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## South Island Eco Tour



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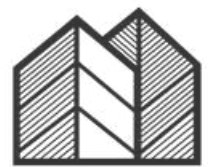
- Supporting local businesses
- Lowering your travel footprint
- Supporting sustainable tourism

Your adventure awaits!



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## GO ELECTRIC SOUTH ISLAND ECO TOUR

Get ready to go on an amazing adventure in the South Island and get to know it like never before. We have put together this itinerary to support tourism operators who are committed to supporting their communities and protecting the environment. Every business in this itinerary is locally-owned and operated; every dollar you spend stays in New Zealand.

Feel good supporting good people doing good things.

Thank you for downloading this eGuide put together with love from people who care about our country and our future. Who created this itinerary?

**GOOD Travel** is a social enterprise in Wellington on a mission to make it easier for travellers to have a positive impact on the places they visit. Founded by four women, their vision is to transform the tourism industry into a force for GOOD.

**Eco Villa** was founded in the wake of the Christchurch Earthquake. This 1910, lovingly restored villa in the heart of Christchurch showcases to guests ways of reducing their footprint whilst enjoying comfortable and stylish accommodation.

In this eGuide you will find a detailed description of an adventure around the South Island as well as discount codes and instructions on how to book. We've also included suggested places to charge your EV, eat delicious food and enjoy wonderful activities. Please adapt the itinerary to suit your needs - we highly recommend staying at least two nights in each location. Please also reach out to us with recommendations for changes or additions to this eGuide so that we can continue to improve and update it.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
GOOD Travel, Eco Villa and all our wonderful partners



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# WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT THIS TRIP?



## A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

This eGuide represents a truly collaborative project and we hope you will join this collaboration by sharing your feedback and ideas for how we can further improve it.

GOOD Travel and EcoVilla do not benefit in any way from the recommendations we have made in the guide. Rather, all accommodations, activities and restaurants we have recommended have been selected because they share our vision for a more sustainable tourism industry. Our goal is to all work together to help raise awareness for the amazing work that is happening in New Zealand.

## ACCOMMODATIONS & ACTIVITIES

You can read 'What's GOOD' about each accommodation we've recommended within their specific section in the guide above. All the tour companies we have recommended are proactively working to support their community and protect the environment. Many of the tour companies are certified Qualmark Gold, members of the New Zealand Tourism Sustainability Commitment, and actively committed to the Tiaki Promise. The range of initiatives that they are involved in is truly inspiring. At the community level, many offer discounted or free experiences for locals and donate to community organisations. In addition, all the tour companies we have recommended seek to provide a supportive environment for staff where they feel valued and included. They are also passionate about the environment and are involved in initiatives ranging from volunteering to support conservation efforts to working to transform visitors into ambassadors for the environment.

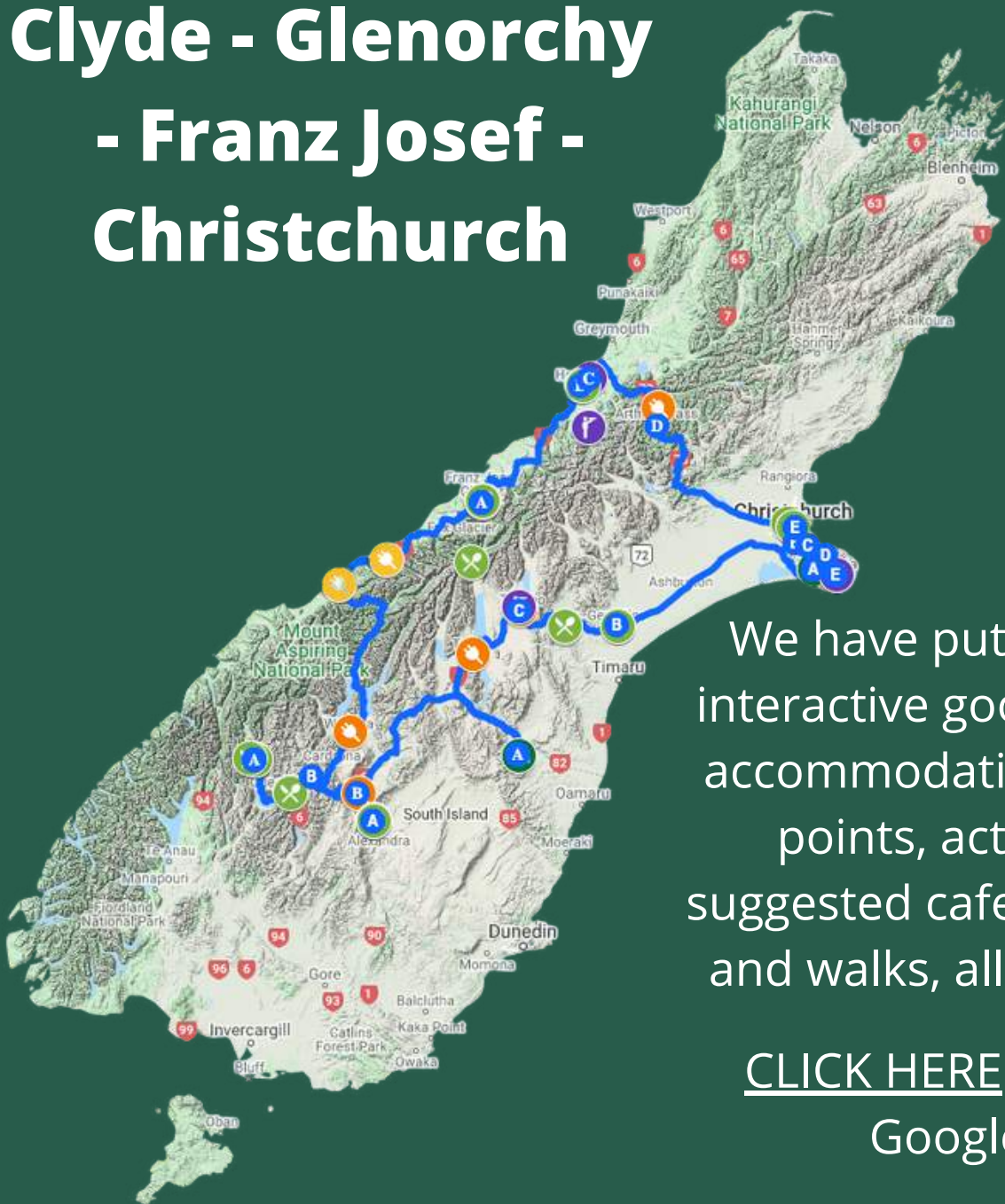


## ELECTRIC VEHICLE

By choosing to travel in an electric vehicle as opposed to a medium-sized petrol car, we have estimated that you will directly save 318 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e.

# YOUR TRIP

**Christchurch -  
Akaroa - Kurow -  
Clyde - Glenorchy  
- Franz Josef -  
Christchurch**



We have put together an interactive google map with accommodations, charging points, activities and suggested cafes, restaurants and walks, all in one place!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view our Google Map



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## ARE YOU READY TO GO ELECTRIC?



We are so pleased to have partnered with Thrifty Car Rental to offer you the chance to experience a zero-emissions holiday in an amazing electric vehicle! Through Thrifty, you can hire an awesome Hyundai IONIQ EV with a range of up to 200km!



**Claim your discount!**  
**Use the Promo Code:**  
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Simply enter the promo code on the [Thrifty website](#) when booking direct to receive a discount.



ChargeNet NZ offer a great network of super-fast chargers around the country. Their rapid chargers are the fastest way to charge your electric vehicle, so you can charge while you are eating or sightseeing and then be ready to go again. With 200 strategically positioned fast-charging stations, ChargeNet gives EV drivers a convenient and reliable EV charging network throughout New Zealand, from the far North to the deep South. While the fast-charging stations are rugged and built to withstand the elements, they also are designed to be driver-friendly. New Zealand generates one of the highest levels of renewable energy in the world, and ChargeNet's nationwide network of easily accessible chargers taps into it to help you get to where you want to go – quickly, cheaply, and cleanly.

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the ChargeNet map



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## UPGRADE TO A TESLA!



Ever dreamed of trying out a Tesla? Now you can!

We're thrilled to have partnered with GO Rentals, which will give you access to a 10% discount on hiring a Tesla Model 3 to experience the Go Electric Eco Tour.

With its 15-inch media, navigation and control centre, luxurious leather interior, expansive glass roof, 5-star ANCAP safety rating and **350 km range** (est) on a single charge, the Model 3 will take your Go Electric Eco Tour experience to the next level.



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GO Rentals is a well-respected and award winning New Zealand owned rental vehicle supplier. With a modern and diverse fleet made up of over 1000 cars, SUV's, 4WD's Vans, Passenger Service Vehicles and the brand new, fully electric [Tesla Model 3](#). GO Rentals have built a strong reputation around their quality fleet, safety, value, fast app check-in, and providing a truly personal visitor experience with excellent customer service, making renting a car in New Zealand ridiculously simple. GO love every moment of your journey by [booking your car today](#).



# MORE EV TOOLS AND ADVICE



We also recommend taking a look at PowerTrip. PowerTrip is a new amazing App that has been developed in NZ that helps you plan everything you need for your journey in your EV.

Range anxiety is that feeling you get when your fuel gauge is in the red and you don't know where the next stop is. The Power Trip app uses map data, the physics of your car and your driving profile to estimate how much energy your car will need to get from A to B and which charging stops you'll need to make.

Once you've set up your driver profile, you just need to tell the app where you're going and it will work out the most efficient way for you to get there. If you need to stop somewhere specific on your journey, no sweat, just tell the app. It will also help you to find fun and delicious things to do while you're waiting to charge.

Banish range anxiety with the PowerTrip app.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE POWERTRIP APP!](#)

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Additional websites and resources you may find helpful include:



AA Distance Calculator has a useful 'time and distance calculator'. Tick 'charging stations' to add EV charging stations to the map you create.

<https://www.aa.co.nz/travel/time-and-distance-calculator/>



Drive Electric is a not-for-profit with one goal – making electric vehicle ownership in New Zealand mainstream. Take a look at their website for inspiration!

<https://driveelectric.org.nz/>



NZ Transport Agency is leading EVRoam, a live database of NZ's electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning/transport-planning/planning-for-electric-vehicles/evroam/>



# GO ELECTRIC SOUTH ISLAND ECO TOUR



## CHRISTCHURCH

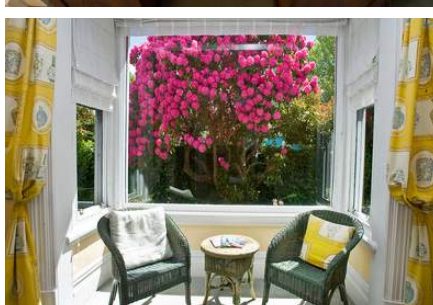
Start your trip in Christchurch where urban regeneration and heritage thrive. The city is constantly evolving, always giving locals and visitors something new to explore. Expect street art and innovative projects, a bustling hospitality scene and established green spaces. We have put together the best accommodation, activities and recommendations to make your trip to Christchurch one to remember.



With EcoVilla currently only offering group bookings, we're grateful to Orari for stepping up to offer accommodation for Go Electric Eco Tour travellers in Christchurch. Orari is a beautifully restored heritage-listed villa located in the centre of Christchurch. This boutique hotel is locally owned and demonstrates the potential for tourism to support heritage preservation. Please note, however, that they do not yet have an EV charger on site.



[CLICK HERE](#)  
for availability and  
to book your  
room at Orari.



## CAR RENTAL

We have partnered with Thrifty Car Rental and GO Rentals to offer you two EV options for this amazing trip.

Thrifty Car Rental have the wonderful **Hyundai IONIQ EV** with a range of up to 200 km. Or take your road trip to the next level with GO Rentals' **Tesla Model 3** with an estimated range of 350km, 15-inch media, navigation and control centre, luxurious leather interior and expansive glass roof.

[CLICK HERE](#)  
to book your  
Hyundai IONIQ



[CLICK HERE](#)  
to book your  
Tesla Model 3



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Simply enter the above promo code on the [Orari website](#) when booking direct to receive a discount!



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## CHRISTCHURCH



### ACTIVITIES

#### Amiki Walking Tours

This awesome new venture offers culture and food tours on foot to showcase Christchurch's hidden gems and include their own Māori and multi-cultural storytelling.

#### ReKindle Resourceful Skills Workshops

From making your own felt slippers to spoon carving, ReKindle is an incredible unique offering set in the gorgeous Arts Centre. Book one of their many workshops and take home something special that you made yourself.



#### Free Activities



- It's wonderful to see the city by bike. [Bike around the river to the Red Zone](#), a truly unique to experience.
- Visit a local Million Metres Streams project and see for yourself the awesome work your donation will help support! [Click Here](#) to view our interactive Google map.
- Head off on a self-guided walking tour of Christchurch's best street art using this [crowd-sourced map](#), or simply wander through the amazing Riverside Market.



### WHERE TO EAT

There are so many wonderful places to eat and drink in Christchurch, you'll be spoilt for choice!

[Lotus Heart](#) - vegetarian restaurant dedicated to healthy living. Enjoy homemade global cuisine using as many locally grown ingredients as possible.



#### Inati Restaurant

A fine dining experience showcasing the best produce and wines from Canterbury and New Zealand.

#### Good Habit Cafe

A rustic local coffee hot spot set in an old nunnery with an edible garden and great cabinet food.



#### Barefoot Eatery

This vegan, organic and completely gluten-free eatery is a healthy lunch option set in the beautiful Welder Centre.

#### Gatherings

A very special place where you will sample some of the best Canterbury produce matched with local organic and living wines.



# GO ELECTRIC SOUTH ISLAND ECO TOUR

## SILO STAY LITTLE RIVER

Today, take your fully charged EV over the hills and (not so) far away to the stunning volcanic region of Banks Peninsula. To experience the incredible views on your journey, we recommend going through Lyttleton and around the bays to make the most of the scenic coastline. After a fun-filled day in Akaroa and beyond, head back to your incredibly unique eco-accommodation in a repurposed grain silo in the charming town of Little River.



Set in the beautiful sleepy surroundings of Little River, your accommodation for the night is a re-purposed grain silo! Enjoy this peaceful setting with some advice from Silo Stay: "Your time at [SiloStay](#) gives you an unsullied opportunity to seek and discover personal introspection."

### What's GOOD?

Not only are Silo Stays made from re-purposed grain silos, they have many other [award winning eco-features](#), including a Biolytix wastewater system, a Pellet Boiler, and utilising New Zealand wool offcuts for a more natural and very cosy insulation.

A truly innovative accommodation.

Call Rob at [SiloStay](#) (03 325 1977) to make your booking and quote the Promo Code!



Use the  
Promo Code:  
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To receive a discount!



## TODAY'S TRIP

The suggested route for the first day on your epic road trip is to take the lesser driven road which has now been upgraded from a 4x4 dirt track to a beautiful and scenic paved road winding around the gorgeous bays of the Banks Peninsula.



## DISTANCE:

From Christchurch to Akaroa, and back to Little River (the scenic route):

**106 km, approx 2.5 hours**

This distance will not require a midway charge. You can charge at SiloStay (with a Tesla charger adapter if you're in a Hyundai IONIQ) or you can plug in at the ChargeNet Fast Charger across the road - [Click Here for all ChargeNet locations](#)



# GO ELECTRIC SOUTH ISLAND ECO TOUR



## AKAROA & LITTLE RIVER



### ACTIVITIES

#### Pohatu Penguin Tours & Sea Kayaking

Pohatu Penguins is a family-run business with a long-standing history of protecting the Korora (Little Penguin). The colony survival is accredited to the family who has cared for the penguins for 30+ years. Small group tours are offered from Akaroa over one of the most scenic back country roads to Pohatu/Flea Bay and Pohatu marine reserve, a beautiful sheltered bay out on the wild south eastern corner of Banks Peninsula and home to the largest Little Penguin Colony on mainland New Zealand with over 1500 penguins breeding there. See penguins up close and take part in their daily penguin monitoring program, discover unique native wildlife such as weta and geckos and support the conservation work as tours directly fund our conservation effort. Tours include Evening penguin tour, Wildside Discovery tours, Sea-kayaking safaris, Hiking or a 24-hour package with a night in the middle of the colony.

#### Ecoseaker Dolphin Swimming & Harbour Cruises

The Hamilton Family who own and operate Ecoseaker have a long history with Akaroa and conservation. Skipper and owner Steve is a 5th generation Akaroa local. They offer Dolphin Swimming with New Zealand's iconic Hector's Dolphins or Harbour Cruises with an intimate group of only 12 guests per tour. Department of Conservation Approved.



**Claim your discount!**  
**Use the Promo Code:**  
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**Use this promo code with either of these activities to receive a discount when you book direct.**



### WHERE TO EAT

#### The Trading Room

Semi-fine dining atmosphere at dinner and casual lunch experience in Akaroa offering fine wine selection and harbour views from the terrace.

#### Little River Cafe

A wonderful option for breakfast after your stay at SiloStay, and check out their amazing gallery.



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## VALLEY VIEWS GLAMPING

Excited for your next incredible accommodation? Set in the gorgeous rolling hills near Kurow, your next stop is a Glamping experience you won't forget! Get ready to go completely off-grid and enjoy a night of luxury at Valley Views Glamping.



Amber and Patrick Tyrrell are your hosts at Valley Views Glamping, which boasts the very first geodesic domes in New Zealand! They have endeavoured to make as little impact on the environment as possible by being completely off-grid, using solar panels for power in the communal building, choosing sustainable materials and eco-products wherever they can, recycling all that can be recycled, and they even have a worm farm septic system. Their 6 geodesic domes are equipped with everything you need to feel comfortable and pampered. The domes are furnished beautifully and they even have four outdoor private baths in the forest to really relax, unwind and enjoy the incredible night skies.



## TODAY'S TRIP

Driving from SiloStay in Little River to Valley Views Glamping near Kurow, we suggest you take the slightly longer route around Lake Tekapo; it's worth it for the spectacular views!

You will need to charge up in Geraldine, Fairlie (stop for a famous pie!) or in the beautiful surrounds of Lake Tekapo.

**Drive 402 km, approx 4 hours & 55 minutes**

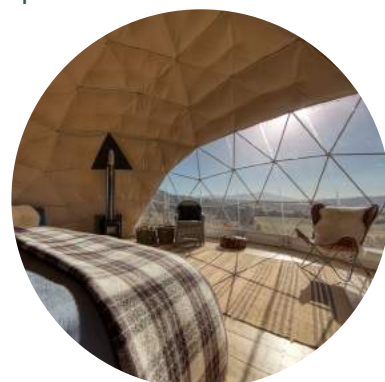
[CLICK HERE](#) for our bespoke google map to view your charging options.



**Claim your 10%  
GOELECTRIC discount!**

**Contact Amber Tyrrell from Valley Views  
Glamping to receive a 10% discount.**

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## AORAKI, MOUNT COOK & LAKE TEKAPO



### ACTIVITIES

It's a big day of driving today and you will want to get to Valley Views Glamping with plenty of time to soak up those views! You have many options for charging:

Geraldine has a fast charger, so stop for a coffee and a leg stretch. Fairlie also has a fast charger and a very famous pie shop. In addition, Tekapo has a popular walk to the Mount John Observatory - park your car at Tekapo Springs and walk 30 mins up the hill to get spectacular views from the top of Mount John and an ice cream at the Astro Cafe.

Or for a side trip take the really beautiful drive out to Mount Cook Village and have lunch at the famous Hermitage hotel, a real treat! It will add 1 hour and 40 mins to your journey but you will not be disappointed with the stunning views of New Zealand's biggest mountain.



### WHERE TO EAT



#### Cafe Verde, Geraldine

Perfectly situated at your needed EV charge stop, this garden cafe is healthy, delicious and in a gorgeous setting. Plug in your car, sit back, relax and enjoy a coffee!

#### Fairlie bakehouse, Pies!

This famous bakehouse is famous for one reason: PIES! Worth the wait for arguably the best pies in New Zealand!



#### The Hermitage Hotel

This is off the route BUT it is a New Zealand icon with the most spectacular views of Aoraki, Mount Cook.



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## OLIVER'S LODGE AND STABLES IN CLYDE



The historic Oliver's Lodge complex is situated in the gorgeous town of Clyde and opened a new chapter in its fascinating history when the building underwent an authentic restoration. The original stone complex, located in Clyde's historic precinct, was built by Benjamin Naylor in 1869 as a general store, servicing the prospectors who sought their fortunes during the Otago gold rush. Inspired by the past, owners Andrea and David Ritchie have sensitively restored the buildings including an elegant homestead, the old store, coach sheds, stables and barns.

### What's GOOD?

Oliver's takes pride in the fact they have authentically restored their beautiful stone buildings, providing them a means to generate a sustainable revenue to ensure their future preservation and protection. They also have many other conservation initiatives, [click here](#) to read more!

[CLICK HERE to book on their website.](#)

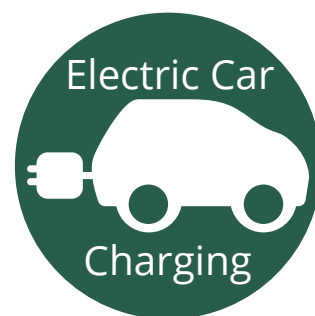


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## TODAY'S TRIP

Leaving the rolling hills of Valley Views Glamping in North Otago today, you will travel down to Central Otago through the Lindis Valley. Some nice options for a leg stretch are Omarama and Cromwell. Don't forget to leave time to explore the lovely town of Clyde!

## DISTANCE

From Valley Views Glamping to Oliver's Lodge & Stables in Clyde:

**Drive 197 km, approx 2hrs & 22mins**

We recommend a stop in the lovely town of Cromwell for a quick top-up if you're in a Hyundai IONIQ just to reduce any range anxiety.

[Click here for all ChargeNet locations](#)



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## ALEXANDRA & CLYDE

Alexandra has a golden history, dating back to the 1880s and in historic Clyde you can make yourself comfortable in a cafe or hire a mountain bike to explore the surrounding hills. In this region the walking trails and Pinot Noir vineyards of Central Otago beckon, and there's plenty to see and do!



### ACTIVITIES

#### BIKE IT NOW!

Bike It Now! has a vision of providing the highest quality Otago bike retail, tour, hire and workshop service for those wanting to enjoy the cycling trails of Central Otago, the Southern Lakes and the MacKenzie and Waitaki regions. Bike It Now! have lots of options and are situated a short walk from Oliver's Lodge & Stables. Don't miss doing a part of the famous Otago Rail trail!

#### Email

[info@bikeitnow.co.nz](mailto:info@bikeitnow.co.nz)  
and quote this promo  
code to receive a  
discount

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### WHERE TO EAT



#### The Merchant of Clyde Cafe and Oliver's Restaurant

Handily situated at your accommodation, you have the choice of lunch in the deli or dinner at Oliver's Restaurant if you don't want to venture too far!

#### Paulina's Restaurant & Bar

Another popular restaurant in Clyde with an outdoor patio and always a delicious vegan or vegetarian option on offer.

### Take yourself on a self-guided winery tour

Within 30 minutes of Clyde there are a number of other well-known sub-regions. Take a guided tour or an independent drive through these areas visiting the vineyards and tasting Central Otago's distinctive wines. Oliver's have wine maps and can assist with arranging a guided wine tour. There is a long history of winemaking with the region's industry pioneered in Clyde in 1895 by French immigrant Jean Desire Feraud. His Monte Christo wines won wide recognition. The Alexandra Basin, with over 20 producers, lies below the southern 45th parallel and to the south of all other Central Otago sub-regions. Soak in this extensive history with a wonderful tour of the vineyards.

# GO ELECTRIC SOUTH ISLAND ECO TOUR



## CAMP GLENORCHY

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Accommodation

#### Camp Glenorchy

sits in the heart of the scenic village of Glenorchy. It encompasses a stunning Homestead and is New Zealand's only Net Positive Energy Accommodation, which means it produces more energy in a year than it uses. Camp Glenorchy offers holiday package options to suit all tastes and budgets, from family and friends getaways to relaxing couples packages, all set between two dramatic mountain ranges; this is an accommodation you won't forget!

#### What's GOOD?

Camp Glenorchy has been built from the ground up following the principles of the Living Building Challenge, one of the highest standards of sustainability in the world, making them one of the most sustainable visitor accommodations in the world. All profits go to the Glenorchy Community Trust to benefit the local community. You can even have a free sustainability tour! [Click Here](#) to read more about Camp Glenorchy's extensive commitments to sustainability.



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Simply enter this promo code on the [Camp Glenorchy](#) website to receive a discount when booking any holiday packages. Valid for Camp Glenorchy packages bookings only. Visit their website to see available options. Camp Glenorchy will be closed from 31 May to 8 July, reopening on Friday 9 July 2021.



### TODAY'S TRIP

From Oliver's in Clyde, today's journey is short but with many great places to stop on the way. We suggest you fill up on delicious stone fruit (if you're lucky enough to be in the right season!) and make stops in Arrowtown, an historic gold mining settlement and Queenstown, the bustling hub of adventure tourism, before driving down the scenic highway to Glenorchy.

### DISTANCE

From Oliver's Lodge & Stables in Clyde to Camp Glenorchy:

**Drive 136 km, approx 2 hours**

With plenty of kms left on the meter, you will make it from Clyde to Glenorchy easily. We have put a fast charger on the map in Queenstown in case you decide to go off road! [Click Here](#) to view all charge stations on our interactive Google Map.



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## QUEENSTOWN AND GLENORCHY

With so much to see and do in the region, it's hard to choose! Not only is Queenstown the adventure capital of New Zealand, but the best kept secret is the awesome hidden treasure of Glenorchy, which lies 40mins south of Queenstown along one of the most scenic roads in New Zealand. We promise you: you will not regret venturing a little further south!



### ACTIVITIES

#### Ziptrek Ecotours, Queenstown

Imagine whizzing through the forests overlooking lake Wakatipu and the beautiful views of Queenstown and the surrounding Southern Alps! Ziptrek Ecotours is NZ's #1 Original Zipline tour company. Their company is well-renowned for its award-winning sustainability efforts and offers a variety of spectacular and fun zipline adventures through the forest canopy high above Queenstown, on Skyline Gondola hill. Ziptrek Ecotours is for all ages, confidence levels and abilities.

#### What's GOOD?

Ziptrek Ecotours has an array of awards, including Qualmark Enviro Gold and most recently they won the Environmental Tourism Award. They are a patron of the Queenstown Trails Trust, Sponsor of the Tuatara enclosure at Kiwi Birdlife Park and they are officially a "Zero Carbon Business" allowing you to zipline carbon free - lots of incredible initiatives to be proud of!



**Claim your 15% discount!**  
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**Simply enter this promo code on the Ziptrek Ecotours website to receive a discount.**

### Walking and Hiking

There are so many amazing tracks in the Glenorchy region including the famous multi-day Routeburn Track, and Greenstone Caples, but also a lot of short walks like the lagoon boardwalk. Camp Glenorchy offers guided walks with local experts that will share their knowledge with you along the way if you prefer a guided experience.



### WHERE TO EAT

#### Bold Peak Lodge

Soak in the mountain view from the outdoor sitting area of this Glenorchy favourite. Enjoy a local brew from the Glenorchy Brew Co, brewed locally at the Precipice Creek.



#### Glenorchy Hotel

Glenorchy Hotel is a classic kiwi country style hotel in the heart of Glenorchy offering snacks, lunch and dinner and good, old fashioned, relaxed hospitality.

# GO ELECTRIC SOUTH ISLAND ROADIE



## RAIN FOREST RETREAT FRANZ JOSEF

Accommodation

### RAINFOREST RETREAT

Rainforest Retreat is situated at the heart of Franz Josef Village on the West Coast of New Zealand's South Island. Secluded but surrounded by a host of local activities and sights, it's the perfect base to explore and unwind. Nestled amongst native bush at the feet of the Southern Alps, Rainforest Retreat offers premium Tree Houses, Tree Lodges, Tree Huts and Park Motel accommodation, as well as a friendly and fun backpackers and holiday camp.

#### What's GOOD?

Rainforest Retreat has a gold Qualmark certification for their enviro achievements. Some of the many initiatives they have implemented include using hot air from the exhausts from their commercial tumble dryers to preheat the water that goes into the commercial washing machines. They also use hot water heat pumps to heat their hot tubs, they have their own rubbish transfer station and compactor truck, they sort all of their rubbish onsite, and they recycle approximately 85% of all waste. One of the most visually obvious measures for guests is their milk, which comes in their own recycled glass milk bottles.



### TODAY'S TRIP

From Camp Glenorchy to Rainforest Retreat, Franz Josef  
**Drive 400 km, approx 5hs 30 mins**

Your longest day of driving yet and there are no fast chargers between Lake Wanaka and Franz Josef yet. We highly recommend breaking up the trip with a night halfway if possible. After charging up in Lake Wanaka, you'll need to make two more charges because of the hilly west coast terrain. If you're in a Tesla, you can do this at the Heartland Hotel Haast and Lake Paringa Lodge. If you're in an IONIQ, the Heartland Hotel Haast charger is a Tesla charger only, so we recommend breaking up the trip with a night halfway. We also recommend a 'blue commando' caravan plug charger.



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**Simply enter this promo code on the Rainforest Retreat website to receive a discount.**



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## WEST COAST FRANZ JOSEF & HOKITIKA



### ACTIVITIES

#### Glacier Valley Eco Tours

Glacier Valley Eco Tours provide informative personalised tours and guided walks in small groups around glacier country. They are a locally owned and operated business and their local guide will keep you captivated with an amazing interpretation of glaciation, geology and the natural history of this dynamic environment. In 2018 they started a community trapping project at Lake Matheson to combat predators and protect birds and invertebrates.



#### Franz Josef Wilderness Tours

Franz Josef Wilderness Tours offer amazing kayak experiences. Imagine gliding effortlessly across the water taking in panoramic views of the Southern Alps, glaciers, and untouched Jurassic rainforest reflected on the glassy waters of Lake Mapourika. Paddle into the heart of the Okarito Kiwi Sanctuary, exploring the protected area with a knowledgeable guide, your adventure awaits!



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### WHERE TO EAT

[Alice May, Franz Josef](#)

Alice May has an intriguing story behind it and serves hearty home cooked food. They offer a range of beer and cider from a West Coast Brewery. You can enjoy spectacular views of the Southern Alps from their courtyard.



[Monsoon Bar & Restaurant](#)

Monsoon Bar is the dining attached to Rainforest Retreat. It has a wonderful open fire and sometimes live music! Expect tasty home-cooked pub food and a buzzing atmosphere.



# GO ELECTRIC SOUTH ISLAND ROADIE



## WEST COAST BACK TO CHRISTCHURCH



### TODAY'S TRIP

**Drive 384 km, approx 5 hours & 9 minutes**

From Rainforest Retreat, Franz Josef through Hokitika, scenic Arthurs pass and back to Christchurch.

You will need to make a few stops to recharge today, if you drive from Franz Josef to Hokitika and **recharge at the New World Carpark**, ChargeNet fast charger you will have plenty of charge to get to the next charge point which is **Otira**. If you wanted, you could even take a detour to Hokitika Gorge for a gorgeous walk (see walks section for more info) and drive back around Lake Kaniere for a beautiful scenic route. To fit all of this in from Hokitika and to get to Otira is approx 180 kms. From Otira (another fast charger point) all the way back to Christchurch, it's 164 kms.

[Click Here](#) to view all charge stations on our interactive Google Map!



### WHERE TO EAT

**Gatherer Wholefoods, Hokitika**

Open six days a week offering healthy and delicious vegetarian and vegan food, this trendy cafe is a must-try if stopping in Hokitika to recharge your car and yourself!



### ACTIVITIES

**Arahura Greenstone Tours**



The Arahura river is known as one of the richest sources of Pounamu in NZ and the knowledgeable local guides enjoy sharing their love of Te tai o Poutini and the Arahura River. On this unique tour you will be able to find small pieces of Pounamu, learn to carve this precious stone into a necklace, and keep this taonga to cherish.





# SUGGESTED WALKS



## CHRISTCHURCH & BANKS PENINSULA

Christchurch and the Banks Peninsula have many wonderful walks on offer. The Port Hills are full of easy trails with wonderful views. Be like a local and walk up the Rapaki Track to the top to view the whole of the stunning Pegasus Bay.

A wonderful walk to do if you're looking for a good leg stretch during your scenic drive to Akaroa is the 'Little Mount Herbert' walk from the Port Levy Saddle. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Another great place to walk is at Hinewai Reserve, a stunning area of regenerating native forest, this reserve is beautifully maintained with easy and moderate walks and incredible wildlife. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



## SOUTH CANTERBURY

On your way to Valley Views Glamping, you may wish to soak in the Mackenzie and Waitaki region with a few short walks. The Kurow Hill Walk is a 15 min drive from your accommodation and is a lovely quick 50 min return walk up to a seat with a great viewpoint over Kurow township. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## GLENORCHY

Glenorchy is the gateway to so many wonderful walks. There's something for everyone from the beautiful, easy boardwalk through wetlands in Glenorchy township to the 8-hour Earnslaw Burn track! [CLICK HERE](#) to check out the DOC page to choose a walk. A lovely, easy walk is to Lake Sylvan, near the popular Routeburn track through a regenerating beech forest.



## WEST COAST

The West Coast has the oldest and densest native bush New Zealand has to offer. The Hokitika Gorge is a wonderful short walk and check out Lake Kaniere for more spectacular views and options for long or short walks in the mountains and lakes. [CLICK HERE](#) for information on the Doc Walks in this area.

# BEING A GOOD TRAVELLER



New Zealand is precious, and everyone who lives and travels here has a responsibility to look after it. The Tiaki Promise is a commitment to care for New Zealand, for now and for future generations. By following the Tiaki Promise, you are making a commitment to New Zealand to act as a guardian, protecting and preserving our home.

We ask that you take a moment to watch the Tiaki Promise video before you start your tour: <https://tiakinewzealand.com/>

## What does this mean in practice?

Here are a few suggestions for how to be a GOOD traveller during this tour:

- Slow down. We recommend spending at least two nights in each location. Slowing down is not only one way to be a GOOD traveller, but it will also give you a better experience as some days involve a lot of driving.
- Be kind and respectful towards everyone you meet. Keep an open mind and enjoy the differences.
- Be respectful of the local environment and wildlife. Visit the Department of Conservation for tips on how to "Visit the Kiwi Way": <https://www.doc.govt.nz/lovethisplace>
- Support local. Support the accommodations and activities in this itinerary to ensure that the money you spend supports local businesses who care about their communities and environment.
- Always follow the instructions of local guides during activities.
- Be mindful of minimising your contribution to waste by using a reusable water bottle and always disposing of rubbish appropriately.
- Help us improve. Share your feedback on this eGuide with GOOD Travel and EcoVilla as well as any recommendations for additional GOOD businesses we should include.





# MILLION METRES STREAMS PROJECT



**To do even more GOOD on your trip, why not donate the amount you save using the GOELECTRIC discount code to Million Metres Streams Project?**

Million Metres is New Zealand's only dedicated programme connecting local waterway restoration projects with large scale funding and resources. Million Metres is an initiative of the Sustainable Business Network, who have set out to restore at least one million metres of waterways across Aotearoa New Zealand. Their purpose is to connect and resource people to accelerate quality waterway restoration, with the long term dream of seeing the people of Aotearoa united to restore the mauri (life force) of their precious waterways. So far, they've supported more than 70 waterway restoration projects across Aotearoa, fundraising over \$2million! This is enabling more than 74,000 metres of waterways to be replanted, with over half a million plants and trees!

**DONATE  
HERE**



# UPGRADE TO A BOOKED-FOR-YOU PACKAGE

If you love the concept of our Go Electric Eco Tour, but you're short on time or not much of a planner, why not upgrade to a Booked-For-You package?

The team at GOOD Travel would love to tailor an itinerary to suit your timeframe, interests and travel style. We will design the perfect itinerary for you, make all your accommodation and activity bookings so that you can just show up and enjoy, provide you with a detailed welcome pack with all the information you need, and ensure that every step of your journey aligns with GOOD values. We'll also donate 10% of profit to Million Metres Streams Project.

GOOD Travel is an award-winning, Wellington-based social enterprise with 100% positive client feedback. We are a small team of women who all share the same vision: to transform the tourism industry into a force for GOOD. We run GOOD group trips across the globe as well as here in New Zealand, and we've loved the opportunity to do more here in New Zealand over the past 12 months.



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