



Three Day Enchanted Coast

Relax, swim, and snorkel, camp under star studded skies and breathe deep the pure air, of our verdant Abel Tasman rain forest. Food will never have tasted so good, sleep so satisfying, or the day seem long enough to put all the good things of life into it.

We supply everything - from your kayaking, camping and cooking equipment to your DOC camp passes! Your guide will take care of trip preparation, safety management and weather assessments.

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 or we travel by road to the northern area of the National Park and commence our Kayaking south from Totaranui.

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 Anchorage 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.

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. We then transport you back to our base in Motueka for a hot shower.

Often (due to the prevailing winds) we turn this trip around and start our paddling in Totaranui. This is a suggested itinerary only as a guide.

Suggestions on 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.
- Sleeping bag or 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.

Departure Times:

7:45 a.m. meet at Motueka Base, 506 High Street. If you are staying in Marahau the night before the trip let us know and we will advise an alternative pick up time.

5.00 p.m. back to our Base in Motueka on Day 3

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