



## The Five Day “Eco Explorer” tour Paddle and walk

On this tour our aim is to explore the entire length of the Abel Tasman National Park. We combine kayaking with walking in some of the most remote areas of the park, providing ample time to explore parts of the coastal track enjoying our verdant coastal forests and discovering the fauna and flora of our region.

Maureen and Peter take great pride in ensuring that the food we provide is delicious, abundant and memorable.

### Day one

We meet you at our Motueka Base where we discuss the trip plan and weather forecast. After a coffee and gear check we set off for the beginning of your adventure.

Our plan is to launch the kayaks at Marahau Beach, which is at the southern most entrance to the Park. This stretch of water “the Astrolabe Roadstead” is the most sheltered in the whole Park and is the perfect introduction to the adventure, fine tune you’re paddling technique and settle into the rhythm of paddling in paradise! Choose one of the many beautiful beachfront campsites to set up camp for the night.

### Days two & three

During these days the group paddles from the Bark Bay region up into the Tonga Island Marine Reserve. Formed just over ten years ago you can marvel at the rich diversity of marine life above and under the water (we supply the snorkeling gear) Visiting the New Zealand fur seal colony at Tonga Island and paddling with seals is often a highlight of the tour. From Tonga we head north, possibly camping at Totaranui.

Our aim on day three will be to hike to Separation point, exploring the flora and fauna of the region on the way, lunching on one of the beautiful northern beaches At the end of third day Maureen sends up fresh supplies. Your guide is equipped with a 2 way marine radio and checks with Motueka Base every morning for weather forecasts and with any requests that you may have for treats, wine etc, etc, etc.

## Day Four

We paddle back southbound aiming to explore Awaroa inlet and Shag Harbour (a gorgeous hidden treasure) on the way. Sadly this is our last night. After a yummy dinner, examine the bright star studded southern skies undimmed by city light, chew the fat, maybe, if you are energetic explore the glow worm caves at Anchorage.

## Day five

Adele Island is a feast of bird song, one last treat to explore on the way back to Marahau. There your shuttle awaits you back to S.K.C in Motueka.

Here its time for a well deserved hot shower and a last guide concocted coffee, fond farewells and photo opportunities. Maureen and Peter are more than happy to offer advice regarding onward travel, other activities and great restaurants.

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

## Departure Times:

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

4.00 p.m. back at Motueka Base on day five

## Frequency of Tours:

Tours depart once a month

Minimum numbers required.

Maximum of 8 people per group.

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