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Mild Grade



tour highlights

- Experienced professional guide
- Rich gold mining history
- Rugged and dramatic landscapes
- Ancient forests
- Rarely ridden trails
- Glaciers and stunning panoramas
- Twin/double ensuite rooms
- All transport and luggage transfers included

tour cost:

2025 / 2026

Low season **\$3050** November, December, January, April

High season **\$3350** February, March

options

Single Supplement:

NZD\$545







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the tour

From majestic mountains, splendid lakes, turquoise gorges, soaring forests and lush wetland havens to spectacular coastal landforms.

There's history, heritage, vibrant communities and so much more to be discovered on the West Coast.

This extraordinary West Coast adventure *The Best of the West Cycle Trail* - journeys between the mountains to the east and the coastline to the west, with views that will stun you.

at a glance

Day 1	Christchurch to Westport	varied km
Day 2	Westport to Hokitika Kawatiri Coastal Trail	35km approx
Day 3	Hokitika to Kumara	72km approx
Day 4	Kumara to Fox Glacier	46 km approx
Day 5	Fox Glacier to Franz Josef	21km approx
Dav 64	Franz Josef to Christchurch	20 km approx

trip grading

To determine the grade of a particular adventure we consider a number of factors. These include the condition of the terrain, the altitude, the number of pass crossings and the length of the trip.

The Best of the West Cycle Trail is graded Mild: An average level of fitness. You should be comfortable biking 25km on well formed tracks and roads with average inclines at times. There is some low level mountain biking on this trail.

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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itinerary

Custom Groups: Options are available for this tour.

Day 1 Christchurch to Westport - varied km 20km approximately

We leave from Christchurch and drive to Westport via the Lewis Pass stopping at Springs Junction and Reefton.

We will go for a ride of approximately 20km on the way to Westport - We will decide the best option for that day depending on the weather.

Tonight you stay and dine in Westport

Day 2 Westport - Kawatiri Coastal Trail - Hokitika - 35km approximately

The Kawatiri Coastal Trail so far is 28km one way. This may change by the time you go on the tour

Westport – Carters Beach 5.5 km
 Carters Beach – Cape Foulwind, 7 km
 Cape Foulwind – Tauranga Bay 3.5 km
 Tauranga Bay – Ökari Lagoon 5 km
 Ökari Lagoon – Virgin Flat Road, 7 km

We drive to Beach Road where you ride 5km to the end of the trail in Charleston

On finishing the Kawatiri Trail you drive to Hokitika stopping in Punakaiki and Greymouth before continuing on to Hokitika where you stay overnight.

Day 3 Hokitika to Kumara - 72km approx

Today you will ride day 2 of the West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail from Hokitika to Kumara.

This section of the route (and indeed the trail itself) is one of New Zealand's most popular cycle rides, offering stunning scenery and fascinating local history. You will pass through some of the best stands of native forest left in New Zealand on your journey today.

Milltown overlooks the Arahura Valley, an area once rich in gold and still known as the source of the highly prized pounamu (greenstone).

You will pass water raceways, rich dairy farmland and the tranquil Lake Kaniere, described by some as" the most beautiful lake in New Zealand". Formed by glacial erosion in the last ice age, Lake Kaniere itself is only 8 km long and 2 km wide but can be as deep as 195 metres in places and is surrounded by verdant native bush, making it a popular spot for campers and holiday makers in the summer. You bike through a section of towering ancient rimu forest and tree ferns.

Tonight your stay is in Greymouth.







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Day 4 Kumara to Fox Glacier - 46km

We drive to Ross where we start our ride for the day.

From Ross, we ride for about 23km on a well formed 4wd track. Plenty of small hills and not too demanding.

The bush scenery and wild nature is fantastic. As you progress into the Mikonui Valley the mountains rise to greet you. You really feel as though you're going somewhere.

If you look carefully as you ride, you'll also see glimpses of 120 years-old gold-workings. Then, if you love speed, you'll crank up a few knots as you go down the hills. It's great for electric bikes. You bike high above the pretty Totara Gorge. We will stop at the "Black Hut for lunch" – even go for a swim in the adjacent Totara River.

We will allow at least 5 hours for a return journey – but time really depends on your fitness, speed and ability.

On completing the ride we drive to Fox Glacier where we ride the Te Weheka trail which is is 8.4km return, providing a link to its glacier walk car park. We overnight tonight in Fox Glacier

Day 5 Fox Glacier - Lake Matheson - Gillespies Beach - Franz Josef - 21km one way

This morning we ride to Lake Matheson and walk around the lake before continuing on the bikes for a 21 km ride to Gillespies Beach.

Gillespies Beach is a secluded, yet beautiful beach that offers a glimpse into its gold mining past (as well as the chance of the odd seal encounter). It's a great way to spend half a day; you're guaranteed to come back feeling rejuvenated.

We then drive back to Franz Josef and ride the Te Ara a Waiau cycleway through the rainforest which provides off-road access to the Franz Josef glacier walk car park. 8.7km return via same track.

Tonight we stay in Franz Josef.

Day 6 Franz Josef Glacier - Okarito - Christchurch - 20km

This morning we drive to Okarito the home of Kerri Hulme, author of the Bone People, and we enjoy the quiet tranquility of the

When finished at Okarito we return you to Christchurch via Arthurs Pass.







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what is included

Accommodation

Each night you will stay in comfortable hotel, motel, or bed and breakfast accommodation.

Rooms are double (one queen /king bed) or twin (2 separate beds)

If you have a preference for a twin room, please let us know when you make your booking.

All rooms have their own ensuite bathroom.

If you are a single traveller, you can nominate to share a room with another single of the same gender or pay an additional single supplement to secure a private room for the duration of the tour.

Food

You will enjoy great local cuisine; continental breakfasts and hearty packed lunches during the day, and restaurant meals in the evenings. If you have any dietary issues or food allergies, we are happy to cater for these, please advise the office of details when you make your booking. Alcohol is not included in the tour cost, but is available for purchase most nights.

Luggage

Tuatara Tours transports all your luggage for the duration of the tour.

Tour Kit Bag - Exclusive to Tuatara Tours

To ensure you get the very best out of your journey with the least of fuss, we provide you with a bag of useful goodies. This will be given to you at the start of your tour.

An experienced and fully qualified guide

All transport - support vehicle for the duration of the tour

Access and Concession fees paid to the Department of Conservation

NZ Goods and Service Tax (GST)

what is not included

- bike hire
- pre and post tour accommodation
- alcoholic drinks
- personal expenses
- gratuities, tipping is not expected in NZ but gratefully received. It is at your discretion whether or not to reward for excellent service

Safety and Risk Management

To ensure maximum safety for all, our guides are certified first aiders and fully qualified drivers. Tuatara Tours operate under a Safety and Risk Management Plan which is regularly audited and approved by a qualified and independent auditor.







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pre tour checklist

Please ensure	you	have	the	following	items	for	your
cycle tour.	-						_

Waterproof rain jacket with hood Comfortable walking/riding shoes, we suggest lightweig walking shoes suitable for cycling Woollen (merino) or polypro thermals (top and bottom) Polar fleece jacket or top or woollen jumper Gloves-fleece or woollen or cycle gloves if you have then Warm hat Pair of shorts or longs (preferably quick-dry fabric, no jeans) or cycle shorts if you have them. Personal first aid items and any essential medications

The following are highly recommended

Torch or head torch

Swimsuit and small towel
Sun hat , sun glasses, sun block
Pair of light shoes or sandals for the evenings
Casual attire for the evenings
Personal toiletries
Insect repellent
Camera
Drink bottle (we supply you with a double wall insulated stainless steel water bottle, but you may wish to bring
another as well)

tuatara conservation

Tuatara Tours are proud to be actively involved in Tuatara Conservation.

Tuatara Tours has formally adopted "BP" a male juvenile tuatara who resides at Orana Park in Christchurch and is part of the conservation programme to ensure the safe future of these amazing reptiles.



If you are bringing along your own bike, you must ensure your bike has been fully serviced and is in a roadworthy and safe condition to ride. Please ensure you bring spare tyres and tubes as we only carry a basic stock for the bikes we hire out.

Please call the office on o800 377 378 if you are unsure about your bike(s).

All our hire bikes come with a helmet, hi-vis safety garment and a very comfortable memory foam seat, you are welcome to bring your own helmet or gel seat cover if you prefer.







FAQ's - frequently asked questions

How do we book a tour? The deposit is \$300 per person to confirm your place and can be paid with a credit card through our website at https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/make-a-payment/ (we accept Visa or Mastercard with no card surcharges) or by internet banking or bank transfer (New Zealand bank account holders only) to Tuatara Tours NZ Ltd account: o1 0797 0308837 oo. Please use your surname or tour booking number as a reference when making a payment so we can identify it as yours.

When is the balance due? Your final balance is due 90 days prior to departure. We will email you a reminder when this is due. You are welcome to pay in instalments as long as your tour is paid in full by the due date. Please email us each time you make a payment so we can confirm receipt.

What if I need to cancel? Please see our Terms and conditions for our cancellation policy: https://www.tuataratours.co.nz/terms-conditions/. We do recommend you purchase travel insurance to cover you in the case that something unexpected happens and you cannot proceed with your tour.

How big are the groups? Normally we take a maximum of 12 people on a tour but are happy to cater to larger groups on request if you are planning to get a group together.

Do I have to share a room? The tours are priced on a twin share basis (2 people to a room), please let us know at the time of booking if you prefer a queen room (one queen bed) or a twin room (2 separate beds). If you are a solo traveller we will room you with another single person of the same gender, or you may wish to pay an additional single supplement to reserve a private room to yourself.

Am I fit enough? As a general guideline we suggest the following activity level guide for our tours:

Walking Tours:

Easy/Mild: An average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 12km on well-formed tracks and roads with a small amount of incline.

Moderate: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 20km, on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times.

Challenging: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable walking 20+ km, on partially formed tracks and roads, some steep inclines, some easy river and creek crossings.

Cycle Tours:

Previous cycling experience is necessary to comfortably complete a multi-day cycle tour.

Easy/Mild: An average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 25km on well-formed tracks and roads with a small amount of incline.

Moderate: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 45km on formed tracks and roads with some average to steep inclines at times.

Challenging: An above average level of fitness, you should be comfortable biking 50+km on partially formed tracks and roads, some off-road, some steep inclines, some easy river and creek crossings.

If you have any concerns about your fitness level, or ability to complete a tour, please call our office staff and we can discuss this further with you.

Can you pick me up for the tour? Yes, if your tour starts in Nelson, Christchurch, Queenstown or Rotorua pickups and drop offs are available at most central city hotels and motels. Pick-ups are not possible at Airbnb properties or in residential suburbs. Please check with our office before you book accommodation if you are not sure about the location of your stay. If your tour departs from Picton we ask you to make your own way to the meeting point on the wharf for the tour departure.





FAQ's - frequently asked questions - continued

What's the best time to do a tour? New Zealand is known to have four seasons in a day. Rain can be expected at any time throughout the year, and we depart rain, or fine so you should always be prepared for sudden changes in weather or temperature and always have the appropriate gear with you. Gear lists are in our trip notes for each tour.

Spring (September-November) and Autumn (March-May) are generally cooler months for experiencing the outdoors with temperatures averaging 15-25 degrees during the day.

Summer (December-February) is usually warmer with averages of 20-30 degrees and has longer sunshine hours due to daylight saving. We typically see more activity on the trails over February, March and April so September to December can be a quieter time to travel if you prefer trails less busy.

Do I have breakfast on the first day or is this included? Your tour starts after we pick you up on the first day so please come having had breakfast. After this all meals on tour are included for you as per the trip inclusions in your itinerary.

What sort of food do you provide? We provide continental breakfasts, either café or packed lunches, and an evening meal either in-house at your accommodation, or dining out at a local restaurant. We can cater for vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and dairy free diets, and most food allergies, however these need to be advised at the time of booking.

Do you provide alcohol? No but this can be purchased each evening with your meal, or you are welcome to bring a small amount for your own personal consumption. BYO is not available when dining at licensed premises.

Do I need to come ready to walk or cycle? Yes, please come dressed ready to walk or cycle with your overnight bag packed ready for the transport. During the day you will not have access to your overnight bag so please make sure to have all the items you require for use during the day, packed in a day pack for easy access. For some of the tours there is a ride of up to several hours in the bus to get to your start location, if you are not comfortable travelling in full walk or cycle gear, please have this readily available to change into before the walk /ride starts.

Can I fly in/fly out the same day? Ideally, we recommend you arrive the day prior to your tour and depart the morning after the tour finishes just in case there are any unexpected delays or cancellations to your flights.

Can I bring my own bike for the cycle tours? Yes, please make sure it has been serviced and is fit for purpose for the trail you are undertaking. If you are not sure, please check with our office staff on booking.

What comes with the hire bikes? Our hire E bikes, and standard bikes all come with a comfortable memory foam saddle and a rack bag for carrying your jacket, phone, and a drink bottle. Helmets and hi-vis garments are issued with each bike, and as helmets are required by law in New Zealand, we ask riders to wear these at all times while riding. The support vehicle is never far away if you need access to other items of your clothing or equipment.

How much luggage can I bring on tour? Space is limited so we would appreciate if you could please keep your luggage to one hand carry and one overnight bag or suitcase max 20kg. For the Abel Tasman we provide a bag for you to pack into (please see trip notes for the Abel Tasman tours) and for Queen Charlotte tours please limit luggage to 15kg as there are restrictions on the size and weight of bags that can be transported on the water taxis. On some of the hiking tours you may be required to carry your own pack, this is specified in the packing list for your tour

Are all your tours guided?

Our walking tours, with the exception of the Queen Charlotte Boat stay tour, are all guided by a knowledgeable local guide, they provide information on the terrain you are passing through as well as logistical support.

On a cycle tour we provide a support vehicle and driver-guide throughout to help with any bike issues, first aid, trail instructions and to set up for meal breaks. On occasion they will bike a section of the trail with you to highlight places of interest or point out directions, but they do not guide the full trail. If anyone needs to take a break from the riding, you are welcome to make use of the vehicle at any stage.

If there is something we have not covered in these FAQ's please feel free to call 0800 377 378 or email our office team for further assistance.



Pre and Post Departure Accommodation Options

Each of the properties below can be booked directly with the host for the best rates.

On the morning of your tour, we will meet you at your accommodation. Please let us know where you have booked to stay and we will confirm the time for pickup with you. For some of the locations below, we may ask you to walk a short distance to the nearest bus stop for pickup as parking is not available directly in front of the property.

Please note: Pickups are not available at Airbnb properties or in residential suburbs, if you are not sure about your pre/post tour location please call or email us to check.

PROPERTY TYPE	WEBSITE	LOCATION	
4-5-5 STAR HOTELS			
Fable Hotel	https://www.fablehotelsandresorts.com/hotels/fable-christchurch	166 Gloucester St-City Centre	
Novotel	http://www.novotel.com/gb/city/hotels-christchurch-v5065.shtml Cathedral Squa		
George Hotel	https://www.thegeorge.com/	Park Terrace-10 min walk to city centre	
Sudima Hotel	https://www.sudimahotels.com/en/our-hotels/christchurch-city/	Victoria and Salisbury Streets- 5 min walk to city centre	
OGB Suites	https://www.ogbsuites.co.nz/	28 Cathedral Square-City Centre	
Muse Art Hotel	https://themusehotel.co.nz/	159 Manchester St-City Centre	
ECONOMY HOTELS	3STAR+		
Christchurch City Hotel	https://www.christchurchcityhotel.co.nz/about	699 Colombo Street-city centre	
Carnmore Hotel	https://carnmorehotelchristchurch.co.nz/	Cnr Colombo and Salisbury Sts-5 min walk to city centre	
Hotel Ibis	http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-5983-ibis-christchurch/index.shtml	107 Hereford Street-City Centre	
Breakfree on Cashel	http://www.breakfreeoncashel.nz/	165 Cashel Street-City Centre	
GUEST HOUSES B&B			
The Grange B&B	http://www.thegrange.co.nz/	56 Armagh Street-10-minute walk to city centre	
MOTELS	SELF CATERING		
Tuscana Motel	http://www.tuscana.co.nz/	74 Bealey Ave- 15-minute walk to city centre	
Bella Vista Motel	https://www.bellavista.co.nz/our-motels/christchurch	193 Bealey Ave-15-minute walk to city centre	
Colombo in the City Motel	http://www.colombointhecity.co.nz/	863 Colombo Street-10-minute walk to city centre	
Quest Apartments Cathedral Junction	https://www.questapartments.co.nz/properties/south-island/ christchurch/quest-christchurch/overview	113 Worcester St-City Centre	
Quest Manchester	https://www.questapartments.co.nz/properties/south-island/ christchurch/quest-on-manchester/hotel-rooms	54 Manchester Street- City Centre	
Fino Hotel and Suites	http://fino.nz/	87 Kilmore St-5 minute walk to city centre	
Focus Motel	https://focusmotel.co.nz/	344 Durham St North-7 minute walk to city centre	
BACKPACKERS			
Hotel Give- (part of YMCA Hereford St)	https://hotelgive.nz/	12 Hereford St-City Centre	



Pre and Post Tour Accommodation Options in Christchurch



Α	Fable Hotel
В	Novotel

George Hotel Sudima Hotel D

E F **OGB** Suites

Muse Art Hotel

Christchurch City Hotel

Carnmore Hotel

Hotel Ibis

Breakfree on Cashel

K	The Grange B&B
I	Tuscana Motel

Bella Vista Motel M

N

Colombo in the City Motel Quest Apartments Cathedral Junction

Quest Manchester

Q Fino Hotel and Suites

Focus Motel

Hotel Give- (part of YMCA Hereford St)







Tuatara Tours Hire Bikes



2024/25 Best of the West Cycle Trail Prices

Tuatara Tours HYBRID E-bikes are designed in New Zealand to be versatile and flexible so they can handle a range of New Zealand riding conditions. The lighter carbon fibre frame and powerful motor mean they are far superior to other similar e-bikes on hills where performance is critical.



Luxury Bikes

impressive torque of 95N/M and a featherweight design at just 2.8kg, it stands out as both incredibly powerful and

lightweight.



Carbon Fibre - Full Suspension Electric Bike



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All Bike Hire Prices Only Valid For The 2024/2025 Season

To be sure of getting the ride of your lifetime please book early

LUXURY BIKES continued......



Carbon Fibre - Full Suspension Electric Bike

MERIDA 22 EONE SIXTY 10000K

The most inspiring and fun-packed e-bike ride yet, the 10K is the test and award-winning flagship of Merida. Loaded with top drawer components including XTR drivetrain, Fox Factory level suspension, carbon DT Swiss wheelset and powerful Shimano EP8 motor, the carbon/aluminium frame hosts the integrated high-capacity battery and features modern yet balanced e-enduro geometry.



Carbon Fibre - Full Suspension Electric Bike MERIDA - 22 EONE SIXTY 8000

The Merida eOne-Sixty 8000 Electric Mountain Bike is designed to bring the best of dual-suspension trail bikes and electric bikes to the same world. With perfectly-tuned MTB geometry, this bike is made for trail riding, but will also shine away from the enduro tracks, thanks to the comfortable geometry and more travel, it is also perfect as a capable



Manual Bikes



Manual Mountain Bikes





Manual bike pictures are indicative only. Some bikes are different in colour and appearance.

All manual bikes are suitable for the trails we ride.

Electric Bike - Fully Equipped Child Corrier

HYBRID C24 CHILD CARRIER



The C24 is the epitome of an ideal child carrier commuter e-bike. Its very low step-through design makes it perfect for riders to easily keep an eye on their kids Equipped with a dropper seat, it accommodates riders ranging from 152cm to 183cm, ensuring a comfortable ride

Fully equipped with fenders, lights, and a rear carrier featuring a kids' safety rack for added security, the C24 is ready for most trails. With puncture-resistant tyres, riders are shielded against most obstacles that could cause flats. The 4-piston brakes provide optimal safety for stopping.

Featuring a large 720W/H battery, the C24 offers a range of over 100km per charge, making it exceptionally practical for any bike trail. With its combination of convenience, safety, and long-range capability, the C24 is the ultimate solution

MOTOR - 250 WATT BAFANG M510

Hybrid Bikes incorporates cutting-edge technology with the M510 motor, a 250-watt powerhouse. With an impressive torque of 95N/M and a featherweight design at just 2.8kg, it stands out as both incredibly powerful and lightweight.



All Bike Hire Prices Only Valid For The 2024/2025 Season

on the market

All of our bikes have a bell, a bike stand, a carrier with a trunk bag where you can carry your personal gear whilst on the trail. In the carrier bag you will find a tyre pump and a bike lock. All of our bike seats are the very latest unisex design and made from memory foam which is more comfortable than a gel seat.



LARGE TRUNK BAG

FRAME - ALLOY

This alloy frame is

exceptionally robust and

engineered to support

a total weight of 18okg,

of this class of bikes. Its

impressive load capacity ensures it can handle various hauling tasks

The well balanced weight distribution, coupled with a wheelbase of only 200cm, facilitates swift town rides andeffortless tight turns. The low step through design enhances manoeuverability, allowing riders to effortlessly turn around and keepa watchful eye on their children on the back.

making it the epitome

with ease.

This deluxe Bag is a large trunk bag which includes an expanding top section, large roll-out side panniers. Large 18 litre capacity.



New unisex maximum comfort memory foam





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making an enquiry

Go to www.tuataratours.co."nz, or scan the code to the right and then click the make an enquiry button and submit your enquiry using the form provided.

We enjoy talking to people about their travel interests. So feel free to contact us directly if you'd rather not fill out a form.

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custom tours

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We Can Design A New Tour Just For You. We have years of experience in creating custom-made tours for groups, so if you are planning a tour for your friends, family, club, corporate workplace.... contact us now.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Tuatara Tours NZ Limited accepts bookings on the following tours, The Akaroa Walk, The Queen Charlotte Walk, The West Coast Trail, Around The Mountains Cycle Trail, The Alps 2 Ocean Cycle Trail, The West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail, The Queenstown Cycle Trail, The Otago Rail Trail, Ladies Otago Rail Trail, Ladies West Coast Wilderness Cycle Trail, The Tasman Great Taste Trail and Golden Bay Explorer, The Best of the West Cycle Tour, Bhutan Tours, Japan Walking Tours subject to the following conditions: Terms and condtions for all other tours can be found on the tour brochure available to download on the relevant tour page of the Tuatara Tours website.

Contract

This contract is between Tuatara Tours and you the client being any person travelling or intending to travel on a tour supplied by Tuatara Tours as the operator. The contract, including all matters arising from it, is subject to New Zealand law and the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts. Only Employees and Directors of Tuatara Tours have authority to vary or omit any of the terms.

Cancellation Policy due to travel restriction that is imposed by either the New Zealand government or any other government. Should your trip be impacted by a travel restriction that is imposed by either the New Zealand government or any other government, we will either work with you to transfer your trip to a future date at no additional cost, or provide you with a full refund.

Price

The price is quoted in New Zealand dollars and includes GST of 15%. The price is based on prices at time of publishing and Tuatara Tours hereby reserves to modify without notice those prices in any way considered necessary or desirable.

Organised tour accommodations are based on a twin/double share accommodation. Individual travellers will be placed in rooms together with other individual travellers of the same sex. A single supplement is available on request.

Confirmation of Booking

Bookings are confirmed upon receipt of the full tour price which is payable 90 days prior to the commencement of the tour. Tuatara Tours or their agents reserve their right to decline any booking at their discretion.

Cancellation

If a client wishes to cancel a Tour the following charges will be applied: (Unless stated otherwise)

- 1. 91+ days prior to departure no fee
- 2. 90-60 days prior to departure NZD\$300.00 per person applies
- 3. 59-30 days prior to departure 30% of total package cost applies
- 4. 29-0 days prior to departure 100% of total package cost applies
- 5. After tour commencement no refund available.

These cancellation fees are not negotiable, therefore we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance.

Travel Insurance

Tuatara Tours recommends that the client take out tour cancellation insurance together with all other necessary travel insurances. Obtaining all necessary insurances is the responsibility of you the client and Tuatara Tours can not held liable for any failure on your part to get insurance.

Medical conditions

When you book you must notify us of any medical condition, medical history or medication that you are on.

Changes to Tours

Tuatara Tours will use its best endeavours to ensure that all tours are operated as advertised. It may be that reasonable changes in the itinerary may need to be made where is deemed necessary or advisable by Tuatara Tours. Changes will be advised to the client as soon as is reasonably possible. Where a tour service needs to be changed, a substitute or similar quality or standard will be provided.

Weather

Adverse weather conditions may mean that planned activities cannot proceed as intended. A decision to change an advertised tour based on the weather conditions will be made by a tour guide at the time and is made in the best interest of the group and their safety. Tuatara Tours and or their contracted suppliers can not be held responsible to any changes as a result of the weather.

General conditions

Tuatara Tours, its agents, contractors and guides do not accept responsibility or liability for loss, damage to, or theft of personal belongings (owners risk) or for any expenses, including medical and transport expenses arising from a personal accident, injury, illness, or hospitalisation. Tuatara Tours and their guides reserve the right to make any alterations to the itinerary in the interest of safety, or unforeseen circumstances due to causes such as weather, illness or misadventure. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to keep to published schedules but no guarantee is given. Tuatara Tours will not be held liable for costs incurred by change, delay or the missing of connecting services. Tuatara Tours reserves the right to exclude a person from a tour at any time, if in the opinion of the guide or operator, that person may be likely to risk the health, safety or comfort (including unsociable behaviour) of other clients, him or herself or the environment. In such circumstances, Tuatara Tours will not be obliged to offer any refund or transfer ticket. These terms and conditions apply to each participant including in a group booking. Where a booking is made on behalf of a group or two or more people then each participant in the group must be made aware of and accept these terms and conditions.

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.

Tongariro National Park is an active volcanic area, and eruptions from any of the volcanoes can happen at any time. Early warning systems and alarms are in place that indicate times of increased volcanic activity, however events can occur without any warning.

The staff and management of TuataraTours 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. You shall indemnify the Operator in relation to such costs.

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The Abel Tasman Walk - 5 Days
The Abel Tasman Walk/Kayak - 3 Days
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