

## ‘The West Coast Recce’

### 10-day South Island Queenstown - Wellington

#### Day One: Queenstown

Having just flown into **Queenstown**, Rob will be waiting at the airport to welcome you to NZ. From here you will have a short orientation before picking up your rental vehicle and heading into town to your accommodation for the next 2 nights. Situated right in the heart of Queenstown village, **Eichardt’s Private Hotel** is something out of this world. You will soon find out why...

Dinner tonight is wherever you want however it might be nice to have a walk around town and then dine in at the hotel’s own superb tapas bar.

#### Day Two: Queenstown

Today is a day for exploring. Whether it’s throwing yourself off a bridge, out of a cable-car, hurtling down the mountain on a luge, relaxing with a massage or anything in between, Queenstown will not disappoint. Famous the world over and known as ‘the adventure capital of the world’ there are a multitude of activities you can do and the hotel can make any bookings for you.

Dinner tonight would be ‘**The Bunker**’ – a discreet fine-dining restaurant complete with it’s own cocktail bar hidden away from the world.

#### Your Hotel:

*Eichardt’s Private Hotel*  
*Marine Parade*  
*Queenstown*  
*(03) 441 0450*  
[www.eichardts.co.nz](http://www.eichardts.co.nz)

#### Day three: Wanaka

Having had your last meander around the lake and no doubt another coffee from **Joe’s Garage**, make your way over to **Wanaka** which is only 1 hour away. A great way to get to Wanaka is to head through **Arrowtown** for a bite to eat and then over the **Crown Range** (turn left off the main road north) for 2 night’s in this stunning lakeside paradise.

**Wanaka** is a fantastic place to be based that allows you to whizz off and do loads of various adventures, from jet-boating and wine-tasting through to nature walks and great shopping as well!! One recommended walk is the **Rob Roy Glacier** walk, located at the very end of the road about 30 minutes past **Treble Cone**.

## Day Four: Wanaka

After a superb brekkie at the lodge, Mark from Ridgeline will be on hand to show you some of the local secrets. Complete with Kiwi sense-of-humour, Mark will take you on a tour of the vineyards, into Cromwell and the surrounds and back in time of that all important pre-dinner drink at the lodge.

Check out those views out across lake Wanaka...

### Your Lodge:

*Whare Kea Lodge  
Mt Aspiring Road  
Lake Wanaka  
(03) 443 1400*

## Day Five: West Coast

Having had a great nights sleep and a hearty Central Otago breakfast, it is off over the ranges to **Haast**, where the rainforests of the **West Coast** begin. There is an amazing place called the **Wilderness Lodge** (3 hours from Wanaka), situated on **Lake Moeraki** that offers a beautiful environment and different activities should you want to do some.

Spend a relaxing night taking in the rugged and wild sounds of the wilderness.

### Your Lodge:

*Lake Moeraki Wilderness  
SH 6  
(03) 750 0881*

## Day Six: West Coast

Make your way up the coast, spending a couple of hours at the **Fox** or **Franz Josef Glaciers** on the way and spending the night at the **Lake Brunner Lodge** near **Greymouth**. Located off the beaten track, this lodge boasts an all wood interior, unique New Zealand decor and some of the finest West Coast cuisine on offer.

Directions to the lodge are as follows:

### **FROM HOKITIKA**

1. Take Route 6 and head north.
2. At a roundabout (called Kumara Junction) take Route 73 toward **Arthurs Pass/Christchurch**.
3. Go through the very small town of **Kumara** and at the end of the town take the left turn signposted to **Mitchells**.
4. Follow this road for about **9 kms** till the next signpost to **Mitchells**, which is at a bridge and turn left to cross over the bridge.
5. Follow the road till the lake comes into view.

6. Watch for the Lodge which is on the right hand side of the road (sometimes the lake is sufficiently distracting that drivers do not notice the Lodge).

*Your Lodge:*

*Lake Brunner  
Mitchells  
Lake Brunner  
RD1 Kumara  
(03) 738 0163*

Day Seven:                      **Blenheim**

Having just had a truly relaxing native forest experience, make your way further up the coast and inland, arriving into Nelson through **Nelson to Blenheim** (approx 3 hours) and the wonderfully boutique **Hotel D'Urville**.

**Blenheim** is situated in the heart of the **Marlborough** wine country and you can spend the next few days or so slurping away at the wonderful **NZ Sauvignon Blancs** and **Chardonnays** of the region. The food is nothing short of superb, just to top it all off.

Day Eight and Nine:

Depart Blenheim and drive 25 mins through to **Picton** where the car-ferry will whisk you away from the South Island, through the beautiful **Marlborough Sounds** and into the nations capital, **Wellington**.

Despite the early start in the morning, you can spend the afternoon and evening exploring Wellington. There are some great museums and art galleries worth visiting, one being the famous **Te Papa** that has an amazing range of New Zealand exhibitions and contemporary artwork.

*Your Hotel:*

*Ohtel  
66 Oriental Parade  
Wellington  
(04) 803 0600*

Having wandered around the multitude of cafes and seaside restaurants you'll no doubt sleep well having had a great trip. We are confident that you will leave NZ having seen some really beautiful sights and done some once-in-a-lifetime things and hopefully, you'll have a burning desire to come back and do the North Island!!

We really hope that you've had the most memorable of experiences.... Thanks very much for giving us the opportunity to share our paradise with you.



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