



# WINE, ART & WILDERNESS

NELSON, NEW ZEALAND

*FULL OF SURPRISES...  
SPOILT FOR CHOICE*



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# THE WINE, ART AND WILDERNESS STORY

**Wine Art and Wilderness** based in Nelson, New Zealand was established in 2005, hosting 'Business Class' visitors to provide a seamless transition from luxury accommodation to activities on a relaxed, well organised, fully catered and guided interpretive journey.

Nelson is the fortunate province surrounded by mountains, National Parks and the sea. The diverse and beautiful landscape of the region is a virtual magnet for artists and with the high sunshine hours it is one of the country's best producers of wine, hops and boutique beer, fruit and vegetables as well as sea food.

**Wine, Art and Wilderness** provide a secure private guide service tailored to your needs. Whether it is for one day or many, visitors can Trust the Guide to find the hidden gems and the best activities that showcase our beautiful and diverse country. Passion, knowledge and enthusiasm are our drivers to surprise and delight to exceed our guest's expectations.

Wine, Art and Wilderness was the first Nelson based tourism activity provider to achieve and maintained the **Qualmark Enviro-Gold** status.

All **Guides** contracted are chosen for their professionalism, maturity, experience, passion, insider knowledge and expertise and all have long experience in the tourism & hospitality industries.

## NATURE OR WILDERNESS ECO TOURS

Provides unique access to many of New Zealand's most diverse natural environments. Walking and scenic nature tours in Abel Tasman (including sole access to the remote north end), Kahurangi and Nelson Lakes National Parks, film location sites, Golden Bay, and Forest parks and Reserves in the North and West Coast of the South Island as well as private guided tours of the whole South Island.

## WINE TOURS

Your enthusiastic wine guide will introduce you to the actual wine creators at the small, family owned, boutique vineyards of both Nelson and Marlborough. Not the usual wine tour but you may experience award winning wines matched with local food delicacies.

## ART TOURS

With almost 400 artists of all disciplines working at their craft in the Nelson region there is no shortage of choice. Probably unique to Nelson is the openness and approachability of the artists and with Art Exposed you are guided and welcomed into many of the working studios and homes to see firsthand their skill and talent.

## FILM LOCATION TOURS

Our concessions cover Lord of the Rings, Hobbit and Piano film sites among others.

## TRANSFERS

For a complete service and a chance to get to know guests before activities we offer transfers between lodges and to or from airports.

Wine, Art and Wilderness offer two types of tour –Exclusive (private) and Scheduled (small group tours)

### 1.EXCLUSIVE TOURS

A select number of predetermined tours are available on an exclusive or private basis only, or guests can 'Trust the Guide' to seek out activities and features to cater for any specific interests. Most exclusive options are flexible enough to be adapted to meet time and fitness constraints.

### 2.SCHEDULED or Group Tours

Choose from any of Wine, Art and Wilderness scheduled tours to match required interests. They are fully catered, leisurely, informal and designed to cater for all levels of fitness. These are essentially a soft adventure – enticing, rewarding and taken at a relaxed pace. Transported in the comfort of luxurious vehicles, we follow less travelled routes to sites that provide insight into curious local attractions and contemporary and historical New Zealand life.

**NOTE** all scheduled tours can be provided on an Exclusive basis if required.

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## TRUST THE GUIDE - BESPOKE TOUR OPTIONS

With the many assets of the Nelson region it is easy to create a unique adventure to cater for any interests.

Using the time allowances as a guide, visitors can create their own day by selecting from any of the following Nelson activities.

**Gourmet Food.** Nelson has long been considered a food bowl for New Zealand, and the food grown here speaks of the country. Name any non-tropical fruit and vegetable and it will be growing in Nelson. It's also the home of King Salmon, mussel farms and the biggest fishing fleet in Australasia. The perfect place for a huge range of natural and processed food such as jams oils, chips, honey, and cheeses. *Allow 1-2 hours.*

**Nelson Beer.** This is hop territory so no New Zealand beer tour could be complete without a visit to the Nelson Tasman region. The only place in New Zealand where hops are grown commercially has become the country's craft brewing centre with more than 12 craft breweries. *Allow 1-4 hours.*

**Nelson Wine.** Nelson's family owned wineries and vineyards are world class, and limited only by their boutique size. *Allow 5-6 hours.*

**Nelson Art.** Nelson celebrates being the Art centre of New Zealand and the galleries in and around Nelson clearly showcase why the city is a giant culture magnet attracting both artists and visitors in a fusion of creativity that exists all year round. *Allow 5-6 hours.*

**Nelson Market.** Visitors usually consider this the best market they've ever discovered. The locals already know! A must on any Saturday morning is to experience the innovative creativity of the region and savour the delicious flavours of Nelson amongst a bustling and vibrant atmosphere. *Allow 1-2 hours.*

**World of Wearable Art.** The World of WearableArt™ and Classic Cars Museum is an iconic, must see, Nelson visitor attraction that celebrates two distinctly different passions. A world class collection of classic cars can be viewed alongside incredible wearable works of art from all around the globe. *Allow 1-2 hours.*

**Happy Valley.** An adventure playground famous for the Skywire where you can soar like a bird in a safe activity the whole family can enjoy. *Allow 3-4 hours.*

**Waimarama Brook Sanctuary.** Imagine a place where native plants and animals thrive, without threat from introduced pests - alive with birdsong, where rare species such as kiwi, tuatara and kakapo roam freely, where visitors can see native flora and fauna close to home.. Waimarama Sanctuary is a community-based initiative working to create a pest-free wildlife sanctuary. *Allow 3-4 hours.*

**Bird Watching.** Nelson, surrounded by bush clad foothills, sanctuaries, estuaries, islands and open coast is the perfect place for a large range of birds.

**Gardens.** For gardening and nature enthusiasts, you'll want to be guided around the area to marvel at the unique blend of native and exotic plants on show. There are many historic homesteads that are host to fantastic gardens as well as public gardens with a collection of English, Japanese, and Chinese influences, as well as Gardens of the World. *Allow 2-3 hours.*

**Film Location Sites.** The diverse and unique landscapes around Nelson lend themselves perfectly to film locations. *Times vary.*

**Ladies Day Out.** Guided by Michelle, this is a day just for the ladies to indulge in a little bit of shopping, a 'Wheelie Fantastic' downhill bike ride, superb coffee & cake, local artists and jewellers, wine tasting and lunch and maybe a bit more shopping! *Allow 5-6 hours.*



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## THE FOOD FORAGERS PICNIC FROM SOURCE TO SERVE (PRIVATE TOUR)



Departure 10 am    Duration 6 hrs  
*Fully Catered*

"Perfect day. Great blend of tastes , visual and visceral."  
~ Nancy Bryant & Jerry Taylor. Washington, DC

### From Source to Serve

Nelson has long had a reputation as one of the sunniest regions in New Zealand and has a developed lifestyle that has attracted innovative artisans, food and wine and craft beer producers from around the world. The amazing climate is ideal for many latitudinal crops and combined with the unique local and international flair of the residents an amazing array of food and produce can be found.

The perfect pathway to discover a place and its culture is to take an exploratory tour in this beautiful scenic region through its food.

Among the city and surrounding hills and in the markets there is a tantalizing array of delicious treats and gourmet products that you can taste and collect. Your host will prepare and serve these as a kiwi picnic in some idyllic setting while you relax with a wine.

The choice of food is wide and varied but will include different types of cheese, breads, fish, olives and olive oil, nuts, fresh vegetables, seasonal fruit, fig salami, chocolate, dips and sauces and other condiments, wine, craft beer as well as a visit to a wild mushroom grower and a bowl of the best mushroom soup ever!



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## WINE IN THE WILDERNESS (PRIVATE TOUR)

WINE IN THE WILDERNESS is a fascinating day journey that highlights and showcases the very reasons I love this region. On collection from your accommodation in a luxury vehicle this scenic journey starts immediately as we travel to Stephens Bay to board your own personal water taxi to be transported to a stunning yet remote golden sand bay in Abel Tasman National Park for a gourmet lunch of fine, fresh local products.

After lunch your hosts guide you on a short walk into the park and will delight you with historic tales and interesting stories of the diverse collection of native plants and their uses. From easily accessible vantage points marvel at the stunning emerald water colours as tide moves over the rich golden sands. Hidden estuaries surrounded by bush and bay after golden bay may be revealed to highlight the true essence of New Zealand's most popular coastal national park.

Returning to the beach it becomes real relaxation time to taste the very best of local wine varieties matched

with the finest local produce that may include hot smoke salmon, mussels, venison, cheese or scallops and gain an appreciation of this renowned wine and food region, the elements of terroir and the personalities and philosophy's of the locals.

The hardest part is leaving this idyllic place to be returned to your accommodation.

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Depart 9 am  
Duration 7-8 hours  
*Fully catered*

Walking Time 1 hour  
Fitness Level Average

"A wonderful day with Noel, including wine and food matching, meals on the beach, bush walking, coastal cruising and more. We loved every minute!"

~ Bob & Deb Stevenson

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## TRANZ SCENIC NELSON (PRIVATE TOUR)



Depart the city of Christchurch for your first unique experience on the Tranz Alpine scenic train, which travels from one coast of New Zealand to the other. You'll have great views of the Canterbury Plains and farmland, followed by the spectacular gorges and river valleys of the Waimakariri River.

The train climbs into the Southern Alps before descending through lush beech rain forest to the West Coast town of Greymouth. This rail ride is 224 kilometres long and takes just four and a half hours. There are 19 tunnels and 4 viaducts, the highest being 'The Staircase' at 73 metres.

At Greymouth you will be met by a specialist guide and driven north to a stunning viewpoint to enjoy a gourmet lunch.

The drive continues on what Lonely Planet describes as one of the top coastal highways in the world – through luxuriant coastal forest, limestone cliffs and canyons, and an absolutely spectacular coastline, all packed into one tiny national park – Paparoa, which is most famous for the Pancake Rocks and blowholes of Dolomite Point, beside the little settlement of Punakaiki.

We visit the hidden gem of Charleston, a place rich in gold mining history that features rugged coastline, impressive sea cliffs and numerous small inlets, all shaped by the relentless sea.

We pass through the spectacular Buller Gorge, Kawatiri Junction and alongside the Kahurangi National Park on the

way to your accommodation in Nelson.

Spend two or three days based in Nelson – a city with a village feel, experiencing Abel Tasman National Park, exploring Golden Bay, wine, beer or food tasting or maybe an art tour.

The journey continues alongside the beautiful Marlborough Sounds before arriving in Picton to board the Coastal Pacific train for the stunning scenic journey back to Christchurch.

This journey is a scenic feast of New Zealand, with the Kaikoura mountain ranges on one side of your train and the rugged Pacific Ocean coastline on the other. Passing through the village of Kaikoura and some of New Zealand's finest horticultural and farmland areas, you may see wildlife such as dolphins, seals and penguins from the comfort of your train carriage. One of the world's most scenic train journeys, your Coastal Pacific train features an open air viewing carriage where all your senses are awakened with the clean, fresh, sea air. This service also includes a fully licensed café car and professional Train Managers who provide informative commentary to ensure a totally unique experience.

**NOTE** this tour can be done in reverse and can originate in Christchurch, Picton or Nelson.

Depart	Christchurch Railway Station at 8.15 am
Duration	11 hrs







# WILDERNESS

New Zealand's uniqueness in our flora and fauna not only came from our geographic isolation but also from the absence of marsupials and other mammals.

These diverse ecosystems of New Zealand were contained by 18,000 km of coastline and this natural world is the inspiration for its national icons – the kiwi, silver fern and koru.

New Zealand's mountains are young and are among the most dramatic landforms and are the spine of the South Island.

The nature, walking and scenic tours of Wine Art and Wilderness seek to explore our strange diversity and history in Abel Tasman, Kahurangi and Nelson Lakes National Parks, Golden Bay and Forest Parks and Reserves.

As my passion lies in understanding and interpreting the natural surroundings I provide the ultimate in interactive guided experiences, as there is much to be learnt by visitors who explore the awesome scenery in my favorite places, without the crowds.





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## ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

Although Abel Tasman National Park is New Zealand's smallest at 22,139 ha. it is also the sunniest and world famous for its golden sand beaches, turquoise waters, completely unmodified estuaries, lush bush to the high tide mark and the excellent walking tracks which makes it a must visit when in Nelson.

Archaeological evidence, such as middens, kumara storage pits, house terraces and defensive ditches indicate over 800 years of Maori habitation but it could also be stated that the park marks the birth place of New Zealand's European history.

On 13 December 1642, Abel Tasman a Dutch seafarer sailed towards this "large and highly elevated land", looking for a great southern continent.

On the 19th December 1642 he anchored in Golden Bay. Strange ships and white people must have created quite a stir amongst the local Maori. Waka paddled out to investigate but neither party would understand or appreciate the greeting or challenge and in the ensuing confusion conflict arose and Tasman lost four men.

With such rich history the area was declared a national park exactly 300 years later.

Abel Tasman National Park is world famous for its golden sand beaches, mesmerising clear turquoise water, completely unmodified estuaries, predator free islands alive with a rich symphony of birdsong and the playful antics of the New Zealand seal pups.

Nowhere else in NZ can be found the same coastal plant and animal communities as here. The park's many sandy estuaries are home to many fish, shellfish, snails, worms and crabs which in turn provide food for oyster catchers, pied stilts, shags and white faced herons.

The damper gullies with their richer forest lead the way in the re-establishment of rimu, northern rata, pukatea and kahikatea with a dense understorey of nikau palms, tree ferns, kiekie and supplejack vines.

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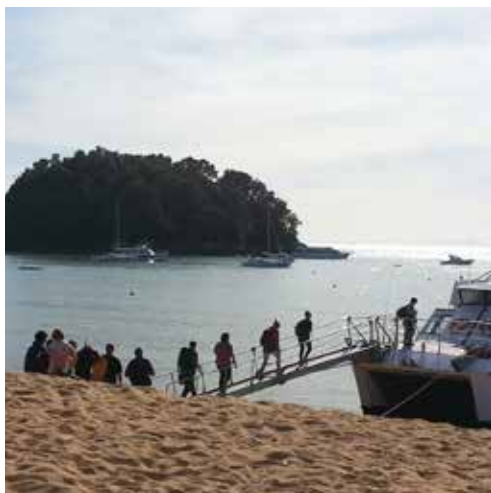
## ABEL TASMAN WATER AND WALK (PRIVATE OR SCHEDULED)

Abel Tasman Water & Walk is for those visitors who have more of a focus on walking through the park so that they can spend more time exploring the many features on offer and discovering there is much more here than anticipated.

Access is by water taxi to Medlands Beach in Bark Bay and walking through an ever changing forest of silver fern, strangely twisted Manuka or kanuka and beech trees and

under large podocarp trees alongside Falls River over a swing bridge on to Torrent Bay, Cleopatras Pools or Pitt Head.

This added value, fully guided journey interprets the less obvious features such as the early settler activity as well as Maori history and the endless stories that abound here, especially from the rich variety of vegetation, birds and aquatic life.



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**Departure**  
**Walking time**  
**Fitness required**  
**Options**

from 7.45 am for scheduled tour  
4 -5 hours on a good surface  
average as there is uphill walking  
shared water taxi or private charter.

Private half day in park with guided walk around Pitt Head through beautiful regenerating forest, alive with birds for spectacular views of stunning colours and form of Te Pukatea Bay, one of the nicest in the park. Spend the afternoon experiencing wine and art.

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## ABEL TASMAN WATER & WALK WITH KAYAKING (PRIVATE TOUR)

For the more active visitor who wishes to experience the two key activities in one day by walking in the morning and kayaking in the afternoon. Being tide, weather and time dependant the guide will choose on the day the sequence of activity and the area to experience.

Silently gliding over the clear water with fish and beautiful rock gardens below one can be surprised by the fur seals on the rocky headlands with a backdrop of beautiful regenerating forest, alive with birdsong.

Options	Kayak portion can be private or shared. Walk is private.
Walk time	2 -3 hours. Kayak 2 hours experience not needed.

"We had a fabulous two days. Thank you for everything.... the touring, the lunch, your knowledge was amazing!" ~ Colleen, Garth, Catherine, Victoria & Madeline Jay. China.

## ABEL TASMAN CRUISE, PICNIC AND WALK (PRIVATE ONLY)

This private charter is for those folk who wish to spend more time on the water exploring the many golden sand bays, rivers and estuaries, as well as the rich aquatic wildlife. A well-chosen, sheltered spot will be selected to set up a picnic lunch on the sand. Walking into the park during the afternoon is optional as is the time.





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## REMOTE ABEL TASMAN (PRIVATE TOUR)

Utilising the sole right to guide in the remote end of Abel Tasman National Park without any other commercial activity and only a few freedom walkers is the ultimate experience.

This North western end of the park has all the attributes and more than the main part but without the crowds and noise.

The day starts with a brief overview of both Kahurangi and Abel Tasman National Parks by helicopter before landing in Wainui in Golden Bay to start the 12.5 km walk through beautiful forest, over streams, multiple headlands, past Separation Point, seal colonies and on to stunning golden sand beaches without doubt the most beautiful of all the park on the Tasman Bay side.

Strange rock formations in cosy little coves make grand photo subjects along with the elevated views of crystal clear water with a magical blue colour that rivals anything world-wide.

On reaching Totaranui a private water taxi awaits that will cruise around the remainder of the parks coast past estuaries, bays and predator free islands where time is taken to listen to the melodic birdsong.

On returning to Kaiteriteri a luxury vehicle returns you to your accommodation.

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Walk time	4-5 hours
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Fitness level required	Good
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## INTRODUCING GOLDEN BAY

Golden Bay is a scenic feast of diverse landforms, nestled between the mountains of Kahurangi National Park and the stunningly beautiful golden sands of Abel Tasman National Park.

Sole access is by a single road over Takaka Hill that leaves from almost sea-level to reach an altitude of 800 metres through a mix of mature native forest remnants, regenerating scrub, managed forest and farmland and in between alternating views of both national parks with the orchards and Tasman Bay below.

There are always plenty of opportunities for photos with a short walk to a viewing platform through ancient granite and marble rock outcrops and into a quaint forest remnant or entering Ngarua cave to exit near a Hobbit film location site. This alpine region provides spectacular views, fascinating rock formations and sink holes interspersed with grassland meadows.

Descending into Golden Bay the mountains of Kahurangi loom large above the predominantly dairy farmland with distance views of the internationally renowned wildlife reserve of Sandspit over the township of Takaka which is as interesting as its inhabitants and often described as a hippy village that attracts artisans from around the world to enjoy the laid-back atmosphere, sunny climate and to be with other artists.

Close by is Te Waikoropupu Springs which are the largest freshwater springs in New Zealand, the largest cold water springs in the southern hemisphere and is the clearest water ever measured in the world. This small area

surrounding the springs is wahi tapu, a place held in high cultural and spiritual regard by Maori, is steeped in gold mining history and is the perfect place to observe the many stages of re-vegetation of a unique indigenous forest that contains a huge collection of plants including mature beech and podocarp forest.

Continue north by numerous estuaries and seaside villages and soon the enormity of Sandspit becomes apparent before crossing over to the open sea side for the most spectacular wild coastline where a proper explore will involve walking through a working farm, past dune lakes and Maori food pits then views of stunning sea cliffs and islands rearing up out of the ocean carved by the wild seas. Emerging from weather beaten and twisted Manuka the coast is amazing with strange yet fascinating rock formations, archways and caves then a long stretch of white sand finally bunched up into towering sand dunes.

Towards the eastern side of Golden Bay the road passes through a natural hole and alongside amazing limestone formations to the Abel Tasman memorial lookout and the golden sands of Ligar Bay and Tata beach before walking into Abel Tasman National Park to see Wainui Falls, the largest waterfall in the region.

No visit is complete without uncovering a hidden secret. A fascinating limestone area shaped and worn by strong undersea currents before being thrust up from the ocean into a sub-tropical climate that supports a unique collection of plants, some with strange habits and incredible stories.







## GOLDEN BAY IN A DAY

### Highlights

- Spectacular views, caves, short walks
- Te Waikoropupu Springs – clearest water in the World
- Takaka village, a town with a hippy persona
- The golden sands of Tata Beach
- Wainui Falls, the largest waterfall in the region
- Grove Reserve – a thrust up collection of strange limestone formations supporting a rare and unique collection of almost tropical plant life with unbelievable habits



**Departure** 8.30 am  
**Walk Time** 2 -3hrs in segments  
**Fitness Level** Easy/average

*\*Please note: Golden Bay in a Day and Wild NorthWest can be combined into a 2 day 1 night stopover. Details and price on application.*





## GOLDEN BAY IN A DAY WITH SCENIC FLIGHT (PRIVATE ONLY)

### Highlights

Involves scenic flight in a fixed wing plane over Kahurangi National Park and Lake Otuhie to the spectacular wild West Coast, Wharariki beach, past huge rock archways and Cape Farewell, along-side Farewell Spit across Golden Bay, around the coast of Abel Tasman National Park, over Harwoods Hole to return down the Takaka Valley.

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## WILD NORTHWEST



Wild Northwest is a big day but the activities and world beating scenic sites and the sheer diversity of the landscapes are so uplifting visitors never want to leave!

### Highlights

- the drive up Takaka Hill to an altitude of 800 metres
- Incredible views of Tasman Bay, Golden Bay, Kahurangi and Abel Tasman National Parks.
- Te Waikoropupu Springs, the clearest water in the world.
- Views of Farewell Spit
- Wharariki Beach, among the world's most dramatic coasts.

This storm-worn beach experience starts with a typical New Zealand farm walk through mobs of sheep and docile cattle, past the geological phenomenon of Dune Lakes, the remnants of Maori food pits and then views of the rugged

coast, that have been described as the best in the world, open before you.

Emerging from a marvellous regenerating patch of coastal bush and wind twisted Manuka visitors will be stunned by the enormity of the sea cliffs, numerous caves, wild surf, storm shaped rock formations, off shore islets and islands and the variety of sea birds and aquatic life.

Beyond the expanse of the flat, wind-blown beach one is drawn to giant white sand dunes and from the top looking back, marvel at the experience and immensely satisfied, reluctantly head for home.

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<b>Departure</b>	7.30 am
<b>Walking time</b>	3 - 4hrs in segments
<b>Fitness level required</b>	Average

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## PARKS AND RESERVES

Nelson has more National Parks & Reserves than any other region and Wine Art and Wilderness has a great selection of activities to cater for all tastes and interests.



Departure	8.30 am
Walking time	Return, minimum 3 hrs, up to 6 hrs
Fitness level required	Good

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### ALPINE SPLENDOUR MOUNT ARTHUR, KAHURANGI NATIONAL PARK

The access road to Mount Arthur – the second highest mountain in Kahurangi National Park – climbs to almost 1,000 metres and is an awesome activity on its own, affording marvellous views and hinting at what is to follow.

The walk starts with a moderate tramp through towering beech forest to reach the alpine region. During the morning an ever improving and diverse birdlife becomes apparent with Kea, Weka often as low as the carpark then bellbird, the tiny rifleman, tomtit and the fearless bush robin entertain all thanks to the volunteer group Friends of Flora and their trapping programme.

Mid-way up the forest dramatically changes perhaps due to a mineral belt, into predominantly dragon trees or mountain neinei. This is a hugely interesting forest and quite from another world, before returning to beech forest prior to emerging into the alpine region.

Weather conditions and or fitness may determine how far we proceed but within minutes giant granite slabs are reached offering spectacular 360 degree views and hidden amongst these and in crevices is the biggest selection of alpine plants to be found in one area in New Zealand.

This part of Kahurangi National Park is one of New Zealand's most interesting for visitors, with its impressive mountain and bush scenery, remarkable botany and geology and interesting human stories.

The Mount Arthur area has many special geological features. Nowhere else in New Zealand has such a complex series of ancient rocks been eroded into such a distinctively different landscape.

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## NELSON LAKES NATURE RECOVERY – NELSON LAKES NATIONAL PARK

**Nelson Lakes Nature Recovery** - on leaving the city limits this journey touches on the scientific history through the discoveries of Sir Ernest Lord Rutherford – Father of the Atom, then the pioneering endeavours of the early road and railway developers at Kawatiri Junction.

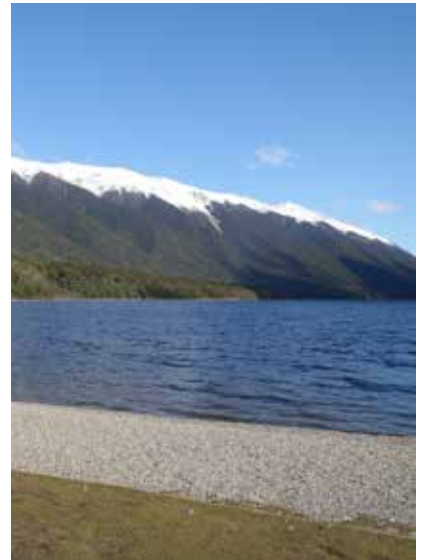
The scenic drive continues to Lake Rotoiti in **Nelson Lakes National Park** which protects the northern section of the Southern Alps. During the Ice Age, massive glaciers gouged out basins in the mountainous headwaters of the Buller River to form a series of alpine lakes.

The steep, craggy and bare-faced mountains and shingle fans lend a dramatic atmosphere to the park but at their base near the lake we take a gentle walk through beautiful beech forest which is the perfect place to see conservation in action and the results of an intensive pest trapping and eradication program.

You will experience the vivid birdsong and the rejuvenated forest understory returning to its pre-European condition that has allowed the re-introduction of kiwi & kaka and improved the breeding conditions of robins, tomtits and rifleman, New Zealand's smallest bird, as well as other birds and insects.

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Departure	9 am
Walking time	Flexible, 1- 3hrs
Fitness level required	Easy/Average





## NELSON IN A DAY

**Nelson in a Day** is the ideal journey that orientates visitors to the region and provides an appreciation of what makes this area so attractive to live and play in.

Nelson is an early New Zealand city but still with a village feel, full of character and colourful personalities, and could easily lay claim to the Arts or Craft Beer capital of the country.

There are many historic precincts and grand old houses as well as parks and gardens to explore, and then stunning view points overlooking the city and the entire region, before passing through the rich fruit and wine producing Waimea Plains.

At Upper Moutere/Sarau there is time to see features within the historic German settlement including the oldest hotel in New Zealand before driving up the Riwaka Valley and walking into the stunning old forest remnant to see the incredible Resurgence, the natural drain hole of Marble Mountain.

A scenic loop drive continues to Marahau the entrance to Abel Tasman National Park, then on to Kaiteriteri one of the most beautiful beaches in New Zealand where you will enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch.

The coastal drive to the small township of Mapua will surprise and delight with the fast flowing tidal waters, cafes, shops and art galleries before completing the journey to Nelson.

Departure	9 am
Walking time	Short and variable
Fitness level required	Easy







## RICHMOND FOREST PARK – HALF DAY

### Option One – Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

With the establishment and development of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary there is a determined effort by hundreds of volunteers to trap noxious animals, cut and form trapping and walking tracks, educate students and visitors at the same time raise funds for the erection of a surrounding pest proof fence.

The reward for all this hard work is a revitalised eco system as it was pre-immigrant time with healthy populations of giant earth worms, insects, and birdlife and conditions suitable for the reintroduction of kiwi and tuatara.

For those folk with limited time who wish to explore the diversity of a New Zealand forest with an easy walk, this half day journey focuses on flora and fauna and the traditional uses of many of our plants.

### Option Two – Pelorus River

Take a scenic 50 minute drive to the Pelorus River to explore a little part of forest as New Zealand was before early settler arrival. Marvel at the giant podocarp trees such as Rimu, Matai and Totara that tower skywards and form a canopy over beech and Puketea tree that in turn shelter silver ferns, lancewoods and coprosmas. This is home to one of the last remaining colonies of bats and again intensive trapping is allowing the wildlife to thrive so their birdsong is truly inspiring.

Exit the easy flat walk to the beautiful Pelorus River as it rolls through broken rock formations lined on both sides with native forest. This was the location of the barrel scene in in the second *Hobbit* movie the *Desolation of Smaug*.

Departure	9 am and 1 pm.
Walking time	1 easy hour
Fitness level required	Average





## CHETWOOD FOREST ON MARBLE MOUNTAIN

Nelson was privileged to host actors for the **Lord of the Rings** and later the **Hobbit** movies as there are around seven film sites in the region. The jewellery was also designed and made in Nelson that has made Jens Hansen world famous and a must visit to hold the 'one ring' while on tour.

Takaka Hill, with its rocky marble outcrops, served as the location for Chetwood Forest, north of Bree that was featured in *The Fellowship of the Rings*. This was the initial route of the Hobbits and Strider (Aragorn) on their hasty escape from Bree and the arrival of the Black Riders. The area lies on the border of Kahurangi National Park - the filming location for Dimril Dale and Eregion Hills and the Rough Country South of Rivendell.

Bree is the place where, seemingly by accident, Gandalf and Thorin once met. They were both thinking about the same problem: the dragon Smaug at the Lonely Mountain (Erebor). The meeting led to the undertaking of the Quest of Erebor, which resulted in the death of Smaug and the finding of the One Ring by Bilbo Baggins.

Near the top of Takaka Hill we enter Middle Earth – Ngarua

Cave full of stalactites and stalagmites and emerge at the site of the last scene in the **Battle of the Five Armies** – Bilbo and Gandalf riding horses through the rocky outcrops.

Several other areas are walked through but the most obvious is where Bilbo Baggins had just caught up with the dwarfs and Gandalf at the start of their adventure in *The Unexpected Journey*.

### Highlights

- Holding the 'One Ring'
- Middle Earth cave
- Weird rock formations
- Walking through film sites
- Harwoods Hole, the deepest vertical shaft in New Zealand

Departure	9 am
Walking time	2 - 3 hrs in segments
Fitness level required	Average







# WINE EXPOSED

Wine Exposed visits the small boutique family owned wineries that are the most picturesque to be found anywhere and learn their unique or historical stories.

Guided by a passionate wine enthusiast, join with winemakers, viticulturists, vineyard owners and their families crafting exquisite wines and savour the secrets of wine making and the simplicity of Food Matching with some of the regions most noted wine personalities.

Wine Exposed offers a personal and authentic experience. It's the perfect way to explore the Nelson and Marlborough regions that have made New Zealand wine famous throughout the world.

Each day is a journey of relaxation and rejuvenation enjoying the simple everyday luxuries that the locals experience along with the fun and flexibility of a small group.

## Wine

Nelson has built a solid global reputation for the wine it produces and the personality of the winemakers.

Marlborough is world famous for Sauvignon Blanc and now producing world class Pinot Noir

## Food

Nelson food speaks of the country and has long been considered a food bowl for New Zealand, has a reputation for the quality and variety of fresh fruit and vegetables and sea produce.

Each day is a journey of relaxation and rejuvenation enjoying the simple everyday luxuries that the locals experience along with the fun and flexibility of a small group. Each vineyard or winery visited has been chosen for its stunning locality and unique romantic story

All are top boutique and family owned, driven by passion and enthusiasm that allows their cultural influence to show through in the consistently high quality wines.

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## WINE EXPOSED NELSON

The vineyards of Nelson are set amongst exceptional scenic countryside often with a foreground of either rich horticultural land, or ever changing tidal estuaries, and a background of mountains from Mount Richmond Forest Park or Kahurangi National Park.

All wineries and vineyards are family owned, driven by passion and enthusiasm that allows their cultural influence to show through in the consistently high quality wines of world class, limited only by their boutique size.

They create hand-made wines, taking risks with wild fermentations, unproven grape varieties and new styles of wine.

Each vineyard or winery visited has been chosen for its stunning locality and unique romantic story.

A different theme is presented at each visit and may include Wine Appreciation, interacting with the wine maker, walking among the vines or perhaps enjoying tank and barrel samples. Food & wine matching is always a highlight along with tasting other local gourmet foods.



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**Departure** 10.30 am

**Duration** 7 hrs

***\*Lunch included***

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## WINE EXPOSED MARLBOROUGH

The journey from Nelson to the world famous Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc growing region passes over the spectacular Richmond Forest Park with an option to take a short flat walk through a pristine virgin forest and view the Pelorus River where the barrel scene of the Hobbit movie was filmed.

Pass through Havelock, the Mussel Capital of the world before reaching the vast Marlborough wine region where each vineyard or winery visited has been chosen for its stunning locality and unique romantic story.

All are top boutique and family owned, driven by passion and enthusiasm that allows their cultural influence to show through in the consistently high quality wines.

A different theme is presented at each visit and may include Wine Appreciation, interacting with the wine maker, walking among the vines or perhaps enjoying tank and barrel samples during a winery tour.

Surrounded by hills, elevated view points present the vastness of this region with rare native falcons flying overhead, bred as part of the Falcons for Vintners programme.

Food & wine matching is always a highlight along with tasting other local gourmet foods.

Departure 9 am

*\*Lunch included*

"What a fantastic day. Learnt and enjoyed it so much! Thank you."  
~ Maxine & Keith Turner, England





## WINE AND ART

Just as the beautiful surrounding mountains set a magnificent backdrop that shelter the foothills and plains to the sea, the calming ambience has inspired almost 400 artists to settle here to be followed by winemakers who alongside market gardeners and orchardists are producing world class products.

There is no better way to explore and discover the quintessential Nelson lifestyle as this journey takes you to meet artists and into galleries exhibiting art forms of all persuasions.

Winemakers share their world class wine as the host prepares matching food and lunch and refreshments showcase the huge variety of produce from this food bowl in the sunniest part of New Zealand.

It is this skilled, artistic approach to wine making rather than a factory-focused one that makes the synergy between wine and art so natural in the Nelson region.

This is the secret lifestyle that attracts so many to live in Nelson and enjoy its special vibrancy.

Departure 10 am    Duration 7 hrs

*\*Lunch included*







# THE ARTS

Nelson celebrates being the Art centre of New Zealand as the galleries in and around Nelson clearly showcase why the city is a giant culture magnet attracting both artists and visitors in a fusion of creativity that exists all year round.

Nelson is blessed with stunning physical attributes – National parks, mountain ranges, rivers, lakes, sheltered bays, estuaries, and a superb climate, this and the laid back atmosphere has inspired many artists to greatness and international acclaim.

Probably unique to Nelson is the openness and approachability of the artists and with Art Exposed you are guided and welcomed into many of the working studios and homes and see first hand their skill and talent.

With the small group size of Art Exposed tours there is the flexibility that allows selecting from the large and diverse array of Galleries and studios to visit.

The importance of arts in the region is without question, as it is an area of dense activity and participation and the current generation of artists with a 'can do' attitude and driving passion that epitomizes the Nelson spirit and continues to make remarkable things happen, whether it is Ceramics, Glass, Jewellery, Painting & Printmaking, Photography, Sculpture, Textiles, Woodwork, Ironwork and Furniture as well as mixed media.



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## ART GALLERY TOUR

The galleries in and around Nelson clearly showcase why the city is a giant culture magnet attracting both artists and visitors in a fusion of creativity that exists all year round.

From the World of WearableArt where fashion merges with fantasy to the Red Art Gallery that caters for contemporary styles of both established and emerging artists. The world renowned Hoglund Glass is a must visit on the way to Mapua and Kereru Gallery among others before exploring the numerous galleries of the Upper Moutere where one could be easily overwhelmed by the rich diversity of styles on offer and the magnificent quality of each piece.

Nelson is an idyllic and inspiring place and it will soon be obvious how this region has such a fascinating and vibrant creative spirit and celebrates being the Art centre of New Zealand and now Art Exposed turns the key and provides access into the working studios of internationally renowned artists.

Art is a very personal thing and the diversity of Art disciplines to be found range through Ceramics, Glass, Jewellery, Painting & Printmaking, Photography, Sculpture, Textiles, Woodwork, Ironwork and Furniture as well as mixed media.

There are so many galleries or accessible artists galleries, too many to mention each with their own style or niche so whatever a visitors specific interest is, it will be catered for.

A Food & Wine component can be blended with this tour.

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Departure 10.30 am

*\*Lunch included*

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"Wow! Not a word can describe the wonderful things we have seen."  
~ Roger & Shirley Hooten





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## WHY BOOK WITH US?

We have the most extensive **Department of Conservation** concessions to operate in National Parks and Reserves.

If it is the top Nelson wineries you wish to experience Wine Art and Wilderness has single and unique access to the very best. [www.winenelson.co.nz](http://www.winenelson.co.nz)

We have developed personal relationships with Nelsons best international rated artists.

Our passion is finding the best artisan food producers. [www.moutereartisans.co.nz](http://www.moutereartisans.co.nz)

Wine Art and Wilderness has achieved and maintained the highest Qualmark endorsements

We are Nelsons premier ground based activity provider and work closely with luxury accommodation, helicopter and boat operators.

Our guides are mature and professional with a can do attitude.

All tours are fully catered with all-inclusive pricing.

We provide a seamless transition between accommodation, transfers and activities.

Wine Art and Wilderness have a full house of 5 Star **TripAdvisor** reviews.



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## GUIDES



Noel Kennedy

I trained in forest management, conservation and tourism and worked extensively on high country properties in revegetation projects and pioneered the mass seed collecting and production of ecological native plants. Advised and assisted on the establishment of tourism activities and was on the management team of Fiordland National Park.

Owned and operated two wine shops, wrote wine lists for restaurants and cafes as well as doing viticulture work on vineyards.

I have now successfully combined interests and passions into establishing and managing Wine, Art and Wilderness.



Michelle

With experience in Travel and Hospitality I have recently moved back to New Zealand with my young family after spending the last year living and traveling abroad. I've always had a passion to see the world and meet different cultures so it was great to teach our children to be global citizens.

I'm a born and bred South Islander and love the Nelson and Tasman region for its National Parks, beaches, wine and locally grown culinary delights!



Darrin

I have always lived in the Nelson area with extensive work and recreational experience in the Able Tasman National Park as a tourist boat skipper and guide as well as Nelson Lakes National Park where I was a staff member.

I have always had a keen interest in the outdoors with the three local national parks being our playground. My recreational interests include boating, fishing, hunting, scuba diving, horse riding, snow skiing and hiking to mention a few.



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# WINE, ART AND WILDERNESS INFORMATION.

## SAFETY

Your safety on a Wine, Art and Wilderness day trip is assured – everything about your day has been fully designed to guarantee your peace of mind.

All guides are specially trained and highly professional, First Aid certified and Licence Endorsed to carry passengers and hold the appropriate licences to operate within National Parks where each carry a phone, radio, personal locator beacon and first aid kit.

Wine, Art and Wilderness works to the highest health and Safety standards which are reviewed annually by Qualmark.



Mercedes Sprinter

## VEHICLES

With Wine, Art and Wilderness you travel in style. To ensure your comfort and safety only luxury vehicles with the highest safety and environmental ratings are used.

The vehicles exude quality: every surface is finished in premium materials. The self-adjustable seats are extremely comfortable, and you are guaranteed plenty of leg room, whilst air-conditioning ensures you stay fresh even on the hottest day.



Mercedes Viano

## GROUP SIZE

Each tour is restricted to eight people unless a private group.

Because we only take small groups, I can give you an attentive and lasting experience which is unique to you. We will be able to access more remote parts of the Nelson region, so you can escape from the crowds and gain an in-depth understanding of the wild beauty of the places we visit.

## FOOD & DRINKS

All tours are fully catered for with water at every seat and fresh local fruit always available.

Nelson is the ideal place for fresh food production and this provides the ideal opportunity for us to showcase the very best available.

Special dietary requirements are easily catered for.



Chrysler Voyager

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# MISSION STATEMENT

Wine, Art and Wilderness seeks to educate, engage and inspire visitors, on journeys of exploration with authentic interpretation in our unique natural environment.

## Booking Information:

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Facebook: WineArtWildNZ

**CHILD POLICY:** Fifteen years or younger half price when accompanied by two adults.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Full refund less any commissions paid before 20 days of departure

Otherwise 10% Cancellation Fee plus any commissions paid with more than 24 hours notice.

No refund if cancelled within 24 hours notice.

Minimum Number 1, Maximum 11

