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School Holiday West Coast Adventure

Sign up with Smylies Tours on their unique 3 day / 2 night
tour enjoying some of the best spots on the West Coast
including some secret places along the way.

6th - 8th October 2026

Day 1:

Christchurch to Hokitika (240km, 3 hours driving)

We leave Christchurch early and cross the wide Canterbury Plains, heading west towards the Southern Alps. After climbing over Porters Pass, we stop at Castle Hill to explore the impressive limestone formations and enjoy a short walk through this unique landscape.

We continue through Arthur's Pass National Park, stopping for lunch and taking time to explore the alpine scenery before heading down towards the West Coast.

By afternoon, we arrive in Hokitika, where we visit the National Kiwi Centre. Get up close to New Zealand's famous kiwi and try your hand at catching freshwater crayfish.

Overnight: Hokitika

Day 2:

Franz Joseph day trip (280km, 4 hours driving Round Trip)

Today we explore Franz Josef and the surrounding West Coast wilderness.

Weather permitting, we'll walk through the rainforest to the base of Franz Josef Glacier, seeing first-hand how the glacier has retreated over time.

Along the way, we'll explore the unique West Coast rainforest and glacier landscapes, with a packed lunch to enjoy during the day.

It's a chance to experience one of New Zealand's most incredible environments while thinking about the effects of climate change and how our landscape is changing.

We then return to Hokitika for the evening.

Overnight: Hokitika

Day 3:

Hokitika to home (320km, 3.5 hours driving)

After breakfast, we head out to explore the spectacular Hokitika Gorge, where bright turquoise water winds through native rainforest and towering cliffs.

From there, we'll make our way to the West Coast Treetop Walk, with the option to take on the zipline and experience the forest from above.

After lunch in Hokitika, we begin our journey back across the Southern Alps, travelling through Arthur's Pass and back to Christchurch.

We expect to arrive back in Christchurch at around 5:00pm.

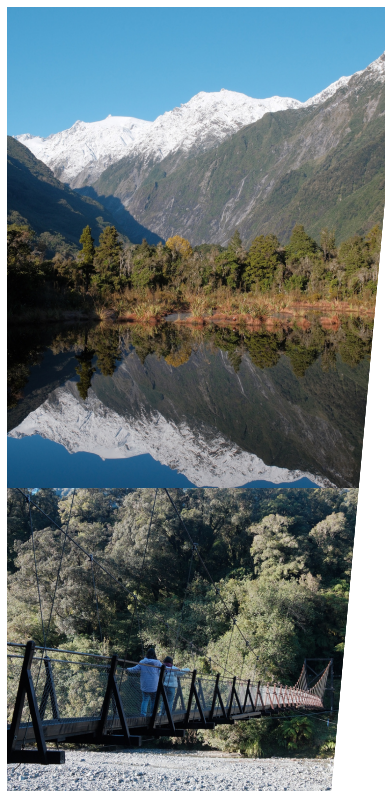
TOUR INCLUDES:

**2 nights accommodation, 2 dinner, 2 breakfast, 1 packed lunch,
transport, guiding, Kiwi House, Tree Top Walk & Zipline**

**We need a minimum of 8 Maximum 18 students to
run this trip.**

Please Note: it is now Winter in NZ and the West Coast is a Rain Forrest, so it is essential that you
bring warm clothing and a Rain coat.

All trips subject to Smylies Tours Terms and Conditions found on www.smylies.co.nz



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**Only
\$695**