



The 11 day 'west coast recce'...

EXAMPLE ELEVEN-DAY ITINERARY

**Queenstown to Wellington
South Island**

New Zealand



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Accommodation



EICHARDT'S PRIVATE HOTEL - QUEENSTOWN

Situated on the shores of Lake Wakatipu in the heart of Queenstown's village is Eichardt's Private Hotel. Hugely historical with a past both rich and intriguing, Eichardt's is, to this day, a New Zealand institution. An old meeting place for those seeking gold, the fortunes, misfortunes and missed fortunes were relayed between the very same walls you will stay in.

With beautifully modern features, stunning rooms and that all-important warm southern feel, you can walk out your door and feel the essence of this 'gold-rush' town. The restaurants, bars, galleries and shops nearby make this the perfect base for exploring.

Just be sure to have that camera on hand again as in every direction you look, another postcard photograph awaits.



WHARE KEA LODGE - WANAKA

Nestled above Lake Wanaka, one of New Zealand's most pristine natural glacial lakes, you will find luxurious seclusion in Whare Kea. With floor to ceiling windows and sweeping mountain views, peace, tranquillity and contemplation are just a few of the inevitable feelings when experiencing this stunning lodge.

With 6 exquisite suites comprised of en-suites and walk-in wardrobes, there are no excuses needed for 'you time,' as your private chef will be happily creating one masterful, melt-in-your-mouth feast after another.

Whare Kea, meaning 'house of the Kea' in Maori, captures everything Central Otago, as the Kea is the world's only alpine parrot making its home in the mountains surrounding the lodge. Whare Kea has its own private lake access, sweeping lawn and a hot tub nestled subtly away from the suites making it the perfect wind-down option after a hard day's exploring.

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LAKE MOERAKI WILDERNESS LODGE – WEST COAST

Beside an amazing West Coast beach, alongside the beautiful Moeraki River and beneath the majestic Southern Alps you will find Lake Moeraki Wilderness Lodge. With a natural playground so untouched, you will never be short of sight, sound nor tranquillity.

Kayaking on the nearby lakes, walking along the rugged beaches or meandering through the native New Zealand bush will ensure your experience of this part of the world is as light-footed as possible.

Built with preservation in mind and complimented by Gerry's ecological visions, the lodge is furnished with every needed comfort where simplicity, relaxation and the environment are all first and foremost. The food and wine are superb, as are your hosts and their warm, West Coast welcome.



LAKE BRUNNER LODGE – LAKE BRUNNER

With over 5,500 hectares of native bush and situated right on the edge of this stunning West Coast lake, Lake Brunner lodge epitomises everything early New Zealand. Great brown trout fishing, superb hiking and local walks from right outside your doorstep is what this lodge is renowned for.

Steeped in a cultural history dating back to the late 1800's when the Maori wandered these parts in search of the prized Pounamu (Jade), Lake Brunner is a lodge of world-class quality with its remote location being a huge drawcard in itself.

All the suites have recently had an upgrade with the fresh, local produce, sensational New Zealand wines and that all-important lodge service-with-a-smile still being present at every given moment.

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HOTEL D'URVILLE – BLENHEIM

Named after the French adventurer Durmont D'Urville (the discoverer of all things Marlborough) this great little boutique hotel is located right in the heart of Blenheim and was built in the 1920s. Being the gateway to this famous food and wine region, Blenheim boasts the largest number of sunshine hours per year and that, we feel, is reason enough to visit.

There are 10 luxuriously appointed suites that have all been decorated in the Art Deco style of the building, the home of the Old Public Trust building and still complete with its high ceilings, internal grand staircase and facade outside.

There is an award-winning restaurant and bar that can't help but serve up the best of the local tippie on offer – you are in wine country after all...

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Day by Day

DAY ONE & TWO

Queenstown – Eichardt's Private Hotel

DAY THREE & FOUR

Wanaka – Whare Kea Lodge

DAY FIVE & SIX

West Coast – Lake Moeraki Wilderness Lodge

DAY SEVEN & EIGHT

West Coast – Lake Brunner Lodge

DAY NINE & TEN

Blenheim – Hotel D'Urville



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Day 1 & 2 – Queenstown

EICHARDT'S PRIVATE HOTEL

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Having arrived into Queenstown off your flight, your Kiwi Does It representative will meet you on arrival and transfer you to your stunning lakeside accommodation - Eichardt's Private Hotel. The team here will take great care of you as you explore this 'adventure capital of the world' – those much lauded bungy jumps and jet boats await!

Spend some time getting settled in and relaxing in the most picturesque of New Zealand environments before taking a walk around the quaint village alleys and waterfront walkways. Queenstown's rich gold-mining history is intriguing and very hard to miss – evident in the buildings, the people and the mountains that surround you.

There are some superb restaurants right outside your door or alternatively you can head out to Arrowtown where you will again find those hidden little gems - a drink at The Blue Door followed by a sumptuous dinner at Saffron is always a great time. Your KDI guide will happily sort out anything you may need...

- **Arrive into Queenstown and transfer to hotel**
- **Check-in, relax and take a walk around**
- **Explore activity options and great places to eat**
- **Try some award-winning NZ Pinot at one of the many great restaurants and bars**



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Day 3 & 4 – Wanaka

WHARE KEA LODGE

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Today you will be making your way over to Wanaka where you will find privacy and seclusion like no other... Leaving Queenstown, the Wakatipu basin is a sight in itself as you wind your way up and over the Crown Range – Mark will be sure to stop at the top so take a photo and breath in the magnificence.

Lunch is along the way at the Cardrona Pub, an amazing little gold-mining pub that is world famous in New Zealand. The goldrush was rampant right through Central Otago in the late 1800's and small relics like this are an experience in themselves.

Following lunch and as you enter Wanaka you will immediately see why it's the place that Kiwi's come to holiday. The snow-capped mountains in the distance, the crystal clear and often cool lake and the small but vibrant town that hosts you all make this place unforgettable – not to mention the amazing Relais Chateaux lodge that is your home for the next 2 nights.

Dinner tonight will no doubt be a masterpiece, as your personal chef James whips up local New Zealand fare. A crisp glass of wine from the neighbouring Rippon vineyard is a must...

- **Check-out of Eichardt's and meet your local guide Mark**
- **Drive over to Wanaka via the Crown Range and pub**
- **Arrive into Wanaka and check-in**
- **Relax at the lodge and have dinner a la James...**



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Day 5 & 6 – West Coast

LAKE MOERAKI WILDERNESS LODGE

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Having had breakfast, checked out and waved your goodbyes, you will head out of Wanaka and make your way over to the West Coast via Haast with a couple of superb walks along the way. Reminiscent of the Jurassic age with its ancient forests, wild black-sand beaches and towering mountain reflections, the West Coast of New Zealand feels like a well-kept secret – one that you are about to experience.

The Wilderness Lodge at Lake Moeraki is a stunning property nestled between mountains and rugged beach. With forests teeming with birds, a river meandering quietly by and warmly hosted by the passionate and knowledgeable John and Sarah. There are books galore throughout the lodge that will tell you all about the local flora and fauna, however your local lodge guide will happily talk up their region...

There are a huge number of activities on offer, from the evening glow-worm walks in the beautiful native bush, the kayaking splendour of Lake Moeraki itself to the 'must-do' guided wilderness walks along the incredible black sand beaches. Now it's just a matter of choice.

- **Check-out and drive through to the West Coast**
- **Stop in for a walk along the way**
- **Arrive at Lake Moeraki and settle in**
- **Peruse the next days options**
- **Dinner at the lodge**
- **Kayak, walk, fish and relax – the options are endless**



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Day 7 & 8 – West Coast

LAKE BRUNNER LODGE

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www.lakebrunner.co.nz

The next two days are again yours to explore. This region is bursting with amazing activities, sights, attractions and clearly some world-famous glaciers to go with... Jump in the car, take a map and get lost (which is always the best way to explore) however that may be hard to do – there really is only one main road running from Haast to Westport.

The Maori were the first to explore this area in the hunt for the beautiful Jade, or ‘pounamu’ – a highly prized and stunning rock found in the river valleys beneath the Southern Alps. With a huge number of native bird species that made great food while hunting, the Maori respect for this area and the wildlife living within is a huge part of their culture.

Be sure to visit Fox and Franz Josef glaciers as these are stunning sights and are retreating at a relatively fast pace. There are the options of helicopters, guided tours including walking amongst the ice or the plain old self-tour... either way they are remarkable when seen in the flesh.

- **Breakfast at the lodge before heading north**
- **Fox and Franz Josef glaciers**
- **Lake Matheson and the west coast beaches**
- **Wilderness walks on the way to Lake Brunner**
- **Arrive and check-in to the lodge**



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Day 9 & 10 – Blenheim

HOTEL D'URVILLE

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Having had a great dose of the West Coast and its stunning untouched beaches, it is now time to amble over the hills through Reefton, on to Murchison and then along SH63 into Blenheim, the gateway to the famous Marlborough region. With the wineries, walks, the Marlborough Sounds themselves and all the activities on offer, you will find the next 2 days are quickly filling up.

During your time in region, a trip out to the amazing Queen Charlotte Track is a must do. You will need to take a Cougar Line water taxi from Picton where you will be dropped off at Ship Cove, the preferred anchorage of Captain James Cook in 1770. Situated right by a fresh-water stream, Cook and his crew planted vegetable gardens, farmed animals and effectively set up camp spending close to 100 days here. The walk itself is very beautiful, with sandy beaches, coves and amazing views out to the sounds and hills beyond finishing with a superb, remote pub lunch at Furneaux Lodge.

Being one of New Zealand's most well-known wine regions, time in Marlborough is just not complete without a visit to some wineries and tasting what is on offer. Alan Scott, Wither Hills and Pegasus Bay are just the start offering fantastic Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and the all important, crispy Chardonnays of the area - perfect with a light summer lunch.

- **Breakfast and check out of the lodge**
- **Drive through Reefton and Murchison on SH63 to Blenheim**
- **Check-in to the hotel and go for a walk in town**
- **Work out hiking options, water taxis and wines...**



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Day 11 – Departure Day

This morning you are departing 'The Mainland' as they call it, heading by ferry to the North Island and the capital city of New Zealand, Wellington. Being the Lord of the Rings HQ, the seats of parliament, housing the famous Te Papa National Museum complete with its vibrant little lanes, cafes and galleries, we would advise spending a couple of days here exploring the city and its surrounds.

Should you be staying in Wellington for a few days, grab a taxi from the ferry terminal and head to your hotel to drop off your bags. We would recommend staying at Ohtel, a fantastic little boutique hotel situated right across from Te Papa, walking distance to all the bars and shops and complete with stunning, 'Kiwiana' furnishings in the lavish suites overlooking the harbour.

On saying that, all great things must come to an end however we do hope you have enjoyed every minute of your time here in New Zealand. It has been our absolute pleasure to create an itinerary that we feel sums up our little slice of South Island paradise and do hope you will stay in touch, send us some photos and come back at some stage.

- **Check out of the hotel and head to Picton**
- **Catch your TBC ferry to Wellington**
- **Arrive and taxi into town, checking into your hotel should you be staying on and exploring**
- **If you are connecting to a homeward flight, the airport is only 10mins away. Bon Voyage!**



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Trip Summary

Dates: TBC

Duration: 11 days

Pick-up: Queenstown, New Zealand

Drop-off: Wellington, New Zealand

Estimated Cost: NZD \$1500 per couple, per day

Additional Itinerary Creation Fee (ICF) -

* 0 – 9 days	\$750 + GST
* 10 – 19 days	\$1100 + GST
* 20 – 29 days	\$1450 + GST
* 30+ days	\$1800 + GST

(NB – NZ Goods and Services Tax is 15%)

NB – This is a rough estimate and is subject to change on refinement and confirmation of the itinerary, including all associated bookings and reservations. No reservations will be made on behalf of the client prior to Kiwi Does It Ltd receiving the non-refundable Itinerary Creation Fee (ICF) and 25% of confirmed trip cost.

Guide Fees additional.

What's included: (2 pax)

- KDI services, administration and Itinerary Creation Fee (ICF)
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) 15%
- All accommodation
- Vehicle rental TBC
- Airport transfers TBC
- Internal Air NZ flights TBC
- Tours TBC
- Activities TBC

Helpful Numbers: (0064 – country code)

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