

One of the world's great train journeys

Travelling coast to coast through forests and farmland and over the spectacular Southern Alps

The TranzAlpine operates a daily return service between Christchurch and Greymouth.

From the comfort of world class carriages, passengers will see the fields of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River. The train then climbs into the majestic Southern Alps to Arthurs Pass National Park, before descending through lush beech rainforest to the West Coast town of Greymouth, a great base for visits to Punakaiki and the always-popular glaciers.

One-way fares can be found below. For return or through-way fares please contact us.

TranzAlpine Information

Key details

Route: Christchurch to Greymouth vv

Distance: 223kms

Duration: 4hrs50m

On board

The Great Journeys of New Zealand provide a relaxing atmosphere for all guests with maximum viewing. Every detail has been considered to enhance the passenger experience.

Seating

- Panoramic windows with sky-lights, to create a light and spacious carriage with maximum seat-side viewing
- Wide chairs with ample leg-room for maximum comfort
- Revolving airline seats that are swung round to always face forward
- Spacious table seats for groups and families



Audio commentary

- At-seat commentary system with free headphones, to tell you stories, narratives & facts about the places outside your window

Licensed Café carriage

- Licensed cafe selling hot and cold food and drink

Viewing Carriage

The open-air carriage is the perfect place for taking in unobstructed views of New Zealand's spectacular scenery.

Secure baggage

- There is a dedicated baggage carriage (to ensure an uncluttered carriage) and baggage assistants to help you.
- Luggage Allowance: 1 check in baggage per person, maximum weight 32kgs per item. Size must be no more than 200 linear cm (height plus length plus width)
Extra items can be booked for an additional cost.

Accessible

- TranzAlpine is fitted with lifts/hoists for step-free access and has accessible seating/toilets.

Baby changing

- On-board changing facilities located in the Accessible Toilet near the Café.

Other

- Air conditioned
- Onboard toilets/bathrooms
- Power sockets at every seat

TranzAlpine Timetable

- Daily departures*
- This service does not operate on Christmas Day.
- Services may depart intermediate stations earlier if all booked passengers are on board.
- Check in: We recommend arriving **30 minutes** prior to the departure time shown.
- Timetables are subject to change at short notice. **Please confirm 24 hours prior to departure.**

- ***Occasionally the rail lines need to close for scheduled maintenance. [Click here](#) for confirmed maintenance dates.** 

Christchurch - Greymouth		Greymouth - Christchurch	
Departs		Departs	
Christchurch	dep 08.15am	Greymouth	dep 2.05pm
Rolleston	dep 08.34am	Moana (Lake Brunner)	dep 3.03pm
Darfield	dep 08.56am	Otira	dep 3.51pm
Springfield	dep 09.20am	Arthurs Pass	dep 4.28pm
Arthurs Pass	dep 10.52am	Springfield	dep 5.39pm
Otira	dep 11.26am	Darfield	dep 5.59pm
Moana (Lake Brunner)	dep 12.06am	Rolleston	dep 6.16pm
Greymouth	arr 01.05pm	Christchurch	arr 6.31pm

Frequently Asked Questions

Are the KiwiRail services smoke free?

All the trains are completely non-smoking.

What time do we check in for our service?

Passengers are advised to be at all stations at least 20 minutes before the time shown.

Are there baggage restrictions on KiwiRail services?

Your checked baggage allowance: 1 check in baggage per person, maximum weight 32kgs per item. Size must be no more than 200 linear cm (height plus length plus width).

Baggage weighing over 23kgs will require two crew members to lift onto the train - we may ask for your

assistance.

Two additional items of baggage can be purchased for \$20.00NZD including GST per item.

There will be a \$10NZD charge for carrying extra items like surf boards, bicycles or skis.

What is classed as check-in luggage?

Wheeled cabin bags and backpacks are classed as check-in luggage.

Can I take my Bicycle on the train?

We welcome bikes on board and can carry up to four bikes on each of our services. Bikes are stored securely in the Baggage Carriage.

Bicycles are charged at a rate of \$10NZD per bike. Passengers are advised to book in advance as space is limited on all services and transport of bicycles which are not pre-booked cannot be guaranteed. You may be requested to remove, fold, or cover some parts of your bike.

Payment & Ticketing

Conditions:

- Full payment is required 7 days from advice of confirmation. If full payment is not received Rail Europe holds the right to cancel your booking.
- Any bookings made within 5 days prior to departure require full payment prior to confirmation.

Travel insurance providing appropriate cover is strongly recommended.

Cancellation & Amendments

Conditions:

- Change in date of travel, passenger names and a reduction in journey length (stopping at an earlier station).

5 days + prior to departure	No Fee
4 days or less prior to departure	Non-changeable, 100% charge applies

- Change in service, direction or reduction in passenger numbers. Please remember that a change in date of travel and reduction in journey length becomes a cancellation fee if within 5 days of departure.
- All cancellations must be advised directly to Rail Plus.

Unpaid bookings	No Fee
5 days + prior to departure	15% Cancellation fee
4 days or less prior to departure or No Show	100% Cancellation fee