

Nelson/Golden Bay/Abel Tasman Discovery Tour

Tuesday 15 September To Monday 21 September 2020

Day 1 Tuesday 15 September

Welcome to Nelson – New Zealand’s premier fishing port and one of the sunniest cities in the country. Relax with free time to explore picturesque walks around the city, famous for its arts and crafts. The region’s world-class food, wine and beer feature in restaurants and quirky cafes offering everything from a quick coffee to fine dining.

Overnight: The Hotel Nelson
Meals included: Breakfast



Day 2 Wednesday 16 September

Nelson to Golden Bay.

This morning after breakfast we travel by Coach through coastal orchards and vineyards to the rural hub of Motueka, then over the Takaka Hill. Be prepared for breathtaking views that take in a panorama of glistening coast, forested hills and lush cultivated fields as you travel through the marble mountains. Here, stone weathers to the fantastic shapes that feature in many films about mythical journeys.

Spend some time in the town of Takaka to absorb the colourful culture of Golden Bay, ranging from urban chic to bohemian artisan.

At Anatoki Salmon Farm, you have the opportunity to catch Salmon, which can be smoked for us to enjoy with refreshments before our evening meal. Once we have caught our quota, we head off to Te Waikoropupu Springs (known as Pupu Springs) which discharges 14,000 litres of pure mountain water per second. Optical measurements under water give a visibility of 63 meters.

We leave the Springs to settle into our lodge for our next two night’s Accommodation. This evening we take a very short drive to Tata Beach for a classic Kiwi BBQ dinner.

Overnight Ratanui Lodge Pohara
Meals included: Dinner BBQ



Day 3 Thursday 17 September

After breakfast we head to Collingwood and board a comfortable 4-wheel drive vehicle for the Farewell Spit Eco Tour.

We explore the wild sandspit that stretches for 30 kms from Puponga to Cape Farewell, the most northern point on the South Island.

At the end of the Spit we pause for 45 minutes for some refreshments and to explore the lighthouse reserve. On the return journey, we climb a sand dune at Mullet Channel where your gaze takes in views of the ocean beach, the dunes along the centre of the spit and out to the inter-tidal plane.

Watch migrant wading birds that come here from the Arctic Circle to feed. Late afternoon we take you back to our lodge for the evening. Your chef serves a superb 3 course meal.



Overnight Ratanui Lodge Pohara

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 Friday 18 September

This morning we are transferred to Totaranui to join our 3 day Abel Tasman National Park Experience. Enjoy modern comforts in your ensuite room in the Wilson familys' lodges right on the beach within the park.

You can choose combinations of boat cruising, walking and kayaking. Your Guide will arrange it all for you.

Overnight luggage is transferred by boat, so you carry only a small day pack with your essentials for the day.

Walking Option: From Totaranui, walk 7 km through mature native forest and along secluded beaches to the breathtaking expanse of Awaroa Inlet. At low tide you can walk across the inlet. At high tide, your guide arranges a barge to take you over the water to reach Meadowbank Homestead – a faithful recreation of the Wilson family's original home on the 'finest site in the bay'.

Leisurely Option: Board the Vista Cruise to travel in style along the spectacular northern beaches of the National Park to Awaroa. Then, it's your choice of beach walking, or relaxing in the gardens, or in your ensuite room at Meadowbank Homestead.

Overnight Meadowband Homestead at Awaroa

Meals included: Lunch, Afternoon tea, Dinner



Day 5 Saturday 19 September

Your walk today is divided into 3 sections, of approximately 5 kms each. Follow the coastal track through cool native forest and along golden sand beaches, perfect for swimming. You choose how much walking you want, or simply relax at the lodge and take the boat to Torrent Bay. Your guide will arrange it all to suit your needs.

Overnight Torrent Bay Lodge

Meals included: Breakfast, Morning & Afternoon tea, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6 Sunday 20 September

From Torrent Bay to Marahau is the easiest section of the coastal track, with panoramic views overlooking the islands in the Astrolabe Roadstead and across Tasman Bay to Nelson. This is a day of choices! Walk to Marahau (13-16 kms depending on the tides), choose a guided kayaking option (extra cost) or relax around the beautiful Torrent Bay lagoon and take the boat back to Kaiteriteri. This is a day rich in history as your guide recounts stories of how major landmarks were named by early explorers.

Your coach meets you at Marahau or Kaiteriteri to return you to Motueka and Nelson. On return to Nelson we will enjoy our last night together.

Overnight: The Hotel Nelson

Meals included: Breakfast, Morning & Afternoon tea, Lunch



Day 7 Monday 21 September

Your Tour now ends.

Meals included: Breakfast



Costing Per person: Share Twin \$2490.00 Single Supplement \$1050.00

Includes

- 2 nights Superior room Nelson Hotel Nelson
- 2 nights Deluxe room Ratanui lodge Pohara
- 1night Meadowbank Homestead Awaroa
- 1night Torrent Bay Lodge
- Meals highlighted in the itinerary
- Farewell Spit Tour (includes afternoon tea)
- BBQ Tata Beach hosted by Phil & Jane
- Private Coach transport throughout
- All Boat transfers Abel Tasman
- Airport transfers to Nelson Hotel
- Services of your Tour Hosts Phil & Jane Harris

Terms & Conditions

- \$150.00 per person deposit to secure space
- Full Balance due Monday 3 August
- Based on min 16 passengers

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION INCLUDING COVID-19

For the health and safety of all passengers on tour any illness (such as fever, coughing or difficulty breathing) will not be accepted onboard the coach unless they can provide us with a negative Covid19 test result received within the past 72 hours. Should any passenger start to feel unwell on arrival or while on tour, they must immediately advise their tour manager and contact Healthline then visit a medical practitioner/medical centre/hospital. To return to the tour the passenger must be deemed fit and well to participate fully on a coach tour, obtaining and providing us with a written medical clearance – not just a negative Covid19 test. Any costs incurred will be at the passenger’s own expense.

