



Tonga Island Marine Reserve guided rental combo.

This combination of guided and freedom allows you to maximize your time in the park and paddle with the prevailing wind. On your first day, an experienced guide will provide hands on paddling instruction, show you how to assess weather, and familiarize you with the coastline.

Day 1:

We load kayaks and paddlers onto the 9 am water taxi at Marahau and 40 minutes later we're at Onetahuti Beach. We unload boats have a safety briefing then we're away paddling to Tonga Island and its flourishing seal colony. Tides permitting, explore the spectacular Tonga Arches, or enchanting Shag Harbour, head south to Bark Bay followed by a lazy drift up Falls River. Find that dreamed of golden sand beach, for a picnic lunch and a freshly brewed coffee. Anchorage is where your guided trip ends and your guide heads back on the afternoon watertaxi to Marahau

Camp that evening (independently) We can hire you camping gear if your need it. Or make life easy and stay aboard the Aquapackers boat in the Anchorage.

Day 2:

Freedom kayak from Anchorage back to Marahau. You are kayaking with the sea breeze making paddling a joy. The Astrolabe Roadstead is the most sheltered and protected part of the park, perfect for the less experienced paddler. You need to be back at the Marahau beachfront by 3.45 pm where you will be met by a Sea Kayak company representative

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 torch
- Warm clothes to change into after paddling including;
- Trousers, long sleeve top and fleece top, socks
- Camping equipment and food. (unless houseboat 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 pick up time.

9.45 am if meeting us at Onetahuti Beach, in front of the DOC campsite.

5.00 p.m. back at Motueka base on day 2.

Frequency of Tours:

Tours departing daily
Minimum numbers required.
Group bookings available

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