



GREAT WALKS

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Great Walks - keep it simple. Most of these trips are one hike, start to finish, in one splendid wilderness area of New Zealand. Generally lodge to lodge walking, carrying just a day pack and the option of a glass of wine to end the day. No slumming it on these trips.

If some of the world's best walks matched with comfy beds in the evening and your meals all sorted for you sounds good, then we are certain to have a trip for you.



Abel Tasman 3 or 5 Day Hike

Experience the world-famous Abel Tasman National Park in style - where gentle beech forests give way to golden sands and glistening water. Enjoy three days of walking the Coast Track. Prefer to kayak? Spend two days sea kayaking the protected southern coastline and one day walking the lush northern Coast Track. The Abel Tasman Track is one of New Zealand's Great Walks and this tour is the most relaxing way to experience all the Abel Tasman National Park has to offer, including a scenic cruise along the coastline.

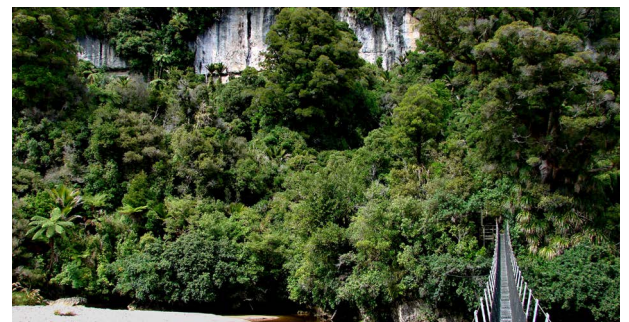
Days: 3 or 5

Start/Finish: Nelson return

Grade: B ("Soft Adventure" with an element of challenge)

Accommodation: Lodges

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Heaphy Track

This delightful hiking route takes you on a traverse through the heart of Kahurangi National Park. This ancient Maori trail is now one of New Zealand's "Great Walks" and is a well formed track stretching 82 kilometres from Golden Bay to the West Coast. The scenery and habitat are forever changing and the breathtaking views of rugged mountains all around will make you feel truly immersed in the wilderness.

Days: 6

Start/Finish: Motueka/Motueka or Nelson

Grade: C (Up to 6 hrs of physical activity per day)

Accommodation: Backcountry huts

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Hollyford Track

Located in Fiordland National Park, the magnificent Hollyford Track is one of New Zealand's greatest walks, representing the country's most untouched and inspiring wilderness areas. The wilderness is geologically spectacular and ever-changing - snow capped mountains, glaciers, rainforests, rivers, lakes, waterfalls, reefs, sand dunes and surf.

Days: 3

Start/Finish: Queenstown/Te Anau return

Grade: B (Average of 4-5 hrs physical activity per day)

Accommodation: Lodges

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Hump Ridge Track

Explore the southern edge of Fiordland and the unique combination of beach, bush and sub-alpine scenery. Traverse mighty wooden viaducts on the way to the historic Port Craig Village, once a bustling sawmill town. Experienced guides share their knowledge of the historic areas as you enjoy commanding views of the south coast, Lake Poteriteri, Lake Hauroko and mountain ranges deep in Fiordland National Park.

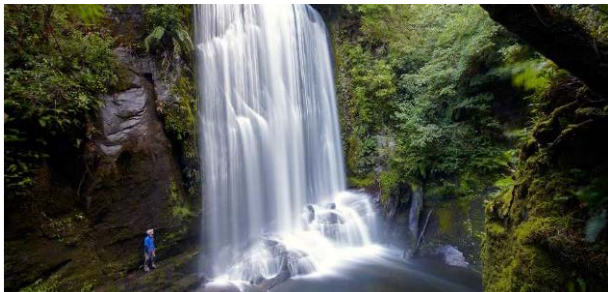
Days: 3.5

Start/Finish: Tuatapere/Tuatapere or Queenstown or Te Anau

Grade: C (some alpine hiking and uneven terrain)

Accommodation: Lodges

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Lake Waikaremoana Hike

Lake Waikaremoana is situated in Te Urewera National Park, the largest area of untouched natural wilderness remaining in the North Island of New Zealand. Journey deep into New Zealand's last frontier, a land cloaked in mist, mysticism and primordial forest. Enjoy this hut-to-hut hiking expedition, with secluded beaches, fascinating history, opportunities to hear the native kiwi and truly breathtaking views.

Days: 4

Start/Finish: Rotorua return

Grade: C (track uneven in places)

Accommodation: Backcountry huts

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Queen Charlotte Track

The Queen Charlotte track stretches 70 kilometres from the legendary Ship Cove at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound to Anakiwa. The scenery is tremendously varied as the track meanders its way around hidden bays and inlets and climbs to the ridgelines for expansive views. The Marlborough Sounds has both an intricate coastline and surprisingly high bush-clad mountains.

Days: 5

Start/Finish: Picton/Picton

Grade: C (Well graded track. Only day-packs carried)

Accommodation: Lodges

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Stewart Island Track

The best chance most people will ever have to see New Zealand's national bird, the kiwi, in its natural environment. The 4.5 day guided walk takes a nice loop across Stewart Island. Starting in the southern town of Invercargill you travel to Mason Bay on the West Coast of Stewart Island. Then walk and water taxi your way across the island to Halfmoon Bay. A visit to the stunning open sanctuary Ulva Island and some time to explore Halfmoon Bay before flying back to the mainland at Invercargill.

Days: 4.5

Start/Finish: Invercargill/Invercargill return

Grade: B (Average of 4-5 hrs physical activity per day)

Accommodation: Backcountry huts, camping

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Tekapo Hike

If you enjoy challenges and a good physical workout in a scenic environment, then this trek is for you. If you appreciate getting off-the-beaten-track, then this is definitely the place to go – it is rare to encounter any other people outside your own group. This area is famed for its exceptionally clear skies and intense light, highlighting the turquoise-blue glacial lakes, golden grasses, and white snow-capped peaks.

Days: 3

Start/Finish: Tekapo return

Grade: D (alpine hiking with uneven terrain)

Accommodation: Backcountry huts

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Tongariro Hike

Be awed whilst exploring the dual listed World Heritage Area of the Tongariro National Park. Whilst experiencing some of New Zealand's best day hikes, such as the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and Mt Ruapehu Crater Lake, you will be provided with a stunning natural playground bursting with diverse landscapes for you to discover. With arid badlands, crater and alpine lakes, sparkling rivers, breath-taking lunar landscapes, lush rainforest and alpine meadows to be explored, this summer hiking vacation is an utterly unique experience not to be missed.

Days: 3.5

Start/Finish: Rotorua

Grade: C (track uneven in places)

Accommodation: Lodges

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Whanganui River Canoe

Paddle right through the Whanganui National Park, a remote and impenetrable region rich in Māoritanga (Maori culture).

Deep jungles and incised rivers extend for 700 square kilometres and there is almost no road access. Canadian canoes are a comfortable and classic choice for this journey. Explore and enjoy the mighty Whanganui River – the life force of the area as it weaves its way from the mountains to the sea.

Days: 5

Start/Finish: Okahune return

Grade: B ("Soft Adventure" with an element of challenge)

Accommodation: Camping, lodges

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