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Looking for exceptional experiences offered beyond the conference walls?

Our short-stay itineraries are designed as a small group tour, guaranteed to depart with a minimum of 2 guests, enhancing your travel experience. We make it easy for you to extend your stay and tick off your travel destination bucket list items, seamlessly blending business with leisure.

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From: NZ\$1,035 per person
Twin Occupancy | 3 days & 2 nights

Discover a geological wonder at the Pancake Rocks and Blowholes and enjoy one of the top 10 coastal drives in the world.

DAY 1. CHRISTCHURCH / HOKITIKA / PUNAKAIKI.

Morning flight to Hokitika where your driver meets you. While in Hokitika, stop to see a master carver at work with genuine pounamu, watch art in action at the Hokitika Glass Studio, or head down to Hokitika Beach to photograph the iconic driftwood sculpture that spells Hokitika on the sand.

Head north to Punakaiki on the Great Coast Road, rated by Lonely Planet as one of the top 10 coastal drives in the world. Nestled between the stunning temperate rainforest, unique to the West Coast and the untamed Tasman Sea,

Scenic Hotel Punakaiki is a modern accommodation complex. All the rooms face either the ocean or rainforest and are cleverly staggered for the best view, while maintaining privacy from one another.

Stay: Scenic Hotel Punakaiki



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DAY 2. PUNAKAIKI.

Enjoy a day at leisure. A few million years younger than the dinosaurs but still relatively ancient, the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks provide a natural spectacle. A short walk from your hotel see nature's power in full force. Here an unrelenting drama plays out as the mighty Tasman Sea crashes into these iconic limestone formations. At high tide the ocean heaves, hisses and thumps through narrow tunnels and blowholes in the pancake rocks.

Sip a sundowner while watching the stunning sunset over the Tasman Sea and enjoy the epic views of the Punakaiki beach and coastline from your hotel.

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views through oversized panoramic windows in the spacious cabin, while you are served a seasonal menu inspired by the mountains and rivers of the world-famous TranzAlpine train journey.

Arrive into Christchurch in the early evening and transfer to the airport for return flights home.



DAY 3. PUNAKAIKI / TRANZALPINE / CHRISTCHURCH.

Your driver collects you this morning for the drive to Greymouth to visit the Pounamu Pathway, an immersive Māori Cultural Experience designed by renowned Wētā Workshop. Discover the sights and stories of New Zealand's wild West Coast on an inspiring and truly unforgettable experience.

In the afternoon board the iconic TranzAlpine train for your all-inclusive Scenic Plus dining experience. Travelling from coast to coast through the 'Great Divide' and the indomitable spine of mountains that partitions New Zealand's South Island. Ease back and enjoy the



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Discover one of New Zealand's best keep secrets — Franz Josef Glacier on the wonderful West Coast of the South Island.

DAY 1. CHRISTCHURCH / HOKITIKA / FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER

Board a morning flight to Hokitika where your driver meets you for the relaxed drive south to Franz Josef.

Among the most accessible glaciers in the world, the West Coast's glaciers - Franz Josef and Fox - emerge from valleys that begin high in the Southern Alps and descend into rainforest.

Surrounded by native West Coast rainforest, and designed with utmost care of its precious environment, your accommodation at Te Waonui Forest Retreat is encircled by rainforest and accommodated in natural and sustainable luxury. The ultimate coming together of luxury and environmental awareness.

Stay: Te Waonui Forest Retreat

DAY 2. FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER

Visit the West Coast Wildlife Centre to meet New Zealand's rarest kiwi, the Rowi. Your VIP Backstage Pass allows exclusive access through the incubation and rearing facility to learn about the history and successes of Operation Nest Egg, an amazing collaboration of the centre, Department of Conservation, and local iwi.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Options include seeing both Franz Josef and



Franz Josef Glacier

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Fox Glaciers from the air by helicopter, landing on the snow plains of a glacier to jump out and take it all in. Explore beyond the glaciers: join a mirror-lake kayak tour, scenic boat tour or fishing trip on Lake Mapourika, a scenic gem on the West Coast. Or join a thrilling off-road quad bike and buggy tour adventure, riding through glacier riverbeds and splashing through puddles on Jurassic rainforest trails.

For those looking for a more tranquil experience, soak in some hot tubs or let the dedicated team at Amaia Luxury Spa at Te Waonui Forest Retreat take you through a journey of ultimate relaxation. A relaxing massage, a rejuvenating facial, or an indulgent manicure and pedicure treatment will leave you feeling like a new you.

Stay: Te Waonui Forest Retreat

DAY 3. FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER / TRANZALPINE / CHRISTCHURCH.

Your driver collects you this morning for the leisurely scenic drive north to Greymouth. This afternoon board the iconic TranzAlpine train for your all-inclusive Scenic Plus dining experience. Travelling from coast to coast through the 'Great Divide' and the indomitable spine of mountains that partitions New Zealand's South Island. Ease back and enjoy the views through oversized panoramic windows in the spacious

cabin, while you are served a seasonal menu inspired by the mountains and rivers of the world-famous TranzAlpine train journey.

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Discover the Marlborough region, known for world-famous Sauvignon Blanc, delicious fresh seafood, and diverse landscapes.

DAY 1. CHRISTCHURCH / COASTAL PACIFIC / BLENHEIM

Board the picturesque Coastal Pacific Train for your all-inclusive Scenic Plus dining experience. Meandering along rugged coastlines, across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, enjoy a timeless journey of breathtaking beauty.

Ease back and appreciate the views through oversized panoramic windows in your spacious cabin, while you are served a seasonal menu inspired by the mountains and coast.

Disembark in Blenheim, a wine and food lover's haven at the top of the South Island. Join your guide for a visit to the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre with a rare collection of WW1 and WW2 aircraft. Here, Lord of the Rings director, Peter

Jackson, brings his personal collection of war memorabilia to life in the stunning Knights of the Sky exhibition. Real-life WW1 battles have been brought back to life with unerring realism by the talent at WingNut films and award-winning special effects company Wētā Workshop.

Conveniently located in the heart of the township, Scenic Hotel Marlborough offers a relaxed friendly atmosphere and



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is an oasis of comfort; the ideal base for discovering the region.

Stay: Scenic Hotel Marlborough

DAY 2. BLENHEIM / MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

Today indulge in Marlborough sauvignon blanc, experience the incredible Marlborough Sounds scenery, and taste fresh local seafood.

Starting with a Marlborough wine tour, visit two wineries to hear about the history of the region, taste a stunning range of wines, and meet the people who know wine and love sharing their passion with you.

Enjoy a barbecue lunch prior to a relaxing seafood cruise. Glide through the calm waters of the stunning Marlborough Sounds, taking in the sights while enjoying fresh local seafood and Marlborough sauvignon blanc.

Stay: Scenic Hotel Marlborough

DAY 3. BLENHEIM / DEPART

Enjoy a relaxed morning at leisure before departing on flights homeward bound.

If you have time, a great option is a visit to the 'Vines Villages', a collection of tasty food, wine, gin, and giftware shops in one wonderful venue, amongst four acres of expansive tranquil landscaped lakeside grounds. Located on the 'Golden Mile' in

Marlborough's world famous wine country, discover award winning Whitehaven Wines Cellar Door, sip Roots Dry Gin (produced on-site and awarded 'NZ's Best Gin' at the 2021 NZ Spirits Awards), and taste some of Marlborough's best produce at the Vines Larder and Gifts.





From: NZ\$1,455 per person
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Discover Kaikōura — where the mountains meet the sea. A place of natural wonders, vast marine wildlife, delicious seafood, and passionate locals.

DAY 1. CHRISTCHURCH / COASTAL PACIFIC / KAIKŌURA

Board the picturesque Coastal Pacific Train for your all-inclusive Scenic Plus breakfast dining experience. Meander along rugged coastlines, across remote beaches, between mountains and sea, and enjoy a timeless journey of breathtaking beauty.

Ease back and appreciate the views through oversized panoramic windows in your spacious cabin, while you are served a seasonal menu inspired by the mountains and coast.

Disembark in Kaikōura, famous for its marine life and whale watching. Kaikōura literally translates into "to eat crayfish". During your stay we highly recommend trying the local crayfish famed for its moreish flavour, and delicate sweetness

with hints of nuttiness.

This afternoon join an eco-adventure tour and zipline. Traverse by 4x4 through a sprawling 3,000-acre working farm adorned with rolling valleys, native trees, trickling rivers, cascading waterfalls, and lush farmland. Take a short walk through a native New Zealand forest trail which brings you to the start of your eco-zipline adventure. Experience the thrill of gliding through the air as the spectacular sea



Kaikōura 2024



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and mountain views unfold beneath you.

Located on the shoreline, Sudima Kaikōura is a brand new 4.5-star hotel with stunning views of mountains and sea. Their restaurant Hiku, celebrates what Kaikōura is all about — kai moana, (sea food), fresh produce, and dramatic scenery.

Stay: Sudima Kaikōura

DAY 2. KAIKŌURA

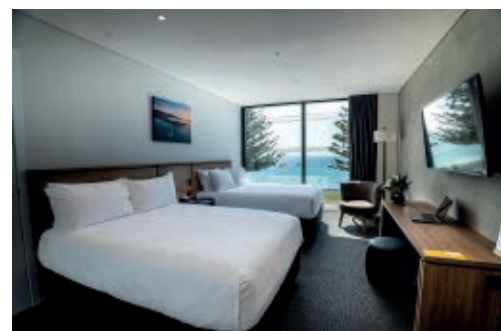
Today get up-close with the world's largest toothed predator, the giant sperm whale. Your Whale Watch cruise takes you on an unforgettable journey in a purpose built vessel providing great viewing and photographic opportunities. See Sperm Whales, or up to 14 other species of whales and dolphins that migrate past at different times of the year. This unique marine experience also provides an opportunity to sight high-spirited Dusky Dolphins, the rare and endangered Hector's Dolphin, New Zealand Fur Seals, and a wide variety of sea birds including the Royal Albatross.

Stay: Sudima Kaikōura

DAY 3. KAIKŌURA / WAIPARA / DEPART

Today your guide will collect you and introduce you to the North Canterbury wine region. Over 40 vineyards and wineries pepper the Waipara Valley landscape, producing Pinot Noir, Riesling,

Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc that are renowned for their intense flavours, richness and complex fruit. Enjoy a relaxed lunch and winery tasting prior to continuing on to Christchurch. Bid farewell to your driver at the airport before boarding for flights home.





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Discover a picturesque alpine village known for adventure and relaxation surrounded by dramatic mountains and towering forests.

DAY 1. CHRISTCHURCH / WAIPARA WINE REGION / HANMER SPRINGS

Discover the North Canterbury wine region with your guide. The Waipara Valley is well known for its cool, dry climate with good sunshine and long growing season. Over 40 vineyards and wineries pepper the landscape producing Pinot Noir, Riesling, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc that are renowned for their intense flavours, richness and complex fruit. Enjoy winery tastings and a relaxed lunch prior to continuing on to Hanmer Springs, best known for its natural hot pools and stunning landscapes.

Unwind and soak at your leisure with a two-day pass to the Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa. This award-winning

extensive complex, has naturally heated thermal mineral waters in 22 outdoor pools and activity areas including waterslides, set amongst a large native garden and towering redwood forest.

Stay: Hanmer Springs Scenic View Motel

DAY 2. HANMER SPRINGS

Today is a fun-filled outdoor adventure jet-boating the spectacular Waiiau River canyon. Your qualified and professional



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jet boat driver navigates through narrow gorges, braided shallows and rapids on a twin-engine jet boat. Then plow through rivers, mud, and forest on a quad bike or buggy tour among the trees and mountain backdrop of Hanmer Springs.

This afternoon is at leisure. One of the great delights of Hanmer Springs is the surrounding hills and forest have an enormous network of mountain biking and walking trails suited to all abilities. Hire an electric bike and explore tracks from leisurely easy grades for the casual rider to challenging swooping and technical tracks for the experts. Put on your walking shoes to climb the iconic Conical Hill for stunning 360-degree views of the valley or stroll through the forest to find exquisite whimsical wooden sculptures hidden in the woods, including a giant hawk, a friendly tuatara, cheeky fantails, and more.

Stay: Hanmer Springs Scenic View Motel

DAY 3. HANMER SPRINGS / CHRISTCHURCH

Enjoy a relaxed morning at leisure before your driver collects you to transfer to Christchurch airport to board flights home.



Hanmer Springs

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From: NZ\$985 per person
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Discover a quaint seaside town famous for its French influenced cuisine, spectacular harbour, sightseeing, and rare wildlife.

DAY 1. CHRISTCHURCH / AKAROA

What better place to taste wine and cheese than on your way to the French-influenced village of Akaroa. Departing with your guide, discover the hidden gem that is Little River that is home to a mix of craft shops and a funky art gallery. Visit award-winning vineyards for tastings and local producers such as a boutique cheese maker and an olive grove.

As night falls, visit the largest Australasian Little Penguin colony on mainland New Zealand. Take part in the monitoring program and learn first-hand the conservation efforts and work done in rehabilitating their numbers. Gain insight into the life of a penguin, and an opportunity to see them up-close

socialising on the water and relaxing on the rocks before heading to their nests.

Stay: Akaroa Criterion Motel

DAY 2. AKAROA

Ranked as New Zealand's #1 wildlife activity, embark on an award-winning nature cruise. Witness the world's rarest



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and smallest dolphin, the Hector' dolphin, exhibiting their playful demeanour, often swimming alongside your vessel and delighting with acrobatic jumps. Be awed by the majestic volcanic sea cliffs and immerse yourself in Akaroa's captivating history. Make sure to charge your device!

Enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure. As a foodies paradise you are spoilt for choice of where to eat, stroll down Rue Jolie or the Rue Lavaud, two of Akaroa's main streets, past bistros serving iconic freshly caught fishing and chips or fine dining with a touch of France overlooking the harbour. Explore the Giant's House, a one-of-a-kind garden filled with giant mosaics, sculptures and interactive fun, recognised as a "Garden of International Significance". Or treat yourself to a gin tasting at the Akaroa Craft Distillery. Using distinctly local flavours, every bottle of gin is a taste of the Banks Peninsula.

DAY 3. AKAROA / CHRISTCHURCH

Enjoy a relaxed morning before your driver collects you to transfer to Christchurch airport to board flights home.



Stay: Akaroa Criterion Motel



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