



BRODRICK HIKE & RAFT

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A true backcountry experience deep in the heart of the Southern Alps. This hike & raft combo is an amazing way to appreciate the unspoiled wilderness of New Zealand. Your adventure will cross the Main Divide on foot, then you will float and paddle your way down the remote Landsborough River by raft. On this fully guided trip you will not need to carry heavy backpacks as all food and other necessary equipment will be provided.

This is a journey “off the beaten track” and takes you to high alpine landscapes and remote country not visited by the average tourist! Rafting Grade 3 - 4 rapids. The Landsborough River varies in difficulty according to river levels. Spring river levels are generally higher due to snowmelt (November).

LENGTH	5 days
GRADE	D - Uneven terrain and high passes. River Grade is 3-4+
START	7am from central Queenstown accommodation
FINISH	(approx.) 7 pm Queenstown
PRE-TRACK BRIEFING	A pre-track briefing is generally held 5pm the day prior to departure at 35 Shotover Street, Queenstown (details will be re-confirmed closer to departure).
DEPARTURES	November 2018: 28 December 2018: 5, 12, 19 January 2019: 9, 16, 23, 30 February 2019: 6, 13, 20, 27 March 2019: 6, 13, 20, 27
PRICE	1st Jun 18 - 31st May 19 Adult NZ\$2299



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DAY 1 QUEENSTOWN - BRODRICK HUT

6-8 hours/15km hiking

Drive from Queenstown to the Ohau Lodge. From here we travel about 1.5 hours up the Hopkins Valley to the start of the walk. A reasonably gentle walk to Forks Hut takes about 3-4 hours and from here the track climbs up the Huxley Valley to Brodrick Hut for about 3-4 hours. This is where the first night will be spent.

DAY 2 BRODRICK HUT - BRODRICK PASS

3-4 hours/5km hiking

Climb approximately 1,400ft over the Main Divide from Brodrick Hut to a campsite near Brodrick Pass where camp will be set up for the night. Take in the stunning views from this campsite - a beautiful spot to absorb your surroundings.

DAY 3 BRODRICK PASS - LANDSBOROUGH

5 hours/5.2km hiking

This day is spent descending into the Landsborough Valley through an open hanging valley, from the open alpine peaks into native bush. A helicopter will meet you at Creswicke Flat at the bottom of the valley to transport you to the first Landsborough camp, where you can relax and enjoy a delicious 3 course meal prepared for you.

DAY 4 LANDSBOROUGH - HARPERS BLUFF

5 hours rafting

Begin with a leisurely breakfast before preparing to leave camp for your rafting adventure. A full safety briefing and information on river protocol will be given before you depart.

Today you have a five hour river trip ranging from action to the sedate, stopping to enjoy a deli-style picnic lunch above Hellfire Rapid before continuing down river arriving at Harpers Bluff, our second camp. There will be time to relax and take in the scenery, or go for a walk before dinner. After dinner explore the surrounds and maybe even discover a glow worm or two.

DAY 5 HARPERS BLUFF - QUEENSTOWN

4-5 hours rafting, 1 hour hike

Another hearty breakfast will set you up for the day's activities. Board your raft and head down river to Purple Creek for lunch and a side hike to explore the waterfalls. After lunch it is a leisurely float downstream to our take out point at Clarke Bluff, where you board the bus back to Queenstown, arriving at approximately 7pm.



LIFE ON THE TRAIL

GRADE D

- Average of 4-5 hours physical activity per day, up to 8-9 hours on longer days
- Pack weights up to 10-12kgs (22-26 lbs)
- Altitude gains of up to 800m
- Hiking mostly on tracks, some may be slippery or rough
- Some off track hiking and river crossings
- No multi-day hiking experience necessary but is preferable
- Agility and fitness required
- You need to be reasonably fit and enthusiastic
- For the rafting - no previous rafting experience is necessary but moderate swimming ability is required



GUIDES AND SAFETY

Only senior guides are used for this trip. They are fully licensed and are carefully chosen on the basis of their skill and experience, their ability to make sound decisions and their ability to communicate and identify with clients. The guides are qualified in first aid and are able to make radio contact with the Queenstown base. In addition, a safety kayaker will be accompanying the rafts.



FOOD

Gourmet meals are prepared for you daily. Cooked breakfasts, healthy lunches and full three course dinners, including appetizers. New Zealand beer & wines are an unexpected highlight of our trips.

On the Brodrick Pass leg of this trip there are more limitations as to what we can carry. Expect quality hiking food.

Any special dietary requirements, let us know.

TRANSPORT

As this is a small group activity we can be flexible. We can pick you up and drop you back at your Queenstown accommodation or you can meet us along the way.



ACCOMMODATION

What are the tents like?

They are comfortable, roomy tents with sewn in groundsheets, and high enough to stand in. If you are travelling alone, space may permit you to request your own tent. The tents are permanent and already set up when you get there. You sleep on stretcher bed with a sleeping mat.

Huts

New Zealand has an excellent network of backcountry huts and you will stay in huts on the first night. They are equipped with mattresses, running water and an outside toilet. Cooking is done on a portable stove. Huts are only accessible on foot and shared with other hikers. You also have the option of camping near the hut if that is your preference.

All the camp sites have eco friendly long drop toilets. During the day your guide will pull up to the side of the river if necessary.

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ADDITIONAL COSTS

You may hire high-quality hiking equipment for use on your trip. Please arrange hire gear when you book, or it can be hired in Queenstown from Info and Track.

REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age 15 years
- Minimum weight 40kg (88lbs)
- Under 18 - Guardian conditions apply

Price includes

- Pre trip briefing
- All transport ex Queenstown (by bus and helicopter)
- Guided small groups
- Full nature and history commentary from our experienced guides.
- Clients only need to carry day packs and essential personal gear (35-40 litre packs)
- All meals provided
- Accommodation in huts and tents
- All rafting equipment and experienced river guides + safety kayaker
- Maps and relevant written information
- Wilderness whitewater rafting on the Landsborough
- Transfer/return travel to downtown Queenstown

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Payment

For bookings four 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 four months of the departure, full payment is required.

Cancellations

Cancellations received 30 days or more prior to departure - full refund
Cancellations received 29 days or less prior to departure - NO REFUND

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. We ask you to fill out a disclaimer before you begin a Hiking Tour. You must follow the instructions of your guide at all times. World Nomads Travel Insurance provides online quotes.

Notes

This trip is run in conjunction with another operator.

PACKING LIST

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Swimsuit and towel
- Sleeping bag (available for hire NZ\$8)
- Backpack (with waterproof liner)
- Toiletries
- Boots - comfortable and broken in
- Lightweight shoes for the hut
- Warm clothes for around camp
- Thermals - top and bottom (can be worn under your wetsuit for added warmth)
- Woollen socks (at least 2 pairs)
- Fleece or woollen jumper
- Raincoat
- T-shirt
- Warm pants
- Shorts
- Warm hat and gloves
- Torch
- Camera (a disposable waterproof camera is ideal for the rafting, otherwise waterproof storage cases are available upon request)
- Sun hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Extra insect repellent (optional)
- Drink Bottle (1 - 2 litre capacity)

- Walking poles (optional; can be hired)
- Waterproof pants

SUPPLIED

- Sleeping mat for hiking portion of the trip
- All rafting equipment, rafting clothing (including full wet suit, wetsuit jacket, spray jacket, paddle, helmet, wetsuit booties and gloves, a life jacket)
- Camping equipment including tent and camping bed
- Dry Bag to store all your gear when you are rafting
- Insect repellent and Sunscreen and First Aid Kit

LUGGAGE

Lockers are available at the rafting base in Queenstown to store luggage not needed for this trip. These have a charge of \$2, are secure and are large enough to take big suitcases and packs.

There is only limited space to carry your personal gear while rafting. These items will be stored in waterproof containers and dry-bags.