

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 42km guided walk with a good selection of quality accommodation. Our itinerary will take you along the Summit Ridge 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. The Akaroa Walk is not recommended for anyone under the age of 15.

Cost: AUD\$1325 per person, twin share (single rooms are limited & on request)

Depart: Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 1st November 2010 to 30th April 2011.

Tour includes: 3-nights of quality twin share accommodation, all meals from lunch on Day 1 to dinner on Day 3 (on two nights dinners are in local restaurants and the third evening features a barbeque, with fresh Akaroa salmon and a complimentary glass of local wine or beverage. Luggage transport is also included (you only carry a daypack), experienced guide service, local transport from/to central Christchurch. Personal expenses including wine and other alcohol are not included but drinks are available at your own cost.

Suggested itinerary:

Day 1 Christchurch to Diamond Harbour: Meet in central Christchurch at 9.15am and transfer to the hills above the city by gondola trip to the ridge. View the Heritage Time Tunnel and then walk 9km along the summit track to Godley Head. View the WWII gun emplacements and the Lyttleton Timeball Station (built in 1876 to signal Greenwich Mean Time to passing ships). We stay overnight at the historic Godley House in Diamond Harbour – built in the 1880's.

Day 2 Diamond Harbour to Pentrip Lodge: Today's walk is @ 22km 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 boat 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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