



Nelson and Golden Bay Cycling and Abel Tasman Walking



Cycling in Tasman and Golden Bay's most beautiful coastal and inland areas and 3 days of easy walking in lush native forest, and golden sandy beaches.

8 Days, 7 Nights

Moderate Grade



tour highlights

- Great Food
- Exciting biking
- Arts & crafts
- Beaches to die for
- Sweeping bays
- Amazing flora and fauna
- Great company
- Experienced attentive guide

tours run

November - April (Weekly) Starting in Nelson

tour cost:

2021 / 2022

NZD\$3595

options & supplements

Bike Hire	NZD\$190
Electric Bike Hire	NZD\$450
Single Supplement (Biking Only 5 nights)	NZD\$550
Not available on the walk	



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the tour

The start of your walking is through lush native forest and golden sandy beaches from Tataranui in the north to Marahau in the south. It's pleasant walking, with no point higher than 150 m. The cycling trail takes a leisurely tour of Tasman's and Golden Bay's most beautiful coastal and inland areas. Riders will pass vineyards, breweries and orchards along the way. We'll take care of the details, leaving you free to enjoy. Our guides and hosts will help you make the most of each day. Choose to have time on your own, or share some insights into local culture and natural history.

official partner

Tuatara Tours is proud to be in an official partnership with The New Zealand Cycle Trail.



The objective of the partnership is to create a nationwide network of cycle trails that connect the Great Rides with the rest of New Zealand.

at a glance

Day 1	Nelson (Richmond) to Motueka	47km
Day 2	Motueka to Takaka	37.3km
Day 3	Takaka to Collingwood	36.2km
Day 4	Collingwood to Takaka	33km
Day 5	Takaka to Nelson	32km
Day 6	Motueka to Awaroa via Tataranui	7km
Day 7	Awaroa to Torrent Bay	17km
Day 8	Torrent Bay to Motueka/ Nelson	13-16km

trip grading

To determine the grade of a particular adventure we consider a number of factors. These include the condition of the terrain, the altitude, the number of pass crossings and the length of the trip. This tour is graded Moderate: for the biking An above average level of fitness, Bike 45km on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times. There is some low level mountain biking on this trail Graded Mild for the walking: An average level of fitness, Walk 12km, on well-formed tracks and roads with average inclines. There is some low level mountain biking on this trail.



start / finish times

Walk Only

Please confirm times with us before you book connecting airline flights. The direction of this trip may be reversed on some departures with earlier pick up in Nelson (7.15-7.40am) and Motueka (8.15am) for Vista Cruise departure from Kaiteriteri at 9.20am. The earlier pick-up applies to most Wednesday departures and all departures after NZ Daylight Saving ends at the beginning of April. If Start/Finish times don't suit your itinerary, please contact us to make alternative arrangements.

All our itineraries can be flexible to accommodate your needs or schedule. Other important information

Walking each day is optional. You are welcome to travel on any of our scheduled ferry services to enjoy relaxed sightseeing and wonderful overnight lodge stays

We reserve the right to alter itineraries, timetables and vessel types. All travel is subject to weather and tides which may cause delay or cancellation



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itinerary

Day 1 Nelson (Richmond) to Motueka - 47km biking



We start our cycling journey at Richmond. This section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail winds alongside the scenic Waimea Inlet which is the largest enclosed estuary in the South Island and home to a wide range of sea birds including the bar-tailed godwit, white heron, royal spoonbill, little egret, Australasian bittern, and banded rail. You ride to the popular recreation area/ beach on Rabbit Island and arrive at the Mapua Ferry, which transfers you to the seaside village of Mapua.

Leaving Mapua the trail runs along the coast, where you'll be rewarded with amazing views out across Tasman Bay and up to the Mt Arthur Range and Kahurangi National Park. From here the trail descends gradually to Motueka where you stay overnight.

Meals included: breakfast, morning & afternoon tea, lunch and dinner

Day 2 Motueka to Takaka - 37.3km biking



Leaving Motueka behind, this section of Tasman's Great Taste Trail takes you through the beautiful fruit and hop growing area of the region and on to the picturesque seaside holiday mecca, and one of New Zealand's favourite beaches, Kaiteriteri.

In Kaiteriteri we board the vehicle and drive over the infamous Takaka Hill to Little Takaka. From here we ride down the idyllic Takaka Valley to the township of Takaka where our riding finishes for the day.

You will have time this afternoon to walk around Takaka and enjoy browsing through the arts and craft shops and galleries this area is known for.

Tonight we stay and dine in Takaka.

Meals included: breakfast, morning & afternoon tea, lunch and dinner

Day 3 Takaka to Collingwood - 36.2km biking



This morning we ride the 6.7kms to the Waikoropupu (Pupu) Springs to see the clearest spring water in the world and enjoy the bush walk around the springs soaking up the unique features of this special place.

From the Waikoropupu (Pupu) Springs we ride along the quiet back roads to the Anatoki River and visit the Anatoki Salmon farm where if you are keen you can catch your own salmon and have it hot smoked for you.



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Then it is all aboard the vehicle and drive north along the glorious coastal road to Collingwood, soaking up the fabulous views over the pristine waters of Golden Bay.

On the way we will stop in at the famous Mussel Inn to soak up the atmosphere of this charming brewery and eatery.

On arrival in Collingwood we are on the bikes again and ride to Puponga and on to Wharariki Beach. Tonight we stay and dine in Collingwood.

Meals included: breakfast, morning & afternoon tea, lunch and dinner

Day 4 Collingwood to Takaka - 33km biking



We drive this morning through the quiet rural Aorere Valley to the end of Aorere Valley Road which is the official start of the famous Great Walk - The Heaphy Track.

From here it is onto the bikes to ride back down the valley to the small historic town of Bainham where we visit the Bainham store and discover the history of the area. This general store and post office has been providing essentials to the Bainham community and travellers since 1928.

On leaving Bainham we cycle on down the valley riding through farm land until we meet the coastal road where we finish cycling for the day. Tonight we stay and dine in Takaka.

Meals included: breakfast, morning & afternoon tea, lunch and dinner

Day 5 Takaka to Nelson - 32km biking



This morning we drive back over the Takaka Hill to Riwaka where the days riding starts. This is a beautiful quiet back country road and the ride from Riwaka to Woodstock is well worth the effort. The road meanders along tranquil back roads following the west bank of the Motueka River, world famous for its brown trout and fly fishing. The finish of the riding for the day is in Woodstock a very small rural settlement on the banks of the Motueka River. We drive you back to Nelson or Motueka to overnight before the walking part of your tour which will start tomorrow.

Meals included: breakfast, morning & afternoon tea, lunch

Day 6 Nelson / Motueka to Awaroa via Totaranui



On the morning of your first day, we will pick you up from your accommodation, or if you have a car, we will direct you to safe parking. Day Packs can be borrowed if required, and we can safely store any excess luggage. There is a safe in the office for use if you need to store valuable items.

Lodges operate on a tab system so any payments for drinks etc are settled at the end of the tour.



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Please Note: This tour is very flexible, with a number of options available to take optimal advantage of weather conditions for your walking comfort.

- The trip direction may be reversed in some cases, with an earlier pick up in Nelson and Motueka.
- Walking each day is optional. Some people prefer to take the ferry between lodges. This flexibility is perfect for couples or groups who are visiting the park together, but wish to do different things. Please discuss options with your guide before each day's departure.

Board our comfortable Vista Cruise to travel the length of the golden Abel Tasman coast from Kaiteriteri north to Totaranui, relaxing on the viewing decks and enjoying refreshments from the cafe.

From Totaranui, walk through mature native forest and along secluded beaches to the breathtaking expanse of Awaroa Inlet where you'll reach Meadowbank Homestead – a faithful recreation of the Wilson family's original home on the 'finest site in the bay'.

Approximate times

- Scenic drive to Kaiteriteri – 1 hour from Nelson, or 20 min from Motueka
- Cruise Kaiteriteri to Totaranui – 1 hour 40 mins
- Walk Totaranui to Awaroa – 2 hours 30 min (7km/4.5 miles) including tidal crossing; maximum elevation 100m/340ft

Trip details

Pick up in Nelson (10.15–10.45am) or Motueka (11.30am).

If you are self-driving please meet at our office by 11.30am.

Please note that Wednesday departures and some low season departures have an earlier start. See Start/Finish Times (below) for more details.

11.30am Meet your guide at our Motueka office for a welcome briefing with time for last-minute luggage organisation, before departing to Kaiteriteri by coach.

1.00pm Vista Cruise departs Kaiteriteri.

2.40pm Arrive Totaranui to walk to Awaroa Inlet. Either walk, if the tide is out, or take a boat ride across the stunning expanse of the largest inlet on the coast.

5.00pm (approx.) Enjoy a warm welcome at Meadowbank Homestead at Awaroa, right on the edge of the inlet. Freshen up with a hot shower in your ensuite room while your hosts prepare a delicious evening meal. Local beer and wine is available for purchase at our in-house bar.

Accommodation: Meadowbank Homestead at Awaroa

Meals included: lunch, afternoon tea, dinner

Day 7 Awaroa to Torrent Bay



Your walk today follows the coastal track through cool native forest and reaches golden sand beaches, perfect for swimming. Start with a relaxing breakfast overlooking Meadowbank's gardens and the beautiful waters beyond, then choose how much walking you want to do – your guide will arrange boat transfers to suit your needs.



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Approximate times

Walk in 3 sections of 2 hours each

- Awaroa to Onetahuti and Tonga Quarry – 6km/3.5 miles; maximum elevation 85m/280ft
- Tonga Quarry to Bark Bay (Medlands Beach) – 4km/2.5 miles; maximum elevation 120m/400ft
- Bark Bay to Torrent Bay – 7km/4.4 miles; maximum elevation 105m/340ft

Trip details

9.30am Depart Awaroa for the scenic walk to Onetahuti, which features a beautiful boardwalk and bridge designed by local iwi (Māori tribe). Stroll along the golden sands and enjoy refreshments supplied by your guide.

11.30am Before climbing the low saddle out of Onetahuti, explore the site of Tonga Quarry and hear stories of the unusual granite features and historic relics. Descend to Bark Bay via the waterfall trail featuring views of the cascade from a sturdy swing bridge.

1.30–2.30pm Relax over lunch at Bark Bay where Conservation campsite facilities include shelter, picnic tables, filtered drinking water and modern toilets. Rest in the shade, explore the bay or refresh with a swim. After lunch, you'll walk the most varied section the coastal track as it winds through verdant gullies of mature beech forest, fern grottos and sunny groves of fragrant manuka framing coastal vistas. Cross the swing bridge at Falls River and continue to Torrent Bay.

4.30pm (approx.) Arrive at beautiful Torrent Bay with its village of beachfront holiday houses including our Torrent Bay Lodge where your ensuite room and evening meal awaits.

Accommodation: Torrent Bay Lodge

Meals included: breakfast, morning & afternoon tea, lunch, dinner

Day 8 Torrent Bay to Motueka/Nelson



Wake up to golden light on the sands of Torrent Bay and perhaps a coffee on the deck before breakfast. Today's walk follows the easiest section of the coastal track through to Marahau, with panoramic views across Tasman Bay to Nelson. This is a day rich in history, too, as your guide recount stories of how major landmarks were named by early explorers.

Approximate times

- Walk 4–5 hours (depending on tides) – 13–16km/8–10 miles; maximum elevation 110m/360ft
- Scenic drive from Kaiteriteri – 20 min to Motueka or 1 hr to Nelson

Trip details

9am Depart Torrent Bay Lodge. The tides will determine whether you walk around the inlet taking in views overlooking Anchorage Beach, or take the fun short-cut across the inlet to reach the main coastal track.

12 noon (approx.) Stop for lunch at a sheltered beach with views over the Astrolabe Roadstead to Adele Island.

2.30–3pm Finish your leisurely walk at Marahau, at the end of coastal track, where our driver will meet you for the return journey to Motueka via Kaiteriteri where you'll collect your overnight luggage from the boat.

4pm Arrive Motueka; or 5.30–6pm: arrive Nelson

Meals included: breakfast, morning & afternoon tea, lunch



This tour is operated in conjunction with another operator.

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what is included

Accommodation

- Night 1: Comfortable Motel, private rooms with ensuite bathrooms.
- Night 2: Comfortable Motel, private rooms with ensuite bathrooms.
- Night 3: Comfortable Motel, private rooms with ensuite bathrooms.
- Night 4: Comfortable Motel, private rooms with ensuite bathrooms.
- Night 5: Comfortable Motel, private rooms with ensuite bathrooms.
- Night 6: Private Lodge
- Night 7: Private Lodge

Food

You will enjoy great local cuisine; continental breakfasts and hearty packed lunches during the day, and either restaurant meals or wholesome home-cooked fare prepared by your host/hostess in the evenings. If you have any dietary issues or food allergies, we are happy to cater for these, please advise the office of details when you make your booking. Alcohol is not included in the tour cost, but is available for purchase most nights.

Luggage

Your luggage is transported for the duration of the tour.

Tour Kit Bag - Exclusive to Tuatara Tours

To ensure you get the very best out of your journey with the least of fuss, we provide you with a kit bag full of useful goodies. This will be given to you at the start of your tour.

An experienced and fully qualified guide

All transport

Access and Concession fees paid to the Department of Conservation

NZ Goods and Service Tax (GST)

Safety and Risk Management

To ensure maximum safety for all, our guides are certified first aiders and fully qualified drivers where required. Tuatara Tours operate under a Safety and Risk Management Plan which is regularly audited and approved by a qualified and independent auditor.

what is not included

- pre and post tour accommodation
- alcoholic drinks
- personal expenses
- gratuities, tipping is not expected in NZ but gratefully received. It is at your discretion whether or not to reward for excellent service



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pre tour walking checklist

Please ensure you have the following items for your walking tour.

Please ensure you have the following items ready for each day, either on you or in your day pack:

- Medium size day pack with waterproof liner, approx. 30 litre (we can loan you one if you don't have your own)
- Waterproof rain jacket with hood
- Comfortable sturdy sports or hiking shoes.
- Sandshoes, water socks or sports sandals; essential for tidal crossings on the walk (they will get wet-no jandals, flip-flops or scuffs)
- Woollen (merino) or polypro thermals (top and bottom)
- Polar fleece jacket or top
- Warm hat and gloves-fleece or woollen
- Pair of shorts / long trousers (preferably quick-dry fabric, you may have to roll up your trousers when embarking or disembarking from launch and you may get wet)
- Swimsuit and small towel (Beach towels available for sale at our office)
- Sun hat, sun screen and sunglasses
- Insect repellent and hand sanitiser
- Drink bottle
- Any essential personal medication-including blister block
- Camera

The following items are also highly recommended and can be transported for you in your lodge bag to each lodge: We supply a sports bag (47x35x25cm) that is carried to your accommodation each day by launch, any extra luggage that will not fit in this bag can be stored for you at our office before you depart on your tour.

- Spare socks- woollen or thermal
- Spare shoe laces
- Light shoes, sandals or slippers for the evening
- A change of clothing for the evening
- Spare set of hiking clothes and underwear
- Personal toiletries
- Small torch

Cotton clothing (especially denim) is not recommended. It is very heavy and cold if it gets wet and takes a long time to dry, thermal quick-dry fabrics such as polypro, polar fleece and wool are best.

Lodges operate on a tab system so any payments for drinks etc are settled at the end of the tour.

Please do not bring tissues or paper towels (they add to litter in the park), we suggest cotton handkerchiefs. No Hairdryers please-our generated electricity cannot power them (battery chargers and electric razors are ok). Any valuable items such as jewellery, passports etc can be left in safe storage in our office.

Cellphones: coverage is intermittent south of Awaroa, there is no coverage north of Awaroa Bay.



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pre tour biking checklist

Please ensure you have the following items for your cycle tour.

- Waterproof rain jacket with hood
- Comfortable walking/riding shoes, we suggest lightweight walking shoes suitable for cycling
- Woollen (merino) or polypro thermals (top and bottom)
- Polar fleece jacket or top or woollen jumper
- Gloves-fleece or woollen or cycle gloves if you have them
- Pair of shorts or longs (preferably quick-dry fabric, no jeans) or cycle shorts if you have them.
- Personal first aid items and any essential medications

The following are highly recommended

- Swimsuit and small towel
- Sun hat , sun glasses, sun block
- Pair of light shoes or sandals for the evenings
- Casual attire for the evenings
- Personal toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Drink bottle (we supply you with one bottle, but you may wish to bring another)
- Torch

If you are bringing along your own bike, you must ensure your bike has been fully serviced and is in a roadworthy and safe condition to ride. Please ensure you bring spare tyres and tubes as we only carry a basic stock for the bikes we hire out.

All our hire bikes come with a helmet, hi-vis safety vest and have a standard "gel-tech" seat, you are welcome to bring your own helmet or gel seat cover if you prefer.



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frequently asked questions

What do I carry while on my tour and what happens to the rest of my luggage?

On a walking, cycling or kayak tour your extra luggage will be transported for you each day to your accommodation that night. All you need to have with you is your daypack with your lunch, clothing requirements, camera and incidentals. For cyclists, this can be left in the support vehicle while you are cycling as this is always close by for ready access. Please ensure the luggage you are sending on ahead is limited to one item and is packed in an easily transported overnight bag or suitcase.

On a hiking tour where huts and lodges are less accessible by vehicle, you may be asked to carry your own luggage for some or all of the days of the tour, please refer to your itinerary for details. For this reason we recommend you pack as lightly as possible and carry only the items suggested on your gear check list. For any of our tours, we recommend the use of a waterproof pack liner to keep your personal items as dry as possible.

Do I really need thermals and a fleece, even in summer?

Yes, as some of the areas visited can be exposed, and New Zealand weather can be notoriously changeable, you must be prepared for all weather conditions.

How many people are in each group?

Typically, we take a maximum of twelve people on each tour. We feel this gives you the best opportunity to gain as much from your experience as possible and keeps the feel of each tour relaxed and friendly. We are happy to discuss options for groups of more than twelve with you.

How fit do I need to be?

The main purpose of a guided tour is to enjoy your surroundings and learn from your local guide, it's not a race, however the more you can prepare for a tour, the better the experience will be for you. As a general guideline we suggest the following activity level guide for our tours.

- Easy: An average level of fitness, Walk 7km, Bike 15km on well-formed tracks and roads with very little incline.
- Mild: An average level of fitness, Walk 12km, Bike 25km on well-formed tracks and roads with average incline.
- Moderate: An above average level of fitness, Walk 20km, Bike 45km on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times.
- Challenging: An above average level of fitness, Walk 20+ km, Bike 50+km on partially formed tracks and roads, some off-road, some steep inclines, some easy river and creek crossings.

Do you have bikes I can hire?

We have bikes for hire and recommend you use them as they are tried and true in the areas we operate. All of our bikes are fully maintained and serviced before they leave on a tour. We also supply you with a cycle helmet and safety vest in the cost of bike hire. You may use your own bike, but please ensure it is well maintained and fully serviced before your tour starts.

How do I train for my upcoming tour?

Undertake your training using the clothing and footwear you intend to complete the tour in, this will give you the opportunity to make sure they will be suitable for the purpose and to break in your foot wear so as to avoid any discomfort. Train with your pack or day pack on so you get used to bearing the weight and include a variety of terrain in your training including hills and off road. As much as we'd like to we can't guarantee fine weather on your tour so don't hesitate to get outdoors and train on the rainy days as well.

What will the weather be like?

New Zealand is known to have four seasons in a day so you should always be prepared for sudden changes in weather or temperature and have the appropriate gear with you at all times. Rain can be expected at any time throughout the year.

Spring (September-November) and Autumn (March-May) are generally cooler months for experiencing the outdoors with temperatures averaging 15-25 degrees during the day.

Summer (December-February) is usually warmer with averages of 20-30 degrees and longer sunshine hours due to daylight saving. As New Zealand has very little air pollution, UV rays are strong during the summer months and a good sunscreen and a hat are recommended for outdoor activities during the heat of the day.



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how to book

Go to www.tuataratours.co.nz, click the make an enquiry button and submit your booking request using the form provided.

We enjoy talking to people about their travel interests. So feel free to contact us directly if you'd rather not fill out a form.

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Tuataratours-experienced and innovative

Tuataratours is an experienced and innovative walking and biking adventure company, based in the South Island of New Zealand.

The vision at Tuataratours is to encourage as many people as possible to be involved in fun, adventure and the outdoors.

We understand the outdoors and we revel in the country, people and climate that we work with

our team is here to provide you with the best experience

We only have one world and we have to share it with each other. Much of the attraction for our clients is to experience unspoiled and un-crowded landscapes. It is our challenge to ensure that in this sharing of the experience, we minimise where possible, the impact of our business.

Through the introduction of strict environmental guidelines, we minimise our impact on the environment we live and work in

responsible travel

None of us could deny the benefits of travel in broadening our horizons and our way of thinking about the world we all share; travel breaks down barriers and provides valuable insights into other ways of life, it challenges us to step outside our comfort zone and to learn from those around us.

Our responsibility as participants in this journey is to acknowledge our impact on the environment and the communities in which we travel and to consider our individual contribution now and for the benefit of future generations.

We are Gold Qualmark endorsed; New Zealand tourism's official benchmark for environmental standards and quality control.

Wherever possible our company utilises local products and services, we support conservation efforts to preserve our natural and cultural heritage and we respect and care for the unique environment we travel in. Make your commitment to responsible travel with us.

adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are mentally flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise.

If you are uncertain about your suitability for this tour, speak with us and we can help guide you in the right direction.

NZ Walking Tours

- The Akaroa Walk
- The Franz Josef Trail
- The Mesopotamia High Country Walk
- The Queen Charlotte Walk
- The West Coast Trail
- The Hump Ridge Track Walk
- The Coromandel Explorer Walk
- The Tongariro Crossing Walk
- The Lake Waikaremoana Walk
- Great Barrier Island Escape
- The Abel Tasman Walk - 3 Days
- The Abel Tasman Walk - 5 Days
- The Abel Tasman Walk/Kayak - 3 Days
- The Abel Tasman Walk/Kayak - 5 Days
- Bucket List Walk
- The Old Ghost Road

NZ Hiking Tours

- The Heaphy Track
- The Lake Waikaremoana Great Walk
- The Stewart Island Track
- The Tongariro Crossing Walk

NZ Cycling Tours

- Around The Mountains Cycle trail
- The Tekapo Canal Trail
- The Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail
- The West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail
- The Queenstown Cycle Trail
- The Otago Rail Trail
- The Tasman Great Taste Trail and Golden Bay Explorer

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country information

Culture

New Zealand has a diverse multi-cultural population, the majority of whom are of British descent. New Zealand's indigenous Maori make up around 14 percent of the population. The culture of its indigenous Maori people affects the language, the arts, and even the accents of all New Zealanders. New Zealanders embrace new technology and culture, but they also have a background of quiet but rugged individualism, self-reliance and a passion for invention. Many New Zealanders travel extensively and thrive on learning and experiencing other cultures. They are renowned for their openness, ingenuity and "easy-going" nature.

Environment

Fourteen spectacular national parks preserve New Zealand's natural heritage enshrining a huge variety of landscapes, vegetation and wildlife, New Zealand encompasses rich farmland, mountains, rivers and unsurpassed scenery. The country is slightly bigger than the UK in size. Three-quarters of the population live in the North Island with more than a third of New Zealand's population living in the largest city, Auckland.

The South Island - with its lakes, fiords and spectacular outdoor scenery is the most popular destination for tourists. The gateway to the South Island is Christchurch - a city of approximately 380,000 people.

Recreation

New Zealand's stunning landscapes, lush forests, amazing wildlife and pleasant climate make it a haven for many outdoor activities, and a great place to relax and enjoy life.

New Zealanders love the outdoors, especially tramping (hiking), camping, skiing and snowboarding. Sailing, surfing and swimming are also favourite pursuits. New Zealand's sports and recreation facilities are inexpensive, abundant and very accessible.



tuatara conservation

Tuatara Tours are proud to be actively involved in Tuatara Conservation.

Tuatara Tours has formally adopted "BP" a male juvenile tuatara who resides at Orana Park in Christchurch and is part of the conservation programme to ensure the safe future of these amazing reptiles.



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Moderate Grade

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Organised tour accommodations are based on a twin/double share accommodation. Individual travellers will be placed in rooms together with other individual travellers of the same sex. A single supplement is available on request.

Confirmation of Booking

Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of the full tour price and become definite from that date. Tuatara Tours or their agents reserve their right to decline any booking at their discretion.

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If a client wishes to cancel a Tour the following charges will be applied: (Unless stated otherwise)

1. 91+ days prior to departure - no fee
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3. 59-30 days prior to departure - 30% of total package cost applies
4. 9-0 days prior to departure - 100% of total package cost applies
5. After tour commencement - no refund available.

These cancellation fees are not negotiable, therefore we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance.

Insurance

Tuatara Tours recommends that the client take out tour cancellation insurance together with all other necessary travel insurances. Obtaining all necessary insurances is the responsibility of you the client and Tuatara Tours can not held liable for any failure on your part to get insurance.

Medical conditions

When you book you must notify us of any medical condition, medical history or medication that you are on.

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Adverse weather conditions may mean that planned activities cannot proceed as intended. A decision to change an advertised tour based on the weather conditions will be made by a tour guide at the time and is made in the best interest of the group and their safety. Tuatara Tours and or their contracted suppliers can not be held responsible to any changes as a result of the weather.

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