marlborough Sounds**.

Detour west past artsy Nelson to ecofriendly **Golden Bay** before heading down the West Coast where Punakaiki and the glaciers – **Franz Josef** and **Fox** – are the tip of the iceberg. Go crazy in adventurous **Queenstown**, be mesmerised by **Doubtful Sound** and chill out around the sleepy **Catlins**. Back up the East Coast, drop in to Scottish-flavoured **Dunedin**, then detour through the Waitaki Valley to the snowy heights of **Aoraki/Mt Cook** and Lake Tekapo, before rolling back into Christchurch.



Food, Beer & Markets

Fresh produce, seafood, dairy, game, grapes, hops – if you're obsessed with your stomach, have we got a tour for you...

Hop into gear around **Nelson**, widely regarded as the nation's craft-brewing capital and home to microbreweries such as Hop Federation and Townshend. Head over to **Marlborough**, the country's best wine-touring territory, then down the South Island's rugged East Coast to **Kaikoura** for delicious seafood. Graduate from Kaikoura's rustic seafood eateries to classier dining at vineyard restaurants in the wine region around **Waipara**, north of Christchurch.

Journey into **Christchurch** to sample the restaurant scenes around Victoria and New Regent Sts, and Lyttelton, and don't miss the excellent Christchurch Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.

Continue south to North Otago and award-winning eateries such as Riverstone Kitchen in **Oamaru** and Fleur's Place in **Moeraki**. Emerson's and Green Man are the breweries to check out further south in **Dunedin** before loading up the car with organic, free-range and locavore goodies at Dunedin's Otago Farmers Market.



Animal Planet

The South Island boasts a remarkable range of unique and unusual creatures. This tour presents a veritable menagerie on land and in sea.

From Christchurch travel to **Akaroa** to swim with Hector's dolphins, New Zealand's smallest and rarest. Squeeze in a return trip up the coast to **Kaikoura** for whale-watching and swimming with NZ fur seals, before travelling south to **Oamaru**. There's a fascination with steampunk culture and a wonderful historic precinct, but nature buffs should beeline for the little blue penguin colony that awakes at dusk.

From Oamaru travel to the **Otago Peninsula** for more little blues and their extremely rare cousin, the yellow-eyed penguin (hoiho). Join a tour to meet seals and sea lions before admiring the royal albatross colony on nearby Taiaroa Head.

Continue south to the rugged and isolated **Catlins**. Penguins, Hector's dolphins and sea lions are all regular visitors to **Curio Bay**. Head further south and leave the South Island at Bluff for kiwi-spotting on wild and idiosyncratic **Stewart Island**. Now you can really say you've met a kiwi.

Map Legend

Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Body surfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- Subway station
- Taxi
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Underground station
- Other Transport

Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

Note: Not all symbols displayed above appear on the maps in this book

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