

# TOUR UPDATE

## West Coast Road Closures

On Tuesday 26th March, 2019 various parts of the South Island were affected by significant rainfall.

The statistics confirmed this morning showcase the highest ever recorded rainfall in the Hokitika catchment area which is 975m above sea level - in 48 hours: 1086mm.

South Westland's Waiho River Bailey Bridge has been washed away after several hours of torrential flood waters carrying large amounts of rock and material downstream battered its support piers.

State Highway 6 is currently closed south of Hokitika. Given the bridge is now destroyed on one side, this closure will continue until the bridge and its abutment can be safely replaced. At this stage, the estimated date for reopening is 12 April, 2019.

Hence all Grand Pacific tours groups with planned accommodation in Franz Josef or Fox Glacier will be re-routed and alternative accommodation found.

We will attempt to have minimal disruption to the planned touring itineraries, however if re-routing affects travel on the TranzAlpine rail journey, travellers will be refunded whilst on tour and this is noted below.

The below grids will showcase affected tour dates outlining the replacement hotel for the West Coast on each tour and whether this affects the TranzAlpine rail journey. Travellers will receive a letter on tour updating the travel plans for the affected touring day and all revised daily timetables.

### 16 Day Highlights of New Zealand Tour

### 14 Day New Zealand Panorama Tour

### 9 Day Taste of the South Island

TOUR CODE	TOUR DATE	AFFECTED DATE	BROCHURE HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL	TRANZALPINE
GPN203019	20-Mar-19	26-Mar-19	Heartland Fox Glacier	Heritage Omarama	Refund
GPN220319	22-Mar-19	28-Mar-19	Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier	Heritage Omarama	YES
GPN240319	24-Mar-19	30-Mar-19	Heartland Hotel Fox Glacier	Quality Hotel Elms Christchurch	Refund
GPN260319	26-Mar-19	1-Apr-19	Heartland Hotel Glacier Country	Quality Hotel Elms Christchurch	Refund
GPN060419	6-Apr-19	12-Apr-19	Heartland Hotel Glacier Country	Heritage Omarama	YES

TOUR CODE	TOUR DATE (19 Day)	TOUR DATE (10 Day)	AFFECTED DATE	BROCHURE HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL	TRANZALPINE
GPS200319	20-Mar-19	29-Mar-19	30-Mar-19	Scenic Hotel Franz	MacKenzie Country Twizel	YES
GPS240319	24-Mar-19	2-Apr-19	3-Apr-19	Scenic Hotel Franz	MacKenzie Country Twizel	YES

### 19 Day Rail, Cruise & Coach Holiday

TOUR CODE	TOUR DATE	AFFECTED DATE	BROCHURE HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL	TRANZALPINE
GPR160319	16-Mar-19	26-Mar-19	Scenic Hotel Franz	Sudima Christchurch Airport	Refund
GPR200319	20-Mar-19	30-Mar-19	Scenic Hotel Franz	Heritage Omarama	YES
GPR220319	22-Mar-19	1-Apr-19	Scenic Hotel Franz	Copthorne Lakefront Queenstown	Refund
GPR260319	26-Mar-19	5-Apr-19	Scenic Hotel Franz	Copthorne Lakefront Queenstown	Refund

### 19 Day Ultimate Rail Cruise & Coach Holiday

TOUR CODE	TOUR DATE	AFFECTED DATE	BROCHURE HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL	TRANZALPINE
UGPRC280319	28-Mar-19	7-Apr-19	Distinction Fox	Heritage Queenstown	Refund
UGPRC020419	2-Apr-19	12-Apr-19	Distinction Fox	Hermitage Mt Cook	YES

### 16 Day Ultimate Explorer

TOUR CODE	TOUR DATE	AFFECTED DATE	BROCHURE HOTEL	ALTERNATIVE HOTEL	TRANZALPINE
UGPEX290319	29-Mar-19	4-Apr-19	Distinction Fox	Hermitage Mt Cook	YES