

Abel Tasman Adventure Including Nelson, Marlborough & Christchurch Boutique Journeys for Solo Travellers

Small group tour with a maximum of 10 passengers
08 to 17 March 2021 – 10 days

Come along with us on an adventure to the sunniest region of New Zealand and experience the extraordinary beauty of the pristine coastline of the Abel Tasman National Park. Clear turquoise bays, abundant bird and sea life and fresh air surrounding you as you walk under the shady canopy of the lush native forest. Add to this vibrant Nelson, the beautiful Marlborough Sounds, the stunning and world famous wine region of Marlborough plus a scenic train journey, this is another area of New Zealand that is sure to impress.

Our tours are for solo travellers 50+ so come and share the joy of travel with people just like you.

\$4,990

per person twin

\$6,190

per person single

NB FLIGHTS ARE ADDITIONAL

Tour inclusions:

- Accommodation for 9 nights
- Transportation throughout
- Sightseeing as specified
- Services of a tour host
- Breakfast daily
- 6 lunches
- 8 Dinners



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Melrose House



Kaiteriteri

Itinerary

Monday 8 March

On arrival at Nelson Airport you will be met by Tracey. Suggested arrival time 1.00pm. We will then make our way to Melrose House, one of the last surviving "grand" historic homes in Nelson. Enjoy a walk in the extensive gardens and then High Tea in the Melrose Café. We then carry on to our hotel. Two nights Rutherford Hotel (Premium Rooms), centrally located in Nelson City. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at Harbour Light Bistro.

Tuesday 9 March

This morning we pay a short visit to the historic and stunning Christ Church where the beauty of the stained glass and organ pipes will impress. We then carry on and enjoy a leisurely stroll around Queens Gardens, a beautiful example of a classical Victorian ornamental park. Centrally located information panels placed around the garden reveal its history. The gardens are part of a designated Historic Places Trust precinct. Stroll around and enjoy the park's sculptures which include The Cupid Fountain, the Water Wheel, the Boer War Memorial and the Sentinel. Located right by the gardens is the Suter Art Gallery, where you may like to check out the current exhibitions, or simply enjoy coffee in the Suter Café. We then leave the city and head out to the Moutere Hills and enjoy a 1 course lunch at the Moutere Hill Vineyard. On the way back we make a short stop into Tahunanui Beach. Tonight enjoy a 4 course tasting menu at Hopgood's Restaurant.

Wednesday 10 March

This morning we continue our journey and head to the Abel Tasman National Park. On the way we will stop at Motueka for a look

around the town and have lunch. Our next stop is Kaiteriteri, where we board our catamaran and travel to Awaroa Lodge. Two nights Awaroa Lodge (Superior rooms), surrounded by pristine waterways and native forest, the lodge has been constructed to make the most of its secluded location which is not accessible by road. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at Harakeke Restaurant (at the lodge).

Thursday 11 March

This morning enjoy a 1.5 hour guided walk around the Awaroa wetland where we have the chance to view a range of birds in their native habitat, spot some rare native fresh water fish species and learn about a regenerating native forest. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the Abel Tasman National Park. A stay at Awaroa Lodge is all about immersing yourself in the environment and enjoying a break away from the hectic pace of modern life. There are no TV's at the lodge, there is no cellphone coverage and Wifi is very limited. Instead delight in one



Awaroa Lodge

of the country's most loved National Parks with glorious birdsong, native forest, soft sandy beaches and clear blue water. Walk, swim, kayak, enjoy. An optional half day guided kayak adventure is available – cost \$130. Tonight enjoy

a 2 course dinner at Harakeke Restaurant (at the lodge).

Friday 12 March

This morning we board our private luxury catamaran "Te Harinui" for a half day of relaxing sailing to Kaiteriteri. Along the way expect to see secluded coves, golden sand beaches, pristine clear waters and native wildlife. Learn about the Abel Tasman National Park, its history, features and highlights, visit Tonga Marine Reserve, stop at the famous Split Apple Rock for photos



Te Harinui

and make a swimming stop. Along the way enjoy a Gourmet Platter for lunch. On arrival at Kaiteriteri we then make our way to Blenheim. Four nights Marlborough Vintners Hotel (Vineyard view suites), in the heart of Marlborough's top grape growing region and surrounded by wineries. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at Harvest Restaurant.

Saturday 13 March

Today enjoy a relaxing morning at our hotel before lunch at St Clair Vineyard Kitchen (enjoy a shared Marlborough Platter), followed by a visit to Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. The Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre was established to provide a world-class destination for the appreciation

Moutere Hill Vineyard





St Clair Vineyard Kitchen



Upton Oaks

of historic aircraft. Some of New Zealand's most respected cinematic and special effects craftsmen have created a dramatic aviation theatre in which original and full-scale replica WW1 and WW2 aircraft, both static and flyable, are presented in all their glory. The museum is home to two exhibitions, "Knights of the Sky" and "Dangerous Skies". The former is on long-term loan from film director Sir Peter Jackson and comprises one of the world's largest collections of World War One aircraft and rare memorabilia. Thanks to Sir Peter's generosity the aircraft have been brought to life in a series of dioramas created by Wingnut Films and enhanced with lifelike mannequins by Weta Workshop. "Dangerous Skies" utilised local talent and features stories from World War Two and takes visitors on a geographical as well as an historical journey. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at a local restaurant.

Sunday 14 March

Today we spend the day in the beautiful Marlborough Sounds. Cruise through scenic Queen Charlotte Sound to Furneaux Lodge and enjoy a sumptuous 1 course lunch at Furneaux Restaurant, either on the covered verandah or on the lawn to enjoy the sea and native forest views or indoors in Furneaux's historic homestead. Explore the grounds, do a short walk or simply drink in the views until it's time to set sail for Picton. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at a local restaurant.

Monday 15 March

This morning enjoy a leisurely stroll in Pollard Park, featuring formal and informal plantings, an extensive rose garden, a stream, a section of native plants and numerous large specimen trees. Then enjoy a 1 course lunch at Wairau River Wines Restaurant, one of Marlborough's oldest and largest family owned wineries. After lunch spend time in the nationally acclaimed private garden of Upton Oaks. Hidden behind high hedges, surrounding the 1911 Victorian homestead are gardens that have been recognised as a "Garden of National Significance" as awarded by the NZ Gardens Trust. The colourful gardens comprise of intimate gardens rooms contained within a formal framework of hedges and brick walls. The much photographed 17th century style Knot Garden is a favourite for visitors. Relax on a park bench where you can take in views of the herbaceous borders and pond. A small rustic olive grove with a winding path, leads to large raised vegetable beds and espaliered fruit trees. The blue and white gardens surrounding a French iron gazebo compliment the historic guest house. Tonight enjoy a 2 course dinner at a local restaurant.

Tuesday 16 March

This morning we continue our journey and head to Picton, where this afternoon we will board the Coastal Pacific train to Christchurch and experience one of the most beautiful stretches

of New Zealand. With mountains rising on one side and the sea stretching away on the other, this really is one of the most stunning journeys in the world. Enjoy the experience of "Scenic Plus" service which brings you fresh food, captivating commentary, great hosting and spectacular views, all delivered to your seat while you ease back and enjoy the journey. At the heart of the "Scenic Plus" experience is a refined carriage with huge panoramic windows, glass shelves and skylights, bathing you in those gorgeous coastal and mountain landscapes. This evening we arrive in Christchurch and are transferred to our hotel. One night Sudima Christchurch City Hotel (Luxe Rooms).

Wednesday 17 March

This morning enjoy a walking tour of the city, taking in New Regent Street, Cardboard Cathedral, the Empty Chairs (memorial to those that lost their lives in the earthquake), the Square, Cashel Street, Bridge of Remembrance, Riverside Market, Botanic Gardens, the Arts Centre all the while navigating the empty spaces created by the earthquake and learning about what happened to this city and how they are rebuilding. This afternoon transfer to the airport for your homeward flight.



Furneaux Lodge



Coastal Pacific - Scenic Plus class



Christchurch Cathedral

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Prices are based on payment by cash, eftpos, cheque or direct deposit. A surcharge of 2% applies for payment by Visa or Mastercard. If you would prefer to share a room we will endeavour to match you up with someone of the same gender. If we cannot, you would be required to pay the single price. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person is due at time of booking. Balance is due 1 February 2021. Costs are based on a group of 10 passengers. If the group falls below this number World Travellers Remuera reserves the right to cancel the tour in which case a full refund would be given. Once paid the full amount is non-refundable.

Please note: a reasonable level of fitness is required for this tour

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