

ULTIMATE EXPLORER

CUSTOM - END OF SEASON TOUR

27 Days

Tour price - NZ \$4,499

includes transport, most meals,
shared tent accommodation, ferry crossings,
Wai-o-Tapu Thermal Wonderland,
wine tasting & much more...



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National Geographic's Best Adventure
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World Travel Awards."

Explore the best of New Zealand

see and do it all on this fantastic loop taking in all our Kiwi favourites

DAY 1: AUCKLAND – BAY OF ISLANDS

Leaving Auckland at 10am we head to the "winterless north" and the pristine beaches of the Bay of Islands. We stop at the incredible Uretiti beach for a swim and a walk along the sand. Grab a rugby ball and frisbee off the bus and brush up on your passing skills at this picturesque beach spot. On arrival into Paihia, the gateway town to the Bay of Islands, choose from the Mangrove walk or a beautiful cycle from the thundering Haruru waterfall.

meals included: dinner
walks: mangrove walk from Haruru Falls - highly recommended
bike rides: Twin Coast Trail – 16km trail ride
activities (own cost): Waitangi Treaty House (Maori culture), twilight kayak
cabin upgrades: yes – limited options subject to availability

DAY 2: BAY OF ISLANDS

Experience a full day exploring the Bay of Islands and its turquoise waters. This subtropical region is the perfect playground for water lovers and a great place to soak up the sunshine. With a staggering 144 islands, the Bay of Islands offers diving, sailing, swimming and fishing along with some excellent walks in the native forests leading to quiet beaches and special views. This region is also home to some of the oldest European settlement in New Zealand and many historic buildings.

meals included: breakfast & dinner
walks: scenic viewpoint or coastal walkway
bike rides: road cycling or Waitangi forest trail of varying lengths
activities (own cost): sailing, fishing, diving, dolphin swimming, kayaking, Maori Culture
cabin upgrades: yes – limited options subject to availability

DAY 3: BAY OF ISLANDS - OREWA

There is a day full of adventure ahead as we travel to the rugged and soulful West Coast. Our first stop comes with a chance to try your skills sand boarding or if you don't fancy heading down the sandy slopes there's a nice coastal walk. Then it's back on board as we head south towards the Waipoua Forest, travelling through the largest remaining tract of native kauri forests in northland. We leave the West Coast and cross back over to the East towards our final destination and camp for tonight, Orewa. Home to one of the Auckland regions longest and safest beaches it's a great place for a stroll and a swim.

meals included: breakfast & dinner
hikes: coastal walk to Omapere, walk amongst the Kauri trees of the Waipoua forest
bike rides: Twin Coast Cycle Way, Donnelly's crossing, Te Ara Tahuna Estuary Cycleway
activities (own cost): sand boarding
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability

DAY 4: OREWA - AUCKLAND – HOT WATER BEACH

Orewa is often blessed with a beautiful sunrise over the sea which is well worth the early start to check it out. We then travel the short distance to Auckland where we farewell those finishing their tour and welcome new travellers joining us there. Leaving Auckland at 10am we travel to the Coromandel, renowned for its natural beauty, misty rainforests and pristine white, sandy beaches. Marvel at the views on a beautiful coastal walk or take in the coastline from the water by kayak. Visit the unique and famous Hot Water Beach to dig, then relax, in your own thermal pool! Soak up the breath-taking scenery and cameras ready for spectacular sunsets at our beachside camp.

meals included: breakfast & dinner
bike rides: Te Ara Tahuna Estuary Cycleway, 8km scenic road cycling
walks: stunning coastal walk with views over the Pacific
activities (own cost): sea kayaking
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability

small prices
big adventure

Departs:

From Auckland 26th March & 4th April 2020

Finishes:

Auckland 21st April & 30th April 2020

Groups:

Average around 18 per trip, max group size 26. You will be well looked after with 2 great guides on every trip

Fitness Level:

Suitable for all levels

Accommodation:

Camping in a carefully chosen selection of commercial and Department of Conservation sites by lakes, mountains & oceans. Most nights you can upgrade to a cabin or private room for a small fee (subject to availability). We also include 2-night stays in centrally located Queenstown & Wellington hostels

On this 27-day itinerary, there is 1 night in Plcton (day 8) that is spent in a hostel at an additional cost.

Food:

We enjoy good food and supply tasty & healthy meals suitable for most diets + hot drinks - details on itinerary

Included:

24 x breakfasts, 7 x lunches, 16 x dinners, all travel, shared tent accommodation (2 people per tent), 2 nights Queenstown hostel, 2 nights Wellington hostel, Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Wonderland, wine tasting, ferry crossings, Tongariro crossing (transfer payable), side trips to remote areas & walking tracks, use of sports equipment on board, & much more (see website for details)

Activities:

Bikes are available to hire for sections or for your entire trip. We enjoy great, free walks most days (the only payable one is the 3-day Routeburn Track and a transfer fee to the start of the Tongariro Crossing). Optional activities listed are not included but we do get great some group discounts + there are always free alternatives

Tour price & optional upgrades:

Ultimate Explorer tour 2019-20	\$4499
Cycle hire for entire trip	\$485
Bring your own bike	\$200
Single tent upgrade	\$270
Sleeping bag hire	\$75

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DAY 5: HOT WATER BEACH - ROTORUA

The morning is filled with activity as we make our way south into the thermal wonderland of Rotorua. On the way, those visiting Hobbiton leave us in Matamata as we continue to the cultural and geological heart of the North Island and the perfect place to experience and learn about Maori culture and the dramatic natural thermals, Rotorua. There is plenty of action to choose from such as Zip Lining, OGO and the Luge or go biking in the Whakarewarewa forest. We recommend finishing your day with a Maori cultural experience at the Tamaki Maori Village, there really is something for everyone!

meals included:	breakfast & lunch
walks:	stroll through towering, ancient forests & unique thermal landscapes
bike rides:	Hauraki Rail Trail, Te Ara ahi trail to Redwoods, Whakarewarewa Forest
activities (own cost):	Hobbiton, Tamaki Maori Village, OGO, Luge, hot pools, Zipline canopy tour
cabin upgrades:	yes – subject to availability



DAY 6: ROTORUA - TURANGI

Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before we check out the geysers & mud pools at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. First, we visit the Lady Knox Geyser before exploring one of New Zealand's most extensive geothermal networks, a unique landscape with colourful sulphur lakes and diverse volcanic vistas. We then take time to explore the impressive Huka Falls before arriving into Taupo, considered the North Island's adrenalin capital. Test your fear of heights on the giant swing, bungee or go skydiving, the scenery is well worth it! We finish the day with a beautiful drive around the edge of Lake Taupo on our way into camp at Turangi.

meals included:	breakfast & dinner
walks:	walks of various distances past dramatic waterfalls and around Lake Taupo
bike rides:	ride through the Redwood Forest or take the Lion's Track cycle path around the lake
activities (own cost):	skydive, bungee, giant swing, Wai-O-Tapu (free – this one is on us ☺)
cabin upgrades:	yes – subject to availability



DAY 7: TURANGI - KAPITI COAST

Today you have the chance to experience the Tongariro Alpine Crossing - considered NZ's best day hike, offering a remarkable journey across volcanic landscapes. Lava flows, emerald-coloured lakes, magnificent views and steaming vents combine to make this an unforgettable hike. For those who aren't keen on hiking you can enjoy short local walks or cycle the Tongariro river track. After the hike, we make our way south and stay on the Kapiti coast in a quiet little place called Paekakariki.

meals included:	breakfast, lunch & dinner
walks:	Tongariro Alpine Crossing, Tongariro river track
bike rides:	Tongariro river track
activities (own cost):	Tongariro Alpine Crossing, white water rafting (grade 3 rapids)
cabin upgrades:	yes – subject to availability



DAY 8: KAPITI COAST – WELLINGTON - PICTON

Heading south to "the coolest little capital in the World" (as named by Lonely Planet), our early arrival by 9am gives you time to experience some of Wellington's attractions or simply soak up the culture and buzz of our capital city. There are plenty for all tastes including the highly recommend Te Papa museum. Check out some of New Zealand's rare birds at Zealandia or take a walk-up Mt Victoria for great views across the city and harbour. Later that day, it's time to say goodbye to the North Island as the South Island welcomes us with picturesque scenery of the Marlborough sounds as we cross the Cook Strait by ferry. Camping isn't feasible tonight so we stay at a great friendly hostel where we have dorm beds reserved for everyone on board.

meals included:	breakfast
activities (own cost):	Te Papa museum (free), city & movie tour, Zealandia, cable car
hostel (own cost):	dorm bed \$30pp, private single/double room from \$75



DAY 9: PICTON - KAIKOURA

Today we travel the scenic Pacific coast to Kaikoura where close encounters with seals and sea birds are common. Kaikoura translates to 'meal of crayfish' (Kai - food, koura - crayfish) a reference to the abundance of seafood and sea life in the area. The town has transformed from a sleepy fishing village into a hot spot for whale watching, dolphin swimming and seal spotting. This picturesque town sits right on the ocean at the foot of the mountains – a spectacular spot. Stretch your legs with a recommended afternoon peninsula walk and build up an appetite for a tasty feast of locally caught fresh seafood.

meals included:	breakfast & dinner
walks:	Kaikoura peninsula walk with opportunity to spot seals, a variety of birdlife and the occasional dolphin!
bike rides:	9km ride from South Bay to camp
activities (own cost):	whale watching, sea kayaking, deep sea fishing
cabin upgrades:	yes – subject to availability



DAY 10: KAIKOURA – CHRISTCHURCH - RANGITATA

For those that are keen there is the chance to rise early for a wonderful sunrise and then enjoy one of our most highly rated optional activities – dolphin swimming. The resident dusky dolphins are amongst the most interactive and entertaining in the World and it's not unusual to swim with pods of 50 or more in their natural habitat, the ocean! We then have the chance to explore this quaint seaside town before heading south to Christchurch to collect and drop off those starting or ending their tour. You'll have time to explore Christchurch city and buy your lunch from one of the many quirky container cafes at the 'Restart Mall'. At 2:30pm we travel towards the Southern Alps with fantastic views across the Canterbury Plains – real Lord of the Rings country! Tonight's unique camp is at the Shearer's Headquarters (an actual operating farm) located at the foot of the Southern Alps.

meals included:	breakfast & dinner
walks:	take an early walk around our coastal camp, evening walk in Peel Forest
bike rides:	18km country road, 9km country road cycling around camp
activities (own cost):	highly recommended dolphin swim, dolphin viewing
cabin upgrades:	yes – subject to availability



DAY 11: RANGITATA – LAKE TEKAPO

Wake up to mountain views and try white water rafting on the mighty Rangitata River! If rafting isn't for you soak it all in with a morning cycle or walk through Peel forest. We then head through more jaw dropping landscapes (they don't stop in the South Island) to the picture postcard, Lake Tekapo. Here you will view the most spectacular turquoise waters which get their colour from the glacial flour brought down from the rivers flowing from glaciers high up in the mountains. Relax in the nearby hot pools or enjoy star gazing at the Mt John Observatory, plus there are plenty of hike and cycle options to choose from.

meals included: breakfast & lunch
walks: Peel Forest walks of varying length, Mt John Walkway
bike rides: Lake Tekapo Regional Park
activities (own cost): white water rafting (grade 5 rapids!), horse riding, Mt John Observatory tour
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 12: LAKE TEKAPO – MOERAKI

Immerse yourself in the snow-capped mountain scenery that New Zealand is famous for and explore Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park. Hike to the base of NZ's highest mountain following a trail up the Hooker valley where you'll cross swing bridges and get stunning views of the mountains before finishing up at a glacial lake with views of the Hooker Valley glacier. We then travel back towards the Pacific coast for a quick stop in the historic town of Oamaru before continuing onwards to the small village of Moeraki. Walk to a great view point offering expansive views of the Pacific Ocean and try to spot a little Blue Penguin along the shore. If you have a bike it's possible to visit a colony of extremely rare Yellow-eyed Penguins near to camp.

meals included: breakfast, lunch & dinner
walks: to the base of Mount Cook and Hooker Valley, the Moeraki heritage Trail and viewpoint
bike rides: Alps2Ocean Oamaru trail ride 13km, Yellow-eyed Penguin colony
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 13: MOERAKI - DUNEDIN

Before travelling south, we make a stop at the nearby Moeraki Boulders and then it's onto the historic Scottish city of Dunedin, the South Island's second-largest city. This southern city is home to the world's steepest residential street and the coastline is home to some fantastic and rare wildlife. It's possible to take a tour onto the Otago Peninsula to view some of this diverse wildlife which includes Albatross and Fur Seals. For the adventurous why not try surfing at one of Dunedin's best breaks! Our camp is a short distance from the beach with a variety of restaurants close by to choose from.

meals included: breakfast
walks: tide permitting - walk to the Moeraki Boulders, walk the World's steepest street
bike rides: Dunedin soldier memorial 12km, explore Dunedin by bike, ride to camp or along the waterfront
activities (own cost): surfing, Otago Peninsula wildlife tour
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 14: DUNEDIN – FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK

Today is one of our longer travel days as we drive through some of New Zealand's most dramatic natural scenery on our way to Fiordland. Large parts of the landscape have been carved out over thousands of years to leave stunning paths that weave through snow-capped mountains. We stop briefly in Te Anau, the hub and gateway town for Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound and your last chance to get supplies for those doing the Routeburn Track tomorrow. From Te Anau we make our way into the gigantic Fiordland National Park, encompassing some 12,500km² it is New Zealand's largest National Park. Tonight's camp is a pretty special place in the heart of the Hollyford Valley, established in the 1930s. You can learn more about the history of the camp at the onsite museum. Cyclists have the chance to cycle to camp through some great native bush and walkers can do some nice short walks from camp (ask your guide about the secret glow worm trails).

meals included: breakfast & dinner
walks: plenty of short walks from camp
bike rides: 8km road cycle to camp
cabin upgrades: yes – limited options subject to availability



DAY 15: FIORDLAND NATIONAL PARK – TE ANAU

Travel one of the world's most scenic routes into Milford Sound! Described as the 'eighth wonder of the world', Milford Sound was carved by glaciers during the ice ages. We highly recommend taking in the boat trip on Milford Sound with dramatic waterfalls, snow-capped peaks and possible wildlife spotting of dolphins, penguins and seals! As it's just the one road in and out, we head back along the same breath-taking route to our lakeside camp in Te Anau. Along the way, we drop off those doing the 3-day Routeburn Track, one of New Zealand's 9 Great Walks. This 3-day hike passes through two National Parks and offers everything from mountainous peaks and sheer rock faces to pristine lakes, cascading waterfalls and dense, luxuriant forest.

meals included: breakfast & lunch
walks: 3-day Routeburn Track (re-join group in Queenstown on day 14)
bike rides: 10.5km Te Anau loop, Ivan Wilson Park mountain bike trail
activities (own cost): highly recommend Milford boat cruise, Routeburn Track, Te Anau glow worm caves & boat ride
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 16: TE ANAU - QUEENSTOWN

Today we journey to Queenstown along the shores of the photogenic Lake Wakatipu. Once we arrive at the adventure capital of New Zealand you have a huge selection of activities to choose from. There is everything here, from adrenalin pumping bungy, canyon swing and skydiving to a relaxing horse trek or boat cruise – this place has it all. There are great tracks around the lake ideal for bikers and hikers and all with wonderful views of this alpine region. Camping isn't feasible in this bustling alpine village, for the next two nights we stay in dorm-share accommodation in a centrally located hostel. Perfect for making the most of all Queenstown as to offer.

meals included: breakfast
walks: Queenstown lakefront or hill walks
bike rides: Lake Wakatipu trail 16km
activities (own cost): too many to list – something for everyone (see our website or ask us for details)
private room upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 17: QUEENSTOWN

With so much to do we spend the full day in fantastic Queenstown with the opportunity to enjoy those once in a lifetime experiences (don't forget to try the legendary and very tasty Fergburger!). Routeburn Track walkers re-join the group here at midday with time to try some of the many exciting activities this vibrant city has to offer. Tonight, we dine out at one of Queenstown's many delicious eateries - a great chance for your group to enjoy a true kiwi feast (own cost).

- meals included:** breakfast
walks: Queenstown walks, Ben Lomond
bike rides: Lake Wakatipu trail, Queenstown trail 48km
activities (own cost): too many to list – something for everyone (see our website or ask us for details)
private room upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 18: QUEENSTOWN – LAKE WANAKA

Our final morning in Queenstown and your last chance to indulge in the Queenstown's action before we farewell those finishing their tour and welcome new travellers joining us here. Leaving at 2:30pm, after the thrills and spills of Queenstown we travel through more mountains and on towards more stunning glacial lakes. On the final stretch to camp we start getting views of Mt Aspiring National Park in the distance. Lake Wanaka is just over the next ridge and it's on the edge of this glacial lake that we find our next wilderness camp. Enjoy great views of Lake Wanaka and the mountains beyond as we absorb the beauty of the area.

- meals included:** breakfast & dinner
walks: multiple walking options
bike rides: road cycling around town and from camp. Lake Wanaka lookout to Boundary Creek 10km
activities (own cost): too many to list – something for everyone (see our website or ask us for details)
cabin upgrades: No – beautiful lakeside camp (alternatives will be found in bad weather)



DAY 19: LAKE WANAKA – GLACIER COUNTRY

Enjoy a relaxed morning at our lakeside camp then it's northward bound through Mt Aspiring National Park. Just before we reach the West Coast we stop for a walk to the amazing Blue Pools, and then head over the dramatic Haast Pass. As we travel towards the wild West Coast, the road follows braided rivers and huge glacier carved valleys. There are two more great walk options along the way, one through lush and ancient forests and the other through swampy vegetation, ending on the beach where it is possible to spot Hector dolphins. Tonight, we will be staying beside the beautiful Lake Paringa enjoying a true West Coast wilderness experience.

- meals included:** breakfast, lunch & dinner
walks: Blue Pools, Ship Creek
bike rides: Knights Point lookout to Lake Paringa 25km
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 20: GLACIER COUNTRY - OKARITO

Today is your chance to explore one of NZ's most unique and spectacular natural wonders – Franz Josef Glacier. This staggering beautiful work of nature is 12 kilometres and descends from the Southern Alps to less than 300 metres above sea level. To get on the ice you must go up by helicopter but it's possible to view the glacier with a stunning walk through the main valley up to the terminal face. Before arriving at Franz Josef, we take a highly recommended walk around Lake Matheson where crystal clear reflections of Mount Cook and Mount Tasman make the perfect photo opportunity. Late afternoon, we have a short drive up the coast to our beautiful beachside campsite next to the Okarito lagoon – one of the very few places where there are still rare sightings of our native kiwi bird and the home to NZ's only colony of the White Heron (kotuku). Enjoy a fire down on the beach taking in the rugged coast and epic mountain views.

- meals included:** breakfast & dinner
walks: wonderful hike around Lake Matheson, Te Ara a Waiiau walkway to view the glacier
bike rides: Te Ara a Waiiau Cycleway, Okarito road ride 10km
activities (own cost): Guided Heli-Hike, skydiving, kayaking, West Coast wildlife centre
cabin upgrades: yes – selected nights only



DAY 21: OKARITO - PUNAKAIKI

Enjoy an early morning walk, with a view of the sunrise over the Southern Alps as a reward. We then continue up this spectacular coastal road to the quirky town of Hokitika, home to the Greenstone factories and a great place to pick up a traditional souvenir of your visit. Passing through Greymouth we keep following the coast to Punakaiki where you'll notice a change in the landscape and vegetation with huge limestone cliffs appearing and Nikau Palm trees become abundant. Our beach camp has great sunsets, a beautiful river and incredible views of Paparoa National Park. The pancake rocks and blowholes are the main attraction in Punakaiki where limestones rocks are stacked on top of each other and ocean swells are forced through gaps in the rock creating a whale's blowhole effect. In the evening, explore a cavern with some glow worms hanging out in the dark then relax at the local tavern.

- meals included:** breakfast & dinner
walks: Okarito Trig sunrise walk
bike rides: West Coast Wilderness Trail 14km, road ride to camp 37km
activities (own cost): Punakaiki blow holes (free), horse-riding
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 22: PUNAKAIKI – ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

Before leaving Punakaiki we take time to explore part of the Paparoa National Park with a walk along the Porarari river or cycle up Bullock creek road to visit a cave resurgence. Leaving mid-morning we travel inland through the majestic Buller gorge and onto our favourite National Park, Abel Tasman. In one of the sunniest areas of the country you will discover beautiful secluded bays and stunning golden sand beaches. On arrival, you have the option to skydive or hang glide and then we look forward to spending 3 nights at our perfectly located campground, close to the park entrance which makes it the idea place to explore all corners of the park.

- meals included:** breakfast & dinner
walks: Porarari inland track, Truman track
bike rides: Bullock Creek 16km, Cave Creek, coastal ride to camp and Kaiteriteri bike park
activities (own cost): skydiving
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 23: ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

Taking time to explore arguably the best beaches and clearest waters in New Zealand - there are excellent options for everyone here. You can walk, sail or kayak around the numerous golden bays and dive into the crystal-clear waters along the way. There will be plenty of chances for wildlife spotting (dolphins, seals and even Orcas!) Explore the heart of the park on one of our most highly rated optional activities - canyoning high flow waterfalls and rapids!

meals included: breakfast, lunch & dinner
walks: Abel Tasman National Park track
bike rides: Kaiteriteri bike park
activities (own cost): Single & multi-day kayaking options, canyoning, sailing, horse-riding, water-taxi / walk, conservation tour
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 24: ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

We spend another full day at the doorstep to New Zealand's smallest, but most visited national park and our personal favourite, the Abel Tasman.

meals included: breakfast
walks: Abel Tasman National Park track
bike rides: Kaiteriteri bike park
activities (own cost): kayaking, canyoning, water taxi / walk, sailing, horse-riding, conservation tour
cabin upgrades: yes – subject to availability



DAY 25: ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK – WELLINGTON

Leaving early, we travel the scenic journey to Picton where it's time to farewell your Flying Kiwi crew as you continue the remainder of the way to Auckland independently. Finish this fantastic day with a ferry crossing (cost included) through the Marlborough sounds to Wellington - your base for the next two nights where you will be staying at a hostel in the central city – which is perfectly located for exploring New Zealand's capital.

meals included: breakfast
walks: walk to the geographical centre of New Zealand
bike rides: great option to cycle various lengths of the Tasman taste trail – part of the great New Zealand Cycle Trail
activities: wine tasting (free - this one is on us ☺)
hostel (cost included): dorm bed (shared room). Private room upgrades available for an additional cost

DAY 26: WELLINGTON

Enjoy the many sights and sounds of this vibrant city. Discover our stories at Te Papa Museum, enjoy 360-degree views from the top of Mount Victoria, ride the historic Wellington Cable Car, travel back in time at the Zealandia sanctuary or check out our world-famous movie-making magic at The Weta Cave. If that's not enough you can simply shop until your hearts content! Wellington nightlife is also second to none and well worth a look, with everything being walking distance to your accommodation.

walks: explore NZ's capital city
hostel (cost included): dorm bed (shared room). Private room upgrades available for an additional cost

DAY 27: WELLINGTON - AUCKLAND

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day with a check-out time of 10am from your accommodation. Today you fly to Auckland arriving by 6pm. Your Flying Kiwi crew will provide you with pre-paid travel documents which will include two airport shuttle transfers (from Wellington city to the airport & from Auckland airport to the city) along with a one-way flight Wellington to Auckland.

*As your tour finishes today on arrival into Auckland, tonight's accommodation is not included. If you need us to organise your end of tour accommodation, please contact the Flying Kiwi office prior to travel.

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Ultimate Explorer Route Map



our trips give you.....

- ☑ **More national parks**
- ☑ **More activities, hikes & bike rides**
- ☑ **More value for money**
- ☑ **More time in the best locations**
- ☑ **More chances to get off the beaten track**
- ☑ **Guaranteed departures**

Do I need to book my own accommodation?

No, all of the camp sites and hostels are pre-booked and reserved for your trip. There is 1 night (detailed in itinerary) where accommodation costs are not included and it's not practical to set up tents/use cabins. During this night in Picton we use a great hostel perfectly located for exploring the town. We have dorm beds booked for everyone on board – if you would prefer a private room please let us know in advance. We can also help with booking accommodation pre and post tour.

How do I upgrade to cabins?

Cabin upgrades can be pre-booked prior to your trip or each day on arrival into camp. If travelling during Dec, Jan, Feb we recommend pre-booking with us prior to travel as all cabin upgrades are subject to availability. To pre-book cabin upgrades there is an administration fee which is 10% of the total upgrade cost. There are 3 types of upgrades and approximate costs are:

Dorm bed / shared room

\$10 - \$20 per night (can only be booked on tour)

Private room with shared bathroom

\$45 per night (average cost for single room)

Private room with en-suite

\$95 per night (average cost for single room)

What is the average age of travellers on Flying Kiwi?

Flying Kiwi appeals to people of all ages. Most importantly it appeals to travellers who want to experience more off the beaten track locations, enjoy small group travel and are keen to try activities such as hiking, cycling, dolphin swimming and much more. The average age is 27years.

How fit do I have to be?

You don't have to be super-fit to travel with Flying Kiwi – all walks, bike rides and activities are optional and they range from light strolls to full day hikes in Alpine terrain. Your driver or guide will discuss the level of fitness required.

Is it ok to travel alone on Flying Kiwi?

Flying Kiwi is perfect for people travelling by themselves.

I'm a vegetarian or have other dietary requirements – is that a problem?

No problem at all, we are used to catering for all kinds of dietary requirements. As we cook for ourselves we can easily accommodate your needs. Just let us know when you book.

Where can I charge my camera, phone, batteries, i-pod or MP3 player?

Charging facilities are available at the commercial campgrounds (most nights) and most buses are also able to charge appliances.

Is there mobile phone / wi-fi coverage?

Most of our north island camps have network coverage available. On approximately 1/2 of the camps in the south island there is no network coverage. We do get access to wifi most days and cafes /restaurants often provide access. For many people a highlight of our trips is the remote overnight locations and escaping connectivity!

What is a bush camp?

A bush camp is a campsite usually in a remote or wilderness location with stunning views and basic facilities.