

# 18 Day North to South (Auckland/Christchurch)



## Day 1 : Auckland to Hahei (Coromandel)

We head south east to the 'Coromandel region' enjoying views of Waikato farmland. From our remote beach area we hike to the stunning Cathedral Cove, and have a chance to bathe in the natural hot pools of Hot Water Beach (tide dependent). We stay in our exclusive campsite at the beach and enjoy a BBQ. Quad share cabins only. (D)

## Day 2 : Hahei to Rotorua

Travelling along the Coromandel Coast we stop for some great walks then arrive at our Maori cultural stop at Whakarewarewa. Set amidst geothermal activity, thermal hot springs and bubbling mud pools, we take part in a tailored experience including a down-to-earth cultural show and a hangi lunch, cooked traditionally in the steam from the natural hot pools! The afternoon is free to explore Rotorua with optional activities including walks (free) and white water rafting (additional cost). (BL)

## Day 3 : Rotorua to Whakahoro

We leave early this morning, stopping for a swim in a natural hot river and to see Huka Falls. We then go deep into the wilderness to our exclusive environmental award-winning stop at Blue Duck Lodge; an old homestead nestled on the edge of Whanganui National Park. You can kayak the last 8 kms or take an historical walk. We cook a traditional bush dinner over an outdoor wood fire, while learning about early settlement history and the owner's huge efforts to restore the local plants and birdlife to their former glory. (BD)

## Day 4 : Whakahoro to National Park

We travel back towards the volcanoes of Tongariro National Park with the chance to hike the Tongariro Crossing, rated as New Zealand's best one day walk. For those less active there will be shorter walks and a visit to the Volcanic Centre Museum. Tonight we stay at our exclusive alpine lodge 'The Park'. (BD)

## Day 5 : National Park to Wellington

Following the great day we have had in National Park, we head to Wellington –New Zealand's capital city. We have the afternoon to explore 'Te Papa', NZ's national museum and strongly recommend the walk along 'Oriental Parade' and/or up Mt Victoria to get the best view of the city. We stay in central Wellington accommodation tonight. (B)

## Day 6 : Wellington / Picton to Abel Tasman

We catch the inter-island ferry to Picton today and travel to Marahau with a stop for a winery tour in New Zealand's premier wine region. Our destination is the Abel Tasman National Park (we stay in an exclusive campsite adjacent to the national park). Dinner tonight includes local seafood. (BD)

## Day 7 : Abel Tasman

An entire day to explore the Abel Tasman National Park. We have included a boat transfer out of the park so you can walk this famous coastal track, incorporating some of the New Zealand's best beaches. Your guide will take you on a walk and may wish to include one of the other great options including sea kayaking or sailing on offer (additional cost). We self-cater tonight with BBQ facilities available and stay again at our campsite right beside the national park. (B)

## Day 8: Abel Tasman to Hanmer Springs

Today we set off early passing through two more national parks en-route to the tranquillity of Hanmer Springs. The Kahurangi and Nelson National Park's boast fabulous scenery and some great small hikes with craggy mountain ranges draped with forest to the lake's edge. We arrive at Hanmer Springs in the afternoon and have a relaxing soak in the hot pools. We go for a group meal tonight. (BD)

## YOUR TRIP DETAILS

Confirmation Number

Departure Date

Departure Location

Finish Date

Local Payment Amount

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

You need to reconfirm your tour on +64 9 52 62 149 at least 48 hours before departure.

Your luggage **MUST** be kept to a maximum of 15kgs.

Drink lots of water, wear a hat and sunscreen.

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is participating!



Tour Code: NS18

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**LUGGAGE:** Luggage must be kept to a MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, film, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

**MEALS:** Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. We cater for vegetarian and gluten intolerance – please advise at time of booking.

**FITNESS & PARTICIPATION:** Our tours are active and most require a reasonable level of fitness. Tours graded '3 boots' are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children. If you have any doubts about the suitability of your clients please check with our reservations team as we reserve the right to assess suitability to participate at check-in. Passengers are expected to help with the preparation of food, washing of dishes and general assistance to the guide as directed.

**INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is NOT included. We strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings and not being able to travel on the confirmed departure date.

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## Highlights

Cathedral Cove & Hot Water Beach  
Traditional Maori Hangi Meal & Cultural Experience  
Waiotapu and Huka Falls  
Eco-Wilderness Region  
Kayaking  
Tongariro Crossing  
Te Papa National Museum  
Abel Tasman National Park  
Hanmer Springs Hot Pools  
Kahurangi National Park & Kaikoura  
Tranzalpine Train Journey (optional)  
Franz Josef Glacier  
Mount Aspiring National Park  
Two Free Days in Queenstown  
Doubtful Sound Overnight Cruise  
Central Otago Historic Mining Area  
Otago Rail Trail Mountain Biking

### Day 9 : Hanmer Springs to Christchurch via Kaikoura

The day begins with a small drive to the coast towards Kaikoura, a stop that offers a sanctuary of marine life and many optional activities. There are seals, dolphins, whales or the king of the skies, the Royal Albatross. Maybe take a walk from the seal colony around the cliff tops for some amazing views. There's time for any of the optional activities before we express south to Christchurch. (B)

### Day 10 : Christchurch to Franz Josef

We start early for the stunning journey across the Canterbury Plains, over Arthur's Pass and down to the West Coast. Along the way the scenery changes constantly and we break the journey with walks and photo opportunities. We stop in Hokitika, famous for pounamu (jade) and at the Bushman's Centre we learn about the local history. We make our way to Franz Josef and its majestic glacier, where we stay at a lodge surrounded by rainforest. (D)

### Day 11 : Full Day at Franz Josef

Today is free for exploring this World Heritage area. There are many great walks but we highly recommend that you take a guided trip (additional expense) which includes the use of specialised equipment which allows you to get further onto the glacier. We Self-cater tonight in the lodge kitchen, or there are great local cafés. (B)

### Day 12 : Franz Josef to Makarora

We follow the coast further south today for even more amazing scenery (including New Zealand's most photographed lake), some great walks, waterfalls and a breathtaking alpine pass. We arrive at our wilderness accommodation at the foot of Mount Aspiring National Park by mid-afternoon. The locals provide some of the most spectacular activities from scenic flights to wilderness jet boating (additional expense). Our accommodation tonight is in chalets. (BD)

### Day 13 : Makarora to Queenstown

We journey to the adventure capital of the world today, Queenstown, the spiritual home of bungee jumping. On the way we stop in the scenic town of Wanaka for a walk and lunch before heading to the bungee bridge. Everyone has the option of observing or jumping themselves (additional expense). We arrive at our accommodation in the afternoon ready for two days of whatever activities you choose to do, from the relaxing to full-on adrenaline. Your guide will take you on an orientation of the resort when we arrive and a tour of the town's night spots in the evening. (B)

### Days 14-15 : Queenstown

Enjoy Queenstown! Optional activities and meals at own expense.

### Day 16 : Queenstown to Doubtful Sound

This morning we head into the awe-inspiring Fiordland National Park by bus and a boat transfer. Doubtful Sound is truly an amazing place; one of the most remote and untouched places on earth where you will see fur seals, Fiordland Crested Penguins and dolphins. We spend the day and night on a purpose built boat, which includes a dedicated nature guide and sea kayaks. We overnight in a secluded bay in the fiord. (D)

### Day 17 : Doubtful Sound to Central Otago

We depart the 'Sound' this morning by boat and board our own mini-coach at midday to travel through the beautiful Otago region. We explore relics of the gold rush, which was responsible for the European settlement of this area. We stay in our own exclusive accommodation in the middle of Otago gold country. You have the option of curling tonight (like bowling but with big stones on an ice

### Day 18 : Central Otago to Christchurch

In the morning we grab our mountain bikes and head out to sample part of the old Otago Gold Mining Rail Trail. It is an ideal activity for riders of all abilities and a great way to soak up the incredible scenery and history of the area. We then express our way along the Canterbury Plains flanked by the Southern Alps to Christchurch, the garden city. (B)

**Bring:** Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), swimming gear, hat & sunscreen, motion sickness tablets, water bottle, towel and toiletries, warm clothing and waterproof jacket, insect repellent and camera.

**Included:** Experienced tour guide, accommodation transfers, accommodation, meals as indicated including a Maori hangi meal and cultural experience, snorkelling gear for the marine reserve, Native Bird Recovery Centre entry, wildlife boat trip, Te Papa Museum, inter-island ferry, Abel Tasman boat transfer, a winery visit, Hanmer Springs pools, Doubtful Sound overnight cruise (Milford Sound overnight cruise in winter), mountain biking on the Otago Rail Trail.

**Note\*:** The night in the Coromandel has multi-share accommodation only. Most cabins on the Doubtful Sound are multi-share and therefore private accommodation is limited. We will confirm at time of booking if twin/double/single is available.

