

# NEW ZEALAND - BALL PASS TREK

## GUIDED MOUNTAIN WALKING HOLIDAY - 2008/09

Mount Cook National Park offers New Zealand's most spectacular alpine scenery. With all but one of its 29 peaks over 3000m, it is New Zealand's climbing mecca. Most peaks are accessible only to experienced mountaineers. However, hiking or trekking is possible close to Mount Cook on the Ball Pass Trek.



Ball Pass is a demanding 3 day trek which crosses the Mount Cook Range from the Tasman to the Hooker Valley. The route follows the Ball Ridge, via a vis the Caroline Face of Mount Cook, and overlooks the Tasman Glacier. Guided walkers spend two nights at the fully refurbished Caroline Hut at 1830m/6000ft.

This walk offers breathtaking views of Mount Cook and New Zealand's highest mountains, rich alpine flora and unique bird life, with moderate snow & glacier travel. The Ball Pass Trek is a good alternative to the Copland Pass Track, which is now only accessible to experienced mountaineers. You need to have previous backpacking, tramping or bushwalking experience. All equipment is provided.

### Ball Pass Trek Guided walk - 3 days (2 nights)

**Day 1:** After an equipment check in Lake Tekapo you travel to Mount Cook Village. From the Tasman Glacier you climb 850m/2800ft up the Ball Ridge to Caroline Hut at 1800m/6000ft, perched right opposite the awe-inspiring Caroline Face of Mount Cook. The panorama includes Mts Cook and Tasman, all the mountains adjoining the Tasman Glacier, and Lake Pukaki. 6 hours.

**Day 2:** Receive instruction and practice using crampons and ice-axe while climbing one of the peaks adjacent to Ball Pass: Pukaki Peak 2222m/7290ft or Turner Peak 2341m/7680ft. Dramatic views of the South Ridge of Mount Cook. 6 hours return.

**Day 3:** Cross Ball Pass, 2130m/7000ft. Now the view opens to the South Face of Mount Cook, the Hooker and Mueller Glaciers, Mount Sefton and the Copland Pass. The descent from Ball Pass is very steep and snow conditions may require the use of crampons (no previous experience required). The terrain is rugged and untracked and you rely on your professional mountain guide to find a safe route around gorges and bluffs down to the East Hooker Valley. Following old moraine terraces you meander through some of the lushest vegetation to be found in the National Park and return to Mount Cook Village. (8-12 hours). Return travel to Lake Tekapo.

### Tour Cost in Australian Dollars

Per person (share room) **\$670**

### Departure Dates

#### 2008

Nov: 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28

Dec: 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29

#### 2009

Jan: 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30

Feb: 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 27

Mar: 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 31

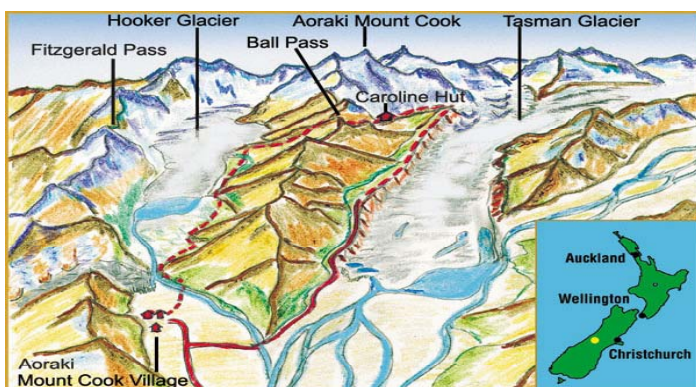
Apr: 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28

**Fitness:** The guided Ball Pass Crossing is suitable for experienced hikers capable of sustained walking, at times over steep, rugged, untracked and very exposed terrain. It is NOT a tourist excursion. Participants need to be of above average fitness, need to be secure-footed and need to have good balance. No mountaineering experience is required. Our guides will give you instruction on how to cross snow slopes safely using crampons and ice-axe. If necessary your guide will belay you on a rope for the steep snow descent. Besides personal clothing you'll need to carry some items of fresh food to the hut. Your pack on Day 1 should weigh no more than 10-12 kg. Several walks of at least 6 hours' duration are recommended as preparation for Ball Pass.

**Group Size:** Min. 2, Max. 8; 4 clients per guide

#### Inclusions:

- Transport ex Lake Tekapo
- Pre-walk briefing the day before the walk
- All hut accommodation, including sleeping bags.
- All food on trek
- National Park concession fees
- Crampons, ice-axe, and all other climbing equipment and boots
- Qualified NZMGA, UIAGM mountain guides



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Travel Agent:

Title	Surname	First Name	D.O.B.	Daytime Phone	Occupation

Tour Selected	Departure Date	Tour Start Point	Depart Australia

Accommodation	No. of Nights	Check-in	Check-out	Twin/Double Single/Triple

Confirm flights as follows	Date	From	No. of seats

**Person to contact** - Address to which all correspondence should be sent

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**Next of kin** - Address & telephone

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**Additional Requirements**  
 TRAVEL INSURANCE is highly recommended - do you wish us to forward details?  
 Yes  No

**Special Requests**  
 Are you a vegetarian?  
 Do you have any special medical conditions we should know about?  
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How did you hear about Naturally New Zealand Holidays?  
 Advertisement  
 Travel Agent  
 Friend

I have read the general information. I understand and accept the Booking conditions on behalf of all the people named on this form.  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read this carefully. It sets out your agreement with OUTDOOR TRAVEL PTY LTD and with their tour operators and agents in New Zealand and it contains important terms designed to protect your interests. You should also read the 'General information' and prices insert.

### 1 Outdoor Travel's Responsibilities

OUTDOOR TRAVEL PTY LTD is a fully licensed travel agency and a member of the Australian Travel Compensation Fund. In Australia consumers have a right to compensation if services are not provided with due care and skill or if services are not reasonably fit for a particular purpose made known to the consumer.

OUTDOOR TRAVEL PTY LTD, including the owners, officers and employees give notice that they act only as agents for the operators who arrange the services described in this brochure.

### 2 Acceptance

Your contract only comes into effect once OUTDOOR TRAVEL PTY LTD have BOTH received your booking form with your deposit (or full payment in the case of a late booking) AND issued the confirmation invoice. This contract is governed by the law in the State of Victoria.

### 3 Surcharges

The price of your holiday may be subject to increases in costs due to currency fluctuations or government action.

### 4 Balance Payment / Late Bookings

Our confirmation invoice shows the total holiday cost for the services to be provided. The balance must be paid 70 days prior to your holiday departure date (unless the booking is made less than 90 days prior to departure in which case the full holiday cost must be paid at the time of booking). If the balance is not received by the due date we reserve the right to cancel your booking and apply cancellation charges.

### 5 Cancellation / Alterations

**A** You may change your holiday, subject to the operators consent up to 90 days before departure; there will be an administration fee of \$75 per person in this event. Less than 90 days before departure, all changes will be treated as cancellations and re-bookings, and the cancellation charges in paragraph 5B will apply.

**B** Should you be compelled to cancel your holiday you must notify OUTDOOR TRAVEL PTY LTD immediately in writing. We reserve the right to claim for estimated losses on the following scale, expressed as a percentage of the total holiday cost invoiced, and based on the date we receive your written cancellation:  
 More than 90 days before departure - deposit only

90 - 60 days before departure - 60% of holiday cost  
 59 - 30 days before departure - 80% of holiday costs  
 Less than 30 days before departure - 100% of holiday costs

**C** We may through force majeure (unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been foreseen even with the exercise of due care) be required to cancel or make material alteration to your holiday. In this unlikely event we will inform you as soon as possible and offer you the choice of an alternative available holiday (any cost difference being charged / refunded) or a prompt and full refund of all monies paid.

### 6 Your Responsibilities

**A** Active holidays can be hazardous if you behave foolishly so don't take risks! In the interests of safety, you undertake to follow the advice of the tour operator, guide or representative; comply with any local codes of conduct; and act sensibly and prudently at all times. You also agree to indemnify OUTDOOR TRAVEL PTY LTD its owners, officers and employees for all losses and / or damage arising from any act or default on your part or the part of a member of your party.

**B** It is your responsibility to ensure your papers (full passport, driving licence, visae etc) are in order. At the time of printing Australian citizens do not require a visa for New Zealand.

### 7 Assumption of Risk

You acknowledge with the completion of the booking form by yourself or your representative that the activities you propose to undertake in addition to usual and risks inherent may have potential additional hazards including physical exertion, remoteness from medical facilities, weather extremes and limited evacuation facilities. These risks may include personal injury, disease or death, delays of whatever sort including transportation, loss or damage to property, equipment failure or the activity itself.

You acknowledge that alterations to the scheduled itinerary or activity may be made as necessitated by weather, group size, road transport, land closures or illness.

You acknowledge that the enjoyment of these activities is derived in part from the inherent risks involved or in part from travel beyond the safety risks of life at work or at home. You acknowledge that these inherent risks are the reason for your participation and you assume all the risks associated with the activity or holiday.

### 8 Holiday Insurance

It is a condition of booking that you are adequately insured. Ask OUTDOOR TRAVEL or your travel agent for further details.

### 9 Complaints

If you have a complaint whilst on holiday you must report it at the time to the tour operator, guide or accommodation provider to enable it to be put right. If you feel it is serious, you must also notify us at the time by telephone or fax.

### 10 Air Carriage

Flights in this brochure are based on scheduled economy services of any airline mentioned. This brochure is the sole responsibility of Outdoor Travel Pty Ltd and does not commit any airline whose services are used.

### 11 Validity

This brochure is valid from 1st June 2008 until 31st May 2009

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Health & Fitness Requirements** - Please choose a holiday within your capabilities - ask our staff if you are unsure what is required. The fitter and better prepared you are the more enjoyable it will be. However most of our holidays require only reasonable fitness and good health. If you are unsure about your fitness or how any pre-existing medical condition may effect an active holiday please consult your doctor before making a reservation.

**Weather Conditions** - On coastal waters, lakes, rivers and on land conditions do from time to time prevent the operators from completing the advertised programs. The decision is normally made by the tour leader or captain at the time and is made in the best interests and safety of the group as a whole. Outdoor Travel Pty Ltd and / or our contracted operators can not be held responsible for these changes or any additional costs or expenses generated as a result of any changes to the schedule.

**Child Prices and Policy** - Many of our holidays are suitable for children. Please apply for a child's price if it is not shown. Children's prices are based on sharing with at least one full paying adult. Minimum age stipulations must be adhered to for the safety and comfort of the entire group.

**Minimum Group Size** - All tours operate with a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel tours if the minimum number is not reached.

**Prices** - All prices are quoted in Australian dollars per adult person unless otherwise stated. They are correct at the time of printing. All prices include New Zealand Goods and Services Tax at 12.5% (GST).

**Itineraries** - These may have been edited to fit the page where they are described - please ask if you require a full or more detailed itinerary.

# MEDICAL INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM FOR BALL PASS TREK

To make your Ball Pass Trek booking, please:

1. Complete this form for each person &
2. Outdoor Travel New Zealand Booking Form &
3. Full payment

Return these to your travel agent or **OUTDOOR TRAVEL**, PO Box 286, Bright VIC, 3741, fax to: 03 5750 1020; or e-mail to [info@outdoortravel.com.au](mailto:info@outdoortravel.com.au). Any information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential.

Please enrol me for a **Ball Pass Crossing**. Date: .....

## PERSONAL

Given name:..... Family name: .....  
Date of birth: ..... Occupation:.....

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:..... Relationship: ..... Phone: .....

## MEDICAL

Please provide the following information about your health and fitness which may affect the adventure you are going to undertake. Circle the appropriate answer and answer all questions.

- A) Do you/have you suffered from:
- |                      |          |                       |          |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| a heart condition?   | Yes / No | a bronchial disorder? | Yes / No |
| high blood pressure? | Yes / No | asthma?               | Yes / No |
| epilepsy?            | Yes / No | diabetes?             | Yes / No |
- B) In the last five years, have you:
- |                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| suffered any severe injury?       | Yes / No |
| undergone any surgical operation? | Yes / No |
- C) Do you have any known allergies? Yes / No  
D) Are you taking any medication? Yes / No  
E) Do you suffer from any other medical condition(s) which might affect your ability to participate in a Ball Pass Crossing? Yes / No

If you have answered 'Yes' to any part of A) to E) above, would you please elaborate?  
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## EXPERIENCE & FITNESS

- 1) Do you have previous tramping/hiking/backpacking/bushwalking experience? Yes/No  
If so, how many years? .....
- 2) Can you walk 6-8 hours in a day without difficulty? Yes/No  
3) Are you able to climb up and down steep slopes with no fear of heights? Yes/No  
4) Can you clamber up and around big rocks where you may need to use both hands as well as feet? Yes/No  
5) Do you have good balance and are you well-coordinated? Yes/No  
6) How do you rate your overall level of fitness? average / above average / very strong

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate if you have any dietary requirements. ....

## CANCELLATION

I accept the booking conditions and acknowledge that Alpine Recreation cannot refund any trip fees if a trip has to be cancelled after commencement due to unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances (inclement weather, bad road conditions etc.). If I choose to cancel a trip, I will pay the appropriate cancellation fee as set out in the Booking Conditions.

## EQUIPMENT

If I damage the Company's equipment beyond normal wear and tear or lose their gear on a trip, I will be liable for replacement or repair costs as the directors of the company decide.

SIGNATURE..... DATE.....

PLEASE NOTE Fitness Failure: If a client needs extra services due to lack of fitness to continue with the group, additional fees may apply. E.g. In the case of Ball Pass if a client underestimates his/her fitness to the extent that on Day 1 he/she is not able to reach Caroline Hut; or if the guide judges that the client is not fit enough to continue with the group, then he/she may need to pay an extra fee of NZ\$250, to cover the cost of an additional guide to evacuate him/her, plus NZ\$35 transport fee. Client will be liable for his/her own accommodation/meal expenses outside the tour in such a case.