

February 10th, Thursday

Virgin Australia Flight #2 from LAX at 8:10 PM

February 12th, Saturday

Virgin Australia Flight #2 arrives in Sydney at 6:05 AM

Possible activities

- Sydney Ferry to Manly
- Sydney Harbour Cruise
- Sydney Ferry to Darling Harbour
- Manly
- Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb

Virgin Australia Flight #72 (operated by Pacific Blue Airlines) leaves Sydney at 6:45 PM and arrives in Christchurch at 11:50 PM

Lodging for 2 nights at the Airport Gateway Motor Lodge in Christchurch (+64 3 358 7093 or toll-free in NZ 0800 242 839)

February 13th, Sunday

Tour Christchurch (no car)

Possible activities

- o Walking tour of the center of the City (LP 222-224)
- o Botanic garden or Mona Vale estate on the Avon River
- o (Inclement weather) Canterbury Museum
- o Gondola from Heathcote Valley to Mt. Cavendish

February 14th, Monday

Pick up rental car, get phone SIM cards, open a bank account , etc.

Drive from Christchurch to Banks Peninsula – One hour 20 minutes

Two night reservation at Halfmoon Cottage (+64 3 304 5050): Barry's Bay, Rd 2, Akora

Nearby points of interest

- o Barry's Bay Traditional Cheese, 5801 State Highway 75 RD 2 Akaroa

February 15th, Tuesday

- o Godley Head Loop Track (B14) – 2 hr walking (9 km, gentle). Ocean views, no shade
- o Hinewai Preserve (B15) – 3-4 hr loop. Wooded with nice beach.
- o Halfmoon has bikes and kayaks

February 16th, Wednesday

Drive to Arthur's Pass (2.5 hours driving straight)

Possible stops

- o Castle Hill (B7) – 5 km walk through a maze of amazing boulders
- o Cave Stream (B8) – 30 minute jaunt along (and in) a stream flowing through a cave – need water shoes
- o Halpin's Creek Falls (B9) – 20 minute walk (difficult, stream bed) up a stream to Cook's favorite falls – need water shoes; nice if Arthur's Pass is soaked in
- o Devil's Punchbowl Falls (B10) – "Must see" tourist site just outside of Arthur's Pass – nice in afternoon light

Lodging (2 nights) at Arthur's Pass Alpine Motel (+64 03 318 9233).

February 17th, Thursday

Weather permitting hike the Avalanche Peak loop trail (B11) 5 hours, difficult ascent

February 18th, Friday

- o Drive to Punakaiki (Pancake) Rocks (C7) – 2 hours. One hour walk. Need to be there at high tide 11:38 AM. See map and list of other walks.
- o Drive south to Motukiekie Rocks/Beach (C11) – 15 minutes. Need to be there 2 hours on either side of low tide which is at 5:52 PM.
- o Drive to Hokitika – 1 hour
- o Lodging at Awatuna Homestead, 9 Stafford Street, Hokitika (+64 3 755 6834).

February 19th, Saturday

Drive to Haast (About 3 hours). Possible stops along the way, in order from north to south

- o Okarito Beach Loop (D6) – moderate 2 hour beach and bluff walk. Best on a clear day and near low tide (about 6:30 AM!)
- o Franz Josef Glacier Track (D7). Easy 1 hour round-trip walk to the glacier face in a dramatic canyon passing waterfalls.
- o Robert's Point, Franz Josef Glacier (D8). Strenuous 4 hour round-trip to a viewpoint looking over the head of the glacier. Needs good weather. Best “day” walk.
- o Fox glacier valley walk (D9). Easy (crowded) 30 minute walk. Cook recommends D7
- o Fox glacier's Chalet Track (D10). Moderate 1 hour (540 foot elevation gain) walk to overlook for the glacier. Needs decent weather. Great view past ferns to the glacier.
- o Monro Beach Track (D13) – 30 minute one-way walk through dense jungle to beach. Best 2 hours on either side of low tide (7:50 PM)

Lodging booked at Heritage Park Lodge (Phone: +64 03 750 0868).

February 20th, Sunday

Drive to Queenstown (2.5 hours). Need to arrive by 4:45 for the Milford track pre-briefing.

Possible things to do along the way

- o Iron Mountain, Wanaka (G1). 60 minute moderate loop walk to a great view.
- o Diamond Lake/Rocky Mtn Loop Track (G3). 2 hour difficult hike to a better view.
- o Minaret Burn (G4). Easy, 90 minute each way along the shoreline of Lake Wanaka. Good lake and mountain views.
- o Rob Roy Glacier Valley Track (G6). 80 minutes each way, moderate walk. “WOW-est day – walk viewpoint in the southern alps.”

Lodging confirmed at Hurley's Quality Inn (Phone: +64 3 442 5999).

February 21st – February 25th, Monday-Friday

Milburn track hike. A description is available at

<http://www.ultimatehikes.co.nz/guided-walks/the-milford-track>

Lodging for Friday confirmed at Hurley's Quality Inn. \$180; wireless available.

February 26th – Saturday

Drive to Waimatua (3 Hours)

- o Remarkables Road (G11). Amazing 13 km drive to the top of the highest public access road in NZ amazing views with several short walks. Just south of Queenstown off of SH 6.

Lodging confirmed for 2 nights at Longacres Farmstay (64 3 216 4470) 272 Masseys Tramway Road, Waimatua. \$180/night for a self contained unit that includes breakfast. Dinner arranged for the first night \$50/person.

February 27th – Sunday

Tour the farm

February 28th, Monday

Drive to Dunedin. Take up residence at apartment: 30 Heriot Row; Phone +64 3 474 0411. Liz Franz contact numbers: home #64 3 472 7388 Office #64 3 479 5269.

March 5th, Saturday

Haywood and Taylor fly to New Zealand arriving in Auckland at 5:15 PM, March 7th

- o New York (JFK) 15:00 DL # 165 arriving in Los Angeles (LAX) at 18:10
- o Los Angeles (LAX) 20:10 VA #2 arriving in Sydney at 06:05 (March 7th)
- o Sydney 12:10 VA #52 arriving in Auckland 17:15

They plan to take several days to travel from Auckland to Dunedin

March 27th, Sunday

Taylor, having somehow gotten to Auckland, flies back to New York

- o Auckland 07:15AM VA#51 arriving in Sydney at 09:00
- o Sydney 11:45 VA#1 arriving in Los Angeles at 07:20 AM (March 27th)
- o Los Angeles 10:55 VX #406 arriving in New York (JFK) at 19:20

Nina, Haywood and Ted leave the apartment in Dunedin. Drive to Murchison (8 1/4 hours)

Lodging: Murchison Lodge, 15 Grey St. (0800/523-9196).

March 28th, Monday

- o Drive to Marahau (2 hours)
- o Water taxi to Anchorage Bay (Abel Tasman Water Taxi 0800 278 282) lv 12:00 arr 1:45
- o Spend the night at Aquacampers (0800 430 744 / 0274 307 400) – Wave from Anchorage Bay Beach between 4 & 6 for pickup

March 29th, Tuesday

- o Water taxi from Anchorage Bay to Bark Bay (Abel Tasman Water Taxi) lv 9:45 arr 10:00
- o Walk north to Awaroa Lodge (3 hrs)
- o Water taxi from Awaroa Lodge to Marahau (Abel Tasman Water Taxi) lv 3:00 arr 5:00
- o Drive to Riwaka (30 mins)
- o Spend the night at Eden's Edge, 137 Lodder Lane, Riwaka (03/528-4242)

March 30th, Wednesday

- o Drive from Riwaka to Ferry landing in Picton (2 hours 30 minutes)
- o Ferry from Picton to Wellington: Bluebridge Ferry (0800 844 844) Lv 14:00 Ar 17:18
- o Lodging (2 nights): Tinakori Lodge, 182 Tinakori Road, Wellington (+64 4 939 3478).

March 31st, Thursday

Explore Wellington

April 1st, Friday

Train from Wellington to Auckland. Tranz Scenic Overlander, Lv. 7:25 AM Ar. 7:20 PM.

Lodging (2 nights): Parnell Inn, 320 Parnell Road, Auckland (0800 472 763).

April 2nd, Saturday

Explore Auckland

- o Coast-to-Coast (Auckland is on the narrow isthmus that separates the Pacific and the Tasman Sea) walk (4 hours). Train back from Onehunga (Neilson St. betw Onehunga Mall and Galway St.) leaves every hour at 12 after the hour.
- o Ferry
- o If raining, Auckland museum

April 3rd, Sunday

Virgin Australia Flight #51 (operated by Pacific Blue Airlines) departs Auckland at 7:15 AM and arrives in Sydney at 9:00 AM

Connecting to Virgin Australia Flight #1 leaves Sydney at 10:45 AM and arrives LAX at 7:20 AM.