



2 Day “More Than Beaches Tour”

If you enjoy swimming in warm clear waters, sunbathing on golden sand 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.

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.

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 most sheltered and protected part of the Abel Tasman coastline. We will have time for morning tea and a swim, possibly at 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 Te Puketea Bay for a well earned rest and lunch, perhaps with time for a walk to Pitt Head and a photo stop. Anchorage Bay is our destination, one of the most well equipped and popular camping areas that are accessible from the coastal track.

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).

At Onetahuti we pull the kayaks out of the water in preparation for the one-hour 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 a dip in our pool, or use of our free WIFI

Quite often we turn this paddling adventure around and start with a watertaxi ride to Onetahuti and paddle with the sea breeze at our tail!

What to bring:

- Quick drying shorts or swim wear. Avoid cotton T's when possible. Polypro underwear is best with fleece top. Long sleeved shirts are a good idea for summer when the sun is very strong.
- Hat, sunscreen & sunglasses
- Insect Repellent, headlamp/touch
- Towel
- Light walking shoes/ sandals
- Water bottle.
- Camera
- Warm clothes to change into after paddling including; Trousers, long sleeve top and fleece top, socks

[Check in Times:](#)

7.45 a.m. meet at Motueka Base, 506 High Street. If staying in Marahau night before trip let us know and we'll advise alternate pick up time

5.00 p.m. back at Motueka Base on day two.

[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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