

Walking the Abel Tasman

March 2021 | 3 nights

A luxury guided adventure for active women



Sat 20 Mar Mapua

Try to arrive in Nelson around 10am if you are flying in. We head to Mapua for lunch and to settle into our accommodation. In the afternoon we visit a local winery and that night we will enjoy a meal at Mapua wharf, next to the sea.

Meals: none included

Sun 21 Mar Marahau to Anchorage **Approx. 4 hours - 12.4kms**

Today our fabulous adventure begins! You are in for a real treat - the Abel Tasman is a true gem: with it's stunning scenery, it is one of the best walks in New Zealand.

We spend the day walking/swimming/exploring the forest, the track and the golden sand beaches en route to Anchorage. The views from the track over the turquoise waters and golden beaches are breathtaking. Tonight we enjoy a glamping experience in large deluxe tents at Anchorage campground with very comfy camp beds. Our camp guide will prepare delicious meals, and after dark we head down to see the glow worm caves, do some star gazing from the beach, before drifting to sleep to the call of the Ruru (Morepork). The camp site doesn't have hot showers, but after a swim you can take a cold shower on the beach. The location is simply stunning.

Meals: B, L, D

Mon 22 Mar Anchorage to Awaroa **Approx. 6.5hrs - 18.8kms**

After breakfast we leave Anchorage, passing Torrent Bay before heading up and over to Bark Bay, stopping for a picnic lunch and a swim along the way, and continuing on to the long, golden Onetahuti Beach. From here it is only another hour to the wonderful Awaroa Lodge. Awaroa has one of the most spectacular beaches in the park - before "wine o'clock" we will visit the beach for a late afternoon swim or stroll to the lagoon. Here we can also visit the "People's beach of Aotearoa", a section of beach that was crowdfunded by Kiwis a couple of years back.

After a rejuvenating shower we can relax in style with a wine in the lovely outdoor garden, before enjoying another wonderful meal. Meals: B, L, D

NOTE: There is the option of halving the walking distance on this long day by catching a water taxi from the half-way point of Bark Bay to your accommodation for the night. The additional water taxi is \$38 per adult.

Tue 23 Mar Awaroa - Totaranui **Approx. 3 hours - 8kms**

About 30 minutes from Awaroa Lodge is a wide tidal crossing then it is into some wonderful podocarp forest before bursting out on the golden sand of Waiharakeke Bay and Goat Bay before the final ascent over to the popular camping spot of Totaranui. Once at Totaranui the AquaTaxi will pick us up and return us, passing all those golden sand beaches to Marahau.

Arrange to fly out after 7pm today - we will return you to Nelson airport at the end of your wonderful hike and a farewell drink together!

Meals: B, L

Price

NZ\$1770 per person twin share

Single supplement limited – ask about price/availability

Tour Inclusions

- 3 nights accommodation (2 nights lodge, 1 night glamping)
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Tour leader / walking guide
- Transportation by shuttle & water taxi
- Luggage transfers on the walk (you only need to carry your daypack with your lunch)
- Arrival transfer ex Nelson on Day 1
- Departure transfer to Nelson airport on Day 4

Excludes

- Meals and refreshments (unless specified in inclusions)
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional tours
- Flights

Your Roam Navigator

Julie Paterson is a modern-day nomad who left NZ in her late teens to travel the world. She has worked in tourism since 1992 and (normally) lives in Egypt where she runs her business Venus Adventures. At the end of 2019 she visited NZ for Christmas and here she has stayed due to that nasty virus known as Covid-19! Julie has returned to her old stomping ground in the Abel Tasman where she is guiding active tours and enjoying a busier than normal summer showing Kiwis this most amazing part of the country.



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