



2 Day “More Than Beaches Tour”

If you enjoy swimming in warm clear waters, sunbathing on secluded golden sandy beaches and camping under the spectacular stars of The Milky Way then this is the tour for you! We visit places of breathtaking beauty such as the picture perfect Te Pukatea Bay, Anchorage Beach, Tonga Arches, Falls River lagoon and Tonga Island Marine Reserve plus many more.

Your guide will take care of trip preparation, risk management and weather assessments, leaving you free to unwind and enjoy being part of nature’s special gift. As the name suggests, this tour takes in much more than just the beautiful golden sand beaches of the Abel Tasman Coastline. Maureen and Peter take great pride in ensuring that the food we provide is delicious, abundant and memorable.

Day One:

On this 2 day one way tour we depart from Marahau, (the southern entrance to the National Park) island hopping our way northwards along the coast taking breaks for exploration and a coffee on Fisherman’s or Adele Island. Then its back into the roomy kayaks ready for the next stretch of our journey passing along the rugged exposed section of coast called “The Mad Mile”.

You'll then paddle into Anchorage Bay for a well earned rest and lunch, perhaps with time for a walk to Pitt Head and a photo stop. Anchorage Bay is one of the most well equipped and popular camping areas that are accessible from the coastal track. We then paddle as far north as the Bark Bay area and if tides are favourable now is the chance to experience the parks more unique places such as Falls River, where ancient trees and ferns grow down to the waters edge.

Kayaks are unpacked, camp is set up for the evening ahead and a general relaxing begins after your first day in paradise.

Day Two:

After packing up camp we take advantage of the calm morning sea conditions and head north along the Abel Tasman coast to Tonga Island, where a resident colony of friendly fur seals live. These animals show no fear of kayaks. There is time to explore the Tonga Island Marine Reserve and the magnificent granite

Tonga Arches, and hopefully as far north as Shag Harbour – a beautiful bush clad natural harbour (tides permitting).

Often close to the shore of Onetahuti Beach, the clear waters beneath the kayaks reveal stingrays sunbathing in the shallows. We then pull the kayaks out of the water in preparation for the one-hour scenic trip via water taxi southwards back to Marahau. Here our courtesy van awaits your return then its back to our base in Motueka for a hot shower or dip in our pool! Maureen and Peter are also more than happy to offer suggestions regarding onward travel, other things to do or the best restaurants in the region.

Ask about our walk on options from Onetahuti Beach at the end of day two, north towards Awaroa and the top end of the Park or south back to Marahau. Lodge stay options available.

Please open our “Gear list for multi day guided tours” file to see what gear we provide and what we suggest you should bring along.

Departure Times:

8.00 a.m. meet at Motueka Base, 506 High Street.
5.00 p.m. back at Motueka Base

Frequency of Tours:

Tours depart three times per week
Minimum numbers required.
Maximum of eight people per group.
Group bookings available

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