



NEW ZEALAND GUIDED WALKS

2011/12

AKAROA GUIDED WALK

4-days / 3-nights to explore the Banks Peninsula - from Christchurch to Akaroa

Rapidly becoming an icon among New Zealand's many hikers, the Akaroa Walk — in the Canterbury Region of the South Island of New Zealand — is a 46km guided walk with a good selection of quality accommodation. Our itinerary will take you along the summit ridges and across the Banks Peninsula and you can experience unsurpassed views of the Southern Alps, the Canterbury Plains, Lyttleton, Diamond Harbour, Port Levy, Okuti, French Farm Valley, Kaituna, Wainui, Lake Forsyth, Lake Ellesmere and the delightful French-inspired port of Akaroa. Travel in a small group of like-minded walkers with the support of an experienced walking guide.



The *Akaroa Walk* requires a moderate level of fitness; walkers need to be able to hike a maximum of 19kms per day over farm tracks, rolling hilltops and ridges. Our guides will encourage you to walk at your own pace with plenty of photo stops and rest places for you to fully appreciate and take in the natural beauty of the surroundings.

Cost: AUD\$1325 per person, twin share. Single supplement AUD\$310 (single rooms are limited)

Depart: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 6th November 2011 to 26th April 2012.

Includes: 3-nights quality double/twin share accommodation (with ensuite or share bathrooms), all meals from lunch Day 1 to dinner Day 3 (on first and third nights dinners are in local restaurants, the second evening features a barbeque with fresh Akaroa salmon and a complimentary glass of local wine or beverage). Luggage transfers (you only carry a daypack), experienced walking guides, local transport from/to central Christchurch.

Personal expenses including wine and alcohol are not included. Drinks are available at your own cost. The Akaroa Walk is not recommended for anyone under the age of 15-years.

Suggested itinerary:

Day 1 Christchurch to Diamond Harbour: Meet in central Christchurch for a scenic drive to Gebbie's Pass, the start of today's 19km walk. Walk the Packhorse Track over McQueen's Pass to Mt Bradley, then past the historic Packhorse Hut to Mt Herbert, while enjoying stunning views of Lyttleton Harbour, the Southern Alps and the coastline. Stay overnight at historic Godley House in Diamond Harbour, built in the 1880s.

Day 2 Diamond Harbour to Pentrip Lodge: Today's walk is about 16km along ridge trails with commanding views of the harbours, valleys and inlets. On reaching "Hilltop" we stay at relaxing Pentrip Lodge overnight.

Day 3 Pentrip Lodge to Akaroa: An 11km walk down meandering valley tracks overlooking Akaroa Harbour, to Wainui. We take a ferry across to Akaroa Village where you again stay in good quality accommodation. Celebrate the completion of the trip with an entertaining evening meal in one of Akaroa's top restaurants.

Day 4 Akaroa to Christchurch: We transport you back to Christchurch, arriving by midday.

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