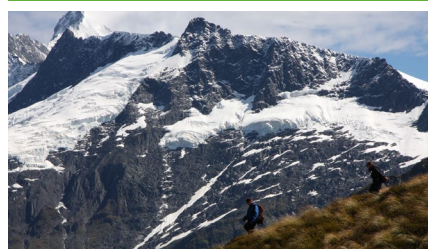




ASPIRING DISCOVERY

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The Mount Aspiring Discovery track offers you two fantastic nights at a private Aspiring Bush Camp. Situated high over the East Matukituki Valley this camp site has incredible views of Mount Aspiring, Popes Nose and Kitchener Cirque. It is your base to explore this magnificent sub-alpine and alpine wonderland. Day trips include the remote Albert Burn Saddle or the gorgeous Ruth Flat. You can hike, jump in a crystal clear stream or just relax and read a book stretched out in the sunshine.

Your dedicated trekking guide will ensure your safety as you explore this remote and seldom visited area. Hiking times are kept achievable (5-6 hours hiking a day) to leave time for relaxing photography or side trips. All food and overnight gear is supplied; all you carry is a light pack with your personal items.

LENGTH	3 days
GRADE	C (Alpine hiking and uneven terrain. Moderately strenuous)
START	Wanaka at 8.30 am - Meet at 58 McDougall Street, Wanaka
FINISH	Wanaka at 4:30 pm
DEPARTURES	December 2020: 30 January 2021: 17 February 2021: 11 March 2021: 11 Join a scheduled departure or book a private or custom trip with dates to suit you.
PRICE	Adult (2 people) NZD\$1,650 per person Adult (3-5 people) NZD\$1,150 per person

"EXCELLENT"

*The whole experience, and fabulous area to walk in.
A big achievement for us.*

~Doug & Marita - February 2018

"VERY REWARDING WALK"

*Good challenge and variety of terrain. Great trip,
nice route and Whit was a great guide.*

~ Stephen & Nicola - 2017

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DAY 1 WANAKA TO MT ASPIRING NATIONAL PARK AND THE EAST MATUKITUKI VALLEY

10km/5-6 hours hiking

Meet with your transport and guide at 8:30am at 58 McDougall Street, Wanaka, and travel an hour down the magnificent Matukituki Valley, the gateway to the Mt Aspiring National Park. After a river crossing, the East Matukituki Track follows the river valley for about three hours before turning and climbing sharply. After two hours of steep uphill you get above tree line and can see the outstanding views of Mt. Aspiring. Our Aspiring Camp is an expedition type setup with a cook tent, table and chairs with private four person tents to sleep in. 560m ascent.

DAY 2 DAY EXPLORING REMOTE ALBERT BURN

This is your base to explore this magnificent sub-alpine and alpine wonderland.

Day trips include the remote Albert Burn Saddle, or the gorgeous Ruth Flat. If you are feeling more adventurous there's also an opportunity to venture above Albert Burn Saddle for a climb of Dragonfly Peak 2105m. Or you are welcome to just relax about your private camp and take in the stunning views of Mt Aspiring and the East Matukituki valley.

DAY 3 MT ASPIRING NATIONAL PARK TO WANAKA

10km/5-6 hours hiking

First comes a leisurely breakfast of pancakes, berries and whipped cream. We then head downhill, stopping for a swim at the beautiful Hester Penny swimming hole if it is a hot day. There is plenty of river crossing and time to enjoy one of the best examples of Red Beech forest in the area. The van is waiting for the 60 minute ride back to Wanaka. We usually arrive back in Wanaka around 4:30pm. 560m descent.

PACKING LIST

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

□ Body

Base layer : 2 x tops and 2 x long johns – polypro or merino e.g. icebreaker (no cotton)
Insulating layer top: 1 x light, 1 x heavy
Waterproof layer: Jacket & overpants
Lightweight quick drying shorts or pants
Light shirt for warm weather

□ Feet

Socks – 2 pairs
Pair of walking shoes/boots
Gaiters (optional)

□ Hands

Light weight, warm gloves

□ Head

Warm hat which covers ears
Sun hat
Sun glasses

□ Accessories

Light day pack
Camera
Headtorch/Flashlight
Water bottle (at least 1 litre)
Small pack liner

Sleeping bag liner
Personal toiletries and medication
Insect repellent
Sun cream and lip cream

Optional: light book or magazine, trekking pole (3 section pole best to fit into a small pack), earplugs

Supplied: all meals and snacks, sleeping bag and liner, other general camping equipment, tents and hut accommodation (if weather is not suitable for camping).

Hire gear	Price per day (NZ\$)
Backpack	\$10
Overtrousers/Waterproof Shell	\$10
Walking Poles (pair)	\$15



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LIFE ON THE TRAIL

GRADE C

- Moderate hike, reasonable level of fitness and agility essential.
- Up to 6 hrs of physical activity per day.
- At times carrying a backpack of 6-8 kgs.
- Tracks generally in good condition.
- Altitude gains of up to 600m on harder days.
- No hiking experience necessary.
- Reasonable standard of fitness required.

Easy / Moderate Grade. This trip requires a moderate level of fitness. There is some off trail and a good uphill section. The trail is sometimes rough and muddy. Suitable for most children over the age of 10 years.

GUIDES AND SAFETY

Guide to Client ratio is 1 : 5

The mountain guides are qualified through the New Zealand Mountain Guides Association. The NZMGA are affiliated to the International Federation of Mountain Guides Association who governs mountain guiding worldwide. The specialist trekking guides are 'hand-picked' from within the industry, in light of their qualifications, knowledge, experience level and communication skills. Some of them have NZMGA qualifications, others have rock climbing, ski patrol and outdoor leadership qualifications. All have strong first-aid skills and a wealth of local experience on the routes guided.

FOOD

Energy snacks and nutritious meals are an essential ingredient in helping you perform to your highest standard. Good wholesome meals are provided and plenty of it. Specific dietary requirements are catered for.

TRANSPORT

You are transported to the Mount Aspiring National Park which is about an hours drive from Wanaka. This is where you hike in and out from.

ACCOMMODATION

Mt Aspiring Discovery trips use a private bush camp which is flown by helicopter into the mountains in the spring and removed before the winter. Camps have a large cook tent and smaller private tents with thick ground sleeping mats. Please note there are no showers and the toilets are relocatable. Our environmental procedures are very strict, all human waste & rubbish is removed from the site at the end of the season.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Hire gear if anything needed.

If your party is unable to egress from the mountains at the end of your trip for any reason, a fee of NZ\$550 plus expenses (including but not limited to hut & park fees) per extra day is applicable to your party, and is divided between the trip participants.

Minimum 2 participants, maximum 5 participants

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Changes

Please note that this itinerary is a sample only and the actual itinerary may vary at the discretion of your guide. Weather, conditions and personal ability and needs may make changes necessary or advantageous to the participants.

Payment

For bookings 4 or more months in advance of the departure a 25% deposit can be paid with the remainder due 65 days prior to your trip. For bookings within 4 months of the departure, full payment is required.

Cancellations

Over 60 days before tour: \$200 per person cancellation fee
Between 60 days and 30 days before tour: 50% of total trip fee as a cancellation fee

Between 29 days and 15 days: 75% of total trip fee as a cancellation fee

15 days or less before tour: NO REFUND.

No refund for any services not utilised after tour has started.

Travel Insurance

Injuries are covered by the New Zealand Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC). ACC pays for the majority of costs incurred in evacuation and treatment of injured people. They do not cover you in case of illness. We recommend that you have travel insurance that will cover you in being repatriated to your home country. Most standard travel insurance policies that cover lost deposit or cancellation fees will cover you in case you are somehow prevented from participating in the trip.

Medical Conditions

When you book you must notify us of any medical condition, medical history, or medications that you are on. In particular, asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, anti-depressants, allergies to wasp/bee stings and food allergies.

This trip is run in conjunction with another operator.