

# Alpine Pacific Triangle Touring Route

One of New Zealand's most stunning and spectacular touring routes located on the rugged east coast of the South Island.

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## Hanmer Springs

The Alpine Spa Village of Hanmer Springs is a natural place to unwind amidst clear mountain air and tall trees. Hanmer Springs Thermal Pools & Spa is the major draw card and one of New Zealand's historic visitor attractions. The alpine environment with its forests, rivers and mountains enhance its appeal as the ultimate year round destination.

**OFFERS:** A substantial range of accommodation, restaurants, cafes, galleries and boutique shopping. Thermal pools, massage, health and beauty treatments, forest walks & mountain bike rides. Jet boating, horse trekking, quad biking, Hagland adventure ride, rafting, 18 hole golf course, skiing (all levels of terrain + hire), scenic flights, bungy jumping and other family activities.

## Kaikoura

Renowned as an ecotourism mecca full of natural wonders, Kaikoura is positioned between towering seaward mountains and a spectacular coastline. It is an ideal habitat for marine mammals and seabirds, with a rich Maori and European history. Kaikoura is the first Green Globe accredited community in New Zealand.

**OFFERS:** A range of accommodation, viewing and interaction with whales, dolphins, seals and birdlife, scenic flights, kayaking, surfing, diving, fishing, off-road tours, coastal and bush walking, wine tasting, night sky activity, quad biking and golf.

## Waipara Valley

At the Southern Gateway to the Alpine Pacific Triangle is one of New Zealand's finest and most rapidly expanding wine regions. The microclimate, soils and topography of the Valley favours full ripeness in both red and white grape varieties.

**OFFERS:** Many cellar doors are open to the public, several winery restaurants, luxury and boutique accommodation, olives, lavender and other local produce, vintage railway, walking tracks and a nature reserve.

## Cheviot

A classic rural town, Cheviot is the centre of a pastoral farming area. This town is a popular stopping point for touring visitors with a colourful history and popular scenic locations.

**OFFERS:** A range of accommodation, cafes, an art gallery, craft and retail shops. Gore Bay Tourist Drive, swimming, surfing, scenic reserves, museum, short and multi-day walking tracks, salmon, trout & whitebait fishing. 'The Cathedrals' at Gore Bay.

## Greta Valley

Greta Valley is a great family area midway between Amberley and Cheviot where you can get away from it all. It's the ideal location for those wanting to explore while still being close to surrounding tourism destinations.

**OFFERS:** B&B, self-contained and campground accommodation, cafe and bar, collector shops, petrol station and golf course.

## Motunau Beach

Motunau Beach is a popular coastal holiday settlement and a focal point for the local crayfish industry. Its beaches are a mixture of sand and stones, providing an insight into its geological past.

**OFFERS:** Campground, boat launch, fishing and coastal play area.

## Amberley

This rural service town is an ideal country retreat for a few days with access to both coastal and inland areas. On the edge of the Waipara Valley Wine Region it has some fabulous dining options.

**OFFERS:** Good range of B&B and self-contained accommodation. Selection of restaurants and cafes, golf course, beach walks and Mt Grey Scenic Walkway, easy access to the wine region.

## Leithfield

The small village of Leithfield has at its centre an Historic Hotel, filled with some early photos of the area, and a cold beverage on tap.

**OFFERS:** Historic hotel, cafes, wine shop and gallery, confidence course attraction, the Kowai River Track (for walking or cycling) and beach walks.

## Mt Lyford

This village is a unique alpine chalet retreat, positioned at the base of the friendly Mount Lyford Ski Field. It provides a picturesque mountain and forest setting, with open spaces and views to the Pacific Ocean. Mt Lyford is also home to New Zealand's largest log cabin structure.

**OFFERS:** A range of accommodation including log cabins (hosted and self-contained), luxury lodges, cafe & bar, skiing & boarding (all levels of terrain, half pipe + hire), ski mountaineering, ice skating, horse trekking, customized 4WD tours, walking and mountain biking.

## Waiau

The town of Waiau runs alongside the Waiau River, where the historic village green marks the town's centre. There is excellent access to salmon and trout fishing and visitors can enjoy some of the best rural hospitality in the region.

**OFFERS:** A range of accommodation from luxury lodges to farm stays, local cafes and bars, adventure and fishing tours, golf course, museum and historic buildings, resident artist studios and classes, plus a local bakery in the nearby village of Rotherham.

## Culverden

Set in the middle of the wide Amuri Basin, Culverden is a delightful country town and common stopping point for travellers. The town's Rutherford Reserve has a popular walk and kids playground.

**OFFERS:** A small range of accommodation, cafe, tearooms, playground and reserves, golf course, high country multi-day walking track (inland and south of Culverden) and an historic hotel & stables (south of the Hurunui River).

## Waikari

Waikari offers panoramic views of the Puketeraki and Kaikoura ranges and is the stopping point for the Weka Pass Vintage Railway. You will also find the start of the Waikari Walkway providing access to the Maori Rock Art drawings.

**OFFERS:** Boutique farmstay accommodation, cafes, gallery, walking tracks, limestone formations, local produce and farm heritage buildings (5km North of Waikari). Views from the Waikari Tabletop.

## Hawarden

Hawarden is home to the well-known Flaxmere Gardens and is gateway to the pristine Hurunui Lakes, set in secluded wilderness. The nearby Hurunui River is popular for recreation activities like fishing and kayaking.

**OFFERS:** Boutique farmstay accommodation, high country horse trekking, four wheel drive tours, garden visits, local jewellery, crafts and produce, tavern and golf course.



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