

DAY 1 (HOBBITON)

Some easy walking during our tour of Hobbiton.

DAY 2 (TAUPO)

Our bus will spot us at Huka Falls for low level hikes ranging from 3 to 7 miles and ending up downtown Taupo for lunch and shopping before walking back to our hotel. Hot springs will be available along the hike.

DAY 3 (TAUPO)

This is our big hike day in the Tongariro National Park, including the Alpine Crossing. Hikes will vary 3.0 to 18.0 miles. The shorter hikes are low level while *the Crossing* is a very challenging altitude gain.

DAY 4 (WELLINGTON)

Urban hikes in this beautiful city will range from 3 to 8 miles including a hike down from Mt. Victoria Lookout. Fired up hikers can hike up Mt. Victoria instead of taking our bus. Otherwise hikes are easy.

DAY 5 (TWIZEL)

The main hike in the Peel Forest is a 5.7 mile loop through the Big Tree Forest to Emily Falls with a 1,000' elevation gain. Shorter hikes can be orchestrated.

DAY 6 (TWIZEL)

The Hooker Valley track is a moderate hike of about 5 miles. Our ambitious hikers will have the option of going up the Sealy Tarns Track to the Mueller Hut. That would add 4 tough miles. There are numerous shorter hikes around Mt. Cook village.

DAY 7 (MANAPOURI)

It is an 8.7 mile low level hike along the Kepler Track starting at Rainbow Bridge and hiking along the Waiau River back to the Fiordland National Park Visitors Center. An extra credit 2.5 mile hike on the lakeside trail of Lake Te Anau with a stop at the New Zealand native bird sanctuary will be offered or could be a main hike.

DAY 8 (MANAPOURI)

The Key Summit hike is a 4.7 mile out and back with a 1,400' ascent on the Routeburn Track to the Key Summit. The summit loop offers outstanding views. Hikers wishing a shorter low level hike will be taken to Lake Gunn.

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DAY 9 (WANAKA)

This will be a two hour hike on the Te Araroa Track along the pristine shoreline of Lake Wanaka. The level is an easy low level hike unless you choose to hike up to the organic winery near the end of the hike.

DAY 10 (WANAKA)

Roy's Peak is a challenging 4 hours round trip to a beautiful viewpoint. For those not interested in climbing to Roy's Peak this would be a good day to hike about this beautiful tourist resort town and shop.

DAY 11 (FOX GLACIER)

Lake Matheson is an easy, low level hike of about 4 miles. It starts and ends at a wonderful cafe and gift shop. Later in the evening we will do about an hour glo worm walk.

DAY 12 (FOX GLACIER)

Lots of options today. For an insanely beautiful, challenging and exciting hike the 3 hour trek on the Robert's Point Track will get the job done. Shorter hikes ranging from 1 to 2 hours with rain forest and glacier views are available.

DAY 13 (AKAROA)

This will be a repair day as we take the 6 hour drive to Akaroa. We will drop people off at the top slopes overlooking this French village harbor and hike downhill into town. There are also nice shoreline walks along the harbor of the Banks peninsula.

DAY 14 (AKAROA)

The 8k Purple Peak Track ascends to the area high above Akaroa. A shorter hike of about 2.7 miles featuring a waterfall and lighthouse is another option. This is my favorite spot in New Zealand!

