



Three day guided Enchanted Coast

If you don't have five days for our Eco Explorer, this trip can still allow you the opportunity to experience the northern reaches of the Abel Tasman National Park.

Day One:

The trip starts at our Motueka base where we meet you and introduce you to your guide and other members of your group. After a gear check we travel to Marahau, the southern most road access into the National Park.

Here we pack and launch kayaks, you then cruise quietly along the coast with breaks for exploration on the islands and coves of the historic Astrolabe Roadstead. You pass the "Mad Mile", a rugged exposed section of the coast and the picture perfect Te -Pukatea. From here we kayak on as far north as Bark Bay where kayaks are unpacked, tents pitched, dinner made and the first day in paradise is complete.

Day two:

We head north along the Abel Tasman Coast to Tonga Island, where a resident colony of fur seals lives. There will be time to explore the Tonga Island marine reserve and the magnificent granite Tonga Arches, (tides permitting); your guide will show you the secret places which many kayakers pass.

Weather permitting we paddle north from Tonga Island, to Shag Harbour (tides permitting) around Awaroa Head and make camp at either famous Awaroa or breathtaking Waiharakeke Bay.

On long summer evenings you may want to explore the bush, beach, rock pools or lie around star gazing, sipping wine and discussing the true meaning of life.

Day three:

The northern section of the park has many hidden treasures that not many visitors get to see; your guides mission, weather and tides permitting is to take you to these spots. We check out the tranquil Awaroa Inlet, Waiharakeke Bay, then on to Totaranui where we meet our Water Taxi at 3 pm for the pick up and exhilarating ride back to Marahau. We then transport you back to our base in Motueka for a hot shower or swim in our pool.

Often (due to the prevailing winds) we turn this trip around and start our paddling in Totaranui

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.
- Sleeping bag liner
- Hat, sunscreen & sunglasses
- Insect Repellent & towel
- Light walking shoes/ sandals
- Water bottle
- Camera and headlamp / torch
- 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 three

Frequency of Tours: Tours departing twice a week. Minimum numbers required. Maximum of 8 people per group.

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