



14th - 21st January 2027

Top of the South

Revel in pristine golden beaches and lush native forests, crystal clear lakes, wild rivers and rugged mountain ranges.

The Top of the South Island has the perfect blend of relaxation and adventure, in every season.

Travel from alpine peaks to the Marlborough Sounds, sampling gourmet food and world class wine from luxurious accommodation to rustic restaurants.

Here in the top of the South Island, you'll discover a place to experience life beyond the ordinary. A place where all the best parts of New Zealand are distilled into a single destination, with a palpable energy, vibrant culture and arts scene, and an array of stunning natural landscapes to explore. A place where it's easy to connect, but where disconnecting is valued too, with beaches, rivers, lakes and mountains located just a stone's throw away.

DAY 1

Thur 14th Jan

Home - Picton



If departing from Whanganui, meet at the Whanganui Racecourse for an 8am departure, and travel south to Levin for some home baked morning tea.

From here, it's straight into the **Bluebridge Ferry** terminal in plenty of time to board our 1:30pm sailing over to Picton.

Departing from another destination

For those departing from another destination, you will fly into Wellington and be transferred to the Interislander Ferry Terminal to meet up with the group. All tickets and details will be provided in your personal information pack, sent prior to travel.

Once we hit the mainland, it is a short drive around to our lovely central accommodation. Unwind and relax or take a stroll along the waterfront before we dine on-site and then rest our heads for the night.

Accommodation: BEACHCOMBER HOTEL



DAY 2

Fri 15th Jan

Picton - Nelson

After a relaxed start to the day, we head down to the marina to join one of the last remaining 'genuine' **Mail Boats** left in the world, still delivering mail and groceries as it has been for over a century. We cruise the majestic Western route of the sounds, delivering goods to isolated homesteads nestled in quiet secluded bays.

A picnic style lunch is organised for today, and we visit a mussel farm and see how this area got the name of the green lipped mussel capital of the world! We carry on delivering the last of the mail and return to Havelock approx 4pm.

We then continue over to Nelson to our great accommodation for the next two nights. Once settled in we meet for dinner sharing stories of the day and continuing to get to know our travelling companions.

Accommodation: THE TIDES HOTEL



DAY 3

Sat 16th Jan

Nelson

After a scrummy breakfast we'll visit the **famous local markets** then hit the road for a short drive out the Nelson Adventure Park to tackle the **Skywire Experience**.

You start with a 4km ride in a 4-wheel drive shuttle van, passing through pristine native forest while the guides entertain you with facts about the park's diverse native environment, cultural aspects and fun stories.

The Skywire is set 300m above the base café and has incredible views of Cable and Delaware Bays, the western ranges and north towards D'urville island. On a clear day you can even see the snow-capped peak of Mount Taranaki.

One of the World's longest Flying Fox's. This one of a kind experience is an amazing scenic ride with a shot of adrenaline flying high above the forest canopy. If you would rather not partake in this activity then simply relax in the cafe amongst the gorgeous natural environment before we all meet for **lunch** at the Base Cafe.

Then, enjoy a relaxing stroll around the **Founders Heritage Park**, where we will enjoy the charms of days gone by at this great attraction including a train ride around the park.

We aim to get back to give you some R&R time before meeting again for another delicious dinner. If time permits in the afternoon and you want to have a look around the Nelson CBD, Jase will happily drop you off and pick you up again before tea.

Accommodation: THE TIDES HOTEL



DAY 4

Sun 17th Jan

Nelson - Golden Bay



After breakfast, it's time to depart Nelson and head to one of New Zealand's most beautiful coastal areas. Before we arrive at Abel Tasman National Park, we will stop at the charming seaside village of Mapua. Situated by the stunning Waimea Estuary, Mapua Wharf is a beautiful location to wander the shops or to get yourself some morning tea.

We then drive the scenic Ruby Bay coastal road and head over to the turquoise water and golden sand beach of Kaiteriteri. This is the launching place for our **Scenic Abel Tasman Cruise** where we travel the full length of the spectacular coast in style. Lunch today is a classic kiwi BBQ on board as we call into picturesque coves, pausing for photographs at famous Split Apple Rock, and cruising by the seal colonies on Tonga and Adele Islands.

Upon returning to Kaiteriteri, we hop back on the coach and travel over the Takaka Hill, into one of the country's most diverse and appealing holiday destinations, Golden Bay. We arrive at Takaka, the main centre of the region, to our fantastic accommodation for the next few nights. Tonight, we head out to one of the highly rated restaurants for dinner.

Accommodation: MOHUA MOTELS



DAY 5

Mon 18th Jan

Golden Bay (Farewell Spit)



After **breakfast**, we head out to what will surely be a highlight as we embark on the amazing eco tour of **Farewell Spit**. From Collingwood, we will board the purpose-built coach for this is a great afternoon of exploring.

We travel right out to the historic lighthouse located about 27 km along the beach, and this is where we will have our picnic style **lunch**. Our journey also includes a stop in Puponga and at the most northern point on the South Island, Cape Farewell. The knowledge of the guides will amaze you and after this great day we make our way back to Takaka where we'll have **fish n chips** on-site at our accommodation before hitting the sack for the night.

Accommodation: MOHUA MOTELS

DAY 6

Tue 19th Jan

Golden Bay - Blenheim



Today, we bid farewell to Golden Bay and retrace our path over the hill but not before some more fun, sightseeing and a spot of fishing.

We will visit **Te Waikoropupu Springs (Pupu Springs)** which are known for the clarity of the water and are the largest freshwater springs in New Zealand. If you don't want to head out on this 45min loop walk simply relax at the motel and we'll collect you on the way to the **Anatoki Salmon Farm**



where you have the chance to catch your own lunch! If fishing is not your thing, then the guide will help you to land the big one then we all sit down together and enjoy a variety of freshly smoked Salmon meals (alternative meals can be arranged).

Heading east, we then travel SH63, stopping in at St Arnaud and travelling alongside the Mt Richmond Forest Park, through the Wairau Valley and into the wine country of Marlborough. We arrive at our fabulous accommodation for the next two nights and settle in before meeting for **dinner** and then resting our heads for the night.

Accommodation: SCENIC HOTEL MARLBOROUGH

DAY 7

Wed 20th Jan

Blenheim



After a hearty **breakfast** we get stuck into another fabulous and relaxing day out.

We head to Picton and board our **boat cruising** to **Furneaux Lodge** through Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui arriving in time for **lunch** at the Furneaux Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious **2 course lunch** and relax on the sweeping lawn overlooking Endeavour Inlet.

Explore the grounds, do a short walk or simply drink in the views until it's time to meet at the jetty for the scenic cruise home.

We are then transferred back to our accommodation for our final group **dinner** together and maybe a wee tipple to finish the evening off.

Accommodation: SCENIC HOTEL MARLBOROUGH



DAY 8

Thur 21st Jan

Blenheim - Home

After **breakfast** we make our way to Picton to catch our 9:30am ferry back to Wellington. There will be plenty of time to get yourself some lunch as we head over the strait.

When arriving into Wellington, those flying out will be transported to the airport and the others will make their way back to Whanganui.

***If you are travelling to another destination, your travel arrangements will be made for you in your customised itinerary.**

Total cost

Departing from Whanganui:
\$4,895.00 per person.

\$1,000 deposit due by 1st Oct 2026.

Final payment due by 14th Dec 2026.

Payment methods Cheque Cash Eftpos Online

Send online bank deposits to:
BNZ 02-0792-0090015-00

Please use your name and trip name
as code and reference.



What's included?



Transport

- All coach travel as stated in the itinerary.
- Interislander Ferry.



Accommodation

Great twin share accommodation
(single supplement available)



Food and drink

- Includes 2 course dinner every night. All lunches except on day 1 & 8. Mixture of cooked and continental breakfasts.



Activities

All activities as stated in **bold** in the itinerary.

How to book

Be in quick to secure your seats!



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Thank you,
The Take It Easy Team



Terms and Conditions

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- For cancellations after 14th Oct 2026 – loss of deposit.
- For cancellations within 14 days prior to travel – 100% of total fare will apply.

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