



WOMEN'S ADVENTURES NZ



Banks Peninsula Track

Thursday 25th February – Monday 1st March 2027

\$1695 per person

Join us on this walking adventure of the remote and beautiful South Eastern Bays of Banks Peninsula, starting and finishing the track in picturesque Akaroa.

The 31km Banks Track traverses coastal cliff tops, passes through ancient forests, waterfalls, tree ferns and descends into otherwise inaccessible bays. Enjoy an abundance of wildlife, glorious birdsong and gaze into never-ending night skies, whilst staying in unique accommodation each night offering rustic comfort, history, warmth and character.

Our packs will be transported between each accommodation so we only carry a day pack and there is the option to do a kayak tour on the second morning.

At the end of the track we stay the night in the quaint historic French and British settlement of Akaroa with a free half day to explore more of this charming little town.

Thursday 25th Feb	DAY ONE	COST
8:00am	For those travelling from Auckland we will meet at the airport for our recommended flight to Christchurch departing at 9:00am on NZ0527.	Flight own cost.
10:25am	Arrive at Christchurch and get picked up from the airport by shuttle van and taken to Akaroa.	Transport included.
1:00pm	Arrive in Akaroa and choose a cafe to have lunch, leaving our gear at the i-site. We have the rest of the afternoon to explore this quaint little village. There are some lovely little walks to do - out to the lighthouse, the Rhino walk, or visit the Giant's house, art gallery or three museums. We will also need to buy our food supplies for the next three track days. You will need to buy your own wine/beer etc. This will be transported with our bags.	Lunch own cost. Food supplies included.
5:30pm	We are picked up and transported to the start of the track and our first night accommodation at Onuku Trampers Hut. This hut sits 200m above sea level with spectacular views of the Akaroa Harbour. A perfect spot to watch the sunset while sipping on a glass of wine before dinner.	Included.
Friday 26th Feb	DAY TWO	COST
8:00am	Enjoy breakfast together and make our packed lunch before starting our first walking day. We just take our day pack with us today with wet weather gear, lunch, water, first aid kit. Our big bags will be transported to the next hut arriving there by 2pm.	Included.
9:00am	Onuku to Flea Bay, 11kms, 5 to 7 hours. Leaving Onuku we will climb from Onuku up through farmland to Trig GG at 699m, over the rim of the extinct volcano and down into Flea Bay through the Tutakakahikura Reserve.	
4:00pm	Arrive at Flea Bay. Our accommodation is the historic farm cottage set just 200m back from a safe swimming beach and with verandah views of the bay and Pōhatu Marine Reserve. The cottage is situated within the boundaries of the largest mainland colony of little blue penguins in New Zealand. Once we arrive it is free time to explore, relax, have a beverage before dinner and just enjoy this tranquil setting.	Included.
Saturday 27th Feb	DAY THREE	COST
7:30am	Enjoy breakfast together and make our packed lunch.	Included.
8:30am	For those who have chosen to kayak we walk over to the next farmhouse - a few hundred meters away - to start our half day guided kayaking tour in and around Flea Bay. For those who choose not to kayak you have free time this morning to relax or explore.	Kayaking optional and own cost.
12:30pm	After kayaking we come back together for lunch before we head off over to Stony Bay.	Lunch included.

1:30pm	Flea Bay to Stony Bay, 8kms, 3 to 5 hours. From Flea Bay we walk along the coast of the Pohatu Marine Reserve, through a Little Blue Penguin breeding colony and around the headlands to Stony Bay.	
5:00pm	We arrive in time to enjoy our rustic, quirky accommodation and surroundings. Stony Bay Cottages is a delightful collection of self-contained colonial style cottages surrounding a “village green”. The cottages have an open fireplace and log burner, gas cooking, barbecue, candles for lighting, and a ‘bath under the stars’. (There is no electricity here so ensure you have charged batteries the night before).	Included.
7:00pm	We will not need to have food organised for this night as there is a Walker’s shop with full supplies available. We will have dinner together from what we buy at the “shop”. Please bring some cash to pay for any extras you might like to buy - wine/beer can also be purchased here.	Included. Extras own cost.
Sunday 28th Feb	DAY FOUR	COST
8:00am	Breakfast together and make our packed lunch. Our bags are transported to our motel – you just need your day pack today.	Included.
9:00am	Stony Bay to Akaroa, 12kms, 5 to 7 hours. Today we’ll be walking through some of Hinewai Reserve, back over the rim of the extinct volcano and down into Akaroa.	
3:00pm	Arrive in Akaroa and walk to our accommodation for the night. We can stop at the i-site and organise what we’d like to do for tomorrow morning. There are a lot of options...kayaking, sailing, fishing, seal tour etc.	Accommodation included.
5:30pm	Walk into town for pre-dinner drinks and then to Ma Maison Restaurant, Akaroa’s hidden gem, for dinner.	Own cost.
Monday 1st March	DAY FIVE	COST
8:00am	Leave our bags at the motel and enjoy a leisurely breakfast at a local café. We can then head off to do an activity of your choice. We may all stick together or choose different things – the choice is yours!	Breakfast own cost. Optional activities own cost.
1:45pm	Meet back together at our motel to be picked up by the shuttle van to go back to the airport.	Transport included.
4:00pm	Arrive at the airport. You will need to ensure your flight departs after 5pm.	Flight own cost.
5:00pm	Our adventure comes to an end - the suggested flight to Auckland departs at 5:00pm on NZ0578.	

A packing list will be sent out.