

7 Live close to where you work

The West Coast's towns all grew up around mining operations, so your home is never far from your work. Here you can live a normal family and community lifestyle, while enjoying all the benefits of a career in mining. An important feature of our work-life balance here on the West Coast is the great variety of experiences available within a short distance. Here's how a geologist we spoke to put it – "A typical summer day after work sees me home in 20 minutes, and 15 minutes after that I'm in the high country on a mountain bike trail with friends. Tourists travel long haul to get to what's right next door to my workplace!"

In many mining communities around the world, you may have to drive for hours to see a significant change in scenery. But here on the West Coast, you can find lakes, wilderness rivers, forest walks, wild beaches, alpine experiences and much more all within 20-30 minutes.



8 Great communities

Moving to the West Coast, you may choose to live in one of the 3 main centres (Westport, Greymouth, Hokitika) or any of the smaller towns. Or if the rural lifestyle appeals, there are plenty of options there too. Whichever you choose, you are assured of a warm welcome into a vibrant community. 'Coasters' are famous for their hospitality, and this is reflected in our communities. You'll quickly get to meet people, and there are numerous clubs, sports, hobby and cultural groups and associations to stimulate your interests.

9 Full range of community services and facilities



The West Coast offers the full range of telecommunications, health, education and other social and community services. Altogether there are 39 schools on the West Coast, and Tai Poutini Polytechnic has centres throughout the region. Primary and secondary health services extend throughout with rescue helicopter and air ambulance based alongside the base hospital in Greymouth. The Coast enjoys one of the lowest serious crime rates in the world. Telecommunication facilities include high speed broadband in all areas.

