

"Retreats without Roads" itinerary

Day I: Auckland – Kapiti Island

On arrival at Auckland Airport you will make your way over to the Heliport for your helicopter flight to Kapiti Island for two nights in luxury glamping accommodation.

However, you may prefer to stay in Auckland for your first night and transfer to Kapiti Island tomorrow.

Day 2: Kapiti Island

You will spend today exploring Kapiti Island with a Maori family with guided walks and tales of past Maori history. Join the family on a night time walk to see the rare kiwi, a native of New Zealand which only comes out at night.

Day 3: Kapiti Island – Marlborough Sounds

Today you will travel by helicopter to the Bay of Many Coves for three nights and enjoy the sights and sounds of the beautiful Marlborough Sounds.

Day 4: Marlborough Sounds

Today you may want to take a walk on Queen Charlotte Track. A water taxi will collect you from the Bay of Many Coves and transfer you to Ship Cove where you will find a small display about Captain Cook. He visited New Zealand several times and spent time in Ship Cove resupplying his ship in the 1770s. With walks from 5 to 12 miles you can spend a half or full day on the Queen Charlotte Track with the water taxi collecting you and transferring you back to the Bay of Many Coves in time for lunch or dinner. Or you can visit Moturua Island – one of the many predator free islands in the Marlborough Sounds, famous for its bird life.

Day 5: Marlborough Sounds

Today you can relax and enjoy spa facilities of the Bay of Many Coves. Or you may wish to hire a kayak, join a fishing trip or take a Seafood Odyssea boat cruise and visit salmon and mussel farms in the Marlborough Sounds.







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Day 6: Marlborough Sounds – Kaikoura

Today you will transfer by helicopter to Purepod, Kaikoura for one night under the stars in a glass box!

Before arriving at your accommodation, you may want to stop in Kaikoura for a whale, dolphin or seal encounter.





New Zealand Fur seal



Sperm whale diving off the Kaikoura coast

Day 7: Kaikoura – Banks Peninsula

Today you will transfer by helicopter to Annandale Luxury Villas on Banks Peninsula for three nights of relaxation with private chef dining.



Day 8: Banks Peninsula

Today you may want to explore Banks Peninsula with guided walks or a private trip to French Akaroa including a dolphin cruise where you can swim or view the hector dolphins – the rarest and smallest dolphin in the world that can only be found on Banks Peninsula.

Day 9: Banks Peninsula

Today you can relax surrounded by coastal views and farmland. Alternatively join the farmer of the Annandale Estate on his daily tasks.







Annandale Farm

Day 10: Banks Peninsula - Wanaka

Today you will fly to Wanaka with onward transfer to Minaret Station, a high country sheep station in Mount Aspiring National Park, where you will stay for 3 nights.



Day II: Wanaka

Today you may want to go jet boating on one of the many braided rivers in the National Park, join a guided hunt or fishing trip, take a hike or explore the estate on mountain bike.

Day 12: Wanaka

Today you may want to take to the air again for a scenic flight to Milford Sound and Fiordland National Park. Or perhaps over the glaciers with a landing.

Day 13: Wanaka - Doubtful Sound

Today you will fly back to Wanaka and take an onward flight to Doubtful Sound for the private charter of "Flightless" for I night. Activities include kayaking, hiking, fishing or scuba diving in the fiords of Fiordland National Park.









Cruising on Doubtful Sound

Day 14: Doubtful Sound – Queenstown – Auckland

Today you will return to Queenstown Airport for your onward flight to Auckland and your international connection. Or if you would prefer to explore more of New Zealand, this can be arranged.

