

Wild Collection

South Island Eco Wanderer



This journey starts in the Abel Tasman and then follows the West Coast to the Pancake Rocks before crossing Arthur's Pass and onwards via the inland scenic route to Oamaru and Dunedin, gateway to the Otago Peninsula.



At a glance

Duration: 11 days, 10 nights

Connection points:

Nelson airport
Dunedin airport

Activity level: moderate

Best season: November-April

Driving times

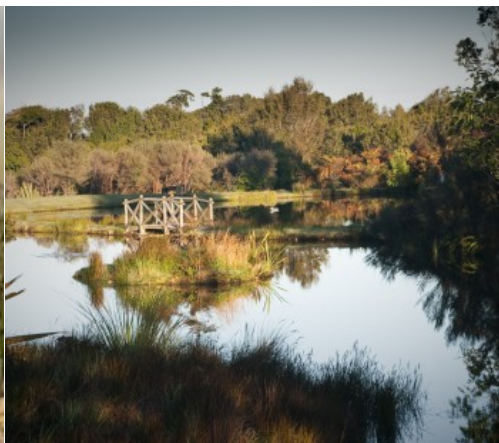
Motueka - Westport: 3 hours
Westport - Arthur's Pass: 2 hours
Arthur's Pass - Oamaru: 5 hours
Oamaru -?Dunedin: 2 hours



ECO WANDERER

Nature and beauty

South Island



Day 1 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

The Resurgence is an hour's drive from Nelson airport and 3 from the Inter Islander ferry. An eco-logs on 50 acres there are 5km of bush tracks to explore rich in native bird-life. Book dinner for your arrival night.

Day 2 - Abel Tasman, Nelson Region

Do [Abel Tasman Eco Tours | Boat & Guided Walk Eco Tours](#)

Stay [The Resurgence](#)

The Abel Tasman is New Zealand's smallest national park with pristine beaches and turquoise seas. A boat based trip is a great way to explore the Tonga Island Marine reserve and the various bays and inlets accessible only by boat. Your guide will take you on several short hikes on sections of the Abel Tasman Coastal Track and share his passion for ecology and conservation.

Day 3 - near Punakaiki, West Coast

Stay [Birds Ferry Lodge](#)

The drive through Motueka Valley and Buller Gorge are lovely but nothing prepares you for your first glimpse of the wild West Coast as you descend. Birds Ferry Lodge is on a large organic property. We recommend Ferryman's Cottage with its outdoor bath and fabulous sunset views.

Day 4 - near Punakaiki, West Coast

Do [Underworld Adventures | Glowworms and Cave Rafting](#)

Stay [Birds Ferry Lodge](#)

Start the day with the Underworld Adventures' Rainforest train and black water rafting trip gently floating through caves. After lunch, explore Punakaiki Rocks, the West Coast's lush rainforest.

Day 5 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass](#)

The Wilderness Lodge at Arthur's Pass is a working farm surrounded by dramatic mountain. Today's drive is another scenic trip. On arrival, take the kayak on the lake or take the farm dog for a walk.

Day 6 - Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

Stay [Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass](#)

Daily guided activities are included in the package at the Wilderness Lodges or you can book private tours.

Day 7 - Lake Pukaki, Twizel

Stay [Lakestone Lodge](#)

A 4:30 drive brings you from Arthur's Pass to the splendid Lake Pukaki looking out the Mt Cook. After dinner at the Lodge tonight, enjoy star gazing from a hammock in the grounds.

Day 8 - Lake Pukaki, Twizel

Stay [Lakestone Lodge](#)

There are some fantastic hikes near Mt Cook, or cycling on the Alps to Ocean cycle trail. Scenic flights from here also give you glacier views.

Day 9 - Dunedin, Otago

Stay [Fletcher Lodge](#)

The 3-hour drive to Fletcher Lodge will take you past the interesting Moeraki boulders and close to Fleurs fabulous seafood restaurant for lunch.

Day 10 - Dunedin, Otago

Stay [Fletcher Lodge](#)

The Otago Peninsula is a must for nature enthusiasts with a range of guided tours available.

Dunedin Railway Station and the Octagon give a feel for Dunedin's history.

You are walking distance to central Dunedin and restaurants.

Day 11 - Journey's End

Leave this journey in Dunedin which has connections throughout New Zealand and to Australia.? You can combine this trip with Wild Havens of the Far South and continue through the Catlins to Stewart Island and Fiordland.