

Walking the Abel Tasman

March 2021 | 8 nights

A luxury guided adventure for active women



Sat 20 Feb Nelson

Try to arrive in Nelson between 8am and 10am if you are flying in. Time permitting, we can have a wander through the wonderful Nelson market, before we head to Mapua 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 Feb Marahau to Anchorage (approx. 4 hours - 12.4 kms)

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 Feb Anchorage to Awaroa (approx. 6.5hrs - 18.8 kms)

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. 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 Feb Awaroa Lodge

Today is your free day to enjoy this stunning setting! Awaroa is one of the park's most spectacular beaches. Explore the sandspit and lagoon, go for a swim, relax on the beach, or take one of the many little walks. You might like to join a guided kayak trip - see description below (NOTE: this must be booked in advance, ie when you book this trip).

Kayaking from Awaroa: All guided kayak trips last for 3-3.5 hours, including a pre-trip safety briefing and a 20-30 minute stop on a secluded beach. All trips cost \$140 per person and include hot drinks and snacks on the beach.

Meals: B, L, D

Wed 24 Feb

Totaranui to Wainui (approx. 5 hours 15.5 kms)

After a leisurely breakfast at Awaroa Lodge, we take a water taxi to Totaranui at 10.30am arriving there at 11am. We head down the Grand Avenue on the less well-travelled part of the track and come across the beautiful beaches of Anapai and Mutton Cove, where we stop for lunch and a swim. Before long we will be at Whariwharangiri Bay, this is where Abel Tasman the explorer unsuccessfully tried his only landing in New Zealand (he was repelled by the local Maori). Then it's up and over the hill to the Wainui Bay, where we will be picked up by van for the short shuttle to Pohara Beach and the wonderful Ratanui Lodge, with its great gin cocktail menu!

Meals: B, L, D

Thu 25 Feb

Totaranui - Skinner point - Marahau

A slower start today - you may enjoy a walk along the beachfront at Pohara or perhaps a bike ride to begin your day - Ratanui has guest bikes - then at 9.45am a vehicle transfers us to Totaranui where we water taxi back to Marahau. Our van will take us to Kimi Ora Spa for a soak in the hot tubs, steam room or heated pool (massages can be booked in advance). Our wonderful trip is over - take a flight back home (airport dropoffs between 5pm and 7pm) after your rejuvenating nature experience!

Meals: B, L

Price

NZ\$2900 per person twin share

Single supplement limited – ask about price/availability

Tour Inclusions

- 5 nights accommodation (4 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 6

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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