



The 16 day 'south island sightsee'...

EXAMPLE SOUTH ISLAND ITINERARY

MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS to FIORDLAND
New Zealand



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Accommodation



BAY OF MANY COVES – MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

Only accessible by boat, the Bay of Many Coves resort is just one of those properties where everything else falls away as the bird calls, the lush native forest, the quiet lapping of the waters and the chic, luxurious surroundings work their magic.

Each individual 1, 2 or 3 bedroom suite comes with beautiful New Zealand décor, amenities and local artworks with the views out across the bay being as serene and calming as you will find anywhere.

With the chef serving up local, mouth-watering cuisine complimented by local and regional New Zealand wines, this Marlborough Sounds experience is a fantastic way to start your New Zealand adventure with the amazing walks just outside your door.



HAPUKU LODGE - KAIKOURA

Nestled snugly between the towering Kaikoura mountain range and the glistening Pacific Ocean, Hapuku Lodge and Tree houses are the realisation of a lifelong ecological vision.

Situated on a working deer farm and surrounded by native New Zealand bush, each individual suite has been decorated with custom-made slat beds and finished with the finest of luxuries on offer. A mountain view out one side with ocean views out the other, spending a few nights in your own tree-house is something we all need to do a little more of.

The lodge rooms are also immaculate should heights not be of interest, with the pool, the restaurant and the lounge spaces all demanding some of your time.

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OTAHUNA LODGE - CHRISTCHURCH

Welcome to Otahuna Lodge, a place of utmost luxury and service complimented by the most amazing secluded grounds, staff taking care of your every need and cuisine and wine that is simply unsurpassed.

Built in 1895 by Sir Heaton Rhodes, Otahuna (meaning 'little hill among the hills' in Maori) is comprised of 5 suites and 2 master suites. Each with their own theme, the elegance of this beautiful country estate is evident as soon as you pull up the tree-lined driveway and feel the warm country welcome.

With fresh, estate-grown produce and seasonal delicacies throughout the year, dining here is an art form in itself whether it be in the sunken wine cellar, the drawing room turret, the intimate dining room or a location of your choice.



WHARE KEA LODGE - WANAKA

Situated 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 ensuites 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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EICHARDT'S PRIVATE HOTEL - QUEENSTOWN

Located 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 luxurious furnishings, 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 staff at Eichardt's will do all those 'little things and will make your stay truly memorable. They are more than happy to help book events, tours and anything else you may wish to do in the 'Adventure Capital of the World.'

Those bungy jumps and jet boat rides await...



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Day by Day

DAY 1 & 2

Marlborough Sounds – Bay of Many Coves

DAY 3 - 5

Kaikoura – Hapuku Lodge

DAY 6 & 7

Christchurch – Otahuna Lodge

DAY 8 - 10

Wanaka – Whare Kea Lodge

DAY 11 & 12

Queenstown – Eichardt's Hotel

DAY 13 - 15

Te Anau – Fiordland Lodge

DEPARTURE DAY

Auckland – Hotel de Brett



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Day 1 & 2 – Marlborough

BAY OF MANY COVES RESORT

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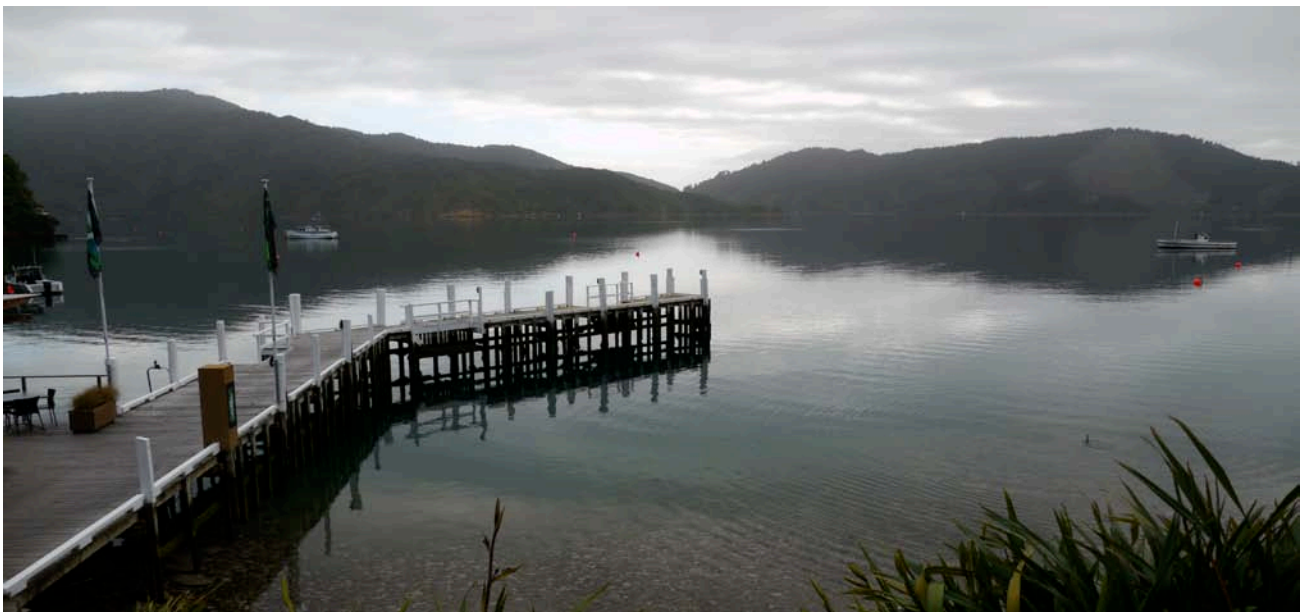
So you have sailed out of our capital, across the aptly named Cook Strait (after all, Captain James did discover this South Pacific paradise) and through the stunning Pelorus Sound into Picton – no doubt you have already got a sense for where you may end up tonight.

In the middle of nowhere and only accessible by boat is the Bay of Many Coves. Just look at the scene in the photo below and you can already feel the serenity! Your bush-clad home for the next 2 nights is the perfect place for letting it all go - a walking mecca combined with stunning contemporary architecture that will make your first taste of the South Island truly memorable.

The next few days will be spent exploring the native flora and fauna with the Queen Charlotte Track most definitely part of your itinerary – just keep an eye out for the crafty, Kiwi-like 'Weka' birds that will most definitely be looking to share your snacks which you must resist doing...

At the end of your beautiful hike and on arrival at Furneaux Lodge, lunch can be had outside on the veranda of this historic and very rustic hotel and lodge – the fish and chips are just something else! Your water taxi will be on-hand once you have taken it all in to whisk you back to your idyllic retreat for another night of food and activity-induced bliss.

- Take the Interisland Ferry from Wellington to Picton – times TBC
- Meet your 'Cougar Line' water taxi and head out to the resort
- Settle in, rest those 'soon-to-be-walking' legs and take in the silence



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Day 3 to 5 – Kaikoura

HAPUKU LODGE

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www.hapukulodge.com

Despite having to leave such a remote and untouched part of the Marlborough Sounds, your next stop is somewhere only a few people know exists – a tree house all to yourselves (it's like being a kid again!).

About 2 hours drive south of Blenheim along one of New Zealand's most interesting and scenic coastlines you will find Hapuku Lodge. An intimate, ecological dream made into one family's reality, this place is sure to inspire with state of the art, ecologically-minded suites. Waking up each morning to deer grazing outside your room is a pretty good way to start the day, followed closely behind by some whale-watching, albatross-spotting, dolphin-swimming or just good-old plain book reading (and if it happens to be winter, you can even be fireside in your own tree!)

With the mighty, towering Kaikoura mountain range out one window and ocean views out the other, you will be spoilt with great service, stunning cuisine, excellent wines and activities that could have you 'tree-bound' for a week.

- Wake up listening to those bird calls, breakfast overlooking the bay and check out
- Water taxi back to Picton and meet your guide for the drive south
- Stunning coastal beaches, seal colonies and short walks with a stop at 'The Store' a must – Clive and his family will take great care of you.
- Check in to your tree house and relax – the next few days will be incredible



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Day 6 & 7 - Christchurch

OTAHUNA LODGE

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This morning you will make your way south of the whales through the Waipara Valley and on to the Canterbury Plains into 'the Garden City' – Christchurch. The oldest city in New Zealand with the name suggested by John Godley in 1848, this city is well-known for its beautifully manicured parks, gardens and public spaces - you may also get a sense for its very English roots (excuse the pun). Walk around Hagley Park, go for a punt on the Avon or simply wander around Cathedral Square and get a feel for it all.

Our lodge for the next 2 nights, Otahuna, is situated 20mins out of town amongst sweeping lawns and beautifully manicured grounds. With its Victorian charm, historic grandeur complete with its own organic farm, the delicacies served up are straight from the estate. Located near Banks Peninsula, your amazing natural playground awaits with stunning Akaroa only a short drive away and the lovely little country roads exploring all the peninsula has to offer.

With loads of walks, rides, beaches and inlets, we will be sure to stop in at Lyttleton and its superb little galleries and shops, also a busy port servicing the majority of the South Islands exporting needs such as coal, timber and contained goods.

- Leave Kaikoura and drive south along SH1 to Christchurch
- Get your bearings in Christchurch before driving 20mins to Otahuna
- Dine in and work out the options for the next day or two – Akaroa is a must!



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Day 8 to 10 – Wanaka

WHARE KEA LODGE

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Having 'done' Canterbury and its stunning surrounds, board your flight to Wanaka and fly over the top of (while landing in the middle of) the spectacular Southern Alps. With beautiful mountains, an incredibly picturesque lake and a village to go with, this really is one of New Zealand's best-kept tourism secrets. IN recent years and mainly due to the snow industry, Wanaka has seen a large amount of growth however there are still lovely remnants of those quaint farming days – the local pubs, the tiny New Zealand 'baches' (holiday homes or cabins to most...) as well as the small General Store.

With its Relais Chateaux standards and breathtaking mountain and lake views, Whare Kea Lodge is the perfect base from which to meander. While out walking, riding, skiing, climbing, wine tasting or simply doing nothing, the lodge staff and energy will revitalise and replenish, ensuring your stay is simply amazing.

The local sights and activities are all there for the taking, so decide what it will be over a crisp glass of 'Central' Pinot Gris...

- Check out after another glorious Otahuna breakfast before transferring to the airport
- Fly from Christchurch to Wanaka over the magnificent Southern Alps
- Land in Wanaka, meet your host and transfer to Whare Kea lodge
- Check-in and relax with a superb glass of wine while you work out your chosen activities for the next couple of fun-filled days



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Day 11 & 12 - Queenstown

EICHARDT'S PRIVATE HOTEL

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In keeping with the Central Otago theme of wine, you will drive out of Wanaka towards Cromwell and the Bannockburn wine region where some of this country's finest grapes are grown. An area of extremes with freezing temperatures in winter and soaring heat in summer, this really does make for great wine making conditions. The wine industry here in New Zealand is relatively young with the first grapes harvested on a commercial level in the South Island region of Marlborough in the mid 1970's. From there our industry has flourished, with some of the world's best Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc being grown right here in paradise. Central Otago is no stranger to incredible wines with many renowned vineyards originating around the 45degree South latitude...

Before arriving into Queenstown, your local guide Mark will take you to the very best wineries along the way with tasting platters, talks with the winemakers, all right down to grabbing some cases to send home being highly recommended.

On arrival in the 'Adventure Capital of the World,' check-in to the amazing Eichardt's and let the staff make your next couple of days completely stress-free, something they do very well.

- Depart Wanaka, meet Mark and drive with your guide via Bannockburn for some superb tastings and nibbles at the local award-winning wineries
- Check-in to Eichardts, savour the view from your suite and unwind – so many options, so little time...



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Day 13 to 15 - Te Anau

FIORDLAND LODGE

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No doubt you have heard about Fiordland – that famous part of New Zealand that gives us a glimpse into the landscapes reminiscent of Jurassic times. The massive mountains, the deep dark fiords, the thundering waterfalls and the echoes of native bird species found only down here (ideally you want it to be raining too)... A viewing of the locally made 'Ata Whenua' at the cinema is compulsory!

The drive into Milford Sound is one of the most spectacular drives we believe exists on this planet, with towering natural amphitheatres, raging waterfalls, the amazing Homer Tunnel (built over two decades), beautiful native forest and rivers so clear they look fake.

Luckily, we also have the crème-de-l'accommodation-crème here in Te Anau, Fiordland Lodge. Stunning wooden beams, the huge main fireplace, floor to ceiling windows looking out over the mountains and lake beyond... need we go on? Not to mention the regions amazing walks and superb, untouched ecosystems they allow you to get in to... Very few people leave here feeling uninspired.

- Leave Queenstown and drive south along Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau – the gateway to Fiordland
- Arrive at Fiordland Lodge, check-in and take in the views out over the lake
- Plan your next 2 days - Milford/Doubtful Sound excursions and walks



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Day 16 – Auckland

HOTEL DE BRETT

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Having checked out and waved your Fiordland goodbyes, you will drive south to Invercargill via the Southern Scenic Route - a beautiful scenic drive encompassing native forest, rugged coastline and lush, dairy farmland. Your flight from Invercargill out to Auckland ends your South Island adventure, with a final night being spent in Auckland. You will no doubt have a short stopover in Christchurch or Wellington however your bags will be sent all the way through.

On arrival into Auckland you will be met by your KDI representative who will transfer you to your hotel in the heart of the CBD where a multitude of great shops, restaurants, galleries and much more are situated - it is also a stone's throw away from the viaduct harbour, which is well worth a wander around. Should you have time, you will also be shown some of this city's great sights on the way into town, namely its many volcanoes that give anyone on top of them amazing 180degree views out to the harbour islands and the Coromandel Peninsula beyond.

Depending on your booked flight home you will be transferred to Auckland International Airport to bid the shores of New Zealand farewell...

We do hope you have loved your trip, seen some incredible and unforgettable sights and stay in touch – until the next time.

- Check-out and drive south along the scenic SH99 to Invercargill for your Auckland flight
- Arrive into Auckland and transfer to your hotel via some great sights– explore the CBD
- On your departure day, meet your airport transfer and arrive at the airport to check in



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Trip Summary

Dates: TBC
Duration: 16 days
Pick-up: Wellington, New Zealand
Drop-off: Auckland, 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

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