

NELSON STAY PUT

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22 March 2021



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7 Day Fully Hosted Tour

Pickups from Manawatu, Horowhenua, Kapiti and Wellington



NELSON STAY PUT 22 March to 28 March 2021

MON 22 Kapiti – Nelson

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Today after collection from your home location, we begin our journey to Nelson. After arriving in the Capital, we head to the Interislander Terminal for check-in.

As we sail across the Cook Strait, we can get to know each other a little better. Once we arrive in Picton we then travel via Queen Charlotte Sound to Havelock and onwards to Nelson. This evening after our day of travelling we will get together for our Welcome Dinner.

TUE 23 Nelson

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Welcome to Nelson - New Zealand's largest fishing port and one of the country's sunniest cities. The City is located on the shores of Port Nelson and is home to a fascinating community of beach, bush and art lovers. With art in mind, no visit to Nelson would be complete without a visit to the World of Wearable Art and Classic Cars Museum. This morning we will experience 60 World of Wearable Art garments in the Wearable Art gallery, many of which are award-winning creations. For those more interested in cars, located here is a world class collection of classic cars which can be viewed alongside incredible wearable works of art from all around the globe. After a drive around Monaco we head back into Nelson city for lunch before spending a lovely afternoon at Founders Park taking in the village of character buildings which are set in beautiful well-established gardens. Explore Nelsons heritage, learn the stories of the local people and working artisans. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at our hotel.

WED 24 Nelson – Golden Bay

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This morning we travel to beautiful Kaiteriteri and connect on our privately chartered Abel Tasman cruise. Onboard we will relax and unwind whilst viewing the sights of the wonderful Abel Tasman National Park, stopping in a lovely bay of our choosing for lunch. Later this afternoon we head over the Takaka Hill taking in the majestic views from the top, before stopping to view the serene Te Waikoropupū Springs where we enjoy a leisurely walk around New Zealand's largest freshwater springs and the largest coldwater springs in the southern hemisphere, with some of the clearest water ever measured. Tonight, we dine together at a local Takaka restaurant.

THU 25 Golden Bay – Nelson

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Option 1:

Today, for those booked on the optional Farewell Spit tour, you will take a 4 Wheel Drive Vehicle from Collingwood for your Eco Tour, before heading back to Nelson later this evening.

Cape Farewell is the northernmost point of the South Island and the cliff-top views are spectacular. These dramatic coastal cliffs are sliced through with faultlines (vertically walled slashes) where streams strangely run inland rather than to sea. Fossil Point, at the base of the Spit, a popular hauling out place for NZ fur seals. Fossilised shells and wormcasts emerge from blocks of mudstone at the base of the cliffs and sea life abounds in rock pools nearby. Thirty kms along the ocean beach we stop at the Lighthouse reserve, where we pause for 45 minutes to check out the lighthouse and pouwhenua and discover the connection between the local Iwi and Onetahua (Farewell Spit). There we also enjoy refreshments in our lighthouse keepers' cottage and soak up some local history. Returning from the lighthouse, we climb a sand dune at Mullet Channel for panoramic views of the ocean beach. It's a spectacular sight, gazing over the dunes along the centre of the spit and out to the inter-tidal plain where the migrant waders from the arctic circle feed during our NZ spring, summer and autumn. The wind-blown sand creates beautiful designs along the dunes, their colours changing as the sun rises or sets, depending on the time of day.



Meals included.

ⓑ Breakfast

ⓓ Lunch

ⓓ Dinner

Trip Highlights

- SCENIC TOURING OF NELSON CITY
- FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK
- ABEL TASMAN HALF DAY CRUISE ON A PRIVATE CHARTER
- TAKAKA HILL
- TE WAIKOROPUPUI SPRINGS
- FAREWELL SPIT TOUR (OPTION 1)
- TOUR OF THE GOLDEN BAY REGION (OPTION 2)*
- WHARARIKI BEACH WALK *
- THE LANGFORD STORE *
- SCENIC TOUR OF TASMAN REGION
- VISIT THE HISTORIC VILLAGE OF UPPER MOUTERE (SARAU)
- VISIT THE QUIANT SEASIDE VILLAGE OF MAPUA
- VIEW GLASSMAKING AT HOGLUND GLASS
- VISIT TO LOCALLY FAMOUS EYEBRIGHT
- STOP IN THE RURAL SETTLEMENT OF WAKEFIELD
- FAMOUS NELSON SATURDAY MARKET

THU 25 Golden Bay – Nelson

Option 2:

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For our guests not travelling on the Farewell Spit Tour today, we will spend the day exploring the Golden Bay region before arriving back in Nelson late evening.

Our day exploring will include taking an easy walk to Wharariki Beach, along the most spectacular coastline in the region, passing through farmland and forest (40 mins return). Stopping at The Langford Store, nestled in the heart of the Aorere Valley. This general store and post office has been providing essentials to the Bainham community and travelers since 1928, where we will have time to soak up the sunshine and the tranquility of the surrounding scenery as we enjoy a relaxing cuppa. We will have time for a stroll around the local artisans based in Takaka and take a later lunch together. Time permitting, we may stop at the famed Mussel Inn for an afternoon drink before collecting our fellow guests from Collingwood and heading back to Nelson, dining together tonight at a local restaurant along the way.



Note: Our accommodation is located a very short stroll from Nelson City and other activities. Delorenzos (part of the Munro Group) is a modern apartment style hotel/motel accommodation. We dine at Tides restaurant for our meals (located across the road) at Trailways (also part of Munro Group). Your room in Delorenzos also includes in-room washing/drying facilities. To avoid an extremely long travelling day, we have arranged for our accommodation in Nelson to held for one night whilst we travel to and stay in Golden Bay, meaning no packing up as, you may leave everything in Nelson and will only need to pack a very small overnight bag for the evening/day in Golden Bay.

Nelson Stay Put

This 7-day journey takes us to an extraordinary, vibrant region where art and businesses thrive together amongst the stunning natural landscape it is renowned for. With diverse geography the Tasman Region captures everything from long golden beaches to untouched forests and rugged mountains.

Leaving Kapiti we journey to our base in Nelson via the Cook Strait and the lovely Queen Charlotte Sound. Our journey in Nelson and region sees us exploring the striking scenery from mountains to the shores, the wonderful world of Wearable Arts, the artisans of Nelson, the food, colours and not forgetting the famous sunshine. We embark on a private charter boat scenic cruise through the Able Tasman National Park before heading over the Takaka Hill and discover another world in Golden Bay.

Continuing on, some of us take a journey to amazing Farewell Spit, whilst the rest of us explore the Golden Bay region, the choice is yours.

The end of our journey sees us leaving sunny Nelson behind, heading back to Picton and then Wellington via the beautiful Marlborough region.

FRI 26 Nelson

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Today will be a later start to the day, before we head out on our relaxing scenic tour of Upper Moutere, Tasman and Mapua. Stopping at Hoglund Glass one of Nelsons favourite artisans before heading inland to the quaint village of Upper Moutere, home to NZ's oldest pub (the Moutere Inn) as well as many artisan producers of food and crafts. Continuing on we learn about the region and travel amongst the famous Nelson Hops, before exploring the lovely area of Tasman, snugly placed between Mapua and Motueka. Our next stop is Mapua, situated by the stunning Waimea Estuary, we stop here for lunch. After lunch we head out to Brightwater located on the banks of the Wairoa River, Brightwater was named after a water-powered flour mill and was one of the early villages serving surrounding farms. A railway station was built in the 1870s. Spring Grove, just south of Brightwater, was the birthplace of New Zealand's best-known scientist, Ernest Rutherford. Next we visit Wakefield, the history of Wakefield as a European settlement started in 1843, when it was originally called Pitfure. Wakefield was renamed after the town of Wakefield in Yorkshire, and not, as many assume, after Captain Arthur Wakefield who led the expedition that first established Nelson City and Province, we will stop here for an afternoon cuppa.

SAT 27 Nelson

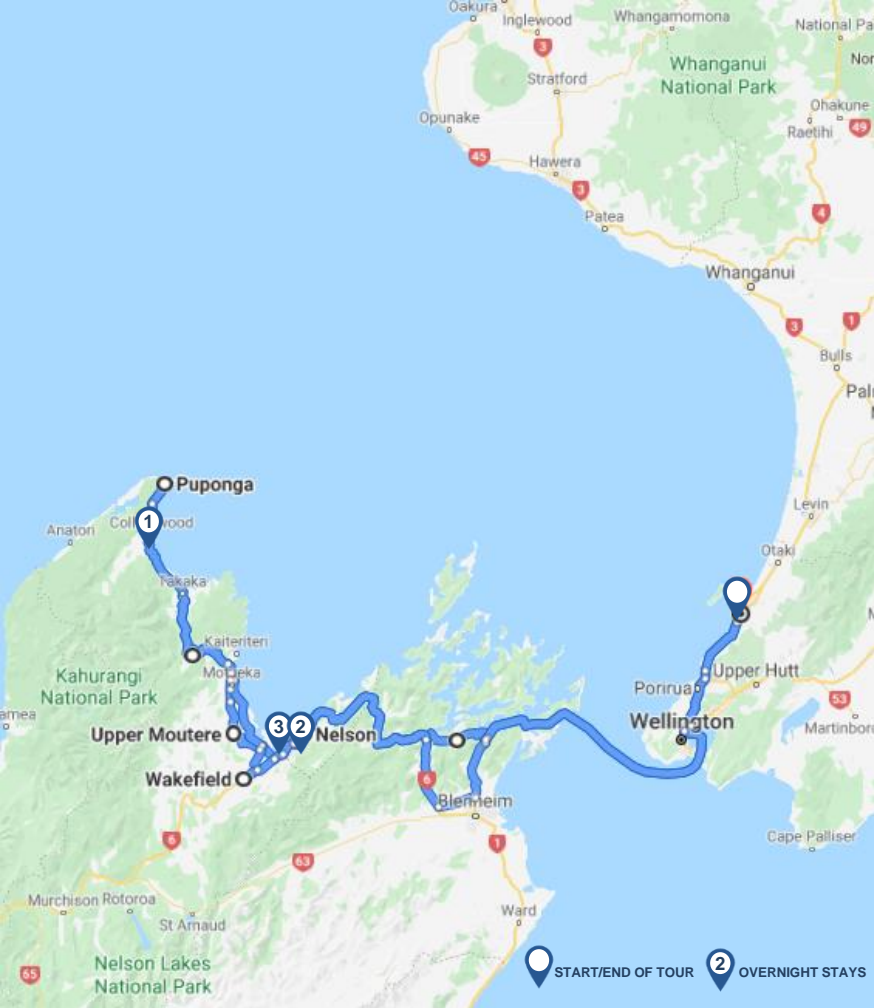
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Today is free and yours at leisure, perhaps visit the famous Nelson Saturday Market on Montgomery Square, or take a leisurely walk to the local Queens Gardens (a short walk from the hotel) or for those wanting a good leg-stretch the Matai River Walkway is a pleasant walk. Of course, you may choose just to sit back relax and read a good book. This evening we will reconvene for our Farewell Dinner together at the hotel.

SUN 28 Nelson – Kapiti

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This morning we begin our journey back towards home, travelling back over the Whangamoas through Havelock, the Marlborough Vineyards and onwards to Picton in time for our Interislander Ferry. Our journey will give you time to regale each other with your stories and perhaps collect those contact details of new founds friends, before arriving home in the later afternoon.



NELSON STAY PUT

7 Day Tour Includes

Fully hosted by a YOURTravel Tour Host

Premium and Boutique Accommodation

Sightseeing & Entrance Fees as indicated on itinerary

Meals as per itinerary

Departs 22 March 2021


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