

# ABEL TASMAN WALKING TOUR

SOUTH ISLAND • NEW ZEALAND

## THE OFFER

Nestled at the tip of the South Island, the Abel Tasman National Park is an iconic region that has long drawn international acclaim as one of the most stunning examples of untouched natural beauty on earth. Travellers from the far reaches of the world have made their way to witness the majestic vistas, ancient forests and clear waters of New Zealand's smallest national park. With a bubble between Australia and New Zealand, this could be your chance to experience the remote wonderland before the rest of the world returns.

Starting in the quaint town of Marahau explore the majestic shore front, try the local cuisine and prepare for the following days walking tours. Moving at your own pace, discover the sand bottom lagoons of Torrent Bay; then uncover the jaw dropping scenery of Awaroa Bay and enjoy a night at the stunning Awaroa Lodge. Next swim in the clear waters of the beautiful Cleopatra's Pool, and finally be mesmerised by Waiharakeke Bay and Goat Bay before your ascent to the popular Totaranui camping spot.

With 5 meals including packed lunches, water taxi's, luggage transfers, 3 nights accommodation and local expert briefings including personalised maps, this 4 day self guided walking tour of one of New Zealand's Great Walks is the nature escape you have been looking for.

4 DAY SELF GUIDED TOUR

FROM

**\$949**

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

4 DAYS - 2021/22 SEASON

**\$949**

5 DAYS - 2021/22 SEASON

**\$1349**

4 DAYS - 2022/23 SEASON

**\$1069**

5 DAYS - 2022/23 SEASON

**\$1419**



## 4 DAY SELF GUIDED TOUR | ABEL TASMAN WALKING TOUR

# THE ITINERARY

### Itinerary 1 - 4 Day Package

#### Day 1 Arrive Nelson - Marahau

Today make your own way to the sunniest city in New Zealand, Nelson where our custom shuttle will meet you at the airport, or at one of our pick-up points either in Nelson city (great if you arrive in the morning and want to explore around Nelson for a bit). It's about an hour's drive to Marahau through vineyards, fruit orchards and quaint towns and villages – before arriving in Marahau, where we'll check you into your accommodations for the night and book you into one of the local restaurants for your evening meal.

Marahau is one of two beautiful stepping-off points for the Abel Tasman National Park. The Māori meaning of the name Marahau is 'windy garden', suggesting it was once the site of growing crops, and it still carries an aura of natural abundance today. Marahau restaurants and cafes are highly regarded for their excellent food, connection with the land and sea, and the warm welcome that they give to visitors. Here, you can sing karaoke at the cafe, savour local beer at the waterfront beer garden, and dive into some of the best burgers in New Zealand being served from a caravan.

Activities on the water are popular here, and with one of the largest tidal ranges in New Zealand it's perfect for horse riding, investigating tidal pools, and photography at low tide. Marahau's natural beauty features in many treasured photo albums, and it really does take your breath away.

**Overnight: Abel Tasman Lodge or similar, Marahau**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Marahau - Torrent Bay - Marahau (Approx. 5 hours - 16.4kms walk)

This morning a staff member will meet you at 8:30am and hand

out your lunch and give you a full briefing before you head off. Then you'll be on the 9:00am water taxi to Torrent Bay. Spend the day hiking/swimming/exploring the forest, the track and the golden sand beaches en route back to Anchorage. Be sure to check out Cleopatra's Pool and drop into Anchorage bay, on your way back to Marahau. There is no time pressure today and you'll finish your walk back in Marahau and walk back into your accommodations. Dine out in Marahau again tonight at one of the three restaurants in town.

Please note: This itinerary is flexible to take advantage of changing weather and road conditions. This itinerary showcases a selection of the key destinations you will visit and alternative locations may be visited depending on the departure date.

Please note you will only be required to carry a day pack for the next three days as you will be returning to the same accommodation on day 2 and on days 3 and 4 luggage transfer will be provided to and from Awaroa lodge for convenience.

**Overnight: Abel Tasman Lodge or similar, Marahau**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

#### Day 3 Torrent Bay - Awaroa Lodge (Approx. 17.9kms approx. 6 - 7hrs walking time)

After breakfast, take the Aqua Taxi to Torrent Bay at 9:00am to continue your walk. From this lovely settlement head up and over to the iconic Falls River Swing Bridge and further to Bark Bay. The track then heads up one of the largest ascents on the trip ending up back at sea level at Tonga Quarry. A lovely walk along crescent-shaped Onetahuti Beach follows and then the last saddle sees you over to wonderful Awaroa Lodge. After a rejuvenating shower in your room you are ready to enjoy the restaurant there (not included). Overnight in the wonderful Awaroa Lodge, surrounded by pristine waterways and native



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forest, the Lodge has been constructed to make the most of its secluded location which is not accessible by road.

Please note: All guests have the option of shortening the walking distance on this long day by catching a water taxi straight to Bark Bay where you will continue your walk to Awaroa (\$36 per person not included) – 3.5 hours 10.4km.

**Overnight: Awaroa Lodge, Abel Tasman National Park**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### **Day 4 Awaroa Inlet - Totaranui - Marahau (Approx. 3 hours 8.1kms)**

About 20 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 you up and return you past all those golden sand beaches to Marahau. Our land transport to Nelson departs conveniently from the Aqua Taxi base dropping you in Nelson around 6pm.

**Meals included: Lunch**

#### **Itinerary 2 - 5 Day Package**

##### **Day 5 Wainui to Totaranui (Approx. 5 hours 15.5kms)**

After breakfast, a short shuttle to Wainui Carpark takes you to the last section of your walk. From Wainui you are on the less travelled section of the track. The views of Wainui Inlet as you climb up into the native forest are stunning. The route today takes you up and over to Whariwharangi, then you'll have the option of walking the Separation Point Loop track (an extra hour) before heading on to Mutton Cove and Anapai Beach before arriving at Totaranui. Once at Totaranui the AquaTaxi will pick you up and return you past all those golden sand beaches to Marahau. Our land transport to Nelson departs conveniently from the AquaTaxi base dropping you in Nelson around 6pm.

**Meals included: Lunch**



**DAYS & TOUR TYPE** | DEAL NAME

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the beautiful coastal town of Marahau at leisure
- Enjoy 3 days of self guided walking on the famous Abel Tasman track, one of N.Z's Great Walks
- Enjoy free luggage transfers between locations so you only need to carry a day pack
- Explore the beautiful golden sand beaches of Torrent, Anchorage, Waiharakeke and Goat Bay
- Swim in the clear waters of the beautiful Cleopatra's Pool surrounded by native ferns
- Cross the iconic Falls River Swing Bridge enroute to Bark Bay
- Enjoy a lovely walk along crescent-shaped Onetahuti Beach
- Enjoy a night at the wonderful Awaroa lodge, surrounded by pristine waterways and native forest

### ACCOMMODATION

- 2 nights quality accommodation in Marahau
- 1-night accommodation at the 4 star Awaroa Lodge in the heart of the Abel Tasman National Park

### DINING

- 5 meals including packed lunches during your walks

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- All Luggage transfers – you carry just a daypack with your lunch
- A personalised itinerary with maps and other information for your walk
- A full briefing from a local expert prior to your self guided walk

### TRANSPORT

- Transport from Nelson to Marahau and back to Nelson
- Water Taxi transport from Anchorage to Marahau, Marahau to Torrent Bay & Totaranui to Marahau

### 5 DAY PACKAGE

- All of the above, plus the following:
- Enjoy views of Wainui Inlet as you climb up into the native forest
- Visit Mutton Cove and Anapai Beach
- 1 additional days self guided walking from Wainui to Totaranui
- 1 additional nights 4-star accommodation at the highly-rated Ratanui Lodge in Pohara
- 1 additional breakfast and packed lunch

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*\*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## BOOKING INFORMATION

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation. The booking is subject to final confirmation from the tour provider and they will contact you within 5 business days of purchase to provide this final confirmation. If the selected dates cannot be secured an alternative date can be selected. In the event no available dates are suitable, a full refund will be provided. Please do not make any connecting travel arrangements until you have received final confirmation from the tour provider.

*Please Note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 18th of April 2023.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

2021/22 Season

4 Day Package: \$400

5 Day Package \$630

2022/23 Season

4 Day Package: \$430

5 Day Package \$650

### Departure Dates

Please see TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated)

Marahau: Abel Tasman Sands B&B, Abel Tasman Lodge or similar

4 Star (self-rated)

Awaroa: Awaroa Lodge

Pohara: Ratanui Lodge (5 Day package only)

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Extra Nights

- Marahau (Pre/Post Tour): Starting from \$200 NZD per room including breakfast.

*Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking. Additional nights are booked directly with the land operator after purchase with TripADeal.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

3 people

*Please note: triple share is only available on request (subject to availability). If you would like to enquire about this option please call our friendly reservations team on 135 777.*

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 8 years old and over

*Please note:*

*- The 5 day package is only available for children 12 years and older).*

*- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies. Please contact TripADeal to check availability.

### Bedding Configuration

2 x Single or 1 x Queen (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 1, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

### Optional Tours / Activities

Optional Water Taxi on Day 3: \$36 NZD per person

Optional Half Day Kayaking Supplement: \$150 NZD

*Please note:*

*- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified*

## EXCLUSIONS

- International Flights
- Domestic flights & transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

#### September, October, November

While early Spring can bring rain, average daytime temperatures are mild ranging from 16 – 19°C (61 – 66°F).

#### December, January, February

Ah, the great Kiwi summer. With average daytime temperatures ranging from 20 – 25°C (68 – 77°F), the Abel Tasman becomes a subtropical paradise.

#### March, April, May

With average daytime temperatures ranging from 17 – 21°C (62 – 70°F), the weather in early autumn is still mild enough for swimming and other water sports.

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depending on the departure date.

## Are special diets catered for?

We strive to provide great food for all our guests. By providing us with your dietary requirements early on we can inform our catering services and make the necessary arrangements. We have received positive feedback from our guests about the great lengths we have gone to provide delicious food for those requiring special diets. Please note some special dietary requirements may incur small surcharges based on the cost of the ingredients.

## Water

You will find established filtered water stations every 10 – 12kms (6 – 7.5 miles) or roughly every 4 hours walking along the Abel Tasman Track. This means you can comfortably walk with a 750ml or 1 litre bottle that you refill along the way. The filtered water stations are located at DoC (Department of Conservation) huts and campsites at Anchorage, Bark Bay, Awaroa, Totaranui and Whariwharangi. All of our accommodations along the track provide clean drinking water as well.

## What are the toilet facilities like?

There are many toilets along the track. There are toilets at all campsites and flush toilets every 10 – 12kms (6 – 7.5 miles) or roughly every 4 hours walking that are available to trampers. Smaller campsites have compostable toilets that are often situated a short walk off the main track. Most guests use the flush toilets that are available every 4 hours along the track and plan their day accordingly. It is probably fair to say the flush toilets are nicer to use than the compostable variety and are worth the wait to get to.

## How does bad weather affect our trip?

We keep a close eye on weather reports and liaise with DoC (the Department of Conservation) who are responsible for managing the track and keeping us advised of any severe weather situations or closures. Generally speaking the track is well-maintained and it takes a major weather calamity to occur before DoC will close the track. We do urge our guests to carry on as planned during inclement weather as in New Zealand we do have a saying that “If you don’t like the weather now, wait 10 minutes...”

meaning it does change often and quite quickly in some cases. We also find some rain does not reduce the beauty of the area and you do get a real feel of being in something that keeps New Zealand looking beautiful – rain. We also have the unique opportunity to utilise water taxis to take you to the next destination on particularly bad rainy days.

## What is the recommended footwear for the track?

This track is regarded as an ‘easy’ track and can be done in running shoes (trainers, sneakers etc) without having to use specialised hiking boots. The track is very well maintained and some of our guests even opt for wearing sports sandals (sandals with support strap across the back of the heel) part way or interchanging with running shoes and sports sandals when needed along the track. We do say to guests with well worn-in hiking boots that they feel comfortable in, that it is perfectly okay to walk the track in these and you’ll see many people on the track in hiking boots. There are a couple of places along the track where you’ll be required to cross tidal estuaries and we strongly recommend the use of water shoes (crocs, sports sandals etc) for these as there are sharp shells and small stones that can cut bare feet. Jandals (flip-flops or thongs) are not recommended as they get bogged down in the muddy parts of the crossing.

## Luggage - What happens to our overnight bags?

This trips include your overnight bag being boated around to your next night’s accommodation. We allow for 1 bag per person of around 10kgs (22 pounds) which are labelled when you check in at Marahau. The bags are then boated around to your accommodation and awaiting your arrival. This leaves you to walk just with your daypack – containing your lunch, camera, water, sunscreen etc. We do offer luggage storage for those guests with additional luggage – for example that exceeds the 10kg (22 pounds) limit. We also provide all of our guests with suitably sized duffel bags that you can use for the duration of your trip if you do not have your own. We drop these off to your accommodation the night before your trip so you can pack and be ready for your pick up in the morning.

## Is there cell phone coverage & wifi in the

## Abel Tasman National Park?

There are certain points along the track that you’ll be able to get cell phone coverage – but on the whole these are few and far between. During the peak summer months one of the cellular networks puts a booster station in Marahau which increases the coverage zone, but again once on the track don’t expect too much coverage. Our guides put their phones on airplane mode to save the battery going flat too quickly – especially since we can’t always charge our devices at Anchorage and have to use them for two days straight. Wifi is available at Awaroa Lodge and Awaroa Glamping – for heavy usage at these places you’ll have to purchase additional data packages. There are certain points along the track where wifi is available for use with the Abel Tasman App <http://www.education.janszoon.org/project-janszoon-park-app/> to get up to date weather reports and tide timetables. We think this is a great app and all our guides have it on their phones and recommend our guests download it too.

## Where can I charge my smart phone?

Phone charging can be a bit tricky in the National Park as most of the power generated comes from Solar Panels. This means there is usually only enough power for lighting. There are charging stations at Anchorage Campsite however these are very popular and it is sometimes hard to find a spare spot. Awaroa Lodge and Ratanui Lodge have power points in all their rooms for you to use if you have your own charger.

We recommend putting your phone into flight mode while on the track to save your battery. We also recommend bringing a power bank with you which will allow you to charge your phone while on the track.

## Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

A moderate level of fitness will be required. Day walks can be up to 18km long but the terrain is relatively flat. On Day 3 you even have the option to shorten your journey by taking a water taxi transfer from to Bark Bay to begin your days walk. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel

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Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part

thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.