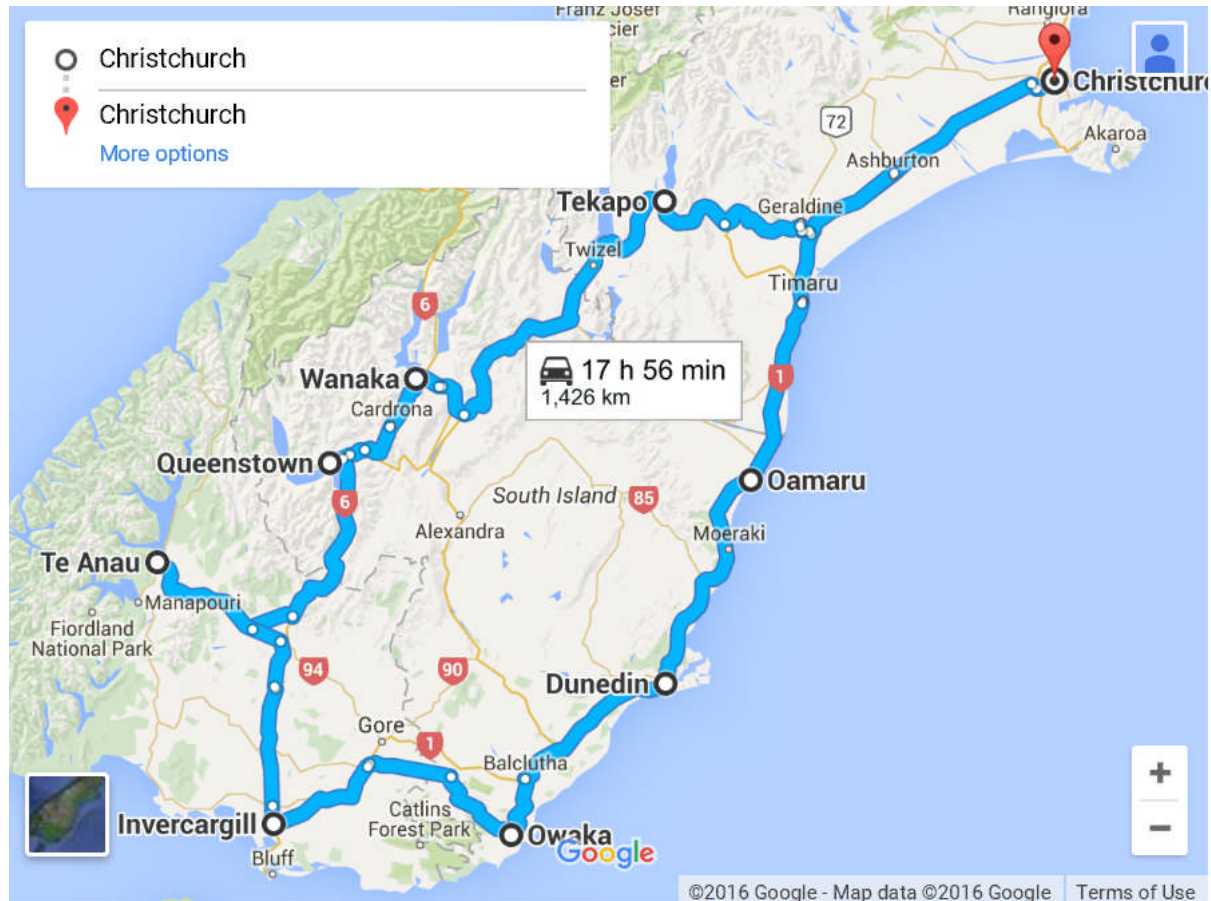


## Christchurch and the South Island in 10 days

Distance: 1507 km



### Day 1. Christchurch to Tekapo

Pick up your campervan in Christchurch today. Allow at least one hour for pick up and time to familiarise yourself with your vehicle before you leave the depot.

Depart this morning and take the State Highway 1 to Orai Station Road in Orai. Take the Geraldine-Fairlie Highway to State Highway 8 in Fairlie. Turn right into Tekapo.

Lake Tekapo is just one of the many stunning natural features found in New Zealand. Whether you are visiting in winter and enjoying the ski slopes, or enjoying picnics by the lake in the warmer months, Lake Tekapo is perfect year round.

For a relaxing day, visit the Tekapo Springs. Here you will find three hot pools which look out over Lake Tekapo and the mountains. Afterwards, book yourself in for a massage or spa treatment, and truly indulge yourself in a holiday away.

Distance: 227 km, 2 hours 50 minutes  
Stay: Lake Tekapo Motel and Holiday Park

## Day 2. Tekapo to Wanaka

Depart this morning and head north west on State Highway 8A, and turn right following signs for Route 8/ Wanaka/ West Coast. Stay right to continue along State Highway 8A, and then turn right onto State Highway 6. Continue onto State Highway 84 until you reach Wanaka.

Pull on the hiking boots and explore Mt Aspiring National Park – Te Wahipounamu World Heritage Area. Go for a casual walk around the mountain and its surrounds, or challenge yourself to an introductory mountaineers' course with an instructor and climb higher than you have climbed before.

Lake Wanaka is another one of New Zealand's stunningly clear lakes. Take a boat ride across the waters, or even a jet boat for the thrill seekers, and see the mountains from a whole new perspective.

Distance: 202 km, 2 hours 20 minutes  
Stay: Wanaka Kiwi Holiday Park & Motels

## Day 3. Wanaka to Queenstown

Depart this morning and take Cardrona Valley Road, Crown Range Road and State Highway 6 to Queenstown.

Queenstown is one of the bungee-jumping capitals of the world, drawing adrenaline-seekers from every corner to bungee jump from great heights into some of the most beautiful gorges in New Zealand. Take up the challenge as it is an experience that you will definitely not forget, with nearly all places providing photographic evidence of your brave accomplishments.

For a different way of travelling around and seeing Queenstown, try an eco-friendly Segway Personal Transporter tour. Segway's are easy to use, as you buzz around Queenstown enjoying stunning views of the bays and mountains.

Distance: 70 km, 1 hour  
Stay: Queenstown Holiday Park Creeksyde

## Day 4. Queenstown to Te Anau

Depart this morning and take State Highway 6A. Turn right onto State Highway 94, and then right onto Sandy Brown Road. Turn left onto State Highway 64 and follow until Te Anau.

Te Anau is one of the gateways to the Fiordland National Park, which is home to over 1.2 hectares of mountains, lakes, fiords and rainforests. Go hiking throughout one of the great walking tracks through the national park, and see the hundreds of local flora and fauna species up close.

The Milford Sound is one of the most famous fiords in New Zealand, and is situated in the Fiordland National Park. Surrounded by steep cliffs and dense rainforest, hire a kayak and take in the fiord in at your own speed. Gently paddle past the natural wonders and enjoy the serenity that the fiord has to offer.

Distance: 175 km, 2 hours

Stay: Te Anau Lakeview Kiwi Holiday Park & Motels

## Day 5. Te Anau to Invercargill

Head south on State Highway 94 and then turn right onto Dipton-Castlerock Road. Turn right onto State Highway 6, and at the roundabout, take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto State Highway 1. Turn right onto Conon Street in Invercargill.

Spend the day at Queens Park, which is no average park. From golf, to playgrounds, to animals, there is something for everyone in the family to enjoy or try. Take a picnic on a nice day, and enjoy the peace away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Visit the E Hayes Motorworks Collection, and see the ‘World’s Fastest Indian’ in person. Housed in a hardware store, the collection showcases vintage motorcycles, engines, equipment and memorabilia. At the centre, is the ‘World’s Fastest Indian’, the very same motorcycle in which Burt Munro claimed his world records for his explorations and achievements in speed.

Distance: 155 km, 1 hour 50 minutes

Stay: Invercargill Top 10 Holiday Park

## Day 6. Invercargill to Owaka

Depart this morning and head west on Orr Road towards Kennington-Waimatua Road. Follow State Highway 1, Mataura-Clinton Road/ Old Coach Road and Clinton-Owaka Road/ Owaka Valley Road to Papatowai Highway/ Waikawa Road in Owaka.

Take a tour on a horse, and gallop along the sweeping green plains of the Caitlins or along the many beaches. Tours are tailored to the individuals, to accommodate for everyone’s experiences on a horse. It is a great way to get off the beaten track and see areas that cannot be accessed via the road.

The Earth Lore is one of New Zealand’s only insect-themed parks, and is one not-to-miss for an educational afternoon. With everything from The Great Orlando’s Magical Flea circus puppet show, to an observation hive, you may find yourself getting over that fear of bugs, and being fascinated by what you will find here.

Distance: 135 km, 1 hour 40 minutes

Stay: Thomas’s Caitlins Lodge & Camp Ground

## Day 7. Owaka to Dunedin

Depart this morning and take Main Road/ Owaka Highway. Follow to High Street and then turn right onto the State Highway 1. Follow for signs Timaru/ Route 1.

For a unique experience, visit the Dunedin Chinese Garden, which celebrates the Chinese population of Dunedin, with many families arriving in the 1860s during the gold rush. Walk around and enjoy the beautifully crafted gardens and buildings and have a go at the Chinese puzzles. Afterwards indulge in an authentic Chinese Tea Shop, where you can sample teas, dumplings and buns.

For the royal treatment, visit the Larnach Castle and Gardens. Take a tour of the magnificent castle, and learn about William Larnach, who built the castle for his wife Eliza. The gardens are also considered a Garden of International Significance, with the Lost Rock garden, the Serpentine Walk and the Laburnum Arch as particular highlights.

Distance: 110 km, 1 hour 24 minutes

Stay: Dunedin Holiday Park & Motels

## Day 8. Dunedin to Oamaru

Depart this morning and head north on the State Highway 1 towards Queens Gardens. Keep left and follow signs for Route 1 until Oamaru.

The Moeraki Boulders are large spherical stones on Koekohe Beach. They are formed by the erosion caused by the ocean, which has produced a natural wonder that must be seen in person. Some of the boulders are up to three metres in diameter, and weigh several tonnes, making them both unusual but beautiful natural sculptures.

Steampunk HQ is a truly unique experience in New Zealand, celebrating the genre of science fiction combined with steam powered technology. A particular highlight is the full scale train engine that both spits fire and bellows smoke. The entire museum will transport you and teach you about this entirely different and alternative world.

Distance: 110 km, 1 hour 30 minutes

Stay: Oamaru Top 10 Holiday Park

## Day 9. Oamaru to Timaru

Depart this morning and return to the State Highway 1. Continue onto King Street and Stafford Street to Timaru.

Learn about the local Maori culture at the Te Ana Maori Rock Art tours, where a guide will take you through how the rock art is formed and you will see the original rock art paintings. You will hear stories about the ancestors who lived here thousands of years ago, and what they did to preserve their paintings for today.

To continue this educational experience, the South Canterbury Museum has an extensive collection focussing on the heritage and people of the area. Learn about the Maori people and the European settlement, as well as the natural histories which is a must-see and learn of this area.

Distance: 85 km, 1 hour

Stay: Timaru Top 10 Holiday Park

## **Day 10. Timaru to Christchurch**

Depart this morning and take Stafford Street to State Highway 1. Follow to Montreal Street in Christchurch.

After a full 10-days of travelling, visit the Christchurch Botanic Gardens for a relaxing end to your journey. With conservatories, gardens and playgrounds, stroll around the vibrant park and enjoy the natural beauty of Christchurch.

We recommend allowing for 60 minutes when returning your campervan.

Distance: 165 km, 2 hours 10 minutes

Stay: Amber Kiwi Holiday Park