The Hump Ridge Track



Fiordland-More wilderness and less people

3 Days, 3 Nights

Challenging Grade





Tour Cost (NZD)

2025 / 2026

Tour Cost: \$2195

Single Supplement: \$330

Tour Highlights

- New Zealand latest Great Walk
- Stunning panoramic views
- · Historic viaducts
- Ancient kauri forest
- Sub-alpine flora and fauna





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The Tour at a Glance

Welcome to New Zealand's latest Great Walk.

Embark on a spectacular 3-day loop walk that showcases the best of New Zealand's wild south. Journey along rugged coastline, climb to the sweeping sub-alpine heights of the Hump Ridge, follow the ridge line with panoramic views, then descend through lush native forest—crossing dramatic, historic viaducts along the way.

Trek through the ancient Waitutu Forest in Fiordland National Park, once dubbed by botanist David Bellamy as "probably the most important forest in the world."

Adventure, nature, and pure Kiwi magic. What more could you want?

Trip Grading: Challenging

Ideal for anyone with an above level of fitness, comfortable walking 20km on formed tracks and roads with average to steep inclines at times. The track includes sections of stairs and boardwalk. Hill training is highly recommended, as you'll be climbing over 800 metres in elevation on Day 1 of the walk.

Pre-tour

Your Hump Ridge adventure starts with check-in at the Track Office, 31 Orawia Road, Tuatapere by 5:30pm on the day prior to your walk start.

Here you will meet your guides and fellow walkers for an in-depth briefing about the days ahead. It's the perfect chance to get excited, ask questions, and get to know your hiking crew. Then check in to your accommodation at last Light Lodge for the night.

You're welcome to join your guides for a dinner at Last Light Lodge (meal is an additional cost) or you can make your own dinner plans.

We'll email you more details about the dinner and what to bring before your walk.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1	Tuatapere to Okaka Lodge	12km, 5-6hrs
Day 2	Okaka Lodge to Port Craig Lodge	20km, 7-9hrs
Day 3	Port Craig Lodge to Tuatapere	20km, 5-7hrs

About your guide

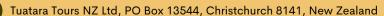
Our guides are very experienced, friendly walkers and bikers who love to share their knowledge of New Zealand's flora and fauna and local history.

They all hold current first aid certificates, passenger driving licences and are the very best people to ensure your experience will be one to remember.





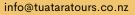






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Day 1 Tuatapere to Okaka Lodge (12km, 5-6hrs)

Your Hump Ridge adventure kicks off with a shuttle ride to the helipad, where you'll board a breathtaking helicopter ride over Te Waewae Bay. You'll land at Flat Creek, ready to hit the trail!

Your main pack (max 10kg) will be flown ahead to Okaka Lodge, so you'll only need to carry lunch, water, wet weather gear, and any essential medication on Day 1. You can bring a small daypack for this, which can later be packed inside your main pack, or you're welcome to borrow one from us for the day.

Your main pack stays with you for Days 2 and 3, and you need to carry it yourself so make sure only to pack the essentials. Extra bags can be stored at our office. Driving? You can safely park at the Lodge.

The track climbs through lush forest that shifts with the altitude, leading to Stag Point, where the trees part and the bay comes into view again, this time from above. On a clear day, you'll spot islands off the South Coast, Fiordland's rugged mountains, and sparkling lakes.

At the top, Okaka Lodge welcomes you with epic views, a hot shower, and hearty home cooked meals. Kick back, relax, and soak up the magic, you've earned it!

MEALS INCLUDED: B L D

Day 2 Okaka Lodge to Port Craig Lodge (20km, 7-9hrs)

After breakfast, it's time to hit the trail and head down the Hump Ridge, with epic 360° views of Te Waewae Bay, the wild South Coast, ancient Waitutu terraces, and the mountains rising behind them.

As you cross the towering wooden viaducts, imagine the grit and determination of the men who built them 100 years ago. Your guide will share fascinating tales from the 1920s, when Port Craig buzzed with life as a busy sawmill town.

Once you reach Port Craig, you've got options—follow the interpretive trail through historic relics, or stroll down to the beach where you might spot playful Hector's dolphins gliding through the surf near the old wharf poles.

At day's end, your lodge manager will greet you with a warm welcome. Kick off your boots, relax, and soak in the stunning coastal scenery from your new home for the night.

MEALS INCLUDED: B L D

Day 3 Port Craig Lodge to Tuatapere (20km, 5-7hrs)

To wrap up your adventure, you'll first trek beneath the lush native bush canopy, then stroll along stunning golden beaches, including the famous Blowholes, where waves roar through a ring of rocks for a truly spectacular finale to your journey.

You'll finish by walking back along the very coastline you soared over on your helicopter ride, this time experiencing it up close at beach level. A perfect way to relive the magic one last time.

MEALS INCLUDED: B L



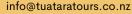


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What's Included



Accommodation in comfortable lodges with shared bathroom facilities. Includes pre tour accommodation.



Transport. Heli-portage of 1 bag on Day 1.





All meals during the tour great local cuisine. Welcome Dinner at Last Light Lodge is optional.



Fully qualified, knowledgeable guide



Please Note:

Your pre tour stay is at Last Light Lodge in Tuatapere -rooms are double or twin with shared bathrooms. Accommodation on the walk is in quad-share rooms with bunk beds for both nights, at Okaka Lodge and Port Craig Lodge.

If you'd prefer a twin room for two people or a private room as a solo traveler, this can be arranged for an additional cost. Please note that bathroom facilities are shared for all room types, including private rooms.

Dietary needs? We're happy to cater for gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian diets—just let

us know at time of booking.

What's Not Included

Alcohol - You can purchase alcoholic beverages at the Lodge shop with cash or card (Paywave not accepted) Please note that our lodges are licensed premises, so bringing your own alcohol is not permitted

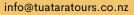
Post-tour accommodation



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Your travel check list:

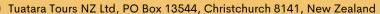
The following is a list of recommended items. Please also use your own experience to supplement this list. If you're unsure about anything, feel free to contact us. A day pack for the first day can be organised for you if required as your main pack will be heli-ported to Okaka lodge. **PLEASE NOTE: From Day 2 you will need to carry your own pack.** Avoid walking in cotton, jeans, or silk — they dry slowly and can leave you feeling damp and cold. Instead, dress in three layers: a moisture-wicking base (merino or polypropylene), an insulating middle layer, and a waterproof outer layer for wind and rain protection.



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	Waterproof rain jacket with hood (a must) and waterproof over trousers (if you have them)	
	Boots or sturdy walking shoes with ankle support, spare laces	
	Thermals (top and bottom) merino or polypropylene are recommended	
	Polar fleece jacket or top (mid layer)	
	Gloves, warm hat	
	Woollen or thermal hikers socks 2-3 pair	
	Hiking shorts or zip off long trousers (quick-dry fabric-no jeans). Gaiters, if you have them.	
	Drink Bottle	
	Medium size day pack for the first day (or you can borrow one from us)	
	Camera/ Phone/ Torch. Port Craig Lodge has a USB charging station available for everyone to use. This facility is not available at Okaka Lodge.	
	Sun hat , sun glasses sun block,	
	Swimsuit and small towel	
	Pack with waterproof liner and cover (max 10kg)	
	Personal toiletries and essential medications, a small personal first aid kit, insect repellant	
	Hiking poles	
	Pair of light shoes or sandals for the lodges and change of clothes for the evening	
	Any favourite snacks or food items, each lodge has a small shop with chocolate, chips, snack bars etc for sale	

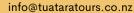
















Frequently asked questions:

How do I book a tour?

A deposit of \$300 per person confirms your place and can be paid via credit card (Visa or Mastercard, no surcharge) through our website: https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/make-a-payment/, or by bank transfer to Tuatara Tours NZ Ltd: 01 0797 0308837 00.

When is the balance due?

The final balance is due 90 days prior to departure. A reminder will be sent via email. You're welcome to pay in instalments, as long as the full amount is received by the due date.

What if I need to cancel?

Our cancellation policy for the Hump Ridge Track is:

- Prior to 8 weeks of departure date 25% of the total cost;
- Within 8 to 6 weeks 50% of the total cost;
- Within 6 weeks or less no refund will be given.

These fees are non-negotiable, we strongly recommend you obtain travel insurance to cover any unexpected cancellation on your part. Transfer of a booking to a future date is possible, within a 12 month period and with a transfer fee of 10% of the booking value, however transfer to another person is not possible.

If in the very rare event the Operator needs to cancel a departure due to unforeseen circumstances or weather conditions, we will discuss options available and agree with parties concerned. Options may include: another package on the same departure date, alternative departure date, or a refund.

This tour is operated in conjunction with The Tuatapere Humpridge Track Trust, a sustainable, responsible and charitable organisation, built and maintained by the Tuatapere community.

How big are the groups?

Our tours typically accommodate up to 12 people, though we can cater to larger groups on request.

Do I have to share a room?

Tours are priced on quad-share rooms with bunk beds for both tour nights at Okaka and Port Craig Lodges, with shared bathroom facilities. Pre tour accommodation at Last Light Lodge is based on double or twin rooms, again shared facilities. If you'd prefer a twin room for two people or a private room as a solo traveller, this can be arranged for an additional single supplement cost. Please note, bathroom facilities are shared for all room types, even with a private room.

Am I fit enough?

The Hump Ridge Track is graded Challenging, suited to walkers with an above average fitness level. You should feel confident walking up to 20km on formed tracks and trails, with moderate to steep inclines. Stair or hill training is highly recommended, as you'll be climbing over 800 metres in elevation on Day 1 of the walk. Not sure if it's right for you? Just give our team a call — we're happy to chat.

How much luggage can I bring? On Day 1, your main pack is flown ahead to the lodge by helicopter, with a maximum weight limit of 10kg.

From Day 2 onward, you'll be carrying your own pack, so it's important to pack light and bring only the essentials. A small day pack can be borrowed for the first day and hiking poles can be purchased at \$20 dollars each. Any excess luggage can be left at the walk office in Tuatapere.

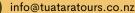




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Frequently asked questions:

Can you pick me up for the tour?

We can arrange a shuttle transfer to Tuatapere (at an additional cost) from either Invercargill or Queenstown on the day before your tour begins.

If you're self-driving, please ensure you arrive at the Last Light Lodge in Tuatapere by 5:30pm for check-in.

When is the best time to do the tour?

The season runs from October to April. Tours run in all weather, so come prepared. Please refer to our gear list for what to bring.

Is breakfast included on the first day? Yes, Breakfast is included at Last Light Lodge on your first day before the shuttle takes you to the helipad.

What kind of meals are provided? Enjoy hearty cooked breakfasts, tasty packed lunches, and delicious 3-course dinners each day. We also provide fresh fruit and snacks to keep you going while you walk, because adventure is always better with good food!

What facilities are available at the lodge?

Pre tour your stay is at Last Light Lodge. Each cosy room has wifi, heating and a small kitchenette. There is also a coin laundry for any pre tour washing. On tour, the backcountry lodges are comfortable and well equipped for your adventure. They feature gas heating and cooking, solar powered lighting, flush toilets, and shared bathrooms with hot showers, perfect after a big day on the track! All bedding, linen and towels are supplied for you. Running drinkable water is available at both lodges. There is also a drying area for any wet gear. At Port Craig Lodge, there's a USB charging station for mobile phones. Please note this is not available at Okaka Lodge, and since all power is solar generated, there are no standard power plugs at either lodge.

Is there a drying room at the Lodge? Yes, there are drying areas at both Lodges on the Humpridge Track but no washing facilities. You can handwash if required.

Is alcohol included? No but you can purchase alcoholic refreshments at the lodge shop. We accept both cash and cards, though PayWave is not available.

Please note that our lodges are licensed premises, so bringing your own alcohol is not permitted

Do I need hiking boots?

We strongly recommend well-fitting walking boots with good tread and ankle support. After periods of rain certain sections of trail can be muddy, so hiking boots will be best to tackle this. There are also significant climbs and descents, so boots with a good grippy sole will be your best friend.

Do I carry a full pack? On Day 1, you'll only need to carry a small day pack with the bare essentials—lunch, water, wet weather gear, and any medication. Your main pack (max 10kg) will be flown ahead by helicopter to the lodge. From Day 2 onward, you'll be carrying both the items from your day pack and your main pack, so please ensure everything fits within the 10kg weight limit, and leave any unnecessary gear at our walk office for your return.

Are the tours guided? Yes, the Hump Ridge Track is a fully guided experience. Your guide will bring local knowledge to enhance your journey, and ensure your safety and comfort along the way.

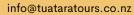




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Pickup Points

We can arrange a return shuttle to Tuatapere the day before your tour from either:

- Invercargill \$110 return
- Queenstown \$195 return

Just let us know on booking if you require a shuttle.

If you decide to drive, you can go directly to Last Light Lodge for your pre-tour accommodation. The following morning, you would drive a short distance down the road to the Track Base (Hump Ridge Track office), where the walk begins. You can park your car there for the duration of the tour.

To Remember

The night before your tour starts, you'll be staying at Last Light Lodge—a comfy spot where you'll meet your guide and the rest of the group for a casual tour briefing. It's a great chance to get to know everyone and ease into the adventure.

There's also the option to join your guide and fellow walkers for dinner that night—it's \$65 per person if you'd like to join in and the lodge uses fresh, organic produce from their own gardens to create a memorable dining experience. Or, if you'd prefer, you can make your own dinner plans. Totally up to you!

On Day 1 of the walk, your main pack (up to 10kg) will be flown ahead to the lodge by helicopter—so you won't need to carry the heavy stuff! Just bring a small day pack with your lunch, water, wet weather gear, and any essential medication. If you don't have a day pack, we're happy to lend you one —just let us know.

For the next two days of the walk, you'll carry your main pack with you, so try to keep things light and manageable.

Tuatara Conservation

We're proud supporters of tuatara conservation. We've adopted ""BP"—a juvenile tuatara at Orana Park in Christchurch, helping ensure the future of this amazing native species.



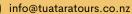




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Contract

This contract is between Tuatara Tours and you, the client—defined as any person travelling or intending to travel on a tour operated by Tuatara Tours. The contract, including all matters arising from it, is governed by New Zealand law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts. Only employees or directors of Tuatara Tours have the authority to vary or omit any of the terms stated herein.

Cancellation Policy Due to Travel Restrictions

If your trip is impacted by travel restrictions imposed by the New Zealand government or any other government, Tuatara Tours will either work with you to transfer your trip to a future date at no additional cost, or provide a full refund.

Price

All prices are quoted in New Zealand dollars and include 15% GST. Prices are based on rates current at the time of publishing. Tuatara Tours reserves the right to modify prices without notice if deemed necessary or appropriate.

Accommodation on organised tours is based on twin or double share. Solo travellers will be paired with another traveller of the same sex. A single supplement is available upon request.

Confirmation of Booking

Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of the full tour price, which is due 90 days prior to the start of the tour. Tuatara Tours and its agents reserve the right to decline any booking at their discretion.

Cancellation

If a client wishes to cancel a Tour the following charges will be applied:

- Prior to 8 weeks from departure, cancellation fee of 25% of total tour cost.
- 8 to 6 weeks , 50% of the total tour cost
- Within 6 weeks, 100% cancellation fee

These cancellation fees are non-negotiable. We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance.

Travel Insurance

Tuatara Tours strongly recommends that clients take out travel insurance, including tour cancellation cover and any other relevant insurances. It is the client's responsibility to ensure adequate coverage. Tuatara Tours cannot be held liable for any failure to obtain appropriate insurance.

Medical Conditions

You must inform us at the time of booking of any medical condition, history, or medication you are currently taking.

Changes to Tours

Tuatara Tours will make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. However, reasonable changes to the itinerary may be made if deemed necessary or advisable. Clients will be informed of any changes as soon as reasonably possible. Where a tour service must be substituted, a service of similar quality and standard will be provided.

Weather

Adverse weather may prevent planned activities from proceeding as scheduled. The tour guide may decide to alter the itinerary based on weather conditions, prioritising group safety. Tuatara Tours and its contracted suppliers are not responsible for changes resulting from weather-related circumstances.



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RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In any adventure activity, there is an element of risk involved. Risks in undertaking this activity include (but are not limited to): hypothermia, heat exhaustion, physical injury caused by environment i.e. rock falls, and physical injury caused by self, i.e. falling over.

The staff and management of Tuatara Tours and any of its agency partners take all practicable steps to identify and minimise potential dangers. The Operator makes all arrangements for all tours on the condition that it shall not be liable for any sickness, injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, either directly or indirectly, by reason of any defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft, by weather, by any other cause, or through acts of default of a company or person engaged in conveying the passengers, or in carrying out arrangements for these activities.

We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance prior to your trip.

By participating in this activity, you are expressly assuming those risks and responsibilities and are, to the maximum extent permitted by law releasing the Operator, its officers, employees, directors, agents and any other person associated with us, from any liability, claims, loss, damages or expenses (whatsoever and irrespective of whether direct, indirect or consequential) caused by any event including but not limited to: personal injury or death; property loss or damage; acts which may be construed as negligible or accidental; any other loss, damage, suffering, emotional or nervous disorder suffered by you or any other person in relation to this activity. You accept that you have been advised to obtain adequate travel insurance for all persons named on the booking.

In participating in the activity, the customer agrees to be bound by the following conditions:

- My successors, executors and administrators are bound by the Terms and Conditions;
- I agree not to commence any litigation proceedings in any country in relation to the risks and liabilities set out above and to indemnify the Operator against any claims;
- I confirm and warrant I am physically fit and suffer no medical conditions, which may affect my ability to participate
 in the activity;
- I confirm I am aware that professional medical assistance may be difficult and/or take some time to access due to the remote areas in which we are travelling;
- I consent to receive medical treatment in the case of injury, accident or illness during the activity and to indemnify the Operator against any claims, costs or expenses in respect of the treatment;
- I agree that any film, sound, video or other recordings taken of or during the activity will not be used in any
 production, or advertising without prior consent of the Operator, however the Operator may use such recordings
 itself at its complete discretion without any prior approval; and
- I agree to listen to my driver/guide/host, follow their instructions and make sure any children in my care do the same. Furthermore, the Operator will not be responsible for any personal injury and or property damage caused by you and any costs for such injury / damage will be your responsibility.

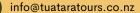




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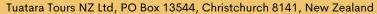
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Tuatara Tours is proud to be in an official partnership with Ngā Haerenga The New Zealand Cycle Trail.

The objective of the partnership is to create a nationwide network of cycle trails that connect the Great Rides with the rest of New Zealand.



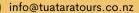






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