

A SENSE OF TIME AND SPACE IS ESSENTIAL!

Don't underestimate the drive times!

The West Coast of the Southern Alps is an 'epic journey' through some of the world's most spectacular coastlines, mountains and rainforests. The most common remark from visitors is the regret of not allowing enough time to savour the drive, to take a photograph or stop for a short walk, to relax and enjoy Coaster's famous hospitality. For many visitors, they will only be in a place like this once in their lifetime. The drive times listed on this chart are estimates only, and in reality you should allow longer to properly experience the region. The roads are all sealed, and in excellent condition.

Be sure to allow enough days!

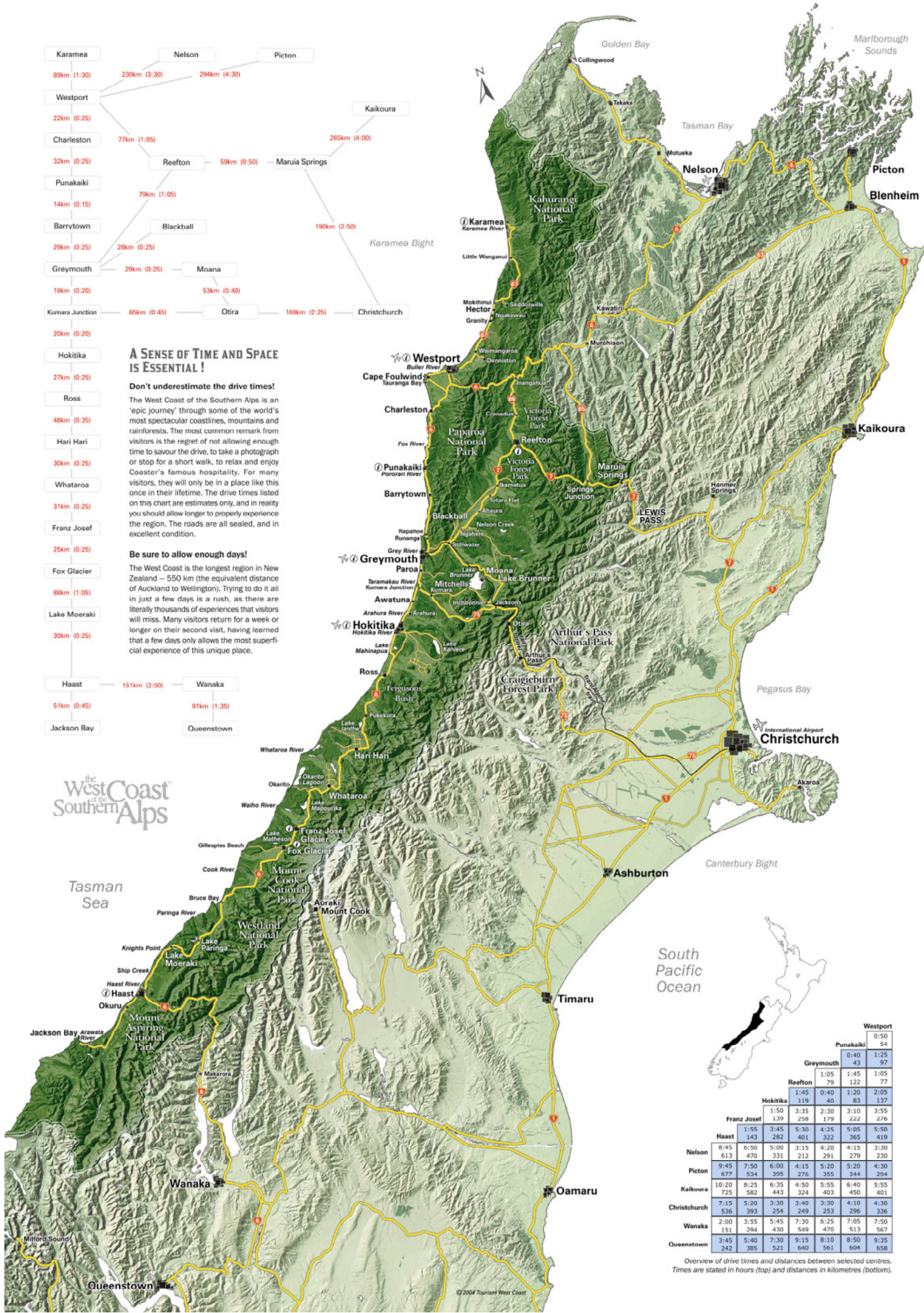
The West Coast is the longest region in New Zealand - 550 km (the equivalent distance of Auckland to Wellington). Trying to do it all in just a few days is a rush, as there are literally thousands of experiences that visitors will miss. Many visitors return for a week or longer on their second visit, having learned that a few days only allows the most superficial experience of this unique place.



The West Coast of the Southern Alps

Tasman Sea

South Pacific Ocean



	Westport	Punakaiki	Greymouth	Reefton	Hokitika	Franz Josef	Haast	Nelson	Picton	Kaikoura	Christchurch	Wanaka	Ousestown
Westport	0:50												
Punakaiki	0:40	1:25											
Greymouth	0:43	1:25	0:40										
Reefton	0:43	1:25	0:40	1:05									
Hokitika	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	1:20								
Franz Josef	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	0:40	1:35							
Haast	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	0:40	0:40	1:55						
Nelson	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	0:40	0:40	1:55	1:55					
Picton	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	0:40	0:40	1:55	1:55	1:55				
Kaikoura	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	0:40	0:40	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55			
Christchurch	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	0:40	0:40	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55		
Wanaka	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	0:40	0:40	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55	
Ousestown	0:43	1:25	0:40	0:40	0:40	0:40	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55	1:55

Overview of drive times and distances between selected centres. Times are stated in hours (top) and distances in kilometres (bottom).