



3- 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 more northern reaches of the Abel Tasman National Park, plus paddle with the sea breeze.

Thank you for choosing “The Sea Kayak Company”, hopefully the following will provide you with the basis of our trip plan, remembering because of the nature of this activity tours can be altered to suit the group. Each trip is unique and we never forget it is your trip. We prefer to camp at the smaller intimate campsites. Each site is unique, but all have a beautiful golden sand beach, fresh water, toilets and a great view. Some campsites are close to the main coastal track; others are more remote and exclusive to kayakers.

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

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 coffee and gear check we travel to Marahau, the southern most road access into the National Park.

Here we jump on a water taxi and head up to Totaranui. After packing the kayaks and having a safety chat, it's time to relax on the golden sand beach of this beautiful beach and enjoy a real coffee and a piece of Maureen's yummy carrot cake.

Time today to enjoy the more northern reaches of the park, where and what we do will depend on the wind and tides, tonight perhaps breathtaking Waiharakeke Bay will be our camp site.

Day two:

We head south along the Abel Tasman Coast, tides permitting, exploring Awaroa inlet and enchanting Shag Harbor along the way, 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, your guide will show you his secret places which many kayakers pass.

There will be time for snorkeling, and you will see for yourself the resurgence of marine life that has occurred in the reserve.

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 southern section of the park has many hidden treasures; your guides mission, weather and tides permitting is to take you to these spots. One last treasure will be explored before you end your paddle at Marahau, a visit to Adele Island. The Department of Conservation in partnership with the Birdsong Trust is protecting this island from pests and reestablishing the birdlife. The moment you step on the island you can hear the difference.

We then transport you back to our base in Motueka for a hot shower or swim in our pool. Peter and Maureen are happy to share their local knowledge about onward travel, good restaurants and places to stay.

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

Departure Times:

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