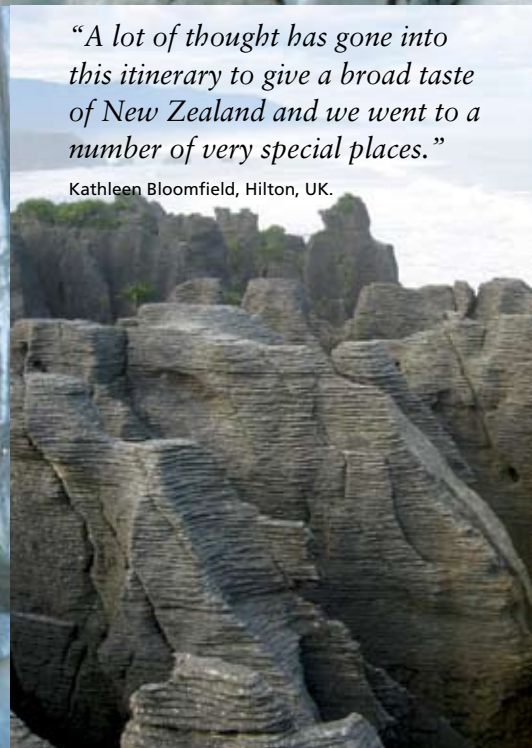


West Coast Encounter

This is the 2nd in a series of 3 interconnecting 8 day itineraries that provide a slightly slower pace and some more activities.



“A lot of thought has gone into this itinerary to give a broad taste of New Zealand and we went to a number of very special places.”

Kathleen Bloomfield, Hilton, UK.

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Starting with a Monday crossing on the Interisland Ferry we have a tandem kayak experience to follow in the sheltered Marlborough Sounds. Across at Nelson we combine a beautiful day hike and sailing on the beautiful Abel Tasman national park. Coasting down the Buller valley we go underground, followed by black water rafting. Punakaiki and Pancake Rocks provide a beautiful sea side overnight followed by a half day glacier hike at Fox Glacier. Remote valley jet boating on the Waiatoto River is followed by an overnight at Lake Wanaka before final two nights at Queenstown and a final visit to a high country station on board an historic steamer.

- *Enjoy the peacefulness and beauty of the Marlborough Sounds on the ferry from Wellington to Picton*
- *Kayak amidst fascinating native birds and outstanding marine life*
- *Experience the golden beaches hiking New Zealand's smallest, but beautiful National Park: Abel Tasman*
- *Experience an underground cave rafting trip at the rugged West Coast*
- *Climb a glacier of over several thousand years old and 13km long!*
- *Get the adrenaline pumping by going for a speedy jet boat ride on the remote Waiatoto River*
- *Drive past Lakes Wanaka and Hawea before exploring the historic gold mining town of Cardrona*



DURATION 7 nights, 8 days itinerary
MEALS 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 1 dinner
PRICES Trip price NZ\$3498
Single Supplement NZ\$857
START Wellington or Picton
FINISH Queenstown
2009 - 2010 DATES
November 23 - 29
December 28 - Jan 3
February 01 - 7
March 8 - 14

