

A FAMILY NZ TRIP WITH THE WINKELS

The Chris and Rob Winkel family consists of son Trent, his wife Sarah, and daughters Megan and Jaclyn. Their NZ adventure was focused entirely on 11 days in the spectacular southwest part of the South Island. This area includes Fiordland National Park and Queenstown with the South Island Alps as the dominating geographical feature. Chris described the trip as “A trip of a life time. What great memories!”



The family pictured in the shot at left is: (l to r) – Mom Chris, Megan, Jaclyn, Trent, Sarah, and Dad Rob.

At right, the view from the eco tour lodge, one of NZ's top properties, where they stayed near Queenstown.



Chris describes their overall experience:

“.....the itinerary was absolutely perfect. The hotels and lodges were excellent. We especially loved the lodges in Fiordland and the one near Queenstown. Two beautiful locations with incredible accommodations. The staff at both were so friendly, the food excellent...everything was perfect. Also, our stay in Wanaka.....the top floor apartment was huge with a hot tub overlooking the lake and mountains. Trent and Rob had a wonderful experience fishing. They very much enjoyed it.....and had a blast. The girls and I went wine tasting at the Gibbston Valley Winery...so fun!!

The Fiordland tour company excursion was great.....including the hike on the Milford Trek and a cruise on Milford Sound. It was a wonderful excursion. I would definitely do more excursions with them. Highly recommended.

We loved exploring the beautiful South Island. We hiked the Rob Roy Glacier. (What a hoot driving 20 miles of dirt road through running water fords with sheep everywhere.). We also hiked the Routeburn Trek (10miles), bungee jumped (kids only), white water rafted, and zip lined. It was incredible. I have never seen a more beautiful place.....we will definitely go back.”

Photos below, l to r: there was only one day of scheduled guided fishing. Rob and Trent opted for the classic Kiwi copter fly out experience. Trent with a nice rainbow. White water rafting. Rob and Jaclyn on Milford Sound cruise. Trent leads the family across a swing bridge while doing some hiking on the famous Milford Trek.

