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NELSON TASMAN ACTIVE DISCOVERY

Experience Abel Tasman National Park from every angle as you hike, bike, kayak and cruise.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



New Zealand & South Pacific,
New Zealand



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Journey Overview

This 7-day immersion in Nelson Tasman's natural wonders is one for the active traveller. Experience Abel Tasman National Park from every angle as you hike, bike, kayak and cruise. Be spellbound by native flora and fauna as you explore, with a chance to witness the charming blue penguin up close. Tramp through Kahurangi National Park to Mount Arthur, surrounded by picturesque panoramas of mountain and bush. And cycle your way through the region's best local providores, while bedding down in each night in waterfront luxury.

Journey Highlights

- Kayak the crystal-clear lakes of Abel Tasman National Park
- Be spellbound by diverse natural wonders on a hike in Kahurangi National Park
- Travel the Tasman Great Taste Trail by bike, sampling the region's culinary delights
- Take a dip in the ethereal waters of Cleopatra's Pools surrounded by lush native forest
- Encounter the native little blue penguin in its natural habitat
- Bed down at The Lodge at Bronte, revelling each night in waterfront luxury



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Nelson

Arrive into the charming coastal haven of Nelson and pick up your rental car and cruise to your luxury lodge at your own pace, admiring the spectacular scenery as you drive. Settle into your lakeside base for the next few days and enjoy the evening at leisure.

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Day 2: Nelson

Today you'll embark on a self-guided tasting tour by bike, spending the day discovering some of the best scenery, produce and skilled artisans the region has to offer. Meet a local expert before you set off, who will help you plan a route to suit your tastes. See how local people live, work and play, indulge in seasonal produce, and stop at cafés, galleries and breweries, immersing yourself in this dynamic part of the country. Choose your own adventure, with your trail eventually ending in Mapua where there are restaurants, cafés and art studios to enjoy before you return by private transfer to your lodge.

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Day 3: Nelson

This morning, self-drive to Kaiteriteri Beach, where you'll join a shared discovery of the spectacular Abel Tasman National Park.

Hop aboard a boat and cruise to Medlands Beach, cocooned in the heart of the national park, disembarking for an exhilarating 10 kilometre coastal walk to Anchorage, weaving through sunny groves to reach tranquil forest pools and long golden sand beaches. Cross the rushing Falls River by an impressive swing bridge, drinking in the spectacular panoramas that surround you, before visiting tranquil Cleopatra's Pool. Enjoy a delicious picnic lunch amid the lush landscape before cruising back to Kaiteriteri Beach and returning to your lodge to relax.

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Day 4: Nelson

This morning return to Kaiteriteri Beach meeting your local guide for a shared kayaking adventure. After some expert tips, paddle out and be spellbound by the exquisite landscape that surrounds you, eyes peeled for the resident little blue penguin and other sea birds along the coast. Your guide will show you the best hidden coves and inlets, stopping for a quick break and a sheltered haven to relax before returning to Kaiteriteri.

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Day 5: Nelson

Today you'll set off on a full day guided immersion, hiking the alpine landscapes of Kahurangi National Park.

Tramp to the towering peak of Mount Arthur, the second highest in the park, travelling through thriving beech forest which is home to varied native birdlife sure to surprise and delight. With your guide tailoring your route to suit, be spellbound as you journey along the track, the panoramic views showcasing the region's spectacular craggy mountains and biodiversity. The geology of the area is unlike anywhere else in New Zealand, the ancient rocks eroded into a distinctly unique tableau over many years.

On conclusion, your guide will return you to your accommodation.

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Day 6: Nelson

Today is at your leisure to relax and take in the scenic surroundings. You may like to visit one of the many nearby art galleries, take a waterfront walk or simply cocoon in your luxurious lodge.

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Day 7: Depart Nelson

Farewell Nelson today, driving to the airport and returning your rental vehicle before your onward flight.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

Te Koi - The Lodge at Bronte



New Zealand owned and operated, Te Koi - The Lodge at Bronte offers charming luxury accommodation in a tranquil natural waterfront setting. Nestled on the edge of the Waimea Estuary on Nelson's historic Bronte Peninsula, it is surrounded by its extensive mature gardens, family-run vineyard and apple orchards. Suites offer total seclusion with views of the water from a private deck. Villas, set right on the water's edge, feature a private terrace that welcomes in the beauty of the surrounding landscape and views of the estuary. Elegant and spacious, all rooms are beautifully appointed with a dressing room, walk-in shower and modern luxuries.

Gourmet breakfasts and fine dining in the evening matched with quality New Zealand wines showcase the best of regional produce and seasonal delicacies. The heated swimming pool and tennis court can be enjoyed all year round. Te Koi offers the ultimate escape - a luxury lodge filled with charm and basking in natural beauty.

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