

A POINT HACKER'S ITINERARY:

First Class luxury to Christchurch

While the magnificence of New Zealand's South Island awaits on the other side of the Tasman Sea, this trip is all about luxury for less. And it starts as soon as you enter the airport, with the lavish Qantas First Class Lounge. Then the luxury continues with three hours in Emirates' plush First Class suite from Sydney to Christchurch.

From Christchurch we head north along the Canterbury region's Alpine touring route. This 467km loop takes you through valleys, across rivers, beside mountain ranges and to the edge of the South Pacific ocean, all while treating you to decadent and rejuvenating stops along the way. Pure bliss.

This itinerary can be replicated end-to-end, and you can view the full experience on pointhacks.com.au.

RETAIL PRICE

\$2,560

WE PAID

\$819

PER PERSON

+ 82,500

QANTAS POINTS

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Fun facts



A taste of luxury

Emirates operates the shortest First Class flight out of Australia.



Diversity

New Zealand is one of the most ethnically diverse countries in the world.



Water fun

Hanmer Springs Hot Pools is home to the largest water slide in New Zealand.



Kaikōura

The name of this town means 'meal of crayfish' in Māori.

Trip highlights



Emirates First Class

Three hours of royal treatment.



Qantas First Lounge

The airline's flagship lounge.



Kaikōura

Seal spotting by the rocks.



Hanmer Springs hot pools

Bathe in the fresh mountain air.

Foods to try



Lolly cake

New Zealand's bakery staple.



Waipara Hills wine

There's a wine for every taste.



Wet weather gear

It *will* rain without warning!



A camera

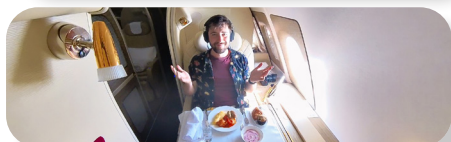
To capture the gorgeous scenery.

What to pack



SYD-CHC

Emirates (EK412)
First Class (Reward)
Depart: 8:50 am | Arrive: 1:55 pm
64,500 Qantas Points + \$181



CHC-SYD

Qantas (QF136)
Economy (Reward)
Depart: 4:45 pm | Arrive: 6:20 pm
18,000 Qantas Points + \$84.63



Dinner at Hurunui Hotel

Hanmer Springs hot springs

Emporium Brewing

Jet boat over Waiau River

Hike up Conical Hill

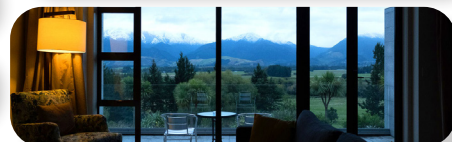
Eating crayfish in Kaikōura

Waipara Hills winery



Braemer Lodge

2 nights | \$306 per person



Lemon Tree Lodge

1 night | \$144 per person

 We always travel carbon neutral where possible.

Points earning tips and tricks

Want to earn points towards this experience? Here's how you can fly in the lap of luxury in Emirates First Class.



Whether you're eyeing a secluded Airbnb or prefer the familiar comforts of a hotel, booking your accommodation via **Qantas Hotels** can earn you Qantas Points from your stay.



If you're a few points short of booking your getaway, you can top up your balance (and your wine rack) quickly with eligible cases from **Qantas Wine**.



Stocking up on travel essentials before your trip? **Qantas Marketplace** partners with dozens of popular brands, so you can shop for everything from clothing to luggage - and earn Qantas Points while you're at it.

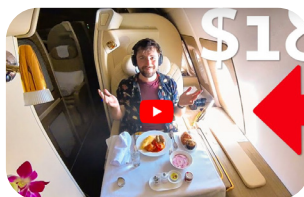


Many **points-earning credit cards** offer generous sign-up bonuses that can see your points tally soar. One new credit card could be all you need to take off to Christchurch in style!



Link your Woolworths Everyday Rewards account to your Qantas Frequent Flyer account to collect points when shopping at Woolworths, Big W, BWS and more.

But wait, there's more...



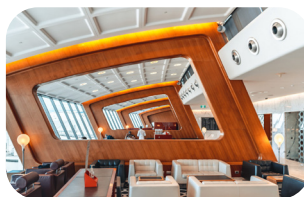
Flying on Emirates' cheapest First Class seat (with points)

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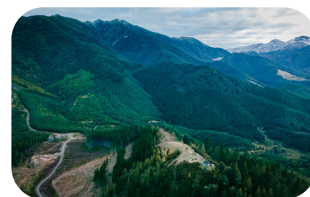
The best way to score an airline reward seat

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Qantas International First Lounge, Sydney

Indulge in the ultimate luxury in Qantas' flagship lounge.



How to hack your way to New Zealand with points

Our top tips for flying to New Zealand from Australia.