



Glaciers > Haast > Southern Lakes Region

Haast River Safari departure times:

9am, 11am & 2pm (summer departures October – April)

10am & 1pm (winter departures May – September)

NOTE: All departures are subject to availability and bookings are essential

9am, 10am & 2pm overnight in Haast

11am, 1pm & 2pm on route through Haast

All times are suitable for an extended stay in Haast

Visit our website and access RS TV www.haastriver.co.nz

Traveling Distances & Times (on average)

Franz Josef to Haast - 148 km/2 hours 5 minutes

Fox Glacier to Haast - 122 km/1 hour 45 minutes

Wanaka to Haast – 145 km/2 hours 5 minutes

Queenstown to Haast – 262 km/3 hours 45 minutes

Travel along the beautiful West Coast from the Glaciers heading south towards Haast. This journey offers you the chance to experience some of New Zealand's most unique scenery.

Scenic Highlights – Glaciers to Haast

Lake Matheson is one of the most photographed lakes in New Zealand famous for its mirror like reflections of Aoraki/Mount Cook. Turn right off State Highway 6 at Fox Glacier and travel five kilometers along the Cook Flat Road where the Lake Matheson turn off is signposted. **1 hr 30 min return.**

Salmon Farm café & Shop is set in beautiful native forest - perfect for lunch and also an opportunity to feed the salmon and purchase souvenirs and crafts. Located on SH6 at Paringa River.

Fantastic photo opportunity at **Knights Point** and convenience stop on SH6.

Two short 20 minute return walks at **Ships Creek** great for all ages and abilities located on SH6.

Overnight in Haast

Haast Beach is a 5min drive from Haast Junction, magnificent photo opportunities.

Santana Lodge is located in the Haast Township. Tasteful souvenirs, merino clothing and possum fur products.

Heliventures Ltd is located in Haast Township on the corner of SH6 beautiful scenic Helicopter Flights
www.heliventures.co.nz or Ph 03 750 0866

Fantail Cafe is located in the Haast Township and offers a variety of lunch and refreshment options.

Hard Antler Cafe and Bar offers bistro meal and refreshments located next to Heliventures in the Haast Township.

Haast Visitor Centre is a wonderful place to find information on the area and what there is to do in Haast, situated at the Haast Junction.

The Cray Pot is a unique restaurant in a perfect location. Fish & chips, meals and takeaways situated in Jackson Bay, 45min / 48km each way from Haast Junction. Ideal option for the day in Haast.

Also experience while at Jackson Bay, **the Gap**, DOC walk, also known as **Wharekai Te Kau** – 20min walk each way with an opportunity of seeing penguins and seals in natural habitat during their breeding and molting season.

Round About Haast – Bob and Maureen Cannell. Chartered fishing and sightseeing tours www.roundabouthaast.co.nz or Ph 03 750 0890

Nestled at the bottom of South Westland alongside the Haast River, you will find the **Haast World Heritage Hotel**, makes it the ideal stopover point between the West Coast and the Southern Lakes. This World Heritage designated area is renowned as being New Zealand's "last frontier", home to rare wildlife, rugged beaches and wild rain forests. Following extensive refurbishment, the hotel is the perfect place to escape the hustle of modern life and experience true west coast hospitality, in our little slice of paradise.

www.world-heritage-hotel.com or Ph 0800 502 444

Continue on your journey through one of the most scenic passages from Southern Lakes through to Haast, this impressive piece of your journey will be hard to beat where you travel from spectacular lake region through to the lush rain forest.

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Lake Hawea Lookout is a fabulous photo opportunity overlooking Lake Hawea and the surrounding vista.

Enjoy a tasteful lunch and refreshments at **Makarora Country Café**.

Stretch your legs on a 20 minute return bush walk through to the stunning crystal clear **Blue Pools**.

Stop at the **Gates of Haast** to photograph the wild water as it crashes over the large river boulders. This one lane bridge is the link between the West Coast and the Southern Alps area.

Thunder Creek Falls is only a 5 minute walk each way a waterfall in close proximity for your viewing.

Enjoy an accessible DOC walk to the **Roaring Billy Falls** situated in the mighty Haast River Valley.

For more on Haast accommodation and activities visit www.haastnz.com

Enjoy making an itinerary to suit your ideal holiday here are some of our suggestions to help you along your way. We look forward to having the opportunity to host you on a River Safari.

Kind Regards

From the Safari Team

