

New Zealand | ALPINE & COASTAL HIKING

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TRIP ITINERARY



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How we deliver

THE WORLD'S GREAT ADVENTURES

A passion for travel. Simply put, we love to travel, and that infectious spirit is woven into every one of our journeys. Our staff travels the globe searching out hidden-gem inns and lodges, taste testing bistros, trattorias, and noodle stalls, and discovering the trails and plying the waterways of each remarkable destination. When we come home, we separate wheat from chaff, creating memorable adventures that will connect you with the very best qualities of each destination.

Unique, award-winning itineraries. Our flexible, hand-crafted journeys have received accolades from the world's most revered travel publications. Beginning from our appreciation for the world's most breathtaking and interesting destinations, we infuse our journeys with the elements of adventure and exploration that stimulate our souls and enliven our minds. Whether you are looking for a challenging physical expedition or a leisurely cultural exploration, Boundless Journeys has exceptional itineraries to match your sense of adventure.

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Flexibility to suit your travel style. We offer both scheduled, small-group departures and custom journeys so that you can choose which works best for you. Not finding exactly what you are looking for? Let us customize a journey to fulfill your travel dreams.

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Multi-year recipient of *Travel + Leisure* magazine's "World's Best Tour Operator"; and recognized by the editors of *National Geographic ADVENTURE* magazine as one of the **Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth**.

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Thank you for your interest in this fantastic journey to New Zealand. We have hand-crafted this tour from our own experience and hope you fall in love with the area—as we have!

THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS JOURNEY

Our journey in the northern reaches of New Zealand’s South Island encompasses seaside and mountainside, often during a single walk. Long and rewarding hikes lead to yawning valleys and dramatic rocky shores, from Kaikoura to Arthur’s Pass to Lake Moeraki, with majestic alpine landscapes to explore in between.

The South Island of New Zealand has long been held sacred by nature lovers for its soaring Alps, sweeping green valleys split by coursing rivers, pristine glacial-fed lakes and incredible coastal beauty. We have carefully crafted a hiking itinerary into the heart of it all, letting you fully connect to both the grandest vistas and the tiniest trailside details. The locals call it “tramping”; we simply call it awe-inspiring. We follow mountain-ringed footpaths, seaside walkways, and rainforest routes from east to west. All the while, we glimpse endemic birdlife and reward each day’s efforts with the finest accommodations, from beach-side resorts to spectacular mountain lodges. More than just another walk in the woods, this itinerary captures the full range of the South Island and its diverse landscapes through magnificent coastal and alpine hiking. Join us, as we tramp into some of the world’s most breathtaking wilderness.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Zigzagging along the paths of Kura Tawhiti Castle Hill, Arthur’s Pass National Park, and portions of New Zealand’s Great Walks, regarded as some of the world’s top trails
- Tasting the beloved wine of the Marlborough region, and learning about Maori culture and the production of merino wool
- Kayaking on the placid waters of Lake Moeraki and watching (or swimming with) dolphins in Kaikoura

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“The food and wine were amazing! Every bite and every sip.”

- T.J., Saint Paul, MN

TOUR OVERVIEW



THE BASICS

Duration:	11-day trip
Tour start:	Nelson, New Zealand
Tour end:	Queenstown, New Zealand
Accommodations:	10 nights in deluxe hotels and lodges
Trip rating:	1 2 3 4 5
	EasyStrenuous (See page 12 for more details)
Land cost:	\$6,595 per person
Single Supplement	First two reserved: \$495* Additional singles: \$995 *Must reserve at least 120 days ahead



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Just pack your bags – we've got you covered! When you're on a Boundless Journeys adventure, every detail is taken care of for you, so you can relax and truly experience each moment. Put your wallet away, leave your travel books behind, fold up your maps, and BE there. Your Boundless Journeys adventure includes:

- Expert leadership
- All accommodations
- All meals except two lunches (Days 1, 11) and three dinners (Days 2, 4, and 11)
- Local wine and beer with included dinners
- All transportation during the tour
- Park fees
- All activities as noted in the itinerary
- All gratuities except for those for your guide and driver, which are at your discretion.
- Explorers Club savings on your next scheduled, small-group trip (conditions apply)

International airfare is not included in the price of your trip. Please contact your local travel agency or the airlines directly to make any arrangements you may need. If you would like assistance with booking your flights or other travel plans, please contact Boundless Journeys directly at (800) 941-8010 for a referral to our partners who will best fulfill your needs.



ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

DAY 1

Meet at 1 pm in the artsy town of Nelson and explore on foot. A warm-up hike brings us up a small peak in the center of town.

DAY 2

Our hiking today is through the beauty of Abel Tasman National Park, along white-sand beaches, past sweeping bays, and through dense forest.

DAY 3

Transfer to Kaikoura. Along the way we stop for a walk in the Marlborough Sounds and visit the world-famous Marlborough Vineyards to taste some of New Zealand's finest wines.

DAY 4

This morning's options include a whale watching tour, a dolphin watching tour, or a swim with wild dolphins (*at an additional cost*). For those who prefer to stay on land, one can enjoy a coastal hike with the guide. Later in the day, learn about the unique history and culture of Kaikoura.

DAY 5

Transfer from Kaikoura to Arthur's Pass, stopping for a hike at Kura Tawihiti Castle Hill. At the lodge in the evening, enjoy a guided nature walk or a tour of the sheep farm to learn about wool manufacturing.

DAY 6

Hike amongst New Zealand's natural beauty in Arthur's Pass National Park with an option to hike the scenic Bealey Spur.

DAY 7

In the morning, hike through New Zealand's beautiful Southern Alps spending time on the Arthur's Pass walking trail. In the afternoon, transfer to Punakaiki.

DAY 8

Explore Paparoa National Park and partake in the Punakaiki-Porarari Rivers Loop hike. Conclude the hike at a tavern to enjoy local microbrews.

DAY 9

Hike the Wetland Walk and Three Mile Track to Okarito Trig before transferring to Lake Moeraki.

DAY 10

This morning you have the option to kayak on Lake Moeraki before this afternoon's hiking in Te Wahi Pounamu South Westland World Heritage Site.

DAY 11

Today we make our way to Queenstown and stop for a short walk in the charming town of Wanaka. After lunch we toast to our journey at a winery outside of Queenstown before going our separate ways.

THE JOURNEY



DAY 1: Exploring Nelson

Activity Overview: Walking

Activity Level: Easy

Activity Length: 1-2 hours

Our adventure on New Zealand's South Island begins in Nelson, only a short flight from Auckland. Considered the geographic center of New Zealand, Nelson is a relaxed arts community situated on the eastern shores of Tasman Bay. We meet in the early afternoon to explore the town by foot, allowing us to experience Nelson's offbeat culture. After a stop at the Queen's Gardens, we hike up a small peak in one of Nelson's urban parks to a marker signifying the point "zero, zero," from which the island's first land surveys were conducted in the 1870s. This is a great opportunity to stretch our legs and get an excellent view of the city, Tasman Bay, and the mountains beyond.

Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and stay in Nelson's historic hotel, the Rutherford, popular with hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

Accommodation: Rutherford Hotel, Nelson

Meals: D

DAY 2: Abel Tasman National Park

Activity Overview: Hiking

Activity Level: Moderate with 300' overall elevation gain

Activity Length: 6-7 hours (8 miles)

We journey by private van about an hour and a half to scenic Marahau, a small settlement on Tasman Bay. Here, we embark on our hike through Abel Tasman National

Park, 87 square miles of sheer beauty founded through the efforts of ornithologist Perrine Moncrieff. Our hike today is on a small section of trail that is declared one of the nation's Great Walks by the Department of Conservation. We join the ranks of other "trampers"—as hikers are locally known—as we make our way past stunning white-sand beaches, sweeping bays, and dense forest.

Our wonderful local guides provide us with an intimate glimpse into the flora and fauna of the area. Along the way, we stop for a picnic lunch on a secluded beach, where we also have the chance to swim in the refreshing Tasman Bay. Our rewarding outing concludes with a water taxi ride to Kaiteriteri Beach before we return to Nelson.

Dinner is on your own to explore one of the many casual, ethnic, or fine dining establishments in Nelson.

Accommodation: Rutherford Hotel, Nelson

Meals: B, L

DAY 3: Transfer to Kaikoura, Wine Region

Activity Overview: Hiking

Activity Level: Easy to moderate with moderate elevation gain or loss depending on hike

Activity Length: 2-3.5 hours (3-4 miles)

Our transfer today includes a scenic four-hour drive from Nelson. In the morning, we enjoy a lovely walk following a coastal trail through the lush forest reserves of the Marlborough Sounds region. Shaded by a canopy of beech and broadleaf trees, the reserves contain native species including manuka, rimu, kahikatea, and totara. Following the walk, our drive continues on to Blenheim through rural



“The trip provided a very balanced comprehensive experience not only of New Zealand’s natural beauty and wonders, but also included the cultural aspects of its history and people in their past and present lives.”

-Bonnie B., Evanston, IL



villages, providing glimpses of the Pelorous Sound, one of the Marlborough Sounds.

On arrival in Blenheim, we enjoy lunch and a wine tasting at one of the vineyards in the Marlborough region, world-famous for its beloved wines. We then make our way to the small town of Kaikoura, our home for the next two night. Kaikoura enjoys a splendid setting abutted by the sea and the Seaward Kaikoura Mountains that nearly reach the shore, and is well-located for exploring the surrounding region.

Tonight, we dine at a local restaurant renowned for its use of seasonal, local ingredients.

Accommodation: The White Morph Hotel, Kaikoura

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4: Wildlife Encounter, Maori History

Activity Overview: Optional morning hike

Activity Level: Easy to moderate, no significant elevation gain or loss

Activity Length: Approximately 3 hours (4-6 miles)

Kaikoura is famous for its marine environment thanks to the peninsula south of town that swells the currents upward from the Hikurangi Trench. Dolphins, sperm whales, and sea birds thrive here, feeding on the food that’s been buoyed by those currents. This morning, there are several activity options from which to choose.

For those who are interested in having an up-close encounter with wildlife, you may set off on a dolphin encounter, albatross encounter, or whale watching excursion. These activities are at an additional expense and must be booked

in advance. Your Trip Planner will have details about how to reserve your spot.

Those who prefer to stay on land may choose to rest and relax or head out for a scenic coastal walk with our guide. We have several options depending on energy levels; we may explore various trails and beaches by foot, while soaking up the majestic beauty of the dramatic Kaikoura peninsula and mountain ranges.

After lunch, we gain insight into the culture of this area through an informative museum tour. A local expert offers insight into the region’s people, history, and traditions.

Dinner is on our own this evening, a wonderful opportunity to explore Kaikoura independently!

Accommodation: The White Morph Hotel, Kaikoura

Meals: B, L

DAY 5: Transfer to Arthur’s Pass

Activity Overview: Hiking

Activity Level: Easy to moderate with approximately 600’ elevation gain and loss

Activity Length: 2-3 hours (2-4 miles)

This morning, we leave Kaikoura and transfer to Arthur’s Pass (total drive time is about 3.5 hours). Heading inland we stop for lunch in Oxford, a former logging town and now a quaint village at the edge of the foothills. We continue into the mountains, stopping at Kura Tawhiti Castle Hill to stretch our legs.

Our afternoon journey traverses basins covered in dry eastern tussock, or snow grass, southern beech forest,



and limestone boulders. Afternoon walking options abound, including an easy hike amongst stunning limestone boulders or for the more adventurous, a climb to the top of a small peak for views of stunning tussock filled basins and the craggy peaks of the Craigieburn and Torlesse Ranges.

We arrive later at Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass, situated on a merino sheep station with spectacular mountain views. This evening, we have the option to join the lodge staff for a guided nature walk. Or, on alternate nights, enjoy a tour of the sheep farm and learn about the production of soft merino wool; the lodge farm produces wool for the activewear company, Icebreaker. We stay here for two nights, so you will have the chance to join both early evening tours.

Accommodations: Wilderness Lodge, Arthur's Pass
Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6: Arthur's Pass National Park

Activity Overview: Hiking

Activity Level: Moderate to moderately strenuous with up to 2,100' elevation gain and loss

Activity Length: 6-8 hours (6-10 miles)

We spend today among the sweeping alpine splendor of New Zealand's wilderness on a challenging and rewarding hike in Arthur's Pass National Park. The park hosts a wide diversity of alpine ecosystems, since it is split by the South Island's main divide. We focus our time on the eastern side, where a drier climate persists, and our hike today will depend on the weather and preference of the group.

The Bealey Spur, a popular destination in the area for its unrivaled views, is a likely option. We can reach the trail by foot from our lodge—winding through evergreen forest

to the surrounding paddocks where the Cora Lynn sheep graze as part of the Wilderness Lodge farm. About twenty minutes of level hiking brings us to the official start of the Bealey Spur trail. The gradual incline traverses mountain-beech forest, tussock grassland, and subalpine scrub, offering sweeping views of the Waimakariri River Valley along the way. There are several options to stop for a picnic lunch with panoramic views of the impressive Southern Alps. For those who are feeling ambitious, we may continue on to the Bealey Spur hut, otherwise we return to the lodge for an afternoon of relaxation.

Before dinner at the lodge, we have time to rest or read up on David McLeod. McLeod, who owned the sheep station for nearly 50 years, was a writer who made this part of the South Island's high country famous in his many books.

Accommodations: Wilderness Lodge, Arthur's Pass
Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7: Southern Alps; Transfer to Punakaiki

Activity Overview: Hiking

Activity Level: Easy to moderate with approximately 900' elevation gain and 200' elevation loss

Activity Length: 3-4 hours (6-7 miles)

If weather permits, we begin today with an invigorating hike across the main divide of the Southern Alps. Setting out from the village of Arthur's Pass—a sleepy outpost of 30 residents that only receives one hour of sunlight per day in mid-winter—we ascend to Devil's Punchbowl, a cascading waterfall fed by the snowmelt of the Southern Alps.

We then retrace our steps briefly, before heading up the Arthur's Pass walking trail, through hobbit-like forests, and



then emerging into a high-alpine valley with impressive views of Temple Basin (a local ski area) and Avalanche Peak. We enjoy a scenic picnic lunch alongside an icy cold mountain stream, where you can dip your feet or take a refreshing plunge!

After lunch, we ascend the final bit of the track to Arthur's Pass divide for some fantastic views of the surrounding peaks (please note that this hike is not possible in inclement weather, in which case we will hike an alternate route). Following our hike, we take a scenic drive (about 1.5 hours) west to Lake Brunner, which is famous for trout fishing and surrounded by densely forested hills. As we journey toward the Tasman Sea, the climate transforms into sub-tropical.

We arrive at our hotel for the next two nights, situated amongst the wilderness and stunning scenery of the region.

Accommodations: Punakaiki Resort, Punakaiki

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8: Paparoa National Park

Activity Overview: Hiking

Activity Level: Easy to moderate with 300' overall elevation gain

Activity Length: 4-6 hours (6-10 miles)

We start with a drive to Paparoa National Park on the Tasman Sea coast. Our first walk is the Punakaiki-Porarari Rivers Loop, a moderate hike through spectacular limestone canyons clothed in sub-tropical forests that contain New Zealand's single endemic species of palm, the Nikau. We encounter interesting stacks of karst limestone boulders in the river that were once part of the canyon roof. As we enjoy the stunning coastal views, we may see the rare Westland

Petrel taking flight. We end at the Punakaiki Tavern, a local pub with excellent fish & chips and tasty microbrews.

After lunch, we walk along an easy paved trail that provides close up views of limestone stacks and blowholes. These unique geologic formations are vertical shafts of heavily eroded limestone. As the high tide rushes in and under the rocks, geysers of sea water burst through the holes.

We return to our lovely accommodations for a bit of time to relax ahead of dinner together this evening.

Accommodations: Punakaiki Resort, Punakaiki

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9: Transfer to Lake Moeraki; Okarito

Activity Overview: Hiking

Activity Level: Easy to moderate

Activity Length: 2 hours (4 miles) with approximately 800' elevation gain and loss

Following an early breakfast, we begin our transfer to Lake Moeraki. En route, we stop at the delightful coastal town of Hokitika, home to artists and New Zealand jade carvers. We then enjoy a moderate hike at Okarito, wetlands that support more than 70 species of native birds, including the Okarito kiwi, white heron, and royal spoonbill. Following the Wetland Walk and Three Mile Track across a forest-covered glacial moraine, we ascend a gentle climb on a well-defined trail to a high point known as the Okarito Trig viewpoint. From here, we take in astonishing vistas of lagoons, beaches, and snow-covered mountains of Aoraki Mount Cook and Westland National Parks. From Okarito Trig, we get a sense of the scale of Te Wahi Pounamu South

Westland UNESCO World Heritage Site—the combined areas of four national parks—which makes up about 10% of New Zealand’s total land mass.

We spend the next two nights at Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki, situated in the heart of 6.4 million-acre Te Wahi Pounamu South Westland near spectacular beaches that harbor fur seals and crested penguins. Here, untouched lowland rainforests lie between pristine lakes and rivers that drain the snow-capped Southern Alps. The lodge is nestled in a lakeside clearing surrounded by 1,000-year-old trees and lovely Moeraki rapids.

Accommodations: Wilderness Lodge, Lake Moeraki

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10: Lake Moeraki and the Tasman Sea

Activity Overview: Optional kayaking, hiking options

Activity Level: Easy to moderately strenuous options, no significant elevation gain or loss

Activity Length: 3-4 hours, and 3-6 miles

We have many options today for exploring this UNESCO World Heritage area. For those who would like a peaceful start, we glide through the quiet water of Lake Moeraki by kayak (no experience necessary). Our guides provide basic instruction in our stable boats before we paddle upriver for one hour through magnificent rainforest to enter the shallow wetlands of Lake Moeraki.

After returning to the lodge for lunch, we have the option to venture a bit farther afield to discover the dramatic coastline of the Tasman Sea. On this wet-footed walk, we scramble over beach rocks along the shore in order to see a variety of wildlife—the Fiordland crested penguin, if we are lucky, or even the New Zealand fur seal. Penguins may only be spotted from *August to early December and never guaranteed. We will not see penguins on spring departures.*

In Wilderness Lodge style, guests are invited to participate in a short evening forest adventure before or after a well-earned dinner.

Accommodations: Wilderness Lodge, Lake Moeraki

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11: Transfer to Queenstown

Activity Overview: Walking

Activity Level: Easy

Activity Length: 1 hour

Drive time: approximately 4 hours

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the wilderness of Lake Moeraki and transfer to Queenstown. We stop to stretch our legs on the way, perhaps a stroll through the town of Wanaka or a short walk up Mt. Iron. Lunch is free to enjoy independently, then together we are treated to a wine tasting at a local vineyard just outside of town where we toast our adventures together.

In Queenstown, you will be transferred to your hotel between 5:00 and 6:00 this evening or to the airport if you are flying out that night.

If you choose to extend your stay in and around Queenstown, you’ll find many other ways to experience the South Island. Options include joining an excursion to the beautiful Milford or Doubtful Sound, bungee-jumping, or sampling the vintages at some of the central Otago wineries. If you’d like to spend more time hiking, we suggest walking the Milford Track or Routeburn Track, two routes that tread through spectacular scenery. Both walks require advance booking to confirm dates that line up with the end of our tour.

Meals: B

PLEASE NOTE: *This is a typical itinerary, and actual activities may vary to take advantage of weather conditions, local events, and to allow serendipity to play a hand in your experience. Accommodations are as outlined in the itinerary, although we reserve the right to change these should the need arise. See our booking terms and conditions for more information about our change policy.*

ACCOMMODATIONS



NIGHTS 1 & 2:

Rutherford Hotel

27 Nile Street West, Nelson

Tel: +64-3-548-2299 | reservations@rutherfordhotel.co.nz

Centrally located in Nelson, the hotel is within easy walking distance of the city's main shopping streets and the landmark cathedral.



NIGHTS 3 & 4:

The White Morph Hotel

92-94 The Esplanade, Kaikoura

Tel: +64-3-319-5014 | info@whitemorph.co.nz

Set on the esplanade in iconic Kaikoura, The White Morph enjoys commanding views of the ocean, to the distant horizon and mountains, and provides easy access to town and all of the region's many experiences.



NIGHTS 5 & 6:

Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass

Arthur's Pass, Canterbury

Tel: +64-3-318-9246 | arthurspass@wildernesslodge.co.nz

Nestled in mountain beech forest, midway between Greymouth and Christchurch, Wilderness Lodge Arthur's Pass offers comfort and warm hospitality in a spectacular mountain setting.



NIGHTS 7 & 8

Punakaiki Resort

State Highway 6, Punakaiki

Tel: +64-3-731-1168 | info@punakaiki-resort.co.nz

Situated on New Zealand's wild West Coast, and just south of the famous Pancakes Rocks and Blowholes, the resort is surrounded by the Paparoa National Park and is only a stone's throw from the beach.



NIGHTS 9 & 10:

Wilderness Lodge Lake Moeraki

Private Bag 772, Hokitika

Tel: +64-3-750-0881 | lakemoeraki@wildernesslodge.co.nz

The lodge offers a high level of comfort in attractive rooms with lounges and a restaurant that overlook the lovely Moeraki rapids. Radiating from the lodge is a network of rainforest and Tasman seacoast walks.

WHAT TO EXPECT



TRIP RATING

Boundless Journeys' trips are designed for energetic and flexible individuals who like to be active and have a spirit of adventure and a positive attitude. *New Zealand: A South Island Exploration* is rated 3, moderate, on a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the most strenuous). The hikes on this trip are day hikes with minimal vehicle support. The hikes will be moderate with some moderately strenuous options, 4-7 hours per day; also there will be an easy flatwater kayaking option (no experience necessary). *Please note that all hikes described in this itinerary are subject to change. In the case of inclement weather our guides will do their best to offer alternative hikes.*

PREPARING FOR THIS TRIP

It is very important that you realistically assess your physical condition with regard to the demands of this trip. The more well-prepared you are for the activities, the more you will enjoy yourself. As a general guideline, we suggest that you engage in easy to moderate aerobic activities (such as walking, hiking, jogging, or cycling) for at least 30-45 minutes several times a week for 4-6 weeks before the trip. If you live in a flat area, try to incorporate some stairs into your workout, or use a treadmill with varying incline capability (consult your doctor before undertaking any new fitness program). Please contact us if you have any doubts regarding your physical match with this tour.

WEATHER

Winter in New Zealand falls between June and August, while summer is from December to February. The average rainfall varies widely across the country. Because the Southern Alps form a barrier against much of the precipitation coming in from the west, east of the mountains the climate is

characteristically more dry. Generally, the east receives 12-24 inches per year, while the west received 90 inches or more per year. As a maritime climate, however, the weather may change fairly rapidly.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE °F (HIGH/LOW)		
PUNAKAIKI	HIGH	LOW
MARCH	68 °F	55 °F
OCTOBER	61 °F	49 °F

More detailed information at www.weatherbase.com.

WHEN TO GO

For this type of tour, warm and temperate months are the best time to travel to New Zealand, while avoiding the heat and crowds of summer. New Zealand spring (October and November) and fall (February and March) offer the most ideal weather conditions for hiking. **For those hoping to see the Fjordland crested penguin, this is only a possibility on the October departure and never guaranteed.**

TRAVELER'S RESPONSIBILITY

As a trip participant, you have responsibilities to Boundless Journeys, your fellow travelers and guide, and the local people you encounter. This includes understanding and preparing for the conditions described in the itinerary, ensuring it meets your interests and abilities, and following the health and safety guidelines of Boundless Journeys, local authorities, and/or the CDC. At their discretion, a guide may ask a guest to leave the trip if further participation may be detrimental to the individual or other participants.

We strongly urge any guest feeling ill shortly before departure to cancel their trip. To help cover your investment, we highly



recommend purchasing travel insurance with supplemental “Cancel for Any Reason” coverage. If you feel unwell during the tour, please immediately inform your guide, who can help take the appropriate next steps. We appreciate your cooperation.

SMALL GROUP TRAVEL

Small group travel affords us the opportunity to seek out the most remote and exotic destinations on the planet. Often we are exploring these locales with just 6-12 guests. The nature of active group travel is such that not all participants have the same ability level or interests. Traveling at a pace that is comfortable for the entire group, with a spirit of flexibility and adventure, are all part of this intimate experience.

DRINKS WITH MEALS

At Boundless Journeys we believe group dinners are a time to celebrate our day, while enjoying the best of local cuisine, and good company. In keeping with this spirit, we typically include local beer and wine with group dinners. If you prefer premium wine, or liquor, please feel free to order what you like, and you may settle your tab at the end of the meal.

DRINKING WATER

We provide purified or bottled water on all trips; however, in an effort to reduce waste, we strongly encourage you to bring a water bottle to refill where safe to do so. This will be the case in much of Europe, as well as a few other destinations, where tap water is safe to drink (please review Immunizations & Health Concerns for more information). In parts of the world where water must be purified, bottled water may be our only option. Here, we do our best to provide purified water from larger containers to refill your bottles, rather than using many small single-use bottles

throughout your trip. This is just one small way we strive to travel more responsibly and we appreciate your efforts in helping us to protect the extraordinary places we visit.

Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge, too and learn more about TAP’s efforts at www.travelersagainstplastic.org.

CUISINE

In the past decade, New Zealand has earned a reputation for its fine food. With an abundance of natural resources, and its strong agricultural tradition, New Zealand provides its chefs with an incredible bounty of ingredients to work with. You’ll find a wide variety of fresh and saltwater seafood on most menus, including green-lipped mussels (prized worldwide for their nutritive qualities) and the New Zealand salmon that is envied among fishermen everywhere. Lamb and farm-raised venison are staples and these, coupled with some of New Zealand’s ample fresh produce, boutique cheeses, and local wines with an international reputation for excellent quality, make for some truly incredible meals! Even the casual fare is noteworthy: fish and chips or meat pies from “takeaway” shops are terrific, and don’t forget to have fresh kiwi fruit while you visit—you’ll never have it better. Please inform us of any specific dietary restrictions by completing your Smartwaiver form, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please call our office with any questions or concerns about our ability to meet your needs.

TRANSPORTATION

All on-tour transportation is provided in private, air-conditioned, passenger vans.

OUR NEW ZEALAND TEAM

TRIP MANAGER



Emily Trostel

Originally from Pennsylvania, Emily spent several years adventuring and teaching in Wyoming, California, and Colorado before driving cross-country to relocate in Vermont. She joined the Boundless Journeys home team in 2017, and her portfolio includes New Zealand, Spain, England, Peru, Vermont, and our Alpe Adria trip. Emily loves any and all water activities—swimming, hot springs, and boats that require paddling. She also enjoys food and wine, literature, and hiking with her wife and their three dogs.

GUIDES

With a Boundless Journeys guide, your experience is that of friend and local adventurer. We believe strongly in working with local guides, experts in the areas to which we travel, and they hold the keys to unlocking the hidden delights of your chosen destination. Although you will never know they are at work—the mark of a truly great leader—our guides make magical things happen and add a dimension to your trip that you could not experience on your own.

Over the years we have forged bonds with some of the best guides in the world, and we typically work with a small team of guides in each region. You will be informed of the guide for your trip one month prior to your departure.



Nicky Snoyink

Nicky was born and raised in rural New Zealand. After earning her diploma in Parks Recreation and Tourism management, she embarked on a career in national park management and eco-tourism, as well as guiding in New Zealand and Asia. Passionate about the fate of the world's wild places, Nicky is currently studying resource management.

With over 20 years of traveling and guiding adventures under her belt, her guiding skills and adventurous nature bring out the best of New Zealand in every tour she leads. Her energy, organization, and enthusiasm are always noted and appreciated by our guests. When not guiding or studying, Nicky loves to back country ski, mountain bike, trek, travel, and surf.

NEXT STEPS



TO MAKE A RESERVATION

You can call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, request a reservation online, or contact your travel agent. We will confirm your spot with a deposit of \$500 per person and the payment of internal airfare, payable by check or credit card.

ONCE YOU RESERVE

As soon as you confirm your adventure, we will provide you with an extensive, detailed trip planner that includes arrival and departure instructions, a complete packing list, regional information, required documents, a reading list, and other details.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Please check our Terms & Conditions page on our website for our comprehensive cancellation and refund policies: www.boundlessjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

In addition to your detailed trip planner, we will email you a quote for Travel Guard trip insurance. Please let us know if you would like us to purchase a policy on your behalf. Boundless Journeys strongly recommends purchasing Trip Insurance.

QUESTIONS? WHICH TRIP IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Adventure travel may involve exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, and activities that may be new to you. If you have any questions about the level of comfort, difficulty, or activities included on your trip, please call Boundless Journeys at 800-941-8010, or email us at info@boundlessjourneys.com. Our travel experts look forward to helping you select the perfect adventure.

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- CROATIA: Dalmatian Coast
Kayaking & Hiking
- SLOVENIA: Julian Alps
Hiking

EXTENDING YOUR TRIP?

Consider. . .

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Kayaking Odyssey
- VIETNAM: Cultural Explorer

PREFER A PRIVATE TRIP?

The perfect option for alumni and family reunions, birthdays and anniversaries, or just to catch up with friends in fabulous destinations. Mark your calendar and leave the planning to us! Call our travel experts today: 800-941-8010.

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RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

At Boundless Journeys, our goal is to create meaningful experiences that protect the delicate ecosystems and attributes of every location we visit. We aim to educate our guests on the best responsible travel practices for each destination.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO

Making connections. Our local guides offer insider knowledge of their country, including tips on etiquette and customs. They facilitate meaningful interactions with the people and places we visit, such as dinner at the home of a local family. While you may arrive in a destination as a visitor, you leave with a deeper understanding and connection to each place.

Going local. Boundless Journeys' small group size stems from a desire to provide a more intimate traveler experience, giving us the freedom to move through the tight alleys of old towns on foot, eat and sleep at traditional guesthouses, participate in immersive cultural exchanges, and leave a smaller footprint on all of the locales we visit. This mobility allows us to support local economies directly, forging strong relationships with our partners and friends abroad as we return year after year.

Respecting people and the environment. We support organizations working to protect ecosystems and improve the livelihoods of local communities. On many of our trips, we explore stunning natural landscapes where conservation is of the utmost importance. As visitors, we practice Leave No Trace ethics and actively contribute to the conservation of parks and protected areas.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Give back. Instead of receiving a Boundless Journeys t-shirt or water bottle, you can opt to donate the value of your gift to our travel scholarship fund, which will be awarded to a local student for an educational or service-based travel opportunity.

Learn more. Visit boundlessjourneys.com/responsible-travel to read more about how our values are reflected in our trip offerings. We also offer a selection of Resources for the Responsible Traveler, which suggests ways to tread lightly and ensure your journey has a positive impact.

Join us. Boundless Journeys has taken the Travelers Against Plastic company pledge to promote sustainable travel and encourage travelers to avoid buying bottled water when they travel. You can take the pledge at travelersagainstoplastic.org.

CONSERVATION IN ACTION

Boundless Journeys is a proud member of the Adventure Travel and Trade Association, a global network of adventure seekers who believe in the protection and promotion of local communities and wilderness areas.

