



Guided Rental Combo, two or three days.

Want to “freedom kayak” but are uncertain if you have enough experience or knowledge of our coastline? Our guided rental combo prepares you for freedom kayaking beyond day one.

Day One.

On this first day your guide will provide hands-on paddling instruction, show you how to assess the weather and cover the important aspects of self rescue. You will also learn about features of the Abel Tasman coastline. .

The trip departs from Marahau Beach, paddling northwards along the coastline of the Astrolabe Roadstead where we stop for a break. From here, you will kayak along the shores of the world famous golden sand beaches of the Abel Tasman, exploring off shore islands where penguins, shags and other birdlife are abundant.

After your morning paddle in the parks most sheltered stretch of water, stop for lunch, swimming, sunbathing and maybe a stroll to take advantage of the numerous photo opportunities.

In the afternoon you paddle along the infamous stretch of coastline know as the “Mad Mile” that takes you into the beautiful Anchorage Bay, time permitting (and the tide) you may explore tranquil Torrent Bay lagoon before your guide shows you the well laid out Anchorage camp ground. Here the guide returns to Marahau by water taxi leaving you to continue with your freedom rental experience.

Day two

After a night camping at Anchorage (or if you would like the travel light ask us about a Houseboat stay option) you freedom kayak northwards. Along the way you’ll see tidal lagoons, awesome rock formations, and golden sand beaches and are able to visit the famous Tonga Island seal colony.

You’ll finish kayaking at Onetahuti Beach where you will be met by the water taxi company at 3 pm to take you and the kayak back to Marahau. Here we will meet you and transport you and the kayak back to our Motueka Base.

Day three option.

After a second night camping at Bark Bay, or Mosquito Bay you start the return leg of your journey towards Marahau. Along the way explore many of the Park's special places you may have missed on the way up the coast.

We meet you at Marahau Beach at approximately 3.30 where our van transports you and the kayak back to Motueka Base for a well earned hot shower or dip in out pool.

What to bring.

- Quick drying shorts or swim wear.
- Avoid cotton T's when possible. Polypro underwear is best with a warm fleece top. Long sleeved shirts are a good idea for summer when the sun is very strong.
- 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
- Camping equipment and food. (unless houseboat or Lodge stay)

Check in times:

7.45 a.m. meet at Motueka Base, 506 High Street. If you are staying in Marahau the night before your trip let us know and we'll advise an alternate meeting point.

5.00 p.m. back at Motueka base on days 2 or 3.

Frequency of Tours:

Tours departing daily
Minimum numbers required.
Group bookings available

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